

St Mary's Church Harvington

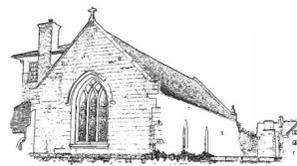


CHRISTMAS

Newsletter

19th December 2021-2nd January 2022

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CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Mary's Harvington 2021



To reduce the chances of infection from the Covid-19 virus we must avoid over crowding in our small church.

To accommodate everyone fairly, attendance at two of the most popular Christmas Masses, Friday 24th December at 4.00pm and Saturday 25th December at 8.30am, have to be

booked in advance. Please note, the Christmas Eve Mass is now fully booked.

Bookings are still being taken for the 8.30am Mass on Christmas Day.

Please book by email (stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) , written note or phone call on Monday morning (01562 777319).

Times of Holy Mass and Intentions 19th December –2nd January

Sunday 19 December

8.30am

10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Mass intention for: Ron Workman R.I.P.

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

Monday 20 December

No public Mass today

Advent Feria

Mass Intention for: The Mottram family

Tuesday 21 December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 22 December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Mass intention for: Chris Morrissey R.I.P.

Thursday 23 December 11.00am	Advent Feria <i>Mass intention for: Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.</i>
Friday 24 December 4.00pm FULLY BOOKED SORRY, NO FURTHER SPACES AVAILABLE	Advent Feria <i>Mass intention for: Ronald Kearney R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 25 December 8.30am BOOKING ESSENTIAL 10.30am	Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Sunday 26 December 8.30am 10.30am	Feast of the Holy Family <i>Mass intention for: People of the Parish</i> <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Monday 27 December No public Mass today	Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 28 December 10.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs <i>Mass intention for: Doreen Millard R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 29 December 10.00am	Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Thursday 30 December 11.00am	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas <i>Mass intention for: Michael Millard R.I.P.</i>
Friday 31 December 11.00am	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas <i>Mass intention for: Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 1 January 10.00am	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Sunday 2nd January 8.30 am 10.30am	Second Sunday after The Nativity <i>Mass intention for: People of the Parish</i> <i>Mass intention for: Ivan Charuk R.I.P.</i>

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714), Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885), Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996), Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004), Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006), James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016), Greg Kelly (2020), Christopher Morrissey (2020)

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In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:

Deirdre Brookes, Kathleen Clark, Liz and Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant, Jane and Peter Handley, Kay Hildebrandt, Ann Parry, Clare Saich.
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... for all your offerings and donations. They are always gratefully received.

Contributions to the Parish: 13th-20th December

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00

Gift Aid Envelopes: £147.00

Loose cash: £97.40



OFFERTORY DONATIONS are no longer collected in the pews.

If you wish to make a donation on **SUNDAYS** please place your offering in the 'bin' on the porch table. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**



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CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Labelled envelopes are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering either with the collections at Mass or given directly to Fr John.
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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!

We ask everyone attending our premises to take note of the following:

- When inside Church the congregation **MUST** now wear face coverings (unless you are under 11 years or medically exempt).
- If members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a 'Please Leave Space' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.
- Please spread out and don't kneel if someone is sitting on the pew in front.
- Should you wish to be informed if someone who has attended your Mass has tested positive then please use the QR code in the porch or fill in a slip in the porch with your name, contact details and date / time and post it in the wooden box, and we will contact you as soon as we have been made aware.



'We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.'

WALKING TOGETHER

Are you a member of the parish of St Mary's Harvington or St Wulstan & St Thomas of Canterbury Stourport or Holy Family Bewdley? If you are, then your clergy, your bishop, your church and your pope need you!

You are warmly invited to attend a very special parish meeting on the subject of
The 'Synodal Pathway'

at

Harvington Hall

on

Wednesday 12th January 2022

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Why the meeting?

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes in every diocese of the world.

What sort of meeting will it be?

The meeting will provide a brief overview of what Pope Francis means by the 'Synodal Pathway', followed by an opportunity for us all to listen and dialogue together in the beautiful historic surroundings of Harvington Hall.

What is the point of the meeting?

This is the first opportunity for us to get together and share our feelings and thoughts about the way in which we are church today. This meeting is the start of a process of consultation which will result in a parish report to be sent to Archbishop Bernard, who will take the findings to the Bishops' Conference and from there to Pope Francis himself.

Who should come along to this meeting?

The meeting is for every parishioner in every one of our parishes. All of us have personal experiences and opinions about the life of our church today. Let us come together in an atmosphere of mutual honesty, trust and respect, to share our heartfelt doubts and fears, as well as our most cherished hopes and dreams for the future of our church.

'Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.'



A CHRISTMAS QUIZ for all the family ...

1. Where do we find the Christmas story?
a. Matthew **b.** Mark **c.** Luke **d.** John **e.** All of the above
f. Only A and B, **g.** Only A and C, **h.** Only A, B and C
2. When Joseph found Mary was pregnant, what happened?
a. They got married, **b.** Joseph wanted to break the engagement
c. Mary left town for three months, **d.** A and B, **e.** B and C
3. Who told (made) Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? (Luke 2:1-5)
a. The angel chorus, **b.** Mary's mother, **c.** Herod, **d.** The shepherds
e. Caesar Augustus
4. According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?
a. Camel **b.** Donkey **c.** Walked
d. Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey, **e.** Horse-drawn chariot,
f. Who knows?
5. Joseph was originally from (Luke 2:3)
a. Bethlehem, **b.** Nazareth, **c.** Hebron, **d.** Jerusalem,
e. None of the above
6. What does the Bible say that the Innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? (Luke 2:7)
a. "There is no room in the inn.", **b.** "I have a stable you can use.",
c. "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."
d. Both A and B or **e.** None of the above
7. A manger is a ...
a. Stable for domestic animals, **b.** Wooden hay storage bin,
c. Feeding trough, **d.** Barn
8. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
a. Cows, sheep, goats **b.** Sheep and goats only
c. Miscellaneous barnyard animals, **d.** None of the above
9. Who saw the star in the east?
a. Shepherds, **b.** Mary and Joseph, **c.** Three kings,
d. Both A and C, **e.** None of the above
10. How many angels spoke to the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)
a. one, **b.** three, **c.** a multitude, **d.** none of the above

11. What did the angels say/sing? (Luke 2:14)
 - a. "Glory to God in the highest, etc.",
 - b. "Alleluia",
 - c. "Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given",
 - d. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come",
 - e. "Glory to the new-born King"
12. What is a heavenly host?
 - a. The angel at the gate of heaven
 - b. An angel choir
 - c. An angel army
 - d. None of the above
13. There was snow that first Christmas...
 - a. Only in Bethlehem
 - b. All over Israel
 - c. Nowhere in Israel
 - d. Somewhere in Israel
14. What is Frankincense?
 - a. A precious metal
 - b. A precious fabric
 - c. A precious perfume
 - d. None of the above
15. In Matthew, what does "wise men" or "Magi" refer to?
 - a. Men of the educated class
 - b. Eastern Kings
 - c. Men who studied the stars,
 - d. Sages
16. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem...(Matthew 2:2)
 - a. To inform Herod about Jesus
 - b. To find out where Jesus was
 - c. To ask about the star,
 - d. To buy presents,
 - e. None of the above
17. The "star in the east" that the wise men followed...(Matthew 2:9)
 - a. Stayed in the same place their entire journey
 - b. Disappeared and reappeared
 - c. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
 - d. Was just a mirage,
 - e. None of the above
18. What is Myrrh?
 - a. Middle Eastern Money
 - b. A drink
 - c. An easily shaped metal
 - d. A spice used for burying people,
 - e. None of the above
19. How many wise men came to see Jesus?
 - a. 3,
 - b. 6,
 - c. 9,
 - d. 12,
 - e. We don't know
20. Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Matthew 2:11)
 - a. In a manger
 - b. In a stable
 - c. In Nazareth
 - d. In Saudi Arabia
 - e. In a house,
 - f. None of the above
21. When the wise men found Jesus he was... (Matthew 2:11)
 - a. A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
 - b. A young child,
 - c. A boy in the temple,
 - d. A grown man

Answers on the next page ...

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2021

ANSWERS

With our thanks, this quiz is a slightly adapted version of the one devised by Fr Barry Ryan, Ballarat, Australia. <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/e-news/100-4dd1ad89/editions/133-9d0d0936/user-assets/files/dec21christmas%20quiz.pdf>

LUKE 2: 1-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: "to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

MATTHEW 1: 1 – 17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Ragab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, to whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these 2 pictures of Mary & Joseph going to Bethlehem?



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Answers on the next page ...

Mary & Joseph Spot-the-difference 01 - answers

Here are the 10 differences between the 2 pictures of Mary & Joseph going to Bethlehem.

