

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

Knowing Christ | Growing Community | Renewing Our Heritage

2nd Sunday of Advent – 5th December

Gospel Reading this week – Luke 3.1-6

St Mary's		St Peter's	
		8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion NO Junior Church	11.00am	Family Service
4.30pm	Café Service	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

It is with sadness that we announce the death of James' dad. He died peacefully and with the hope of eternal life firmly rooted in his heart. James is taking a few days to mourn and to be with his family, so will not be at the Sunday services. He will be back at work on Tuesday, 7th December.

COVID-19 - we are aware that positive case rates have been high in our area in recent weeks. Please could we ask you to re-double efforts to be aware of the risks of Covid. Please use the hand sanitiser provided in our churches, and we encourage you to wear a mask in more crowded settings.

Sunday 12th December – Christingle Services will be happening at the 9.30am, 11am and Café services. Come and join us, bring a friend and make a Christingle. There will be no junior church.

The Oxted Adventure has started! Please look out for more information about our events this year. For more info, please contact Natasha (stmaryoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you.

St Peter's Christmas Decoration Morning – on Saturday 4th December we are all welcome to join in with receiving the Christmas Tree into St Peter's, and helping to prepare the church and grounds for Advent and Christmas. It would be great to see you!

December 4th – St Mary's School Christmas Fair - St Mary's Christmas fair, December 4th. 12-4pm. We have lots of stalls: clothing, jewellery, decorations, a cafe & bar plus food from the fabulous Gurkha kitchen and plenty of fun games and excitement for the children to enjoy. All welcome.

Saturday December 11th – St Mary's pre-Christmas tidy & clean morning – from 9am in church and grounds.

Tandridge Village Show – December 4th in the evening at Tandridge Village Hall, a great opportunity to enjoy good company, and celebrate our community - please ask at church for more information.

Thursday Youth Group for those 14-18 meets on Thursday evenings, and the next two will be December 2nd and 16th. Why not invite a friend or a neighbour?

#AskOxted is a community survey, which has been planned and created by our PCC, please see, and share the information attached. Please do fill in the survey – and why not ask a friend or neighbour who does not usually come to church? Use this link to complete the survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/fma3v96w>

Alpha Course – do you have questions about life and faith? Or are you curious about Christianity? – please come along to our Alpha Course, weekly at 7.30pm on Thursdays. Please talk to James or Mark, or email the office if you are interested in coming. Last session is on 2 December.

Christmas Day Community Lunch at OCH – please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved with volunteering on Christmas Day – also contact us if you know anyone who might wish to come and join us for lunch. It is a great way for us to celebrate Christmas in the community.

Collection for The Anderson Family – Please do give generously towards a leaving gift for Mark, Millie, Zoe and Evie – there will be marked drop-off points in both churches, or please deliver to Parish Office.

The Bridge – Southwark Diocesan Monthly Newspaper – is now only available online; here is a link to the most recent edition: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

Southwark Diocese Anti-Racism Charter – at our recent Deanery Synod, we heard about the Southwark ARC, please see here to read it, and take note of the contents:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/anti-racism-charter/>

All are welcome to join us to pray on Zoom throughout the week.

Tuesday and Thursday at 9am

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>

By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the above meeting ID and passcode.

Monday and Wednesday at 5pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 820 0689 4969 Passcode: 714098 or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006894969?pwd=aNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWXFMZlhhdz09>

By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the same meeting ID and passcode

Things to pray for and about:

- For peace and compassion to be known throughout the world.
- For our churches as we continue to prepare for the coming weeks and months
- For our health services, and all those who work in hospitals
- For those who are ill, suffering or mourning the death of a loved one.

Giving to our churches – A very big thank you to all those who regularly give to our churches, to support our life together. Our ancient buildings, and our busy menu of regular services and activities both have financial demands. We are ever reliant on the generosity of each one of you. Thank you! And please do visit the links below, if you would like to make a donation, or begin giving regularly.

<https://stmarysoxted.uk/Groups/349812/Giving.aspx>

<https://stpeterstandridge.uk/Groups/350057/Giving.aspx>

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