

# ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Third Sunday of Advent – James 5.7-10 and Matthew 11.2-11**

Sunday Services			
St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion (said)		
9.30am	Christingle Service (All Age Worship – NO Communion)	11.00am	Christingle Service
4.30pm	Christingle Café Service	6.30pm	Evensong

**A very warm welcome** to our services today. Please do speak to a welcomer or member of clergy if it is your first time with us and you would like more information.

**The Oxted Adventure is back!** Leaflets with the usual map and stamp record are available at back of church. Always a lovely community activity, with gatherings at a different address every night from 6-7pm. Free mulled wine or hot chocolate to keep you warm! (Bring your own mug or travel cup if you can to reduce on plastic).

**Hurst Green Singers Christmas Concert** – Tonight! 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm at Hazelwood School. Tickets £15 from [hurstgreensingers@gmail.com](mailto:hurstgreensingers@gmail.com) or at the door.

**Crosslight Advice** is one of the charities our church supports and they have now launched their first ever Christmas Campaign – the 12 days of Crosslight. Go to <https://www.crosslightadvice.org/12-days-of-crosslight/day-1> for more information.

**Christmas Services** – We are now into the season for all our traditional Christmas services and events. There are leaflets at each church with details.

We are singing **Christmas Carols** with the residents of Tandrige Heights on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, so do come along and join us! Meet in the foyer by 2.10pm - we have plenty of carol sheets for everyone.

**The Accessibility Project – St John's, Hurst Green** are supporting this initiative to fundraise for 150 Gift Bags (a little like the shoebox appeal) for local families and Ukrainian refugees. Donations can currently be taken to the entrance of St John's or you can donate an amount online to go towards this work. Go to: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/accessiblechristmas?utm\\_term=4amXWpjVR](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/accessiblechristmas?utm_term=4amXWpjVR)

**Farewell to Nick and Catherine Hough** - Nick and Catherine will be moving to Derbyshire early in the new year, and this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, there is an opportunity to say farewell. Catherine and Nick have kindly provided some extras to our usual refreshments for after the 9.30 service; a card will be available to write a message to them as they go. Thank you Nick and Catherine, and you are in our prayers!

**Fresh supplies of the St Mary's Platinum Jubilee book** have now arrived and are available via Valerie Adamson. They have a lovely set of pictures as well as some descriptive text and are good value at £10.00 each.

**Churches Together in Oxted** are supporting Children's Hospital Pyjamas this Christmas, please visit <https://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk/> to find out more, get involved or donate.

**St Catherine's Hospice Tree of Light Service** - This is being held at Oxted School (Main Hall) on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Join them and remember a loved one. For more information and to register for attendance visit: [www.stch.org.uk/treeoflight](http://www.stch.org.uk/treeoflight) or call 01293 447361.

**Welcomers needed!** Could you occasionally do a shift as a welcomer for St Mary's at the 9.30 service? This is a fairly straightforward role and is done on a rota basis, so is generally only every month or so at the most. If interested please speak to James or contact the Parish Office.

**Oxted Team Morning Prayer - Tuesday** at St John's & **Thursday** at St Mary's - both at 9am - 15 mins of reflective prayer. Or you can join on remotely, all are welcome. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>

### **Dates for the diary:**

### **Things to pray for and about:**

- For the people and land of Ukraine and the refugees now settled in Tandridge
- For all currently struggling with hardship and financial worries
- For families and parents, as the school and university term draws to a close.

**Giving to our churches** - A very big thank you to all those who regularly give to our churches, to support our life together. If you do not already do so, please consider giving regularly. You can do this by Standing Order, or it may be that you currently give by regular envelope, but might consider changing to a Standing Order. Please also fill out a gift aid declaration if you can, as the church can claim an extra 25% on any donations.

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

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

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