

St. Mary's Church Kempsey

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SUNDAY 30th. NOVEMBER 2008

Advent Sunday

Welcome to our Church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00a.m. Morning Prayer BCP
10.30a.m. United Benefice **Confirmation Service**
with Rt. Rev. David Walker Bishop of Dudley.

Please stay for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits at the back of church after the service to talk to those who have been confirmed and to meet their families and friends. Beth and Matthew will also be selling handmade jewellery to raise money for the school fees of children at Ken and Heather Davidson's school in Uganda. Please support them if you can.

Please note
There is no evening service

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

8.00a.m. Morning Prayer BCP
9.00a.m. Holy Communion BCP at
Kerswell Green
10.30a.m. Family Communion
4.00p.m. Christingle Service
**Please note change
to normal service times.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 14th Dec. 6.00 St. Mary's
Christmas Carol Service.
Tuesday 16th Dec. 7.30p.m. Carols and
Christmas entertainment at
The Nash.
Sunday 21st Dec. 10.30 Christmas Crib
Service
Monday 22nd 6.00 Carol Singing around
the Parish

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Thursday 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in the
Lady Chapel
Followed by
Age Concern Coffee Morning at St. Mary's House

Friday 11.00a.m. Pram & Toddler Service in
Church
*This service is held every Friday during term time. It is a
short, happy time of singing, stories and prayers.
Play and refreshment for the toddlers and tea or coffee for
the adults – a chance to meet others and chat and relax.
We should love to see you*

ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

Tuesday 7.30 Alpha Course at St. Mary's House.
Wednesday 6.00 Guides & Brownies Christingle Service
at St. Denys' Church, Severn Stoke.
Everyone welcome. Please come and support them.
Thursday 7.30 Special PCC Meeting to discuss Budget
proposals for the Church at St. Mary's House.

ST.MARY'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday December 7th. At 4.00p.m.

This is a wonderful service and a very special way of bringing in Christmas Festivities and Worship. All the family, especially children and young people will really enjoy this happy service. Do come and you will have a good time as well as helping to raise funds for the Children's Society. We look forward to seeing you.

FUNERAL SERVICE

John Maxwell's Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 4th. Dec. at 2.15
in St. Mary's Church. All are invited to attend.

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please phone Peter Holzapfel 820202
For all other church bookings please phone Libby James 353935 or Alan Ploughman 769214
For bookings of St. Mary's House please phone Julia Grant 820138

If you have items for the Weekly News Sheet please email Edna Cope: emcope@onetel.com
Put a paper copy in the BLUE tray in the vestry or Phone 353935

By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

Thank you very much

We hope you will find the Weekly News Sheet helpful. Please let us know what you think or if you have any ideas or suggestions or if it would be helpful to have the Weekly News Sheet available in large print. Please take a copy for anyone who is not able to be in Church. It is also available on our website – www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk – click on Newsletters. We look forward to hearing from you.

FIRST TO THE LORD
Giving commitment forms

Only a limited number of these have been returned. It is imperative that they are returned as soon as possible so that the PCC can budget for the future.

Whether you intend to increase your giving or not please can you complete the blue form, put it into an envelope and put it on the collection plate. This would be greatly appreciated as the PCC is unable to make any financial decisions based on the information received so far.

Thank you.

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MEN'S GROUP

Monday 1st. December 7.30 at St Mary's House. There will be a talk entitled "A Visit to Croatia and Bosnia" by Garth Lowe.

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THE BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

If you are interested in learning more about the Scriptures and the development of the church, with the possibility of the further development of the Lay Ministry within our Church, you might consider following a Bishop's Certificate Course.

David Hassell will be leading a course, possibly on Monday Evenings, for 30 weeks, starting in February.

If you are interested please sign the notice at the back of Church. For further information please see David or Peter.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN 2009

We are really pleased to have twelve candidates for Confirmation this year. Peter will be starting another Confirmation Class early next year. Everyone welcome regardless of age. Further details will be available soon.

BROWNIES & GUIDES

The Brownies and Guides urgently need new leaders. Please let Peter know if you are able to give some time to help in any way. If leaders are not found the Christingle service at St. Denys' might be the last.

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CAROLS AND ENTERTAINMENT
at THE NASH

Tuesday 16th. December

Do come to a lovely evening of carols and entertainment, with The Chase High School Brass Band, at The Nash at 7.30p.m.

Tickets available at all Sunday services – £6 per ticket. Under 10's are free.

Do not be disappointed. Numbers are limited so buy your ticket early. Please see Churchwardens – Alan, Libby, John or Arthur.

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ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

The Group meets on alternate Fridays during term time from 7.30 –10.00p,m.

All of High School age are welcome. For further information please contact:

Paul & Chris Hunting 820567
or Ann & Dave Norton 820401

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"TRAID NEPAL PARTY"

It was a very successful afternoon/evening on 21st November raising money for the needy women and their families of Nepal, by selling the beadwork, scarves and pashmina shawls that they make. The grand sum of £350 was raised for the Nepalese women which will help to purchase two medical units for them, and £116 for St Mary's Church was raised by means of 10% from "Traid Nepal", plus a raffle and cake stall. A huge thank you to all who supported the event by coming, making cakes or making donations of raffle prizes or money, it is truly appreciated.

Pat Bursnall

As the News Sheet will be available on our web site each week, it would be very much appreciated if you could check that people are willing for their contact details to be on the web site before forwarding any notices with phone numbers or email addresses. Thank you very much.

Libby, Alan & Edna