

St. Mary's Church Kempsey

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29th. NOVEMBER 2009

Advent Sunday

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

*Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder or to pass on
to someone who was unable to be in Church today.*

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will help us in this Advent Season to prepare ourselves for the coming of Your Son, so that we may really know the meaning and purpose of Christmas. Amen

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please phone
Peter Holzapfel 820202

For all other church bookings please phone
Libby James 353935 or Alan Plowman 769214
For bookings of St. Mary's House please phone
Julia Grant 820138

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We hope you 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.

It is also available on our website – www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk
click on Newsletters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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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

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If you have items for the Weekly News Sheet please email

Edna Cope: emcope@talktalk.net

put a paper copy in the BLUE tray in the vestry or

Phone Libby on 353935

By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

SERVICES TODAY ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP
10.30 United Benefice Holy Communion Service, and Children's Church
3.00 Holy Baptism
6.30 Advent Carol Service at St. Denys'
There will be no Evening Service at St. Mary's

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP
9.00 Holy Communion BCP at Kerswell Green
10.30 Family Communion and Children's Church
4.00 Christingle Service
There will be no Evening Service at St. Mary's

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
Followed by Age Concern Coffee Morning at St. Mary's House
Friday 11.00 "Little Angels" Pram and Toddler Group
in St. Mary's Church

PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be someone available to offer prayer or a listening ear every Sunday after the morning service in St. Andrew's Chapel. Please make your way there if you would like to talk or pray in confidence.

HEALING PRAYER

If you have a concern for yourself or for someone else and would like regular prayers for God's healing and wholeness please contact:-

Gill Warfield 820074
or Sheila Cook 831829

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

A Children's Church will take place at every 10.30 Service
All children are very welcome – please come.
We should love to see you.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE TODAY

6.30 t St. Denys'

Please do support this service if you can. It will be a lovely opportunity to join together to sing some of the delightful Advent Carols led by David Anfield and the Choir. There will also be some seasonal readings. This is a new service for St. Denys' so please do come and enjoy bringing in the season of Advent.

ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

Mon..8.00 United Benefice Prayer Meeting
at the home of Gill Warfield.

CARDS of the CHURCH

We have been given some beautiful cards, with a picture of the Church, by Kempsey FLAG. They are in packs of four and are available at the back of Church for £2, in aid of Church funds. Our grateful thanks to Kempsey FLAG for this lovely gift.

ADVENT

We hope to support the work of Maggs and the Winter Night Shelter of St. Paul's Hostel throughout the Advent Season. There will be two boxes at the back of Church – one for tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and sugar, the other for toiletries such as shower gel, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream. Please do put in what you can.

There will also be envelopes for Advent Giving, the proceeds of which will also go to supporting the homeless in Worcester through Maggs and St. Paul's. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you from the Mission Committee

THE BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE

Congratulations to all who have now gained a certificate by completing the Bishop's Certificate Course.

Warmest thanks to David Hassell for all his hard work in leading the course and to all who led the 10.30 service last Sunday. The service was deeply appreciated by all who attended.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY at 4.00

Do come to the Christingle service. It will be a lovely service for all the family, especially the children, with Christingle candles.

CAROLS & CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

at The Nash

Tues. 15th. December, 7.30

A lovely Seasonal Evening with The Chase Brass Band and seasonal fare

This is a ticket only event because of limited space. Tickets are now available from the Church Wardens Adults £6, children under 10 free.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur. 10th. Dec 7.30 "Light up a life" service at Upton Parish church in support of the local Hospice Movement. The service is for our Deanery and is open to everyone.

Sat. 12th. Dec. 7.30 Philomusica Christmas Concert at St. Mary's.

Tues. 15th. Dec. 7.30 Carols and Christmas Entertainment at the Nash.

Mon. 21st. Dec. 6.00 Carol singing at The Lawns Nursing Home.

Details to follow and in The Parish Magazine.

GREAT BIG CHRISTMAS SING

You are invited to take part in Birmingham's Great Big Christmas Sing on

Friday 4th Dec. 7.00 pm
at St. Martin's in the Bullring,
Birmingham City centre

An eclectic evening of your favourite carols with Youth Strings, School Choirs, and refreshments
Tickets:- £7.50 in advance
£10.00 on the night

All proceeds will go to Christian Aid Christmas Appeal to help people living in poverty around the world.
Box Office 0121 303 2323
www.birminghamoffice.co.uk
Details on notice board at back of Church

HELP for SCHOOLS in GAMBIA

We have received a request for reading books, text books, stationery and equipment for schools in Gambia.

If you have any suitable books or school items please could you put them in the box at the back of Church. or see Mary Read.

Thank you

GREEN TIPS

To reduce our impact on the beauty and magnificence of God's creation follow this tip

TIP 10 Up to 20% of heat can be lost by draughts around windows, doors and floors. Fitting draught excluders can save heat and money.