

# St. Mary's Church Kempsey

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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](http://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

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

Phone Libby on 353935

**By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME**

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, please help us to remember all those in need as we enjoy the preparations for Christmas and, like Mary, help us to listen to what you are asking of us at this very special time. Amen

## SERVICES TODAY

8.00 Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 Informal Family  
Communion and  
Children's Church  
3.00 Holy Baptism  
6.00 St Mary's Carol Service  
We welcome Children from  
Kempsey Primary School

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP  
10.30 Christmas Crib Service  
We welcome Children from  
Kempsey Primary School  
6.30 St. Denys' Carol 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*  
"Little Angels" Pram and Toddler Group will not be meeting again in St. Mary's Church until Friday 8th. Jan. We wish them all a happy Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Christmas Eve

10.30 am Holy Communion  
in The Lady Chapel  
11.30 pm Midnight Service  
of Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
with hymns  
10.30 Family Service with  
shortened reserved sacrament  
Communion

## 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.**

## CAROL SERVICE TODAY at 6.00 pm.

A lovely service for all the family. We look forward to welcoming the Handbell Ringers from Kempsey Primary School.

## ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

**Mon. 10.30–12.00 Coming Together** at St. Mary's House. Guest speaker Rev. Gordon Hill.

**Mon. 8.00 United Benefice Prayer Meeting** at the home of Maureen Watkins

**Please note that there will not be a meeting on 28th. Dec.**

**Tues. 7.30** Carols & Entertainment at **The Nash**

**Fri. 9.30 am. Kempsey Primary School Christmas Assembly** in St. Mary's Church

## ST. MARY'S FLOWER GUILD

### Christmas Table Decorations £5 each

Please place your orders by signing the list at the back of Church or phone Fiona on 820067

## OPEN CHURCH for the VICTORIAN VILLAGE

The Church will be open on two successive Saturdays to welcome anyone who would like to see the wonderful model created by Gilly Warfield.

**12th. Dec. 10.30 – 2.30**

**19th. Dec. 10.30 – 4.00**

Please call in if you can to see the village and have a cup of coffee.

Cards will also be on sale.

## CRIB SERVICE

**Next Sunday at 10.30**

A very special service for all the family and especially for children.

We look forward to welcoming children from Kempsey Primary School who will be performing a Christmas Drama as well as all the children from the Arts and crafts Club who have made lovely things for the Drama.

Do come we should love to see you.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Details in The Parish Magazine.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As in previous years there will be a board at the back of church for you to leave Christmas cards for the Church Family. Please use the velcro pads provided and not drawing pins.

## 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.

## TEXTILE RECYCLING

### Can you help us to fill the bin?

A textile bin is now available in the car park of **The Talbot Inn** to recycle textiles, clothes, curtains, sheets, blankets & shoes. for

### Melvyn's Trust

the charitable arm of. European Textile Recycling, a wonderful fund raising activity for the Church as well as providing for those in need in Africa and Europe.

Our first bin is now half full. Please help us to fill it by the New year.

Please tell your friends and neighbours.

## LOST HAT

To all people who attended the "Scarecrow Happening" in Kempsey School on 26th Nov.

Did anyone take home by mistake a large old black hat - this was used by one of the scarecrows and it has sentimental value. If you have any information please contact Pat Bursnall on Worcs. 761893.

## 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.

## 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 12.** In your garden leave a pile of wood to rot, to act as a home to 'bugs' and a grocery store for many small creatures.