

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 30th November 2014

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on this page.

St Mary's Christmas Cards

Mission Christmas cards, produced from a Nativity painting by Elaine Smith, will be for sale from today. There will also be a 'special, limited edition' of Christmas cards, kindly made by Lucy Rennie, Jean's mum and Stephen's mother-in-law, for Mission fund-raising. Many thanks to these two talented ladies for their skill and contribution to St Mary's Mission.

Donations are welcome for our Christmas Market and can be left at the back of church. Please note Katey's request in the magazine that we retain our reputation for quality so please only donate goods that are of a standard that you would be happy to purchase yourself.

We have produced a Christmas card for each household in the parish. Please help us to distribute them by taking a bag or two from the table at the back of church and delivering them this week.

There are a selection of books at the back of church that we have loaned from the Robin Woods Library for personal study use. If you would like to borrow a book please complete the loan slip so that we can keep track of where the books are.

The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



Coming up.....

Saturday December 6

10.00am Christmas Market in the church hall.

Sunday 7

10.00am Toy Service

Monday 8

Open the Book Team visiting Old Swinford Primary School.

Tuesday 9

2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House.

Wednesday 10

Copy date for January magazine.

Friday 12

2.30pm Old Swinford Hospital School Carol Service in church

Saturday 13

7.30pm Got2Sing Concert in church

Sunday 14

4.30pm Christingle Service in church

Tuesday 16

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Narthex.

Wednesday 17

7.00pm Old Swinford Primary School Carol Service in church

Saturday 20

11.00am—1.00pm Open House at the Rectory

Sunday 21

6.30pm Carol Service in church

Events organised by CTIS:

16th December—Carols at the Talbot Hotel 8.00—8.45pm

20th December—Carols in town 10.30—11.15am

Cakes for our Christmas Market - we would appreciate all donations of cakes, sponges, mince pies and small cakes/biscuits etc for the cake stall on 6th December. Thank you very much to everyone baking to help St Mary's.

Any donations of bottles and gifts for the Christmas market would be gratefully received. Please leave any donations at the back of church.

John is beginning to prepare the next service rota. Please let him know of any dates that you will not be available by 15th December so that the new rota can be ready for Sunday 21st December. We desperately need more volunteers to help prepare and serve coffee on a Sunday morning. Please consider if this is something you may be able to help with. You can contact John by e mail st.mary.os@btconnect.com or phone 01384 441003 or text 07956675990.

Message from the Food bank.....

Hi Everyone,

The Christmas donations have started coming in and we are so thankful for the support. Please don't forget the other items on the shopping list too as these are vital to providing nutritionally balanced meals.

Shortages
Fruit Juice
UHT Milk
Coffee

Thanks so much!