

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 7th December 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.

John is preparing 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. Contact John using either email st.mary.os@btconnect.com or phone 01384 441003 or text 07956675990.

A big thank you to Clover Leaf for helping to prepare our Christmas cards and everybody who has been out delivering them this week. A small way in which we can reach out to every household in our parish and invite them to join us at Christmas.

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.....

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.

8.00pm CTIS Carols at the Talbot Hotel.

Wednesday 17

7.00pm Old Swinford Primary School Carol Service in church

Saturday 20

10.00am Decorating of church for Christmas

11.00am—1.00pm Open House at the Rectory

10.30am CTIS Carols in the town.

Sunday 21

6.30pm Carol Service in church

Wednesday 24

4.00pm Crib Service

10.00pm First Communion of Christmas

Thursday 25

8.00am Communion

10.00am Parish Communion for Christmas Day

2015 diaries are still available at the back of church. These are supplied to us at no cost. Please help yourself.

CTIS

Invite you to join them for two occasions when they will be singing carols:

1. Tuesday 16th 8.00pm in the Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge.

2. Saturday 20th 10.30am in the town centre.

Everybody is welcome.

Barn Dance

Organised by our social committee on Saturday 31st January 2015 in the Church Hall. The callers are Eve and John Evans. Cost £6.50 to include supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.



Message from the Foodbank.....



Hi Everyone,

Its the 1st December and as we distribute the last of the Advent Calendars we start sorting through Selection Boxes and Christmas Food to send to our centres. Please remember us at this busy time of year, please remember to keep donating and supporting all those individuals and families who will find the next few weeks particularly difficult.

Shortages

Fruit Juice
Cordial/Squash
Tinned Meat
Washing Powder/Liquid - Small
Washing up Liquid
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Deodorant
Sanitary Towels

Thanks so much!