

St Mary's Events and News November 2019

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Vicar's Message November 2019

Dear All,

As November is soon with us, with the closing in of evenings and the shortening of days, there are so many events and focuses that make good use of those darker nights. The beginning of November sees the passing of Halloween and lights in the evenings - it will be wonderful to experience that with you in Crich up at the Tramway Village and their Starlight Express evenings.

Bonfire night with its fireworks and parties, loved or hated especially by some of our pets, will also light up the night sky, but should also give us pause to pray for our [loved or hated] parliament.

The bright red of poppies, worn and shown, bring home to us the cost of war, and the bright red shines in contrast to the darkness of conflict as we gather as communities to say again each year, 'We Will Remember Them'.

Christmas lights will start to show themselves in the towns, and shops will begin to play Christmas music, its message suggesting that we need to hurry up and get ready; presents, wrapping, food and always something more to buy!

In contrast the church message has always been to say - Advent approaches with a message to pause and to make ready hearts and lives for the coming of Jesus.

The word 'Maranatha', often used in Advent, means 'Come Lord Jesus, Come'. It carries a greater sense of expectation but

also preparation with far more meaning than the lights and music of our Christmas shopping.

Dark nights and dark days may be with us now for a few months but that doesn't mean that lives, experiences and life need also to be dark. There is, within the darkness, an opportunity for light to be seen and to shine out, piercing that darkness.

Come Lord Jesus Come and lighten our lives with your eternal light. Amen.

Ian Whitehead, Vicar

ADVENT SERVICE SERIES

This year I invite you to join us through the services during Advent in expectation of Christmas. We will be following the Advent theme of the great Names of God, while we wait in expectation of the coming of the Messiah. These names of God were traditionally, in the Middle Ages, preceded by the phrase O... as in 'Oh!'.

Most of these find an echo in that great Advent Hymn:

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!'

Each Sunday:

24th Nov	O King of the Nations
1st Dec	O Wisdom - O LORD
8th Dec	O Root of Jesse
15th Dec	O Key of David
22nd Dec	O Morning Star – O Dayspring – O Rising Sun
Christmas	O God with Us – 'O Emmanuel'

November Events:

Friday 1 st November	7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 2 nd November	9.00am – Corporate Prayer at St Mary's

Sunday 3rd November **8.00am – Holy Communion**
 10.15am – All Age
 6.30pm – Celtic Communion

Tuesday 5th November 7.30pm Remembrance Rehearsal
Friday 8th November 7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 9th November 9.00am – Corporate Prayer at St Mary's

Sunday 10th November **8.00am – Holy Communion**
 10.30am – Remembrance Service
 6.30pm – Refreshments before
 7.00pm – Second Sunday @ 7

Monday 11th November 10.30pm- Infant Sch. Remembrance St Mary's
Thursday 14th November 7.30pm – PCC
Friday 15th November 7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 16th November 9.00am - Corporate Prayer – St Mary's

Sunday 17th November **8.00am – Holy Communion**
 10.15am – Holy Communion
 10.15am – Sunday Stars
 6.30pm – Celtic Service

Friday 22nd November 7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 23rd November 9.00am – Corporate Prayer 22 Cromford Rd
 10.00am -noon - Christmas Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th November **8.00am – Holy Communion**
 10.15am – Holy Communion
 6.30pm – Evening Prayer

Friday 29th November 7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 30th November 9.00am – Corporate Prayer - St Mary's
 7.30pm – 'Nothing Rhymes with Crich' at
 Glebe

Sunday 1st December **8.00am – Holy Communion**
 10.15am – Holy Communion
 4.00pm – Christingle with Toy & Tin

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARY'S

Saturday 23rd November

10am to 12.00pm Join us at St Mary's for the Christmas Coffee Morning.

Vintage style coffee shop, cake stall, gifts, raffle & craft stall.

A car boot-load of groceries were delivered from St Mary's to **Derby City Mission's** warehouse last month to boost their giving to those in need. They are celebrating moving into their new centre in Normanton Road and serving Derbyshire through Night-shelters, Street Pastors, Foodbank, Debt advice, and prayer for our nation.

On December 1st at the Toy & Tin Christingle we will be collecting new/good as new toys (and books, stocking fillers, teddy bears & chocolates/sweets) to take to **DCM** for families who cannot afford anything at Christmas. Also tinned food for their foodbank.

Christmas Choir – Other singers would be most welcome to boost our cheerful sound of praise at Christmas services! Choir practices are Friday evenings 7.30pm at St Mary's - do come along at 8pm when we will be especially practising for Christmas, for as many practices and services as you can manage.

'Nothing Rhymes with Crich' – poems and songs about Crich and Beyond by Martyn Offord

Free Book Launch Event – **Saturday November 30th 7.30pm** at The Glebe – Readings, Music, Audience Participation and Refreshments.

Tickets: 01773 853260 or david@joylane.org.uk and Glebe Centre Reception. Pre-launch copies available at £6.50 from The Glebe or martynofford@gmail.com, 01773 853722

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