**Prayer Matters**

Those whose names are in the book placed on the Lady Chapel altar during services.

Please pray for Marian Lamb continuing to recover from her radiotherapy treatment

and Ann Gubby recovering from a shoulder operation.

*May the healing presence of the Holy Spirit*

*be with them.*

Parish - those living in Baldwyns Road, Beaconsfield Road.

Diocese - Beckenham deanery: The Rev Rob Hinton, Area Dean; Mrs Sarah Poole, Lay Chair

Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

For those living in poverty, and the Food Banks and other support agencies trying to help.

**Dates ahead**.

**26th Nov** 7.30 pm PCC meeting in Church Hall Committee room. Please note change of date and time.

**28th Nov** 7.30 pm Sidcup Deanery Synod meeting at St. James, N. Cray.

**30th Nov** 9.30 for 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Advent Quiet Day at St. Barnabas, Joydens Wood

**1st Dec** 11.15 am Messy Church planning meeting with Revd. Sue Twynam.

6.00 pm Team Advent Carols at St. John’s. A service of readings, music and carols to begin the Advent Season- the service will include the presentation of the Bishops Certificate to Andrew Hill.

**7th Dec** 11.00 am – 2.00 pm Friends of St. Mary’s Christmas Bazaar in Church Hall

**8th Dec** 10.00 am Christingle Service / No Messy Church.

3.30 pm Holy Communion CW followed by Christmas tea.

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**The Bexley Team Ministry**

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of**

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St. Mary’s worships and serves a loving God and reaches out to the community

in the name of Jesus Christ

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**SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER**

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a, Luke 21:5-19

Rev’d Sue Twynam to preach and preside.

**10.00 am** CW Holy Communion,

Readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

**12.00 noon** Burial of ashes T/L Dorothy and Alan Geering

**12.15 pm** BTM lunch at The King’s Head. All welcome

**3.30 pm** Memorial service followed by refreshments in Church Hall

*2 Thessalonians 3:13 Brothers and sisters, do not weary in doing what is right.*

**COLLECT**

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son was revealed

to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God

and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory,

we may be made like him

in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**THE ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

Heavenly Lord,

you long for the world’s salvation:

stir us from apathy,

restrain us from excess

and revive in us new hope

that all creation will one day be healed

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The week ahead**

**Wed 20th** 10.00 am Joint Holy Communion-CW

Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 19:11-28

3.00 pm House group at 6, Clarendon Mews

N**O** Bible for everyone, reconvenes in January

**Thurs 21st** Clive taking KS1 assembly at Old Bexley School

**Fri 22nd** 10.30 am Hall Committee meeting in Church Hall office

6.45 pm Choir practice

**NEXT SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER**

**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**

**CHRIST THE KING**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23: 33-43

**10.00 am** Family Service. Reading: TBC

**No** 3.30pm service today

**Church Open**

St. Mary’s will be open for quiet prayer from 2.00- 4.00 pm on Tues. 3rd, Tues. 10th and Thurs. 12th December (General Election Day)

**Unwanted diaries and calendars**

Please place these in the box at the back of church and they will be sold- proceeds to extension fund

**Friends Christmas Bazaar**

There is a box at the back of church for items for the bazaar.

**Developing Communications across the Bexley Team** 26th November at 10.30am

We want to explore ways in which we can improve the communications across the Bexley team through both the traditional methods and social media.This meeting will be an opportunity to explore ideas, so if you have experience or ideas in any of these areas and would like to contribute to the discussion please contact Rev. Sue Twynam on 07952 468127 or  [susantwynam@btconnect.com](mailto:susantwynam@btconnect.com)

I promise you that you will not leave with another job to do! Sue

**Calling all budding singers**

Our Director of Music, Chris Thomas,

would like to augment the choir for the

Service of Nine lessons and Carols, 6.00 pm

Sunday 22nd December. Rehearsals will be

7.00 - 7.30 pm (or later) on Fridays. Please let

Chris know if you can join the choir for this

special service.

**Funeral Service wishes**

If you would like your funeral service held at St. Mary’s or would like your crematorium service conducted by a member of the Bexley Team Ministry clergy please let us know your wishes by contacting the churchwarden or team vicar.

**Jobs vacant page**

Churchwarden, gardeners, crucifer.

**Pastoral visits and Home Communion**

Please let the Vicar or Christine Wood (LLM) know if you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or would welcome a visit to receive Holy Communion.

**Safeguarding Review**

Churches across the Diocese of Rochester are undertaking a comprehensive safeguarding review to establish that all known past cases of concern relating to church abuse have been considered and dealt with appropriately. Please see the full statement on our website or it can be emailed to you.

**From** **December** there will be a new pattern of Wednesday Holy Communion services; they will all be at **10.00 am**

1st Wednesday in the month at St John’s.

2nd Wednesday in the month at St. Mary’s.

3rd Wednesday in the month at St. John’s.

4th Wednesday in the month at St. Mary’s.

5th Wednesday in the month at St. James’.