

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

CHRISTMAS Events and Services

A guide to some of the events and services organised by the churches in Kingswood supporting our mission and ministry here and across the world.



Members of both churches on Christmas morning with some of the Reverse Advent Calendars

For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or

kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

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Sunday 3rd December

6:00pm CHRISTINGLE

St Mary's Church



On your way to the **Christingle** look out for **Mary and Joseph** starting on their long journey down the High Street. Then join us for **Hot Chocolate** in St Mary's Room from 5:40pm.

This service supports the work of the **Children's Society** helping more children to enjoy a better, safer life. Please also bring any of the collection boxes handed out at School or Church to hand in.



On your way home pick up an empty box for the **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Just add an item of food every day for the **Foodbank** and bring it back to any of the **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day** services at either Church.



Prayers – Friday 8th December

7-8pm Abbey Gateway

A time for quiet prayer and reflection at the start of Advent.

Music at St Mary's - Saturday 9th December at 7:30pm

Gloucester Cathedral's affiliated chamber choir the **St Cecilia Singers** present their Christmas Concert under their charismatic music director Jonathan Hope. Tickets from David Hatton 842483 dgrhatton@gmail.com

Children's Gift Service - Sunday 10th December

10:30am Congregational Church

All gifts received will be donated to the Foodbank, and need to be unwrapped so that the parents receiving them can wrap them themselves.

Followed by a fellowship Christmas lunch (Names to Annett 07795 273395)



CAROL SINGING AND CAROL SERVICES

There are many opportunities to share the joy of Christmas Praise at our traditional Carol Services and Carol Singing in December.

Carols at Pennwood Lodge	Sunday 17 th	2:30pm
St Mary's Church Carol Service	Sunday 17th	6:00pm
Congregational Church Carol Service	Christmas Eve	4:00pm

The carol services are led by the church choirs and retell the Christmas Story with traditional readings and carols, with refreshments afterwards.

Carols on the Chipping Monday 18th 6:30-7:00pm

Collecting money and food for the local Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Carol Service – Congregational Church

6pm Crib Service – St Mary's

A simple service specially for younger children.

Mary and Joseph arrive at the stable after their long journey down the High Street.

11:30pm Midnight Mass – St Mary's

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Family Service – Congregational Church

10:30am Family Service – St Mary's

Both churches celebrate the birth of our saviour.



EPIPHANY Friday 5th January 2:20pm

Join the children of Kingswood Primary School in St Mary's as the Kings arrive at the stable.

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Sunday 28th January

From 10am Lower School Room

Coffee croissants current issues

live music and discussion

Church with a difference

The Churches support the local food bank. To help, please regularly buy one or two items and leave them in the collection box in the porch in St Mary's or the Congregational Church.





Holocaust Memorial Day - Monday 29th January 7:30pm

“Learning or sightseeing?: 15 Years of school visits to Holocaust sites in Poland” - St Mary's

Last year we were privileged to hear the testimony of Holocaust Survivor John Dobai. A few days later Colin Mann (Deputy Headteacher at KLB) took a party of 6th form students to visit Holocaust sites in Poland. Colin and some of those students return this evening to share their reflections of that visit.



10:00 Saturday 3rd Feb Lower School Room

A morning of crafts, games, story telling, song and lots of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children followed by lunch.



CANDLEMAS Sunday 4th February 11:15 St Mary's

Our final Christmas celebration is a service of light and joy as Simeon and Anna greet the infant Christ at the Temple. Then it will be time for Children to collect their star from the crib as we pack it up for another year. **Sunday School** returns for this service and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month.



Thank you for your support.....

In **September** the cyclists braved the elements and raised **£1582** to support the work of the **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust**.

In **October** Afternoon Teas in the Lower School Room raised **£250** for **ShelterBox** and **£154** for the **Christian Aid Rohingya Refugee Appeal**.

The **Reformation Weekend** shed light on events across Europe and here in Kingswood 500 years ago, donations raised **£135** for **Christian Aid**.

Monthly Pattern of Sunday Worship

Weekday services and activities

	St Mary's	Congregational	
1 st	11:15 Communion	10:30 Communion 18:00 Evening Service	United Youth Club Mondays 6:30-8:30pm Lower School Room. (Secondary school age) Morning Prayer Wednesdays 8:30am St Mary's Wednesday Prayer Time drop in any time for as long as you like 7:00-8:00pm Congregational Church.
2 nd	11:15 Mattins	10:30 Morning Service 18:00 Evening Service	
3 rd	11:15 Communion	10:30 Morning Service 18:00 Communion	
4 th	11:15 Family Service 18:00 Evensong	Last Sunday of the month 10:30 Family Service 18:00 Evening Service	
5 th	Benefice Service <i>See notices for details</i>		