

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## CHRISTMAS 2018

### 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 Wotton Silver Band  
Playing for Carols on the Chipping**

*For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*  
[kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)  
[stmaryskingswood.org.uk](http://stmaryskingswood.org.uk)



# ★ CHRISTINGLE ★

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December ★ 6:00pm St Mary's



Set off early for our **Christingle Service** and look out for **Mary and Joseph** starting on their long journey down the High Street.

Then join us for from **5:40pm** for a mug of **Hot Chocolate** in St Mary's.

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, then bring it back to any of the **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day** services at either Church, and your box will be collected by the **Stroud District Foodbank**.

## Live life to the full

**Live life to full** is an Advent course run over four **Wednesday** afternoons **3:00-4:30pm** *finishing with refreshments*. Each session offers a wide range of questions so that wherever you are on your journey of faith you can join in with some lively discussion.

*If you would like to join in contact [patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com).*

28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Charfield Rectory <b>CHARFIELD</b>		Amercombe, 11 High St, <b>KINGSWOOD</b>	

## Gift Service Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 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)



Throughout 2019 St. Mary's will be supporting the work of the Nelson Trust, a local charity providing a lifeline for women suffering from trauma, abuse and addiction.

Please donate any old mobile phones, new underwear for women, water bottles, lightweight umbrellas, hats and scarves, magic gloves or fingerless gloves or any item from its Amazon wishlist (items from 50p upwards).

[www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33TNT9N1IZ4M5](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33TNT9N1IZ4M5)

Items to be donated can be brought to our **Carol Service** or left in the Nelson Trust box in the porch at St Mary's.

# ★ Christmas ★ Services ★ and ★ Carols ★

**CAROL SINGING** - *Join us as we sing carols around the community*

**Kingswood & Pennwood Lodge** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

**Carols on the Chipping** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:00pm

*Collecting money and food for the Stroud District Foodbank.. With mulled wine in the pub afterwards.*

**CAROL SERVICES** *led by the church choirs, hear the Christmas Story told with traditional readings and carols, followed by refreshments.*

**St Mary's Church** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6:00pm

**Congregational Church** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4:00pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**CRIB SERVICE** 6pm 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.*

**MIDNIGHT MASS** 11:30pm St Mary's

**CHRISTMAS MORNING** *Greet you friends and neighbours as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.*

**10:00am Family Service – Congregational Church**

**10:30am Family Service – St Mary's**

**New Years Eve** 11:30pm Congregational Church



**EPIPHANY** 6<sup>th</sup> January 11:15 St Mary's

*A family friendly Eucharist as the Kings arrive at the Crib.*

# Holocaust Memorial Day

The attack on a synagogue in Pittsburgh, shows why we need to remind ourselves each year of the horror that was the Holocaust, and other acts of genocide. We are hoping to mark National Holocaust Memorial Day with a talk by a Holocaust Survivor, look out for details over the Christmas period.



## Candlemas Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Messy Church Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:00am Lower School Room



A morning of crafts and games. Lots of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children includes lunch.

*All children must bring a parent/carer.*

## Thank you .....

In **September** the cyclists raised **£1160** to support the work of the **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust**, many thanks to all who took part. The **Armistice Exhibition and Supper Talks** raised **£270** divided between **Combat Stress** and **Christian Aid**. The **Remembrance Service** raised **£335** for the **Poppy Appeal**

Monthly Pattern of Sunday Worship			Weekday services and activities
	St Mary's	Congregational	
1 <sup>st</sup>	11:15 Communion & Sunday School	10:30 Morning Service 18:00 Evening Service	<b>United Youth Club</b> Mondays 6:30-8:30pm Lower School Room. (Secondary school age) <b>Morning Prayer</b> Wednesdays 8:30am St Mary's <b>Coffee and Chat</b> Wednesdays 9:30- 11:00 Lower School Room <b>Wednesday Prayer Time</b> drop in any time for as long as you like 7:00-8:00pm Congregational Church.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:15 Mattins	10:30 Morning Service 18:00 Evening Service	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:15 Communion	10:30 Morning Service 18:00 Evening Service	
4 <sup>th</sup>	11:15 Family Service 18:00 Evensong	Last Sunday of the month 10:30 Family Service 18:00 Evening Service	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Service <i>See notices for details</i>		
Look out for Cafe Church – in the Lower School Room			

*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.*

