

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## CHRISTMAS 2019

### 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.*



*Children gathered after the Christingle Service in 2018*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> December 6:00pm St Mary's

★ With Hot Chocolate from 5:40pm ★



The **Christingle Service** supports the work of the **Children's Society** helping more children to enjoy a better, safer life. Please remember to bring along any of the collection boxes handed out at School or Church.

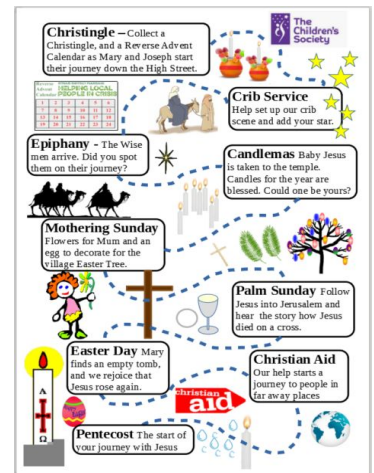
Set off early and look out for **Mary and Joseph** in the **Dinneywicks** as they start their long journey down the High Street. Then join us for a mug of

**Hot Chocolate** before the service starts.



On your way home please 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**.

**Our Journey.** Everyone young and old is invited to come on a journey over the next few months to discover more about Jesus and being a Christian today. Pick up a guide at the **Christingle Service** or any other time. It doesn't matter if you can't start at the beginning but we hope that every step you take with us will encourage you to take the next one.



# ★ GIFT SERVICE ★

★ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 Congregational Church ★



Please buy a gift for a child and bring it along to our Gift Service. All the gifts are donated to the Foodbank, and need to be unwrapped so that the parents can choose and wrap something they know their children will love.

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

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CAROLS

## CAROL SINGING

*Join us as we sing carols around the community*

**Kingswood&Pennwood Lodge Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00pm**

**Carols on the Chipping Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm**

*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.*

**Congregational Church Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm**

**St Mary's Church Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm**



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**CRIB SERVICE 6pm St Mary's**

*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.*

**10:30am Family Service – Congregational Church**

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**New Years Eve 11:30pm Congregational Ch.**

**EPIPHANY 5<sup>th</sup> January 11:15 St Mary's**

*A family friendly service as the Kings arrive from the East (you may spot them stopping off in Nind)*



**CANDLEMAS 2<sup>nd</sup> February 6pm St Mary's**

Our final Christmas celebration is a service of light and joy. Just forty days after being born Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, where they are greeted by Simeon and Anna.



# Members of all denominations are invited to join us for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January

Unusual  
kindness

St Mary's	18 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	20 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> 7pm	24 <sup>th</sup> 7pm
Congregational	19 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	21 <sup>st</sup> 7pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	25 <sup>th</sup> 6pm

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 7:30 pm St Mary's

Refreshments from 7:00pm

A few days after HMD we are pleased to welcome Eric Murangwa Eugene MBE to St Mary's. Eric is a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. An international footballer he and most of his immediate family survived in part thanks to the courage and humanity shown by his teammates. As a result he became convinced that sport and storytelling have the power to influence society in a way that little else does.



**\*STOP PRESS\* Date of Messy Church has changed from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**



**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> February, 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.*

**Many thanks** to all the cyclist who raised **£1,505** in September, supporting the work of the **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust**

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 in the collection box in the porch in St Mary's or Congregational Church.*

