

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

CHRISTMAS 2020

Events and Services



Children with Christingles after last years service

For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or

kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

stmaryskingswood.org.uk

Advent Services

29th Nov 6th, 13th & 20th Dec

St Mary's Online

It has often been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so we are putting that to the test on each of the four Sundays of Advent when we will be using images of contemporary and classical art to explore the Advent themes.

Mary of the Annunciation a mosaic given by the people of Mexico to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth



Reverse Advent Calendar

Boxes will be available to collect from the porch at St Mary's from the 28th November. Just add an item of food every day, then leave the box in the porch at St Mary's between

10:00-16:00 on 23rd or 24th December

The Stroud District Foodbank provides an easily accessible service for those in real need. Please help by supporting the reverse **Advent Calendar** and **Kids stuff**.



The Foodbank are also collecting presents for children. If you would like to buy a gift for a child leave it unwrapped* at St Mary's between **10:00 – 16:00 Tuesdays & Saturdays** before **Tuesday 8th December**

** so that the parents can choose and wrap something they know their children will love*



Please also donate online @

strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money



Messy Church packs will be delivered to all our Messy Church families at the start of December, with lots to do including crafts, puzzles and an **Advent Window** to make. Then share the results on our Facebook group page *Messy Church Kingswood* *If you would like to receive a pack please email Sam Ponting at messychurchkingswood@gmail.com*

At home

Christingle

The children at **Kingswood Primary School** have been invited in their “bubbles” to St Mary’s for a short **Christingle Service**. They will hear the story of the **Christingle** and how the **Children’s Society** helps children to enjoy a better, safer life. If you would like to support the work of the Children’s Society please donate online using www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate



CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 20th December

6:00pm Carol Service St Mary’s. *The Christmas story with traditional readings and carols sung by our socially distanced choir. **Booking essential***

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Christmas Reading and Carol Service
Congregational Church and online

6:00pm Crib Service
*St Mary’s **Booking essential***

11:30pm Midnight Mass
Holy Trinity Church, Wickwar

CHRISTMAS MORNING

10:30am St Mary’s **Booking essential**

10:30am Congregational Church and online

Please see the notes about “Joining us for worship” on the back page



The sisters of the Community of Grandchamp have provided an opportunity to engage with a form of prayer that is both ancient and yet relevant for today.

**Join us evenings at 7pm between 18th - 25th January
Led online by members of both churches**

Holocaust Memorial Day

Be the light in the darkness

Wednesday 27th Jan 7pm Online



This year we revisit the testimony of Holocaust survivors we have witnessed in recent years, helping to keep their stories alive. Then shine a light on the horrors being perpetrated in the world today and consider how our voices can raise awareness of those victims.

Joining us for worship.

All are welcome to attend services in either church (if permitted), or to join us online via zoom. In the Congregational Church the same service is available in church and online, at St Mary's the in church and online services are different.

Online All you need is a tablet or computer with the internet. There is no need for extra software. Links are emailed in advance, to receive one please email **robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk** for the Congregational Church
news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk for St Mary's

Sunday Service 10:00 St Mary's 10:30 Congregational
Wednesday – Morning Prayer 09:00 St Mary's

In Church When attending please use **Face Masks**, and sanitise hands on entry and exit. **Please note that congregational singing is not allowed.**

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Additionally **St Mary's** is open 10:00 – 16:00 Tuesdays & Saturdays for individual prayer (donations for the food bank can be left at these times), the **Congregational Church** is open Wednesday 12:00-13:00 for prayer.

HELP

*If you are in financial crisis call **0808 2082138** for free (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. **If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel delivered by the food bank.***