

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## CHRISTMAS 2022 Events and Services



A painting by Sarah Farwell commissioned by St Mary's Parochial Church Council to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the building.

*Please note that all the events are subject to change.  
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 27<sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm St Mary's  
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.

Set off early and look out for **Mary and Joseph** in the **Village Inn** as they start their long journey down the High Street, and then join us for a mug of **Hot Chocolate** before the service starts.



## Reverse Advent Calendars

Boxes will be available to collect from the porch at St Mary's from the **27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> December**

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 before 11<sup>th</sup> December



**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am Lower School Room**

A morning of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children with Christmas crafts, stories and song.

*All children must bring a parent/carer (includes lunch).*

*The following Messy Church will be on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb***



## Gift Service

**Sunday 11<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.

## St Mary's Tercentenary

Christmas is when we think of the most important birthday of all, but there are also big birthdays in our village. Last year, the Congregational Church celebrated the 200th anniversary of its building. Next year, 2023, marks the 300th anniversary of the building of St Mary's church in Kingswood. You may have noticed the work already undertaken to spruce the church up for its birthday! We will be marking this important anniversary in the life of our village with a number of events over the year that we hope will be of interest, looking at the history of the church, the village it serves and the faith it professes. We are beginning a little early, as some of our special services, from this Christingle onwards, will mark a "journey" towards a special weekend of mission at Pentecost (May 27th/28th), encouraging people to discover the Christian story along the way, with invitations to consider baptism and/or confirmation. We plan 300 days of prayer, historical exhibits and social events. Watch out for announcements in future editions of this flyer, and share in a bit of village history.



*Rick Williams*

## Christmas Services and Carols



### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> CAROL SERVICES

10:30am Congregational Church

6:00pm St Mary's

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

**CAROLS ON THE CHIPPING**

*Collecting for the Foodbank*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

6:00pm Crib Service St Mary's

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

10:00am Congregational Church

10:30am St Mary's



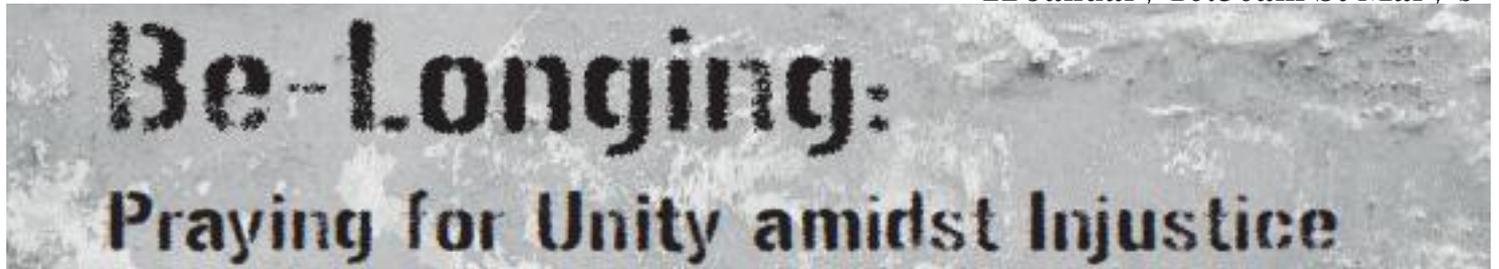
### **EPIPHANY**

8<sup>th</sup> January 10:30 St Mary's

*The Kings arrive from the East*



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18-25 January Online at 7pm  
22 January 10:30am St Mary's



Guided by the churches of Minneapolis we seek to explore how we can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.



**Holocaust Memorial Day – Ordinary People**

**7:30pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – St Mary's Church**

Since the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, society has done a pretty poor job of making sure that genocide never happens again. We consider what ordinary people such as us can do to stop the hatred and prejudice that can ultimately lead to genocide

**CANDLEMAS – St Mary's 300**

**29<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am St Mary's**

At the start of a year of celebration, we are inviting those baptised at St Mary's to return for this special service. We would also like anyone no matter how old to join us to hear about the opportunity to be baptised by Bishop Robert at St Mary's at the end of May.



**Harnessing the Power of Prayer - St Mary's 300**

As part of our celebrations, St Mary's Church are committing to 300 days of prayer, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22). The first 100 days will focus on the past - gratitude, remembrance and reflection, the second, on the present and our thoughts and needs in the moment, the last 100 days on hopes and desires for the future.

**Our Church Services**

<b>Sunday Services</b>	10:30 St Mary's Church	10:30 Congregational Church
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**St Mary's** is open every day 10:00–16:00

**Congregational Church** is open Wednesday 12:00-13:00 for prayer.

**Wednesday Coffee Morning** 10:00-11:00 Lower School Room

**Sunday School** Lower School Room 10.30 – 11.30. *Parents can drop their children off and then join the Church service or collect them later.*