



Follow the Star to Christmas 2022



As we draw near to the end of the Advent Journey and in a world that seems to be increasingly troubled and filled with darkness we invite you to follow the star and join us in celebrating the peace and light that came into a troubled and darkened world 2000 year ago. We gather with the shepherds at the door of the stable and as we gaze on the infant child we are filled with excitement and joy at discovering God with us.



There are a number of opportunities for you to gather with us and we hope we may see you at one of them. **If you do not feel able to come to the church, but would like to receive Communion at home then please do**

contact one of the Ministry Team so we can arrange this. We will also be streaming our main services (but not the Christmas Eve Nativity) and you can share in it on our YouTube page or on Facebook. If you need more information then let us know.



As we come to the end of 2022 and look towards 2023 can we also take this chance to thank all who have worked throughout the year and given generously of their time and gifts to enable us to do so many different things, The list is a long one – so if you have helped in anyway please accept this as a personal thanks to you!

As COVID is still in circulation we have decided not to change our practices for the moment – so we will continue to administer

communion by intinction (the Priest dipping the wafer into the wine) and there will be chairs set apart at the West End at St Mary's, where if you wish we will bring communion to you.

There will be a Priest 'on call and duty' throughout the coming days – please listen carefully to any phone messages as to who to contact.

We hope that you will enjoy sharing in our Christmas celebrations and that we will together discover more of what lies at the heart of Christmas

Best wishes for Christmas and 2023!



Father Bob

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Revd Sam

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Today

After 10am service at St Mary's

A short meeting for those interested in being part of the Nativity

4pm Blue Christmas Service and Tea

at St Faith's. This is an opportunity for anyone who wants space to sit and be, acknowledging the pain and emptiness that many can feel at this time of year. There will be an opportunity to talk to others over refreshments afterwards

Monday Dec 19th
Advent of the day

No Noon Mass at St Mary's

6 – 8pm Monday Men at St Mary's

Tuesday Dec 20th 9.30am Mass at St Faith's

Advent of the day

Wednesday Dec 21st Noon Mass in St Mary's Vestry Hall

Advent of the day

12.30pm Fellowship lunch & look
at A Feast for Advent

7pm Advent Zoom Book Club

Contact Revd Sam for Zoom link

Thursday Dec 22nd 10.30am Mass at St Faith's and coffee and chat

Advent of the day

7pm A service of 9 Lessons and Carols

A traditional celebration of the Christmas Story

Friday Dec 23rd

Advent Week 1

From 9am Church clean and preparation
at St Mary's

Can you help us prepare St Mary's for our
celebration of Christmas? All welcome to come
and lend hand – ending with

Noon Mass at St Mary's

followed by a **Soup Lunch**

Saturday Dec 24th 5pm Nativity Service at St Mary's

Christmas Eve

our young people tell the Christmas story

7pm Vigil Mass of Christmas at St Faith's

11.30pm The Midnight Mass at St Mary's

We gather in the darkness of the night to
welcome the one who brings light into our
world.

Next Sunday 25th

Christmas Day

9am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's

10am Mass and Carols at St Mary's

Join us as we celebrate the 12 days of Christmas!

Monday Dec 26th Noon Mass at St Mary's
S Stephen

Tuesday Dec 27th 9.30am Mass at St Faith's
S John

Wednesday Dec 28th Noon Mass at St Mary's
Holy Innocents

Thursday Dec 29th 10.30am Mass at St Faith's
S Thomas a Beckett

Friday Dec 30th Noon Mass at St Mary's
6th Day of Christmas

Saturday Dec 31st No 'Just Ask'
7th Day of Christmas

2023

Sunday Jan 1st No 8am Service at St Mary's
The Holy Family **10am Parish Mass and Carols** at St Mary's

Monday Jan 2nd Noon Mass at St Mary's
Ss Basil & Gregory

Tuesday Jan 3rd 9.30am Mass at St Faith's
10th day of Christmas followed by Coffee and Chat

Wednesday Jan 4th Noon Requiem Mass at St Mary's
11th Day of Christmas We will remember and pray for all those named on the Memorial Trees at the Church

Thursday Jan 5th 10.30am Mass at St Faith's
12th Day of Christmas followed by Coffee and Chat

Friday Jan 6th 11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
The Epiphany **7pm Parish Mass and Carols** at St Mary's

We celebrate the visit of the Magi and the gifts they brought revealing the true nature of the child born in Bethlehem

Saturday Dec 31st **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask'*
S Raymond
of Penafort something for the clergy

Sunday Jan 8th **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's
Baptism of the Lord **9.30am Mass** at St Faith's
10am Mass at St Mary's
with renewal of Baptismal vows
4pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's

Christmas Flowers If you would like to make a donation for flowers in Church over Christmas in thanksgiving for something or in memory of someone – then please do do in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS – reference 'flowers'.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices please let us know - or to contact other members of the Ministry Team

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