ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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3rd Sunday of Advent – 12th December

Gospel Reading this week - Luke 3.7-18

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion		
9.30am	Christingle All-Age Service No Communion	11.00am	Christingle All-Age Service
4.30pm	Café Christingle	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

COVID-19 - we are aware that positive case rates have been high in our area in recent weeks. Please could we ask you to re-double efforts to be aware of the risks of Covid. Please use the hand sanitiser provided in our churches, and we encourage you to wear a mask in more crowded settings.

This Sunday – Christingle Services will be happening at the 9.30am, 11am and Café services. Come and join us, bring a friend and make a Christingle. We remember that Christ is the light of the world. The services will not have communion, but everyone will get an opportunity to join in.

Saturday December 11th – St Mary's pre-Christmas tidy & clean morning – from 9am in church and grounds. Please do come along, and get involved with beautifying the church for Christmas.

Saying farewell to the Anderson family – please do call in to one of our services over the next couple of weeks, to say your farewells to Mark, Millie, Zoe and Evie. There will be an informal evening of refreshments on **Saturday 18th Dec at 7pm**, in St Mary's Church – all are welcome! And please do give generously towards a leaving gift for Mark, Millie, Zoe and Evie – there will be marked drop-off points in both churches, or please deliver to Parish Office.

Thursday Youth Group for those 14-18 meets on Thursday evenings, and the next one will be Thursday 16th December. Why not invite a friend or a neighbour?

Christmas Day Community Lunch at OCH - please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved with volunteering on Christmas Day – also contact us if you know anyone who might wish to come and join us for lunch. It is a great way for us to celebrate Christmas in the community.

Christmas Services: we are continuing as normal with our Christmas services, and will give full information next week. It may be that for our busier services, we have to have a limited capacity; we will also endeavour to live stream as much as possible from both churches. Here are the times and dates of the extra services for now:

Sunday 19th December St Peter's 9 Lessons & Carols 11am

St Mary's Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm

Friday 24th December St Mary's 4pm Nativity Service and 11.30pm Midnight Communion

St Peter's 5.30pm Nativity Service & 11.30pm Midnight Communion

#AskOxted is a community survey, which has been planned and created by our PCC, please see, and share the information attached. Please do fill in the survey – and why not ask a friend or neighbour who does not usually come to church? Use this link to complete the survey: https://tinyurl.com/fma3v96w

The Oxted Adventure has started! Please look out for more information about our events this year. For more info, please contact Natasha (stmaryoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you.

The Bridge – Southwark Diocesan Monthly Newspaper – is now only available online; here is a link to the most recent edition: https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/

Southwark Diocese Anti-Racism Charter – at our recent Deanery Synod, we heard about the Southwark ARC, please see here to read it, and take note of the contents: https://southwark.anglican.org/anti-racism-charter/

All are welcome to join us to pray on Zoom throughout the week.

Tuesday and Thursday at 9am

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09 By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the above meeting ID and passcode.

Monday and Wednesday at 5pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 820 0689 4969 Passcode: 714098 or https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006894969?pwd=alNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWXFMZlhhdz09 By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the same meeting ID and passcode

Things to pray for and about:

- For peace and compassion to be known throughout the world.
- For our churches as we continue to prepare for the coming weeks and months
- For our health services, and all those who work in hospitals
- For our schools as they embark on their final week of term
- For those who are ill, suffering or mourning the death of a loved one.

Giving to our churches – A very big thank you to all those who regularly give to our churches, to support our life together. Our ancient buildings, and our busy menu of regular services and activities both have financial demands. We are ever reliant on the generosity of each one of you. Thank you! And please do visit the links below, if you would like to make a donation, or begin giving regularly.

https://stmarysoxted.uk/Groups/349812/Giving.aspx https://stpeterstandridge.uk/Groups/350057/Giving.aspx

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