

~ **Early WINTER NEWS** ~  
*from the Parish of St. Mark, South Farnborough*

mid-November to early-January 2018/19 ~ **30p.**

## **WELCOME ...**

to this newsletter, which we hope you will read alongside our seasonal magazine. In it, you will find lots of information about our Church's life, all of which we hope to share with you! If you need any additional help, please feel free to use any of the 'Contacts' given at the end ...

It's been a long time! This newsletter hasn't appeared for many months for all the reasons that you are clearly aware of ... but here we are! Hopefully back to 'full' production – welcome to you all.

It is a beautiful sunny – and very warm (!) – November's day, so there is no way that we can really use the word 'winter' in the title – but as we hope the news hereafter will stretch to (and possibly beyond?) Christmas, I guess that "early winter" is OK! Long may these gorgeous late-summer days continue ...

As life at St. Mark's continues to do. We are still jogging along, hopefully reasonably happy, and glowing in the wonder that is our newly-restored Memorial Chapel. What a superb job that has turned out to be (full credit to the team who steered the project to its successful completion) – no doubt there will be plenty said about it in our next magazine. The whole experience has, I think, given us a huge boost of confident energy for the future – well done!

And there is plenty going on in the weeks to come, so do join in if you can. We're a small-ish congregation, so rallying around is key to any success ... 'wallflowers' are welcome, but 'full blooms' are essential to maintain the glory of God in this lovely Church!

### **WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS**

Have returned! After the closure of the building for the restoration work, we are happy to announce that – for the most part – the regular midweek services are back. Do join us ... 10.30am Wednesdays, for a quiet, reflective half-an-hour of prayer and sacrament.

## **St. Mark's Fellowship ...**

The Fellowship Group (a monthly social group for men and women of 'retirement' age) next meets on Wednesday 5 December, 2.00pm in the Hall; and then closes for its 'New Year' break. *All returns to its usual pattern of meeting on the first Wednesday of the month (most months of the year) as of February 2019.* Details of the Group from Felicity Milne, 01252-546006.

Wednesday 21 November

10.30am Eucharist  
*Revelation 4 ~ Luke 19:11-28*

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Thursday 22 November  
12noon Parish Lunch (*see note below*)

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Saturday & Sunday 24/25 November  
**"WINTER WONDERLAND"** –  
*see advert for details*

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Sunday 25 November  
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8.00am Eucharist  
*Daniel 5 ~ John 6:1-15*

10.30am BAPTISM EUCHARIST:  
*Florence & Maisie Herridge*  
*John 18:33-37 only*

## **Parish Lunch ...**

The next in our occasional series of Lunches is scheduled for Thursday 22 November, 12noon (venue tba). *Due to fluctuating numbers in recent times, this is subject to change – so if you'd like to come, we would love to see you!* Contact Daryl Bates, 01252-514479, for more information.

Monday 26 November  
7.30pm PCC Meeting (Hall)

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Wednesday 28 November

10.30am Eucharist  
*Revelation 15:1-4 ~ Luke 21:12-19*

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Friday 30 November

6.30pm – 9.00pm **INTER-CHURCH SKITTLES!**  
(Baptist Church)

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Sunday 2 December

**ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

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*Year 'C'*  
*Reading Cycle*  
*begins today*

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Wednesday 5 December

10.30am Eucharist

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Thursday 6 December

7.00pm "ANGEL" Dedication Service  
(NCamp Methodist Church)

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Saturday 8 December

10.00am – 1.00pm **CHRISTMAS FAIR** (in Church) –  
*see poster for details*

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Sunday 9 December

**ADVENT 2**

8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

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3.00pm **SCHOOL NATIVITY SERVICE**

(in Church)

### **Baptisms ...**

We look forward to welcoming the Family and Friends of **Florence and Maisie Herridge** for their Baptisms on 25 November, at 10.30am. *It is especially nice to welcome them, as their mother – Laura – spent her childhood here at St. Mark's, and their grandmother is an 'old' St. Mark's friend, Sandra Neal (as was!).*

### Friday 30 November **INTER-CHURCH SKITTLES** is back!

After the 'cut-throat' competition of last year (!), we're back at the Baptist Church once again to enjoy an energetic evening taking part in a Skittles Tournament ... included in the price (£5 Adults, £2 Children) is a Pizza & Cake Supper, pay on the night. Teams welcome, but everyone gets to bowl, so just come along. 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Further details on the poster, or 'phone: Harry 07521-997441.

### **Breakfast ...**

For operational reasons, we have had to suspend our regular Breakfasts. We hope to restart them sometime in the New Year, so look out for publicity material ...

### **Latest "ANGEL" News ...**

They are flooding in! Well done, everyone – we are certainly building up an impressive 'heavenly host' of knitted angels! *Thankyou.*

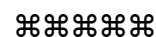
Next event for your diary:

Thursday 6 December

**"ANGEL" DEDICATION SERVICE**

7.00pm, North Camp Methodist Church

Join the whole ecumenical 'team' of knitters and volunteers as we begin to celebrate the Incarnation by gathering our angels together, and sending them on their mission to wish our local community a wonderful time at Christmas. A perfect evening of worship to mark the season of Advent. Open to everyone – and we look forward to seeing you!





# "ANGEL EXTRAVAGANZA"

A  
Festival of Angels

here at St. Mark's

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*Come along to the Church to view the many  
fascinating creations, reflecting as they will the  
image of angels.*

*All kinds of displays will be shown, each the  
inspiration of their designer.*

*All of them reminding us of the great season of  
Christmas that will soon be here!*

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**10 – 15 DECEMBER**

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Church Open:

Monday 10 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Tuesday 11 10.00am – 12noon

Wednesday 12 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 13 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 14 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday 15 11.00am – 1.00pm

*Free Admission (donations appreciated)*

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SATURDAY 15 1.00pm

## "COME & SING" CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

*Join us as we mark the climax of the Festival  
with a community sing-a-long  
of all your favourite Carols*



[Part of the ecumenical 'Angel' Projects  
throughout North Camp]

Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November  
**"WINTER WONDERLAND"**

@ Judith's

[see poster for address details]

**11am – 6pm Sat & 11am – 4pm Sun**

*A magical Grotto of goodies to buy for  
Christmas!*

Further details: 07871-194469

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Saturday 8 December

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

*in the Church*

Lots of bargains & ideas for  
your Christmas celebrations!

**10.00am – 1.00pm**

*Details from the organisers*

*07807-207195*

*or see the poster*

Wednesday 12 December

10.30am Eucharist

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Sunday 16 December

ADVENT 3

8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

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Monday 17 December

1.30pm "Henry Tyndale" School

CAROL SERVICE (in Church)

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Wednesday 19 December

10.30am Eucharist

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Sunday 23 December

ADVENT 4

8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

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# 2018 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
4.00pm

## CRIB SERVICE

*with our annual 'Christingle' Appeal  
for the work of the "Children's Society"*

December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.30pm

## 'MIDNIGHT' EUCHARIST

December 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
10.30am

**EUCHARIST**  
with Carols



### ***PCC Members ...***

A reminder that your next Meeting is on Monday 26 November, 7.30pm, in the Hall. *(Note that this is a date change from 28/11, as agreed).*

### **CONTACTS:**

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Wednesday 26 December  
10.30am Eucharist **CANCELLED**

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Sunday 30 December  
CHRISTMAS 1  
8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

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*NOTE: The schedule of Services for the beginning  
of January is subject to change ...*

Wednesday 2 January  
10.30am Eucharist

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Sunday 6 January  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
8.00am Eucharist

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10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

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Wednesday 9 January  
10.30am Eucharist

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*... please check local publicity or  
the website closer to the time*

and look out for a  
**NEW YEAR**  
Newsletter!

### ***With apologies ...***

Some of the Lectionary readings are missing from this newsletter (those marked **xxx**). This is because of the changeover from 'Year B' to 'Year C', and the fact that I have not yet had chance to purchase the new 2018/19 copy. With my mother's recent death, I have been unable to get to Church House Bookshop in London – but now have one on order! We will get back to 'normal' here in the parish very soon ...