

Please pray for

...all those who set up for services at **St Mary Magdalene**

...**Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus** in the West Bank

...**Henrietta Harryo Crawford-Clarke** and **Albert Sutton** both baptised at St Matthias yesterday

...**Christ's School** and their students

...**the sick and those in need** - Ron Bond, Mary James, Toby Vickers, Prem Barmi, Suné Hull, Kathryn Kirkland-Handley, Eileen Vickers, Nick von Berg, Frances Irwin

...**the departed, may they rest in peace** - Rob Buckingham, Benita Steed

Please let us know if you would like to add someone to the prayer list - usually added for 4 weeks. Contact admin@richmondteamministry.org

Christmas Services cards are now available at the back of church—please take one for yourself and a street or two to distribute. Thank you.

Today & this week

There will be the Team Advent Procession tonight, 6.30pm at St Mary Magdalene. Please join us if you can.

Morning Prayer moves back to St Mary Magdalene tomorrow, 3 December, 8.30am, Mondays to Fridays to start your day.

Evening Prayer at St John the Divine on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection.

We will be reading meditations by theologians and spiritual writers at our midweek Eucharists during Advent. This week's will be *A Reflection on Advent* by Rowan Williams. Each meditation will be followed by a short time of quiet reflection.

The next recital will be on Saturday, 8 December, 12.30pm at St John the Divine where Rachel Smith will be playing the flute accompanied by Alex Knight on piano. They will play pieces by Rossini, Kuhlau, Ciardi, Debussy and Halphen amongst others.

SevenUp – for those 7 Years old and upwards (teens welcome to come as young leaders). Saturday 8 December, 4.00-5.30pm, in the Vicarage Basement, with Refreshments and

Prayers. This month we will be thinking about the gifts we give. Please bring an item (or two) to put in a shoe box for Glass Door Guests – see note opposite (empty shoeboxes also appreciated). Names to Helen beforehand are helpful.

Coming Up

Everyone is welcome to help with carol singing at Michel's Almshouses on The Vineyard next Sunday, 9 December at 3.30pm—mulled wine provided!

We urgently need some strong helpers to put up the Christmas tree at St Mary's on Saturday 15 December at 9.00am – it should only take 30 minutes or so. Please let Ron Hill know if you're able to help (ronchill2@gmail.com), thank you.

Posada – Journeying with Mary and Joseph as we prepare for Christmas. This Advent we are looking for a few final people to host our (knitted) Mary, Joseph & donkey overnight. All ages are encouraged to get involved in this special experience. It requires an hour (at a mutually convenient time), on two consecutive evenings. The first night you receive the Holy Family and provide refreshments, and share a short liturgy and prayers with the previous night's host who will be delivering them to you. The following night, you are hosted at the next home, as you take the Holy Family to them. Throughout Advent the family will

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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St John the Divine

Sunday 16 December, 4.00pm: Children's Nativity & Christingle*

Monday 17 December, 7.00pm: 'Blue' Christmas

Saturday 22 December, 4.00pm: Carol Service: Words and Music for Christmas*

Christmas Eve, 11.00pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 10.30am: Christmas Morning Eucharist

St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 16 December, 6.30pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve, 3.00pm: Christingle Service; 5.00pm: Christingle Service; 11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 8.00am: Holy Communion; 10.00am: All Age Eucharist with Carols

St Matthias

Sunday, 16 December, 6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight*

Christmas Eve, 4.00pm: Christingle Service; 11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 8.00am: Holy Communion; 10.00am: Christmas Morning Eucharist

* *Festive refreshments following service*

move around our Parish. To register please contact Helen (details overleaf).

PoDs, for our Secondary School age youth, 12.45-1.45pm, Sunday 16 December. Meet at Ole & Steen. Names beforehand are helpful. This month we will have a 'Secret Santa'.

Festive Film Fun – Saturday 22 December, 5.30-8.00pm in the Vicarage Basement. Pizza, popcorn, prayer, festive jumpers, games and Christmas Film. Names to Helen beforehand please.

Pre-school/adult groups

Our pre-school/carer and toddler group **Eaglets** meets on **Tuesdays 2-4pm**, St John's. The last session of Eaglets before the Christmas break will be Tuesday 18 December.

ABC - Our last session before Christmas will be on Wednesday, 5 December. ABC will then take a break until we relaunch with a return to St. Mary's later in 2019.

Various

Copies of the **latest edition** of

TeamTalk are available at the back of church and on our website.

Although **Revd Anne Crawford's** recovery from knee surgery is progressing well, unfortunately she has picked up a virus and will not be back for a few more weeks. In the meantime contact Revd Wilma Roest or the St Matthias Churchwardens.

The Christian Meditation Group is now taking a break—more details in due course.

Glass Door will be giving a Christmas

present of a shoebox containing a selection of useful items to their guests at a Christmas party.

Please could you bring any of the following items to church over the next few weeks:

pair of socks; new pair of underwear; sweets or chocolate; Oyster card; toothbrush; mini-toothpaste; hand-warmers; disposable razor; hand-wipes; mini deodorant; gloves; warm hat; scarf.

We would also be grateful for any shoeboxes you can wrap in Christmas paper and bring in.

The deadline for bringing these to any of the 3 churches is Saturday 15 December.

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/things-we-need>

Thank you.