

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

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

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

...**the departed, may they rest in peace** - Benita Steed, John Dorie, Mary James

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.

Please note that **the Parish Office will be closed** from 12.30pm on Friday 21 December to 9.00am on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Today & this week

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

Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, 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 by Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, University of Oxford. Each meditation will be followed by a short time of quiet reflection.

We urgently need some helpers to put up the Christmas tree and give the pews a wipe-over at St Mary's on Saturday 15 December at 9.30am. Please let Ron Hill know if you're able to help (ronchill2@gmail.com), thank you.

Cameo Lunch—Wednesday 12 December, 12.00noon at La Buvette, all are welcome. Contact Leslie Cook on 020 8948 4639 or lesliewcook@yahoo.co.uk

Coming Up

Posada – The knitted Holy Family is now making its way around the Parish. May they be a blessing to all the homes who host them and all the people it brings together.

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'.

There will be no 11.00am service at St Matthias on Thursday 20 December—The Vineyard School will be holding their Christmas Service at that time.

At the next meeting of the Book Club on Thursday 20 December, 7.30pm we will discuss Baroness Orczy: *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and Penelope Fitzgerald: *Offshore*. For more information please contact Cedric Lee - cedric.lee180@gmail.com

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.

Please note that there will be no **midweek Eucharist services** from 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 December—Tuesday 1 January inclusive and no **Morning or Evening Prayer** from Monday 24 December—Tuesday 1 January inclusive.

Pre-school/adult groups

Our pre-school/carer and toddler group

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A services card is available at the back of church

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

Eaglets meets on **Tuesdays 2-4pm**, St John's. The last session of Eaglets before the Christmas break will be Tuesday 18 December.

The **ABC Group** for Adults, Babies and children is now taking a break.

Various

Please pray for all the staff and students of our local schools that visit our churches for their Christmas services: Kings House School; Deer Park School; Old Vicarage School; Falcons School; Vineyard School.

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 - new volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Alex Millbrook for more information and to sign up—alexandramillbrook@gmail.com

Emergency Food Box at St Mary Magdalene—for those in urgent need of food we have a box at the back of church. If you would like to donate food, please feel free to do so. Items should be non-perishable and easily consumed without the need for a tin opener or cooking equipment. Thank you.

Sylvia Browning can **recycle used**

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.