

Please send **notice sheet items** to office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk by **12pm on Tuesday each week**. Our website, www.almondsburychurch.org.uk includes the notice sheet, so all content will be on the internet unless requested otherwise.

DIARY DATES

Please pray for our services and events today and during the week.

Sunday 22nd December 10.00am All Age Nativity

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm Carol Service

Monday 23rd December 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 24th December 2.30pm and at 4.00pm Christingle

Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 25th December 10.00am All age family Service

Sunday 29th December 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 29th December 10.00am All Age Service

Please refer to the website for the most up to date information

Communion

We welcome to receive communion: a) confirmed members of the Church of England (or those intending to be confirmed); b) children who have been formally admitted to communion in this or another church. Visitors who are baptised and regularly receive communion in another Church may also receive. Everyone else is warmly invited forward to receive an individual prayer of blessing. (NB Non-alcoholic wine is available during the All Age Service; join the left queue and indicate to the server.) If you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/or non-alcoholic wine, please let the sidesperson know.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you after a service, for anything concerning you in your life or someone else's, please ask a Minister.

**Any donations towards church coffee / teas would be most welcome. A box is available at the front of the serving hatch.
Thank you.**

Collect for The 4th Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, your great salvation
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

The latest Church Notice Sheet is always available at <https://almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/> usually from the Friday before the Sunday to which it relates.

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Church office opening hours: 9.30am-1.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Church Office Telephone 07776216900

St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



**Sunday 22nd December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent**

**Peace actually
Luke 1:46b-55
(Micah 5:2-5a)**

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

10.00am All Age Nativity
Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam,
Paul van Rossum and Hannah Roberts



**Creating connections with God,
each other and our community.**

Charity of the month

Children's Society

The collections from the Christingles will be sent to the Children's Society.
If you would like to donate directly please go to childrenssociety.org.uk

Christmas Services in December

22nd December– All Age nativity 10.00am

22nd December - Carol Service- 6.30pm

24th December –Christingle-2.30pm and 4.00pm

24th December-Midnight Communion-11.30pm

25th December –Christmas Day- 8.30am CW Communion

25th December-All Age/family service-10.00am

A warm welcome to everyone visiting our Church this Christmas



Thank you to all our 'volunteers'

As I come to the end of the year and look back over all that has taken place at and through the church, I am so aware of the many people in our church family who give their time, energy and resources to the life and ministry of the church: some in upfront roles and others much more in the background. Your commitment and service is so appreciated and I wanted to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you.

And I hope you can join us for drinks at the Vicarage on Thursday 23rd January from 7:30pm.

RSVP to Louise in the office (office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk) by Friday 17th January please.
Please can you title the email **Drinks 23rd January**.
Thank you
Anjali

FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations of food to the Sisters of the Church in St Paul's which **are collected 9.30am** on Tuesday mornings. Please continue to give generously. The donations are much appreciated. The box is by the glass doors as you enter the Church.

To donate to St Mary's please use the BACS system
Account Name: Almondsbury PCC Sort Code: 40-14-20,
Account Number: 21074598 and reference 'Donation'.
Or use the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

QR code for donations to St Mary's Church.
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Please like our Facebook page:
St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

www.almondsburychurch.org.uk

The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood

PCC Prayer request

1:Support for the Lich Gate magazine

2:The Middle East

3: Christmas Services

Online HOME GROUP

All are welcome to the homegroup on Wednesdays at 7.45pm for 8pm: [https://zoom.us/j/9312563357?](https://zoom.us/j/9312563357?pwd=REd3VkVKcUt3U0dKQlNWRWkyTHFaZz09)
[pwd=REd3VkVKcUt3U0dKQlNWRWkyTHFaZz09](https://zoom.us/j/9312563357?pwd=REd3VkVKcUt3U0dKQlNWRWkyTHFaZz09)

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The Church Office will be closed for holiday leave from Tuesday 24th December and will re open on Friday the 3rd January.

Church Office: Telephone 07776216900

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christingle Making



Come along and help us to make up Christingles for the 4pm service. We have a lovely time making them but 'more hands make light work!'. Looking forward to your company. 2pm on the 23 December.
Thank you Pam van Rossum