

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.

Monday 30th December and Monday 6th January 1.15pm Handbells

Practice

Monday 30th December and Monday 6th January 7.30pm Bellringing

Practice

Tuesday 2nd January 7.30pm Finance and Building PCC committee meeting

Wednesday 3rd January 7.45pm Online home group

Sunday 5th January 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 5th January 10.00am All Age Communion

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.

Collect for The First Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity,
Eternal unity of perfect love;
Gather the nations to be one family,
And draw us into your holy life
Through the birth of Emmanuel,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect for the second Sunday of Christmas

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life;
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

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

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Sunday 29th December 2024

**1st Sunday of Christmas
Learning and Growing**

Luke 2:41-52

(Isaiah 49:7-13)

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Led by Paul van Rossum and Lucy Cleland

10.00am All Age Service

Led by Paul van Rossum and Lucy Cleland

Sunday 5th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Why Pray? Lord, teach us to pray

Luke 11:1-4

(Romans 8:25-28)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

10.00am All age Communion

Led by Mike Jenkinson and Anjali Kanagaratnam



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

Charity of the month-January Homebank

Homebank is only one part of Avonmouth Social Hub at St Andrews church.

It includes NE Bristol Foodbank warehouse, carpentry and cookery training units, Citizens advice and cafe outreach. So many lives are being touched and helped in a very direct ways. An army of volunteers and a few paid staff keep it working efficiently. Yet it all began with one students wife, motivated by a heart for the poor, taking an initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this vibrant local charity.

Speak to me if you have household items to donate.

Pam Skelding

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.

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

Thank you.

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

Online HOME GROUP

All are welcome to the homegroup on Wednesdays at 7.45pm for 8pm: <https://zoom.us/j/9312563357?pwd=REd3VkvKcUt3U0dKQlNWRWkyTHFaZz09>
Meeting ID: 938 1727 632 Passcode: 340584

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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St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

www.almondsburychurch.org.uk

The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood

Church Office Opening Hours

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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.

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Happy New Year.

