

Prayer intentions for the week:

The Church: for the Church Mission Society serving asylum seekers in Malta. For church musicians preparing and delivering carol services

The World: *“God of reconciling hope, as you guided your people in the past, guide us through the turmoil of the present time and bring us to that place of flourishing where our unity can be restored, the common good served and all shall be made well.”* (The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark)

The Local Community: for the homes and families of Riversmead, Barnes Close, Harland Road, Lime Grove, Beech Grove, Hatley Close and Barringer Way
Please pray for the parishioners of St John the Baptist, Royston badly damaged in an arson attack.

Those recently christened including Niamh Billingsley and all whose baptism anniversaries occur this week

Those who are ill: including Ken Anderson, Simon Minney, Angela White, Sarah Goard, Marion Hunter, Nell Marshall, Win Jamieson, Duncan Royce, Margaret Wilson and Adrian Brand

Those who have died: all who have recently died including Lyn Dougill, Peter Ellis, Sheila Barnett and Muriel Bull and those whose year’s mind fall at this time including Doris Humphries, Joyce Hale, Beatrice Lake, Edith Racher, Dorothy King, David Mathews, David Christie, George Crook and Ivy Racher

The SNPC Christmas Card Tree Rather than sending lots of individual cards it has been the custom in St Mary’s to hang one card for everyone in the church family on this special tree and make a donation to charity. This year monies will go to The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal - Blessed are the Peacemakers, supporting children’s centres in the Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon.

Christmas Flowers Thank you for all the donations for Christmas flowers. If you would still like to contribute please give your gift to either Sylvia or Rosemary.

St Mary’s Primary Academy Christmas Specials – All welcome

Monday 17th - 1.30pm Carols in the Hall

Tuesday 18th - 9.30am - Christingle Service in Church

Helpers invited for the busy Christmas Services – please add to the sign up sheet at the cross aisle if you are able.

St Neots Parish Church

3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December

- 8.00 Holy Communion
- 10.00 Sung Eucharist
Hymns: 24, 29, 28, 235 and 35
- 4.00 Christingle Service

The week ahead:

Morning Prayer will be at 8.30 Tuesday and Friday, and 8.15 Wednesday

- Tues 9.30 St Mary’s Primary Academy Christingle in church
- Tues 11.30 Thanksgiving Service for Peter Ellis
- Tues 13.45 Carol Service at Bethany Francis House
- Tues 2.00 Carol Service at Aisling Lodge
- Wed 10.00 The Diamond Trust Carol Service in church
- Wed 12.30 Holy Communion
- Fri 9.30 Holy Communion
- Fri 10.00 Funeral Service for Muriel Bull at Bedford Crematorium
- Fri 1.30 Thanksgiving Service for Muriel Bull in church
- Fri 1.15 Vigil for Peace outside the Church
- Fri 6.00 Christmas “Friday Food” in the church rooms
- Fri 7.30 Choir and Bell ringing practices
- Sat 10.00 Peal Attempt

4th Sunday of Advent 23rd December

- 8.00 Holy Communion
- 10.00 Sung Eucharist
- 6.00 Service of Lessons and Carols by candlelight

Christmas Services

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| Sunday, December 23 rd | 6.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols by candlelight |
| Christmas Eve | 5.00pm Family Carols by Candlelight |
| | 11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity |
| Christmas Day | 8.00 Holy Communion |
| | 10.00 Family Eucharist on Christmas Morning |
| Sunday, January 6 th | 8.00 Holy Communion |
| Feast of the Epiphany | 10.00 All Age Eucharist |