

Upcoming dates for your diary (details below)

Bellringing Practice	Fridays at 7.30pm
Family Time Together	Sun 11 th Jan at 3pm
Coffee & Cake concert	Sat 17 th Jan 10.15 for 11am
Ladies Group	Mon 19 th Jan 2pm

Coffee & Cake concert on 17th Jan:

For our first concert of 2016 we are delighted to welcome **Eleanor Gracie, a classically trained mezzo soprano** who is admired for clear & expressive singing underpinned by her refined musicianship.

Her varied programme includes music by *Scarlatti, Handel, Vaughan Williams, Madeleine Dring and Rodgers & Hammerstein*.

This is a fantastic opportunity that is not to be missed.

Bellringing for Beginners: Looking for a New Year's resolution? Look no further: come and learn to ring bells at St Mary's church, starting from Friday 9th January at 7.30pm. Anyone aged 10 or older and can climb the 40 steps to the ringing chamber is welcome. For more information contact bellringing@stmaryschartham.org

Youth Emmaus Group for 10-12 year olds: We are planning to meet fortnightly on Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.15pm from 14th January at the Rectory CT4 7JW. We will be exploring 'What Christians believe' and 'How Christians grow'. If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed next year, or have already been confirmed and would like to find out more about the Christian life, then come and help us to start a new youth group together at St Mary's.

Please contact Rev Andrew (vicar@stmaryschartham.org) or Bronny Slowe if you are interested or would like to know more about this.

Church clock

You may have noticed that our trusty church clock has been out of action recently. We have had visits from the clock repairers who have found that some parts are worn out and replacements are having to be made. We hope that these will be installed early in the new year.

Online giving: If you don't already do so, you can donate to the work of St Mary's Church through our online Parish Giving page using this QR code: Thank you for helping St Mary's to continue to serve the community of Chartham.



For more information about our church and its work please visit www.stmaryschartham.org

Collects and readings

4th Jan, Family Praise

The Epiphany

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son
to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Matthew 22:1-12

11th Jan, 10am Holy Communion

Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us,
who are born again by water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3: 13-end

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