



St Mary's Church

**Wishes you a
Joyful Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year**

**Come and see
Come and worship**

You may be interested in the following:

Mondays *term-time* 10:30 am **Myrtle Café**

A community café with a warm welcome for all

Tuesdays *term-time* 9:45 am **Meeting Point**

Where pre-school children and parents/carers can meet – no need to book

Tuesdays *once a month* **Lunch Club**

A social lunch for those who are retired – please contact the church office

Wednesdays 9:15 am **Morning Prayer**

An opportunity to pray and read the Bible with others

Wednesdays **Barnabas Group**

A group for those who have been bereaved - please contact the church office

Wednesdays *term time* 6:15 pm **Boys Brigade and Girls Association**

*A uniformed organisation for Primary aged children
e: 1newbury@boys-brigade.org.uk*

*St Mary's Christmas flowers will be on display
in the church from Sunday 7th December.
Do come and enjoy this creative reflection on Christmas.*

We are here



Dear Friends

Jesus told a story, he said: A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

Not just a story, but a parable – told to help us see ourselves. Jesus went on to explain: the seed is the Word of God and the ground is the people who hear it in different ways.

The Word of God is Good News for all people, and that Good News is why we celebrate Christmas – the time that the Son of God was born in a stable. His birth was the beginning of a journey from the stable to the cross; a journey that brought him into contact with people who were important and unimportant, people who were rich and poor; people who had faith and had none. And he taught them to pray and showed them the heart of God.

If you'd like to know more, do come and see, come to worship, come to talk with us. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to hear about God's love for the world he created.

We look forward to meeting you,

Raymond & Ed
Rector & Curate

*The image on the front of this card is from one of
the stain-glass windows in the church.
You are welcome to come and see.*

You are invited come and celebrate Christmas with us...

Sunday 7th Dec 3:45 pm *walk of light, before...*

4:00 pm **Christingle**

The Good News of Jesus told using an orange, a candle, a red ribbon, and some sweets

Tuesday 16th Dec 2:30 pm **Daytime Carol Service**

Sunday 21st Dec 5:00 pm **Carol Service**

Wednesday 24th Dec 4:00 pm **Nativity Service**

The Christmas Story for children – you are welcome to dress as a Shepherd or an Angel

Wednesday 24th Dec 11:15 pm **Midnight Holy Communion**

Thursday 25th Dec 10:00 am **Christmas Day Family Communion**

... and every week

Sundays 10:00 am **Sunday Worship**

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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