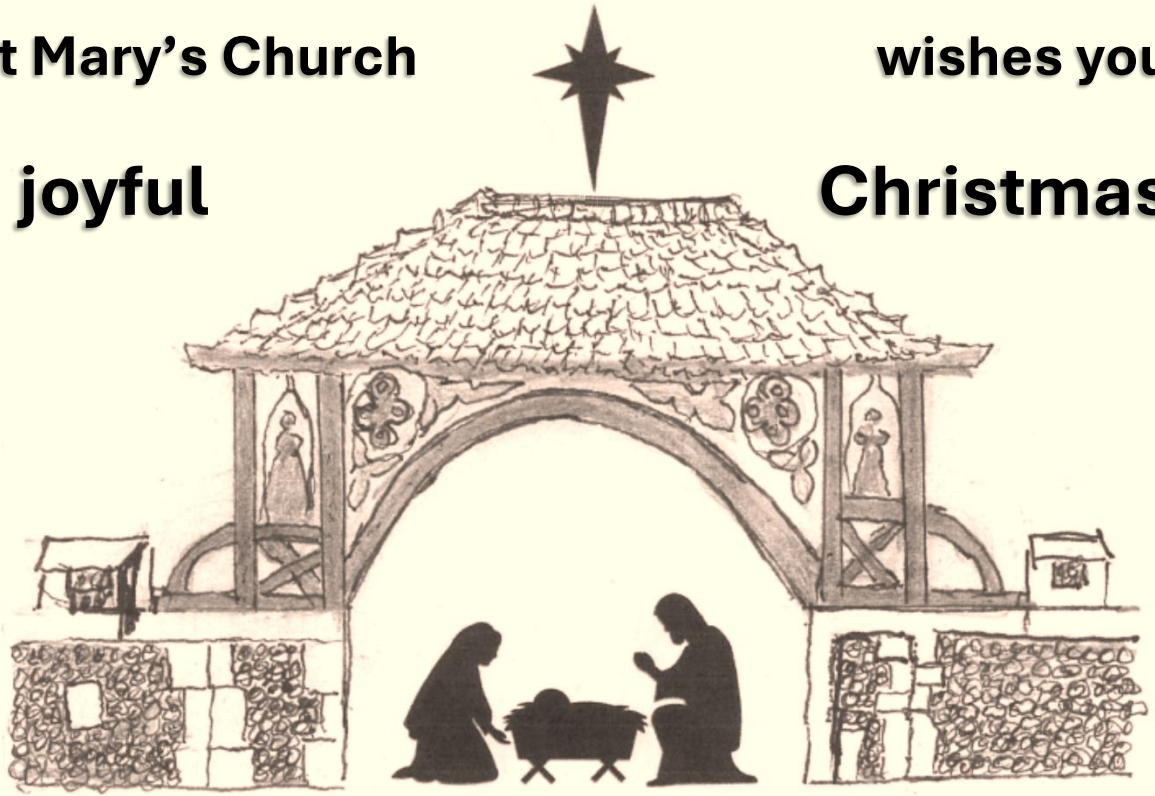
St Mary's Church **wishes you**

a joyful **Christmas**



For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son

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 6th December. Do come and enjoy this creative reflection on Christmas.

We are here



Dear Friends

What do you do when someone says “I love you”? The easy response is to repeat the words back: “I love you, too”. Or you could give Han Solo’s reply to Princess Leia: “I know”. Or, if it’s someone you don’t love, you could just ignore it, or give a thoughtful heartless put-down.

The message of Christmas is God saying “I love you” to the human race – to us, to you. And what is our response? For many, gratefulness for the holiday, the parties, and the family gathering is a gratefulness addressed to no-one in particular; for others the very idea of God speaking is meaningless because we’ve pushed Him so far away. But what if you could hear those words, addressed to you, from God: “I love you.” What if you dared to believe that it’s true? That God’s love is real, is a love that gives – and is set on you?

But how will you respond? Will you love God too? Or will you dismiss him cruelly or just ignore? But that simple acknowledgement of “I know” opens a door to knowing and being known by a loving Heavenly Father. It might be just what you need.

God’s love is shown to us in creation, through the way nature sustains us, and in the baby born 2000 years ago, who is named Jesus, and is the Son 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 welcoming you,

Raymond
Rector, St Mary’s Church

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

Sunday	6th Dec	3:45 pm	*walk of light, before...*
		4:00 pm	**Christingle**

The Love of God in Jesus Christ told using an orange, a candle, a red ribbon, and some sweets

Tuesday	15th Dec	2:30 pm	**Daytime Carol Service**
Sunday	20th Dec	5:00 pm	**Carol Service**
Thursday	24th Dec	4:00 pm	**Nativity Service**

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

Thursday	24th Dec	11:15 pm	**Midnight Holy Communion**
Friday	25th Dec	10:00 am	**Christmas Day Family Communion**

... and every week

Sundays	10:00 am	**Sunday Worship**

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday

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