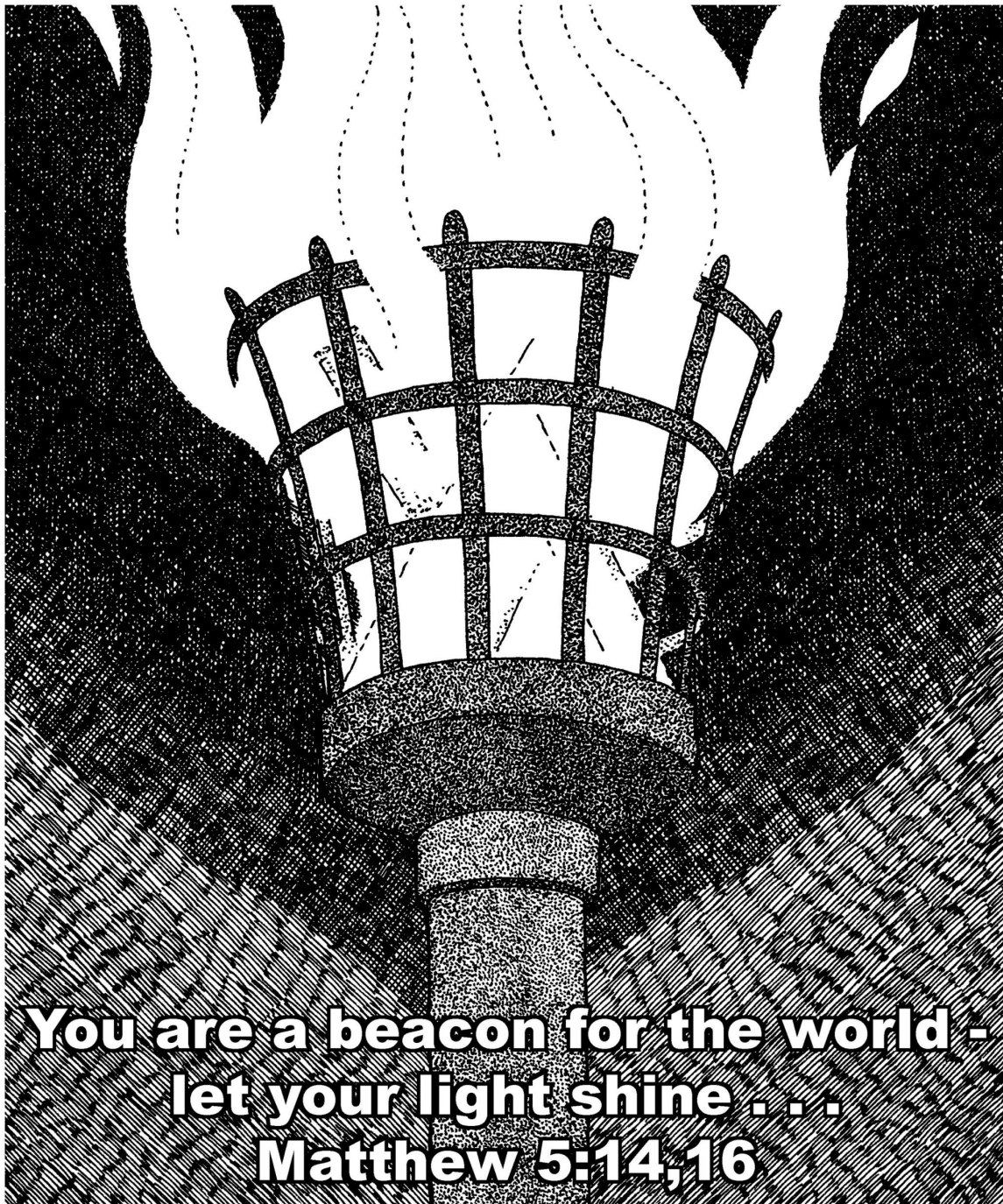


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NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

See Calendar page opposite for details.

8.00 am—Holy Communion - Common Worship
Traditional Language (said)

10.00 am— Holy Communion - Common Worship
Contemporary Language

YOUNG CHURCH AND CRECHE:

10.00 am in the Church Hall

Leader: Mrs S Horth 01753 551511

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Entrance to the Church Hall: /**packet.hook.shunts**

ORGANISATIONS

**Due to Covid-19 there are restrictions on use of
the Church Hall some organizations are not
meeting at the present time. Please contact the
organisers for details**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets for a meal and discussion
on the last Thursday in each month.

Contact Paul Horth—paulhorth@virginmedia.com

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Mondays 2p.m. to 4 p.m.

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CALENDAR NOVEMBER

Although restrictions have been eased we ask that you continue to wear masks, adopt social distancing and use the hand sanitiser as you enter the buildings. Tea and coffee are now served after the 10 am service in the church hall You can sign up for the Mailchimp on our website www.stmaryswexham.co.uk and then you will get notifications of the services and details of any alterations to our programme

7th November Trinity 23

8.00 am Holy Communion service in Church
10.00 am Holy Communion service in Church
10.00 am Young Church in Church Hall
4.00 pm Climate Change Service— a time to pray

21st November Christ the King



8.00 am Holy Comunion Service in Church
10.00 am Holy Communion service in Church

11th November

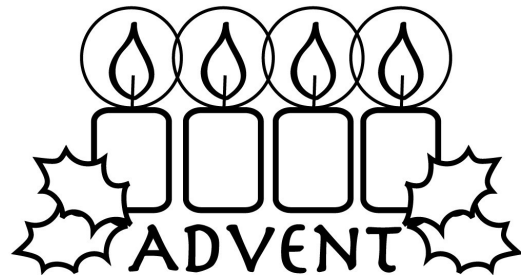
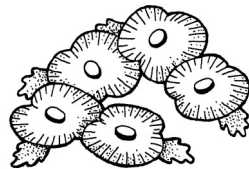
11.00 am Remembrance Services at The Pines and Oak House for residents



14th November Trinity 24

8.00 pm Holy Communion service in Church
10.00 am Young Church
10.00 am Remembrance Service in Church

10.50 am Act of Remembrance at Harvey Memorial Hall George Green.



28th November The First Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion Service in Church
10.00 am Holy Communion service in Church



DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER / JANUARY PARISH MAGAZINE:

Material for December/ January Parish Magazine must be with the Editorial Team by 17th November . Magazines will be available from Sunday, 28th November

Rector's Rambles



How are you, really?

This is a question you might have seen in the poster we prepared (with Iver parish) for our Wellbeing Coffee Mornings. “How are you, really?”

We’ve now had two of these coffee mornings and they have been extremely enjoyable and it’s been good to meet people who come to help and people who have come for the first time.

I used this as the heading for my ramble because as I write this I’m preparing a sermon based on 2 Timothy chapters 3 and 4. In this letter, for the only time, St Paul sounds tired and demoralised. He asks his younger colleague Timothy to “Do your best to come to me before winter.” This was possibly because in the 1st Century, winter travel was far more arduous than at other times, it could also be that Paul didn’t want to face winter without seeing Timothy.

The onset of winter can be quite demoralising, can’t it? Quite apart from the weather, there are the fluctuating (and rising) covid numbers. At the end of a tough year, many of us might feel our reserves of strength, of patience, of caring, are severely depleted. And yet there is little sign of the pressure abating.

Don’t try to work through this on your own. Look beyond yourself for support to boost yourself.

Reach out to other people. I am quite sure that in boosting yourself by reaching out, you provide a boost to those with whom you interact. I for one have always been uplifted when I’ve come away from a meeting with someone else.

Reach out to God. While I quoted a tired and demoralised St Paul earlier, his faith was not compromised. This was the same man who wrote (in the same letter) “I know the one in whom I have put my trust”. In the last months of his life, in the face of execution, Paul did not deny his weariness, but he did not lose his trust in God.

We are in this life and in the church as individuals, but not alone. Along with others, fight the good fight, run the race, keep the faith.

Andrew

Puzzle from David MacIsaac



ANSWER TO OCTOBER PUZZLE

1. Return to Sender
2. You Ain't nothing but a Hound Dog
3. Are You Lonesome Tonight?
4. Jail House Rock
5. Love Me Tender
6. Blue Hawaii
7. Wooden Heart
8. Blue Moon of Kentucky
9. Loving You
10. Flaming Star
11. Heartbreak Hotel
12. It's Now Or Never



NOVEMBER RIDDLES

1. I can be crushed but only if given away first. I can be clogged and attacked by my own doing .I can be broken but you will never let me go. What am I?
2. I have a home and in a big place. I have keys but no locks. I get mail but I have no letter box. What Am I?
3. What is the only 5 letter word in the English Dictionary that can be made larger by adding an r?
4. Mary has one set of twin children, both identical, but they have different birthdays. How can that be?
5. What has a bed but no sheets . It can run but can't walk. What is it?



7th November



This Sunday we will hear about Jesus calling his Disciples to follow him. We will play a Big fish game and make a boat mobile craft.

14th November.

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who gave their lives for us during the war. We will meet in the hall to do some Poppy crafts and some painting stones. We will then join the Church congregation outside the Church for the two minute silence at 11am.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

21st November

There will be no Young Church this Sunday.

28th November

This Sunday is Advent Sunday when we start to prepare for the coming of baby Jesus and Christmas. We will make Individual Advent calendars and bake some star biscuits.



Sandra Horth



You are very welcome to
join us for our Church for All Café Style
Christingle Service
10:00 5th December
in the Church Hall.

Make your own Christingle!

This is when we raise money for The Children's Society who do such wonderful work with children and young people. They believe that every young person deserves a good childhood. That's why we want to support them in their fight for the hope and happiness of young people when it's threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect.

They see the hope and courage in young people every day, and it inspires them to support those young people through their most serious life challenges. Now they are stepping up the fight for hope at a time when it's under threat like never before.

Their goal and vision are built around the hopes of young people, to achieve long-lasting change for this generation and the ones to come.

Mark's Gospel Chapter 10 verses 13 to 16

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. "

“There is a time for everything....” – is this the time for change?

The world and local discussions about Climate Change always come round to how we must change. Yes, we need world governments to make sensible laws, to help those poorer than themselves achieve the same aims, to have the foresight to plan ahead using the most reliable scientific and technical knowledge – but each small thing *we do* makes a difference. Some of us in St Mary’s have been sharing stories of what we have done to change in the past five or so years. I’d like to share some of them with you. Of course you can always contact the editors with your own ideas and stories – we’d love to hear from you! Here goes!

Save Water!



The Dishwasher

Several people are using the dishwasher less often. I always find it interesting that more water is saved by using a dishwasher than by washing up in a bowl. I suppose with both systems it depends on how often you wash up. I do washing up the old fashioned way and have to use my willpower to stop myself washing up after every meal!

The Shower

We shared lots of stories of how younger people shower more often and for a longer period. Perhaps we were just making ourselves feel good! But it is true that limiting the length of time you shower is a good idea. I reckon on 4 minutes and just a little while longer to wash my hair. It is also a very good idea to shower instead of having a bath. Watching all that water going down the plug hole is a reminder of how much can be wasted. Has anyone used the bath water to water their garden?



How much water do you think it takes to make one loo roll?

The Garden



Water butts in the garden are an excellent idea – and rain water is much better for the plants too.

One of the changes people had made was to start using peat free compost. At first this compost was very strange to use – dry and lumpy. But with time it has improved and some people are finding it very good to use – for the plants and for climate change! The image is of one of the bags in mid use.

Energy

A lot of people said they had grown more particular about turning the lights off and being careful with the heating. All of us used energy saving bulbs – again these seem to have improved with time. Heating our homes is a huge issue – especially with the increase in the price of gas. It is likely that change will be thrust upon us when it comes to changing our gas boilers. We had all become more aware about insulating our lofts and, where possible, having cavity wall insulation. Of course, fleecy blankets and hot water bottles do wonders!

Energy – our energy

Most people were walking more than they used to but no one said they were riding a bike! One of our regular congregation members always comes on a bike, however. We are all noticing more and more people buying electric cars – I wonder who will be the first to buy an electric car in St Mary's?

Food



A few people were eating far less meat. We hear a lot that this is good for your health and for the planet.

Admirably, some people were growing their own food! How wonderful! The taste is so good when foods are home grown. We have even had people bringing their surplus produce to church to share out!

Of course, all of us are recycling more and more, using charity shops to buy and to donate to, wearing clothes for longer without washing them and much more..... how about sharing your experiences?

Chris Collinge

If you'd like to share your stories of changes you have made in everyday life to help combat climate change contact Chris or Jill and let us know.

Things to Do in November

Friends of St Mary's hosts
Bingo every Monday evening.
in the Church Hall 7.30 for
8pm prompt start



SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 10.30 TO 12 WELL-BEING COFFEE MORNING.



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months in lockdown.

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Contact: 07823442406 - Wendya555@yahoo.co.uk

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER from 2pm—3.30pm

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UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021

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The United Nations Climate Change Conference - in other words COP 26. COP 26 is what we have all got used to calling this great meeting of minds but what a strange acronym it is. When I first heard it I thought it was something to do with an American crime drama. I just could not make it fit Climate Change Conference. I then googled it and discovered it stands for *Conference of Parties*. Even more mysterious! The parties are the people who signed a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) way back in 1994. It is called COP 26 because this is the 26th summit meeting the Conference of Parties has held. Imagine that – they have been talking about climate change for this long and yet the world is still in big trouble.

The other surprising thing I learnt when I googled COP 26 was that the hosting of this year's conference is being shared between the United Kingdom and Italy. I had simply not realised this. By the time you are reading your church magazine the COP 26 meeting will have started and may even be over – I wonder if Italy will have been given some credit for the meeting by then?

This is a huge event for Glasgow to be hosting. By far the biggest international meeting held in the UK. I hope it will be as successful and significant as the COP 21 meeting held in Paris in 2015. This was when the world really began to understand the significance of climate change and agreed to limit the rise in temperatures to under 2 degrees C.

As we know, there is some doubt that this is enough or that it will be achieved. I hope and pray that at Cop 26 urgent action will be taken, help given to all nations to enable them to contribute to the action and words will be kept.

Whatever happens COP 26 will bring change for us all.

Christmas Gifts for SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern)



Last year, St Mary's congregation collected items and put them in wrapped boxes and gift bags to give to SHOC, so that the homeless people had a gift at Christmas. We were delighted to be able to give 43 gifts.

This year, with your help, I'd like St Mary's to do it again. Last year we were all struggling with the lockdown; this year, the situation has changed again and we can now see our loved ones and invite them into our warm, safe homes. Not everyone is so lucky.

Can you donate some items so that we, St Mary's, can give a little pleasure to someone that has very little? We're asking for the following items to make up the gifts:



Socks,
gloves,
toothpaste,
toothbrushes,
soap,
sweets
small boxes of biscuits,
hand sanitiser,
lip balm.

We'd also like shoe boxes that have been covered in Christmas paper, Christmas gift or Christmas shopping bags.

If you'd like to donate some goods, we'll be collecting on Sundays 5th and 12th December in a plastic box in the church porch.

If you'd like to donate some money so that someone can purchase items for you or have the donated items collected from you, contact me on 01753 822695 or email yvettehickman@googlemail.com.

Yvette Hickman

Treasurer's Corner.

The results of the third quarter ended 30th September 2021 showed that income was some £2800 up on the previous quarter, mainly due to fund raising of £1,800 from the Community Fayre, where many people from all sections of the community enjoyed a rainy, sunny afternoon.

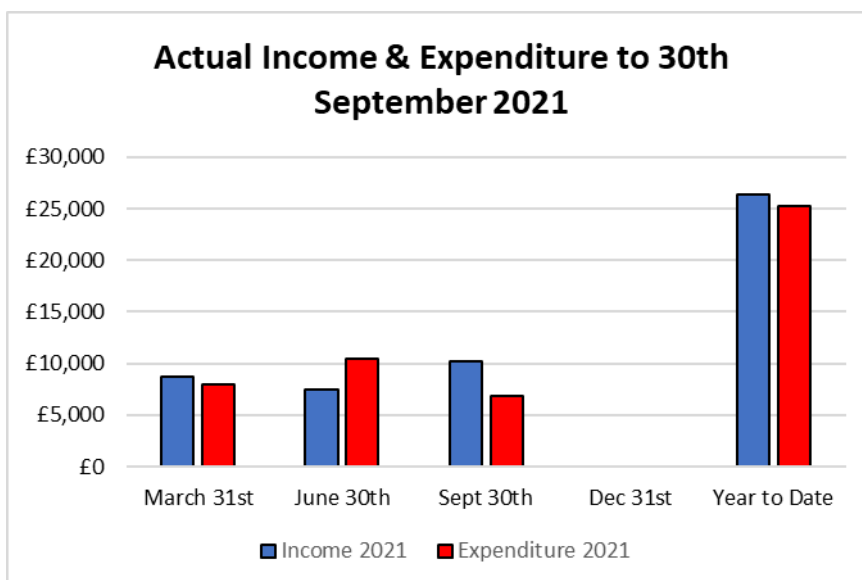


Also the church received a donation of £1,000 during the following month.

Expenditure during the quarter was considerably down due to much reduced activity. The previous quarter had the Insurance Premiums paid for both Church and Hall (£2,400). The Church continued to control many areas of expenditure where possible.

Brian Edwards

Month	March 31st	June 30th	Sept 30th	Dec 31st	Year to Date
Income 2021	£8,764	£7,442	£10,203	£0	£26,409
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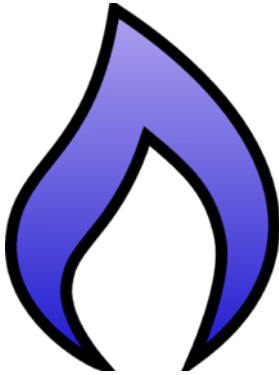
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