Notices for the Sundays of 22nd & 29th Nov 2026 **St Mary's Chartham**

Upcoming dates for your diary

Bible study group & soup lunch *(info from Gerry Willis)*	Wed 25th Nov	12pm
Deanery Synod meeting *(at St Mary's Chilham)*	Thurs 26th Nov	7pm
St Mary's Christmas Market	Sat 28th Nov	10am - 2pm
Youth Group Pizza & board games	Sun 29th Nov	5 – 6.30pm
Christingle Family Praise	Sun 6th Dec	10am
Church Pantomime – *"A-Lad-In A Manger"*	Sat/Sun 12th/13th Dec	3pm

The Christmas market is on **Saturday 28th November**. It isn't too late to make donations for the following stalls:

- *Nearly new children's toy and books* - please bring to the church in the next two weeks.
- *Costume jewellery stall - brooches, bracelets, necklaces, rings - please give any donations to* ***Diana Withers***.
- *Bottle tombola - please give donations to* ***Steve Dungay***
- *Cake stall - please bring any donations and put them in the church kitchen on Friday 27th or Saturday 28th.*

Cathy Arnold is heading up the refreshments team: *'Offers of cakes and mince pies for the Christmas Market refreshments will be very welcome, as well as offers to help on the day.'* **Please contact Cathy** or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

For any queries or offers of help for the Christmas Market please **contact Laura Gilbert.**

The Deanery Synod: Thurs 26th November at 7pm at St. Mary's Chilham
This is an open meeting, so anyone can come along to it, and **everybody is invited** to attend. **Neville Emslie, Director of Mission & Ministry**, will speak on **The Theology of Safeguarding** and this will be the last time we will get to see him as he retires at Christmas.

Pantomime update: "A-Lad-In A Manger"

If you would like to help, there are still a few small items needed as props for our Christmas panto - they can be bought from our Amazon wishlist. When an item is bought from the list, it will be sent to Louisa and automatically removed from the list so we don't get duplicates. Alternatively, we are **happy to take donations** to help us cover the cost of staging the show. To access the wishlist use the QRC, or follow this link:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FD4K00KN1IZ0?ref_=wl_share

And don't forget: it's time to get your tickets for A-Lad-in a Manger performed by St Mary's church in association with GAPS and with support from the Village Hall Committee. **Tickets selling fast** – there are now only a few available for Saturday, so make sure you don't miss out. **Book your tickets** by following this QR code.
Thank you. **Louisa Waters**

Afghan Welcome update

Five members from our church will be helping a **refugee Afghan family** to settle in Canterbury.

At a time when our world can feel deeply divided, we have an opportunity to offer welcome, hope and practical support. After experiencing years of war and persecution, the family of 8, who are currently staying in a hotel near to a UK airport, will arrive in Canterbury in December ready to rebuild their lives in safety.

We are **raising funds for the practical things they will need**, from basic household essentials (towels, cutlery, knives and kitchen equipment) to toys that will help the children, aged 2 upwards, to feel at home.

Your generosity will be part of a shared act of welcome, **helping this family begin a new chapter surrounded by kindness and community**. We're hoping to raise £500. Can you help, please? Here is the link and QR code to our crowdfunding link: https://chuffed.org/project/211742-afghan-resettlement

Please contact Jane, Cathy or Colin or email David Chadwick (d.w.chadwick@truetrust.co.uk) for more information on how you can help.

Thank you. **David Chadwick**

Collects and readings

Sun 22nd Nov: Morning Service

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 & Matt 25:31-40

Sun 29th Nov: Holy Communion

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility; that, on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1 Cor 1:3-9 & Mark 13:24-37

Sun 6th Dec: TBA

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