

22 November 2020:
Christ The King
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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Instead of mass on Thursday, or even a Thursday Thought, we're going to try a **Zoom coffee morning!** From 10am until 11am (at the latest) on a Thursday. Brew yourself some coffee, bake a cake if you're feeling adventurous and join us for a chat. To get the Meeting ID and Password you will need to e mail one of the clergy.

Sadly **Food Banks** seem to be even busier during these uncertain days, so we are still collecting donations for the diocese's **Family Support Work** scheme. They say that what they need at the moment is "Christmas specific food items" (such as sharing boxes of chocolates or biscuits; family packs of crisps or snacks; Christmas puddings; stuffing; gravy; cranberry and bread sauce). There is a box in the Vicarage porch for donations. Thank you.

I've had a "**thank you for The Harvest collection**" from Littlehampton & District Food Bank - St Mary's donated 81kg of materials - enough to help 8 extra people over the coming months. The other half of the collection went to Turning Tides in Worthing.

Having recently moved house Sue Baldock finds herself with a black 4 drawer lockable **filing cabinet** (with key!) she no longer needs. Free to a good home. Delivery could be arranged... Contact Fr Andrew in the first instance.

The finance team are looking for another **volunteer to count and bank the weekly collection** when we get back to worshipping in church. If this could be you, have a quick word with Peter Lewis. Many hands make light work!

Mary Jeavons writes: I will be putting in an order for the Bible Reading Fellowship's *New Daylight* and *Guidelines* books for 2021. Each cover 4 months: the *New Daylight* uses a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds. *Guidelines* intends to enable readers to interpret and apply the biblical text with confidence in today's world. The cost of these books, which ever one you choose, is an annual fee of £14.10. Over the course of the year, you will receive 3 books. If you are interested in either of these books, please let me know so I can add to my order, which goes out January 2021.

Jack Collett writes: On behalf of Mavis, as in previous years, I'm collecting names and donations of £5 for Education West Africa. Your names will be on Facebook and the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to your friends. You can drop your £5 with your name in at 11 Hazelmead Drive E/P. Thanks!

If you want **FoSM Christmas Cards**, you can request them by phone (01903 412961), or e mail (friendsofstmarysEP@gmail.com). £5 per pack of 10.

The Social Committee have an exciting **Christmas Hamper** and the draw will take place on the 20th December. Tickets from the 6th Dec via Pauline McLelland 412961

St Mary's is now registered with **AmazonSmile** - so if you ever do shopping with Amazon make sure it's with AmazonSmile! Under *Accounts & Lists* select the charity you want to support (you may have to type in East Preston as the area), and select us (our long-winded title is: "*The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin East Preston with Kingston*") and then for every purchase you make with AmazonSmile 0.5% goes to St Mary's. [NB AmazonSmile is the charitable arm of Amazon - this scheme doesn't work unless you use AmazonSmile each time you shop (but it is exactly the same as Amazon in all other respects!)] The link is: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Friends of St Mary's are now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmarysep/>

NSPCC news! In these COVID times we have to do things a little differently, and **Jennie's Christmas Coffee Morning** is adapting. We are hoping supporters will donate the amount they might have spent, had the coffee morning taken place. Names will be put into a hat and ten lucky names drawn on 27 November. More details from Jennie on 859 572 (preferably afternoons please).

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; Anne Langley; Brenda Jones; June Kirkham; Mavis Cooke; Brian Cooke; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; John Quigley; Sue Douglas; Kayley; Peter; Josh; Mikey, Mary.

We remember those who've died recently: and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Emily Buckle; Ted & Pat Gould; Thomas Norrell; Joan Phillips; Sister Eleanor & Mother Dorothea of the Cross; Mabel Lightfoot; Celie Rowley; Robert McAlpine; Ronald Collier; Anthony Timms; Bridget Brittin; Eric Kemp.

Next Sunday's readings (29 November: Advent Sunday): Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37.

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