

# Welcome to St Mary's, Westham



Sunday December 10th 2023

## Services:

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Holy Communion

Welcome to all, yet an extra special welcome if this is your first time with us. Do 'like' our Facebook page—it's a good way of keeping in contact. Refreshments are served following our 9.45am service.

## Information & Future Dates

- A huge thank you again to all who contributed to our Festival of Trees. Same time next year? Theme will be gifts.
- Next '**Praying for Growth**' is January 16th in church, 7.30pm for around 45 minutes.
- Good news! Our banking issue has now been sorted (thank you Joy!) and our account is now with CAF. Thank you for your weekly **financial gifts** for the work of this church. 9.45am-ers, please place it in the bowl near the welcome table before or after the service, 'gift aiding' if you can. There is also a card-reader on the Welcome Table.
- **Readings** for today's 8am: Isaiah 40.1–11 and Mark 1.1–8.
- **Foodbank**—thank you for continued donations. You may be interested to know the current needs: coffee, rice, lady's deodorant, shaving foam, washing detergents, meat pies, noodles, tinned sweetcorn, tinned potatoes, packet mash potato.
- Could you be a **Sides-Person**? That's church language for a welcomer—its such an important role in church life and more are needed!
- The South Downs Flute Choir are holding an evening of seasonal and festive music with refreshments here in Church on Saturday 16th December, 4.30pm to 6pm, tickets £5. Speak to Christina Clay for more info.
- A message from Jane Barty, donations towards our Christmas flowers are welcome—please speak to her if you would like to help with this.
- We had a really good time in 'serenading' children and parents with carols on the school run the other Thursday. So much so, we thought we'd do it again on the final day of term, 15th December, singing at 3pm for just 20 minutes. Do come and join our pop-up choir!

## Christmas Services at St Mary's



### Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm

### Christingle Service (very family friendly)

Christmas Eve, 4pm

### Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

### Christmas Worship for all the Family,


Christmas Day, 10am

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