



THE PARISH OF MALDON ST. MARY WITH MUNDON

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- Sunday 15th December: 10am Parish Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent, Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Andrew, Gloria: Thorne Psalm: 146, Mass: McMillan, Anthem: Adam Lay Y Bounden, Organist: Alex Boyle, Hymns: NEH: 484, 345, The Lord's my Shepherd, Shine Jesus Shine
- Monday 16th December: 9:30am-12 noon Harbour Coffee Morning, 6-7pm Yoga in Octagon
- Tuesday 17th December: 10am Mass, **12:30pm to 2pm Advent Conversation with Soup Lunch in the Octagon.** 6:30pm - 8:30pm Craft Group in Octagon
- Wednesday 18th December: Choir Practice: 6 - 7pm Juniors, 7:15pm - 8:30pm Seniors
Compline @ 9 on Zoom Login: ID: 865 1236 2519 Passcode: 945504
- Friday 19th December: 9:30am Church cleaning
- Saturday 21st December: 6:00pm Service Nine Lesson and Carol
- Sunday 22nd December: 10am Parish Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE! the old introit for the Mass today, Philippians 4:4-7, begins 'Rejoice [in Latin, Gaudete] in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.' The rose-coloured vestments and Advent Candle denote a slight, temporary easing of the rigours of the penitential season on this *Gaudete Sunday*. *Keep watching and waiting, the Lord comes, the infant cries, a people redeemed and sing O come, O Come Emmanuel.*

ADVENT CONVERSATION: On Tuesdays in Advent, from 12:30pm to 2pm we will be meeting in the Octagon for an informal conversation on the 'Songs in the Book of Luke'. Come along, join in the melody that announce the arrival of the Saviour of the World. Soup lunch available from 12:30pm.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS ON SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER, TIME 6PM: Come along, bring friends and family, sing favourite carols and enjoy St Mary's Singers led by James Housego.

A BIG thank you to all who worked hard to ensure we had a joyful evening singing carols at St Mary's Church, Mundon. It was a successful event and well attended by many from near and far.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE WELCOME. Envelopes are available at the back of church, thank you. Our Christmas tree is now in situ. Speak to Sheila and June if you would like to help decorate it later in the month, and be involved with polishing and cleaning in preparation for Christmas

FOLLOW THE STAR: CALM AND BRIGHT - CHURCH OF ENGLAND REFLECTION BOOKLETS FOR £1 2024 Advent and Christmas theme is "*Follow the Star*", there are 12 moving reflections for the 12 days of Christmas drawing on the world-famous carol, Silent Night. Buy one and give one to a friend!

THE FOOD BANK LOCATED AT THE ELIM CHURCH, Wantz Road Maldon - Please add 'Gifts for the Food Bank' to your Christmas shopping list and bring your contributions *by Sunday 15th December to be delivered in time for less fortunate families to have a very Happy Christmas. With thanks from all the volunteers at Elim Church.*

Weekly Bulletin items to anthony-aldridge@sky.com or: junedavies1@hotmail.com by Tuesday-Thank you.
St Mary's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. Here we try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful worship and take seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this inclusive community of health and healing.