



The Parish of Maldon St. Mary with Mundon

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Priest in Charge: Fr. John Dickens 858136.
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Churchwardens: Sally Swift 859955 (*also Treasurer*), Dawn Mundy 854065,
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**2nd December:
Advent Sunday** **10 a.m. Parish Mass**, Celebrant: Fr John, Preacher: Fr Robert.
Hymns: L93, 85, 101,107. *Mass setting:* Macmillan, Mass of St Anne, *Anthem:*
Warlock, Adam lay - y - bounden, **6 p.m. Advent Carol Service.**

Monday 3rd: 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Harbour Meeting Point.

Tuesday 4th: **10 a.m. Mass.**

Wednesday 5th: 8.30 p.m. Morning Prayer, 2 p.m. Mothers' Union tea at White Elms Garden Centre,
5.30 p.m. Junior Choir, 7.30 p.m. Senior Choir.

Thursday 6th: 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Eucharist at All Saints', 7.30 p.m. Presentation by
Tim Leeson (see below)

Saturday 8th : 11.30 a.m. Burial of ashes in churchyard, **7p.m. Messiah.**

**Next Sunday:
Advent 2** **10 a.m. Parish Mass**, 4 p.m. Evensong at All Saints' church.

This morning: We are delighted that our new Junior Choir is with us this morning. They will be singing the anthem. Our Mass is slightly different this morning. Instead of a formal sermon we will be explaining the elements of the service as we go through it for the benefit of those in the junior choir and others.

This evening: We have our Advent Carol Service. This is one of the liturgical/musical highlights of the year.

Lantern: The December Edition is on sale today for 50p. You will find details of the Christmas services inside.

Parish Christmas Cards: These are now available for distribution. Please take a bundle and tick off the roads you are delivering to. This is a very important part of our mission activity so do please try to help with this.

Confirmation: We hope to be starting a class in the New Year. If you are interested please talk to Fr John.

Messiah: This is being performed here on Saturday 8th December at 7 p.m. See posters and leaflets for details.

Christian Aid: There will be a box in church on 2nd, 9th and 16th December for the Christmas appeal. £9 will provide school bags and books for a child in Bangladesh: in Ethiopia a goat or cow will provide for a family's milk and cheese to sell. If you would like to help this appeal please speak with Dawn.

Presentation and discussion: On Thursday 6th December at 7.30 p.m. In the Octagon there will be a presentation on "**Youth work, anxiety and the gospel**" by Tim Leeson, youth minister at the Cathedral. Do anxiety, or young people, feature in your concerns? Wine and nibbles from 7.15 p.m.

Festival of Christmas Trees at All Saints' Church: 7th, 8th and 9th December. We will be decorating St Mary's tree on Thursday 6th. A representative from each of St Mary's 'groups' has been asked to provide decorations that depict their activities. Please contact Dawn or June.

Christmas flowers: There are envelopes available in church if you would like to help defray the cost of these.

Bulletin: Items for inclusion should be given or sent to Fr John by **Wednesday 5th December.** (johndickens129@btinternet.com)

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 takes seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this inclusive community of health and healing.

