

Church Services

Sunday Eucharist 9.30 am

3rd December 1st Sunday in Advent
10th December 2nd Sunday in Advent
17th December 3rd Sunday in Advent
24th December 4th Sunday in Advent

Christmas Eve Mass 11.00pm

Midweek Eucharist

Every Tuesday at 11.00am (no sermon)

December Events

Cards for Good Causes daily 10am to 4pm until 14th Dec.

3 rd December	St Mary's Family Service	11.00am
5 th December	Prayer Group, St Mary's	4.30pm
6 th December	Mother's Union, Cathedral	12.00 noon
10 th December	Sunday Lunch at The Castle	1.00pm
10 th December	Civic Carol Service	6.30pm
17 th December	Time Out	11.00am

(Celebrate Jesus Birthday)

Contacts

Parish Priest	Fr Steven Griffith	623857/622044
Curate	Rev'd Judy Day	638307
Churchwardens	Heather Parry	611181
	Liz Parry	665400

The Parish Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Brecon



December Newsletter 2017

Family Service

Judy is taking a family service to celebrate Advent. It is an All Age Worship with activities, songs, stories, fun & fellowship followed by seasonal refreshments. Join the 'Journey to Bethlehem', a preparation for Christmas.

This is a ministry area service and we will be joined by Llanfaes Sunday School and Time Out. All church members and all families are invited

Brecon St Mary's & St John's Mother's Union

The December meeting on Wednesday 6th December starts with Eucharist in The Havard Chapel in the Cathedral at 12 mid-day followed by a Christmas meal in Pilgrims.

Sunday Lunch

The next lunch will be on Sunday 10th December 1pm at The Castle Hotel.. Please give your names to Liz Benning (liz.benning125@btinternet.com or 611308) by **Thursday 7th** if you wish to join us, or sign up on the list in Church.

Flower Fund

Our Flower Fund is now depleted. Although we do not have flowers in church during Advent Mair would welcome small donations so that she is all prepared for Christmas and the ensuing season. Thank you Mair for all your beautiful arrangements throughout the year. Many of us are willing to donate for a 2 week period but are not arrangers so we appreciate her work.

Found

We have now discovered the owner of the long lost umbrella.

Candle Sponsorship

We continue with candle sponsorship either in celebration or in special memory of friends or family.

If you wish to sponsor one at £2 please give details and your donation to Liz Benning

Brecon Food Bank Christmas parcels **By 5th December**

The food bank is making up Christmas parcels and needs Christmas sweets chocolate, cake, mince pies, or savoury snacks together with one size unisex gloves, scarves and hats. Donations of these needed by **5th December**.

Donations can be left in the Co-op, the Spar Pendre, Nat West Bank or Barclays Bank or at St John's Centre

Sponsorship, A message from Liz

The Aspire charity provides practical help to people who have been paralysed by Spinal Cord Injury, supporting them from injury to independence. The Aspire Channel swim takes place from mid September to early December each year during which time you swim 22 miles which is 1408 lengths of the Brecon pool. I completed the swim last Monday and would like to thank members of St Mary's Church for sponsoring me.

Liz Jones

St Mary's Quiz

This year the subject is 'A Walk in the Country' Copies may be obtained from Liz Benning @ £1 each or from the church and pay at the café. The closing date is January 8th 2018.