

# Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit



Sundays 7th and 14th January 2024

The Baptism of Christ, First & Second Sundays of Epiphany

St Mary's Twyford		St Nicholas' Hurst	
7th Jan 10.30am	<b>Family Service (Revd Helen Charlton)</b>	7th Jan 11.00am	<b>Holy Communion (Revd Graham Theobald)</b> Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
14th Jan 10.30am	<b>Worship for All (Revd Helen Charlton)</b> 1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-end	14th Jan 11.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b> John 1:43-end
St James' Ruscombe		Twyford U.R.C.	
7th Jan 9.00am	<b>No Service</b>	7th Jan 10.30am	<b>Morning Service (Gordon Connell)</b> Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11
14th Jan 9.00am	<b>Holy Communion (Revd Helen Charlton)</b> 1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-end	14th Jan 10.30am	<b>Morning Service (Alan Crowle)</b>



## Church Family News

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

**HOME GROUPS:** If you're looking for New Year's resolutions, why not join a home group? These will be restarting next week and are an excellent way of meeting people in small groups. They are a wonderful thing to be part of where you can learn, pray and support each other, whatever part of your faith journey you are on. For more information on the groups available and meeting days and times, please email [homegroups@thru-christ.org.uk](mailto:homegroups@thru-christ.org.uk).



**MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES** are back for 2024 at 10.30am on the 4th Thursday of every month in St Mary's Church Centre. Coffee and biscuits are served afterwards. The next service is on Thursday 25th January at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome so please just turn up if you are free.

**LEP CHURCH MEMBERS MEETINGS** are an important way of finding out about the activities that are happening in our churches so please do come along to find out more. Please note that this year these meetings will be held at St Mary's Church Centre after the LEP Service and the next meeting is at 12.00 on Sunday 28th January.

**POST CHRISTMAS MEAL** will be held at 12.30pm on Sunday 4th February at the URC hall. £10 per person for a roast dinner and dessert served with wine or a non-alcoholic drink, with special rates available for families. Everyone is invited but please let Linda Jackson know by 1st February.

**4 x 4 ADVENTURES:** There is still space for a few more explorers on our next adventure! The sessions will be on Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February from 7.45 to 9.15pm in the upstairs Stephenson Room at St Mary's Church Centre (**February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 7.45 to 9.15pm**). Please contact Helen if you are interested [helen@thru-christ.org.uk](mailto:helen@thru-christ.org.uk).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST MARY'S:** We are looking for some extra people to operate the EasyWorship screens and the PA desk on Sundays. No experience is necessary and all training will be provided. It is very straightforward and the more people we have, the less frequently you will need to be on the rota. Thank you!

## Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Steven, Chris, Lizzy, Hope, Eldred, Ted, Peter, Paul, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

*Please email or ring the church office to be included in this section.*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new year, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. Amen**

*Adapted from Morning Prayer, The Daily Office SSF*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Twyford Pantomime:** Friday 12th to Sunday 14th January at Loddon Hall, Twyford. [www.twyforddrama.co.uk](http://www.twyforddrama.co.uk).

**Friendship Club:** Tuesday 16th January 1.45pm at the URC - History of Henley (Graham Horn).

**Midweek Communion:** Thursday 25th January 10.30am at St Mary's Church Centre.

**LEP Church Members Meeting:** Sunday 28th January 12.00 at St Mary's Church Centre (after the LEP service).

**Post Christmas Meal:** Sunday 4th February 12.30pm at Twyford URC.

**4x4 Adventures:** Monday February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 7.45-9.15pm at St Mary's Church Centre.

**ZOOM:** We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND NEWS:** Please email [office@thru-christ.org.uk](mailto:office@thru-christ.org.uk) if you have any church events, clubs or notices that you would like to be included in this news sheet or would like to promote your group etc.

## Next Week: Sunday 21st January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

### St Mary's Twyford

10.30am **Holy Communion (John Boylan)**

### St Nicholas' Hurst

11.00am **Holy Communion (Revd Marina Brain)**

### St James' Ruscombe

9.00am **Morning Prayer (John Boylan)**

### Twyford U.R.C.

10.30am **Holy Communion (Gordon Connell)**

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