

29 November 2020:
Advent Sunday

Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Lockdown ends this coming week, and although we're going into Tier 2 we can still worship together in church again. So services will resume starting with 10am mass on Thursday 3 Dec.

Services coming up:

Thurs 3 Dec: 10am mass

Sun 6 Dec: 8am & 10am masses (incl 100 Club draw!)

3pm Families @ Three

Tues 8 Dec: 7pm mass

Thurs 10 Dec: 10am mass

Sun 13 Dec: 8am & 10am masses; 2pm Takeaway DIY
Christingle distribution at church door!

There will be a **Church Cleaning Party** on Sat 5 Dec
10am - bring your Marigolds!

Sharon Hill is co-ordinating **The Children's Society collecting boxes** again this year, so please bring them to church and give them to one of the clergy - the absolute deadline is 31 December.

Food Banks seem to be even busier during these uncertain days, so we are still collecting donations for the diocese's **Family Support Work** scheme. They say that what they need at the moment is "Christmas specific food items" (such as sharing boxes of chocolates or biscuits; family packs of crisps or snacks; Christmas puddings; stuffing; gravy; cranberry and bread sauce). There is a box in the Vicarage porch for donations. Thank you.

Having recently moved house Sue Baldock finds herself with a black 4 drawer lockable **filing cabinet** (with key!) she no longer needs. Free to a good home. Delivery could be arranged... Contact Fr Andrew in the first instance.

The finance team are looking for another **volunteer to count and bank the weekly collection** when we get back to worshipping in church. If this could be you, have a quick word with Peter Lewis. Many hands make light work!

Mary Jeavons writes: I will be putting in an order for the Bible Reading Fellowship's New *Daylight* and *Guidelines* books for 2021. The annual fee is £14.10. If you are interested in either of these books, please let me know so I can add to my order, which goes out January 2021.

Jack Collett writes: On behalf of Mavis, as in previous years, I'm collecting names and donations of £5 for Education West Africa. Your names will be on Facebook and the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to your friends. You can drop your £5 with your name in at 11 Hazelmead Drive E/P. Thanks!

If you want **FoSM Christmas Cards**, you can request them by phone (01903 412961), or e mail (friendsofstmarysEP@gmail.com). £5 per pack of 10.

The Social Committee have an exciting **Christmas Hamper** and the draw will take place on the 20th December. Tickets from the 6th Dec via Pauline McLelland 412961

St Mary's is now registered with **AmazonSmile** - so if you ever do shopping with Amazon make sure it's with AmazonSmile! Under **Accounts & Lists** select the charity you want to support (you may have to type in East Preston as the area), and select us (our long-winded title is: "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin East Preston with Kingston"!) and then for every purchase you make with AmazonSmile 0.5% goes to St Mary's. [NB AmazonSmile is the charitable arm of Amazon - this scheme doesn't work unless you use AmazonSmile each time you shop (but it is exactly the same as Amazon in all other respects!)] The link is: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Friends of St Mary's are now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmarysep/>

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; Anne Langley; Brenda Jones; June Kirkham; Mavis Cooke; Brian Cooke; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; John Quigley; Sue Douglas; Kayley; Peter; Josh; Mikey, Mary.
We remember those who've died recently: and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Robert Turvey; Hilda Hare; Martin Doddington; Frances Gislingham; Florence Gill; Leslie Payne; Lorna Corbett; Cassandra Hornby.

Next Sunday's readings (6 December: Advent 2):
Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8.

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