



CHRISTMAS news



Prayer Points : -

- for Ukraine, Sudan and all places where there is conflict. May peace be known this Christmas and beyond
- for Israel and Palestine and that the present ceasefire might develop into a more determined peace process
- for organisations seeking to help people who are homeless. May accommodation and support programmes be available to people in need of assistance
- for all who have been bereaved during the year past. May all who are sorrowful know comfort and the care of family and friends at this and each time of year
- for our Carol Singers and that this simple method of outreach will be a blessing to those who open their doors and hear us sing
- for ourselves, that we and our loved ones may know rest, love, joy and peace

Today : Sunday 21st December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30am : **Holy Communion** (p201)
Epistle Reading : Colossians 1v15-20 (p1182)
Gospel Reading : Matthew 1v18-25 (p965)

10.30am : Nativity Service
please see Service Sheet

5pm : Youth Fellowship
in The Venue, Crozier Hall. Please bring a coat!

7pm : Nine Lessons & Carols
please see Service Sheet

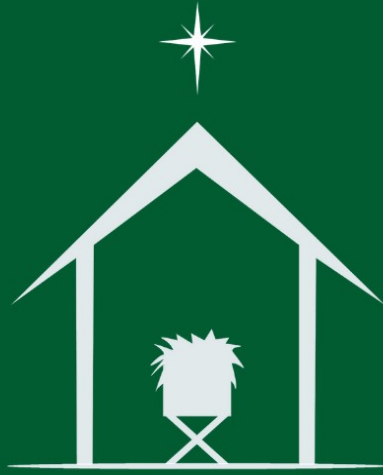


Children's Talks

Occasionally children will be invited to come to the front of the church for participation in Children's Talks. We would like parents / guardians to be aware that if children do join clergy at the front of church they will be visible in the service livestream on YouTube.

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*'In loving memory of Thomas'
From Mum, Dad & Family'*



ST MARK'S ARMAGH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 21st

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Nativity Service

7pm : 9 Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

11pm : Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Family Service

SUNDAY 28th

8.30am : Holy Communion

10.30am : Covenant Service

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Coming Soon :-

- ⇒ Sunday 21st (5pm) : **Youth Fellowship Carol Singing** at homes near to St Mark's. All young people of secondary school age are welcome to join us and please dress for the outdoors!
- ⇒ Monday 22nd (7pm) : **Carol Singing in Sunymead Residential Home** Please meet at Sunnymead and parking is available at The Rectory. Please have a coat available as we may sing on doorsteps following Sunnymead. All singers are invited to join us!
- ⇒ Monday 5th January (10.30am) : **Sunday School and Creche** resume
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th (11.30am) : **Holy Communion** in St Mark's followed by lunch in the Charlemont Arms Hotel
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th (7.30pm) : **Alpha** in The Venue, Crozier Hall. Everyone very welcome to join us!
- ⇒ Thursday 8th (7.30pm) : **Bereavement Journey** in The Venue, Crozier Hall. A warm invitation is extended to everyone who has been bereaved to attend
- ⇒ Friday 9th (7.30pm) : **GLOW Youth Club** in The Crozier Hall (School Year 6+)
- ⇒ Sunday 11th (6.30pm) : **RSA Celebrate Service** in St Mark's
- ⇒ Wednesday 14th (7.30pm) : **Midweek Service and Bible Study** in The Windsor Rm, Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Saturday 17th (10am - 4pm) : **Day of Prayer** in St Mark's

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The Bereavement Journey is a special opportunity for learning about the process of grief, and through this working together over seven weeks to develop ways of coping as well as collective

support. The programme is for everyone who has been bereaved in any way and at any time. Meeting on Thursdays (7.30pm) from 8th January, anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome to join us in The Venue, Crozier Hall. The programme features weekly videos which help us discuss different themes associated with bereavement. Participants are invited to contribute to the discussion, however nobody should feel pressured into speaking at any time. We very much hope that the up and coming Bereavement Journey will be of help to all who come along as they seek to understand and cope with their experience of grief. For more information, please feel free to contact Dr Bob Brown (07514

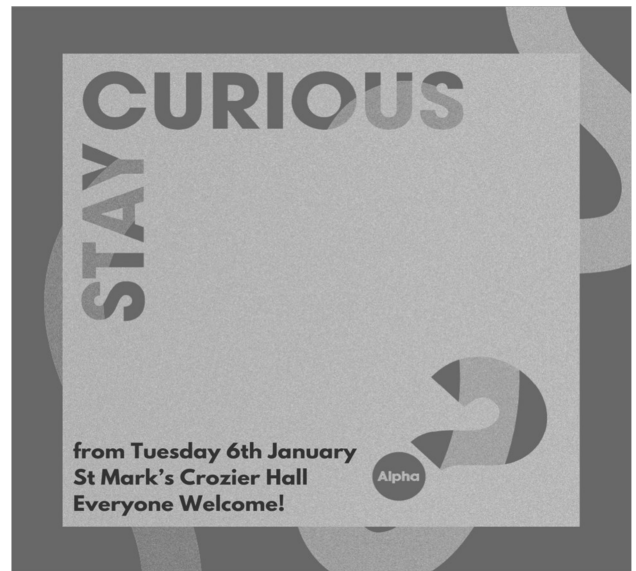


FLOWER ROTAS

The flower rotas for 2026 are now on display in the Church Porch. If you might like to contribute a floral arrangement (over 2 weeks), please sign the rota or speak to David who will gladly offer any further information. Thank you to all who offer floral arrangements to enhance the beauty of our Church!

ALPHA

As always, everyone will be more than welcome to join us as we learn and share together about life and faith at Alpha. This is an opportunity to listen, ask questions and if you are comfortable, to share experiences. Please know that nobody should feel under any pressure at Alpha. It should be enjoyed by everyone! Alpha begins on Tuesday 6th January and will conclude on Tuesday 10th March. We shall also meet on one Saturday (date TBC) during the morning and early afternoon. If you miss occasionally, please don't worry! A sample of the videos used during Alpha is found on our parish website. If you would like to know more, please do feel free to contact Malcolm, Sarah, Bob or anyone who you know has taken part previously. Again, please know that we would love for you to join us!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Name : _____

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Tel Number : _____

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⇒ I would like to be added to the Parish Membership List:

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⇒ I would like to receive a visit from a member of the Parish
Clergy /Pastoral Visiting Team :

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⇒ I would like to receive Parish Information via occasional email :

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⇒ I would like to receive Parish Giving Envelopes :

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⇒ I would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form :

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At present we only hold the Names and Addresses of Parishioners. Consent is required for our Parish to store your telephone number and email address.

Please complete above if you would be willing for us to hold this information.