



  
The Sunday Telescope



**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**  
Same family, Two parishes, Working together.

Combined news  
from both parishes  
**24 December 2020**  
**& 31 December**

*"What on Earth is going on Outside of Zoom?"*

### Diary of Services for December

Wed 23 Dec	12 noon	Communion Service on <b>YouTube</b>
Thur 24 Dec	10.00pm	Midnight Communion on <b>YouTube</b>
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Sullington <b>Face-to-face*</b>
<b>Fri 25 Dec</b>	10:30am	Family Service for Christmas on <b>Zoom</b>
	10:30am	Holy Communion at Sullington <b>Face-to-face*</b>
Sat 26 Dec	-	<b>NO</b> Prayer in the Parishes <b>THIS WEEK</b>
Sun 27 Dec	8.00am	Traditional BCP Communion on <b>Zoom</b>
		<i>Reflecting on Christmas</i>
	10.30am	Sunday Service on <b>Zoom</b>
Wed 30 Dec	12 noon	<b>NO</b> on-line Communion Service this week
Sat 2 Jan	-	<b>NO</b> Prayer in the Parishes <b>THIS WEEK</b>
Sun 3 Jan	10.30am	Joint Sunday Service on <b>Zoom</b>
		<i>With Bishop Ruth</i>
	3.00pm	Evensong on <b>YouTube</b>



Book your seat for **Face-to-face\*** services at St Mary's Sullington with Gail Kittle 01903 745754

**IMPORTANT!**

**CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES due to rise in Covid cases**

**Donkey's Journey Nativity Installation at Thakeham Village Hall** on Christmas Eve has been cancelled.

**Face to Face service at Thakeham Village Hall** on Christmas Day will now be on **Zoom**.

**Face to Face BCP & Family Communion Services at Sullington** on 27 December will now be on **Zoom**.

**PRAYING**

- Jesus was born among the animals; pray for people without secure housing.
- Pray for people, who like Mary - the unmarried mother, face scorn and social exclusion.
- Joseph loved Jesus as his own; pray that blended families would forge a strong bond.
- Pray for all in pain in body, mind or spirit; and for those who mourn and for those without hope.
- Pray God's blessing and rest on all who have enabled our on-line services over Advent & Christmas.



**FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

St Mary's Thakeham have raised some valuable funds for the Children's Society. The Christingle Service raised £269 and Carol Singing at Thakeham Village Hall raised £317. Well done to everyone involved.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Harold's amazing Christmas Quiz is out again this year, time to exercise the ole 'grey matter'!

Pick up a copy from Meadow Stores in Thakeham, leaving a donation

or Download a copy from the Thakeham website, making an on-line donation.

Entries close 10 January 2021 and the answers will be published in the 3 Heralds early in 2021.

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who have sent a Christmas Card to the Rectory, the greeting and sentiments are much appreciated. We have made a donation to charity instead of sending church-family cards, as is our custom, but our love and prayers to you all are still assured. Merry Christmas to you all and hope for a better 2021. Rejoice, our God has come to live with us; Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love from Sara-Jane & BoB (and the dogs!)

## CHRISTMAS LEAVE

> Rev Sara-Jane will be on leave from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. If you need to speak to someone during this time, please call the parish mobile 07923 420834 to speak to a Church Warden or leave any non-urgent message on the Rectory answerphone 01798 813121.

> Rev Jill will be out of touch until further notice. Jill and Dave are both well, don't be concerned!

## OFFICE HOURS over Christmas

The Rectory Office will close on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm and reopen on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9.30am. We will have no access to emails during this time – please be patient as it may take a few days to reply to your emails when we return.

### How do I join in?

#### 10.30am Christmas Day Service on Zoom

[Meeting ID: 821 3200 4890](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82132004890)

Password: 471189

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82132004890?pwd=ekJjZS9RNzIQOURSVTZBS3pjTWdLUT09>



#### 8.00am Sunday Service on Zoom

Meeting ID: 826 1976 4043

Passcode: 024961

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619764043?pwd=Sm9adHF2NDVSUzRSZURjZU1qWdN2dz09>

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Or phone in: 0203 051 2874

#### Websites

[www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org)

[www.stmarysthakeham.org](http://www.stmarysthakeham.org)

#### Parishes YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/videos>

#### Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/STWparishes>