

**Christmas and New Year
Newsletter
December 2025 - January 2026**



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Wildlife Trust for
**Beds, Cambs
& Northants**



The Wildlife Trust

Beaver Updates We are very excited to announce that two beaver kits have been born in the Nene Wetlands, which are the first beavers to have been born in Northamptonshire in over 400 years! Reserve officers noticed in the weeks prior to spotting the kits that Mum, Boudica, had built another lodge on the site where she was spending a lot of time, and she was lactating. But she had been careful to protect the young and staff only had proof of the new kits when they appeared on cameras installed nearby. Two kits have been spotted so far, but there is the possibility of more in the lodge. All eight kits have now been named, with the theme of trees- Willow, Pine, Juniper, Hazel, Rowan, Holly, Ash, and Maple.

Recently we've been enjoying running our very popular behind the scenes tours, which are an amazing way to learn all about our beavers and see what they've been up to within the enclosure. We have also been lucky enough to spot the beavers themselves on multiple walks! These tours are booking up very quickly, with the next few sold out. We'll hopefully be announcing more for the winter months soon (weather dependant). The best way to find out about walks is to keep checking our website, or to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Belfry Gossip

As in previous months things have been a little quieter as many of us have taken our holidays once the schools returned; we've managed to keep the bells going with the support of friends.

On 20 September we enjoyed a very pleasant and interesting outing in Oxfordshire. One of the highlights was visiting the Whites of Appleton Bell foundry, where we had the chance to ring on some very tiny bells, which took some getting used to! — most of us are far more familiar with heavier ones! All the bells we rang that day were enjoyable, and we were treated to a tasty lunch in good company. You might spot a few of our ringers among the crowd in the photo.

October brought two Branch practices at Mears Ashby and Irchester, both offering good opportunities for ringers of different levels to take part. At Rushden we've had an occasional visitor, a learner from Stanwick, who joins us to experience ringing on different bells — something we're always happy to support as it's so valuable for developing bell handling skills and confidence, keeping bellringing going for the future.

On 30 October we had a visiting band of Quarter Peal ringers from across our Guild, which included Pam and Simon. They rang a Quarter Peal of Pudsey Surprise Major, as this year's Children in Need Appeal is approaching.

Alongside our regular ringing, some of us have been delving into the past this year, trying to identify ringers from old photos from Rushden and neighbouring towers. It's been fascinating speaking with longer-standing members who remember names and faces from years gone by (and have a story or two to tell, bringing photos to life for those of us who weren't there). The work is still ongoing, and we hope to learn more as time goes by. We also received a request via Ann Whitworth, the widow of former ringer and Tower Captain, to share some pictures locally. We have submitted some photos of ringing records and peals boards for the time being, to the Rushden Heritage website or the 'Now and Then' Facebook page; we're looking forward to seeing these published online in due course.

We rang the bells half muffled for Remembrance, which gives a beautifully sombre tone. The muffles are placed on one side of each clapper so that the bells sound 'open' on one stroke and 'muffled' on the next, creating an echo-like effect that's very moving to hear.

Tintinnabulum



'ringing tiny bells at Whites'

Tom King writes . . .

Welcome once again to our Newsletter for Christmas! This Christmas season, when the world still seems so uncertain, we are glad to remember the promise of Jesus: that he would return to be with us, and when we trust him will take us to be with him. This promise began, in fact, not with the first Christmas, but thousands of years before, at God's meeting with Abraham, whose descendants were to become more numerous than the stars. In Jesus, and the unfolding to the whole world of God's offer of peace and redemption, we see this promise in action – God reconciling the world to himself. God has taken the initiative, God has made the Way, God has acted to rescue the world from darkness and despair.



It is always difficult to remember this when God's activity does not seem obvious – indeed, perhaps the least obvious way that he could have done this was to be born as a fragile and vulnerable human baby, in an unremarkable place, into an ordinary family, those two thousand years ago. So, as we remember Christmas and celebrate what God did then to begin his act of rescue, we must also remember that it is not the only part of the story that matters. Babies grow up. Christmas leads directly to the life and times of the man Jesus Christ, to the Cross, and from the Cross to Easter and God's vindication of his work in Jesus. And Jesus' Resurrection leads directly to the reality in which we now live: that it is only a matter of time before he comes again to complete what he started. This is Advent, the coming, the time of preparation that Christians everywhere live in light of.

I pray this Christmas that God's Holy Spirit would strengthen you in waiting, in anticipation, in eagerness for and enabling to do his works in the world that herald his coming Kingdom. God is not as we are – he is Love, pure and true – and he loves the world that he made. So, may you know the joy of the angels and the peace of God in Jesus, now and always.

Blessings,
Tom

St Mary's News

Summary of PCC meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025 in the Church Hall.

Fabric The upper church hall door, Dan S reported that the DAC did not approve the replacement using UPVC. The DAC recommended that we look at Compressed wood or Aluminium door frames and do not use clear glass.

The disabled access has no update.

Mays Electrical have completed the Electrical appliance PAT testing and they are looking into providing a quote for the electrical work as highlighted in the quinquennial.

The church clock, Dan S has applied for DAC approval and is expected to be discussed at the next DAC meeting in November. Rushden

Town Council have agreed to contribute, and Jennie B will provide them with the cost of replacing the Automatic Winders (AW).

The lead on the roof repairs, Helen S confirmed this is being done.

The solar panels, Dan S reported no negative comments from the congregation to have solar panels fitted on the hall roof. Dan S has applied for a faculty which the DAC have rejected as the panels will need to be bird proof. Dan S to follow up with E-bound and get another quote.

Eco Friendly Church Helen S has registered us as an Eco Friendly church. Helen S has also completed the Eco minded church survey which we did not get a good result. Helen S has presented to the PCC slides on how we could become an Eco friendly church. This could be expensive but is becoming popular with younger people. Helen S was to set up an Eco Committee to look at areas where we could improve our carbon footprint on heating, insulating, use of the grounds and investments. The Eco Friendly slides will need to be presented to the congregation.

There has been an ongoing issue of a leaky roof in the church hall which occurred during the heavy rains of 14 November 2025. Sam will need to arrange for the roof to be inspected.

Children's work

Helen S reported the following Schools work - there are 800 children from all Rushden Primary schools visiting our church in November.

Helen S reported that we have a stall on Saturday 29 November for the Christmas lights switch on day. This will have Christmas crafts that can be completed and finished in the church hall. Tea and coffee will be provided at the church hall and we will be looking for volunteers.

Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

December

- 7 Marion Bates
- 14 Rita Nutter (in memory of Alice and arranged by Ellen Inwood)
- 21 Christmas Flowers Team
- 28 Christmas Flowers Team

January

- 4 Julie West
- 11 Kathy and Chris
- 18 Rita Nutter (in memory of Keith and arranged by Ellen Inwood)
- 25 Mary Hadley

Memorial Chapel

December

- 21 Mrs Brenda Dixon

January

- 4 Mrs Marion Bates
- 11 Mrs Kelland in memory of her husband Brian
- 25 Gerald and Alice in memory of Fred and Elsie Bass

If you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones please contact Brenda Dixon: 01933 358982

Any Other Business.

Christmas Day, the Nativity and Christmas card collections. Martin Co proposed that monies will be paid to CMS - for Lea and Petra's

THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Thursday 20 November

Neville Stowell

Wednesday 26 November

Russell Gordge [66]

work in BRNO. Helen S will arrange for the children to create the card.

Rushden Life Mission.

Congregations to attend **Rushden Life** Launch night Sunday

1 February 6:30pm at The Mission church. Volunteer - each **Rushden Life** event will need a team of welcomers, stewards, hospitality hosts, friendly faces of all ages.

Take your friends to an event and walk with them as they discover Jesus for themselves.

Giving financially either as a church and/or individual, to the Rushden Life Mission Fund – held by the Council of Churches.

Could your Church give £500 to support this valuable work?

Congratulations are due to ...

Peter Brooksby who celebrates his Eightieth birthday on 12 December.
To Pam Bailey who celebrates her Seventieth birthday on 21 January.
To Mark Smith who celebrates his Sixtieth birthday on 22 January.
Love and best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Annual Quiz

In aid of the Guild Bell Fund are now available. 5 Sections not Bellringing related so suitable for all. £1 from Pam in the Church Office or 01933 313195 or 07967 585098.
Closing date 28 February 2026.

Children's Society Quiz

The '**About Time**' Quiz raised £289 for the Children's Society. The winners were Mrs Kath Welsh (Heysham), H.J Williams (Heysham) and Marion McGregor (Perth).
Congratulations to them all.
Joy would like to thank everyone who has supported John's quizzes since 2003 when he first started to compile them. A total of £15,444 has been raised for the Children's Society. It is very much appreciated. Joy



Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads or male carers and their younger children [0-6 yrs] with a range of toys including bouncy castle, sit-on cars and ball pool.

Saturdays

20 December & 17 January

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

Christingle will be on 1 February 2026 at Candlemas.

Interested in flower arranging?



Have you noticed the displays regularly produced by our team of volunteers behind the Communion Table?

Would you like to join this special group?

Commitment only once every two months

Don't feel confident about your skills? Then come and work alongside Jude every third Saturday of the month from around 10am and see how you get on.

Interested in either or both?

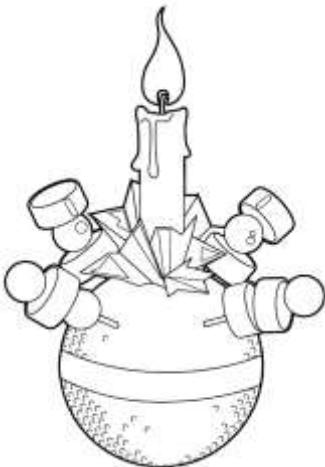
Contact Kathy on 07990 836217 in the first instance.

Newton News

Passing of Ray Allen: 14 October 2025. It is with great sadness that Ray Allen passed away in KGH on this day, after many years of illness. Many will remember him as landlord of The Swan at Newton many years ago, also later as Manor Windows, Crabb Street, Rushden.

Thanking friends and family for their support. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him, Regards
Julia Allen [Jules]

Christingle St Peter's Church will be holding Christingle on Sunday 14 December at 9:30am. All funds raised will go to The Children's Society. We look forward to welcoming you to this special service.



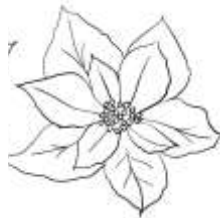
FLOWERS

December

7 Abigail Clarke
21 Mrs Sargeant

January

4 Helen Lines
18 June Clarke



Carol Singing in The Swan, Newton Bromswold on Monday 22 December starting at 7:30pm



Remember, Remember...

Remember, Remember... That is, of course, the beginning of the children's rhyme about the gunpowder plot of 1605. But Remember is a very good summing up word for the month itself. November brings us a season of remembering. All Saints followed by All Souls as we remember those who have gone before us. The Saints of old whose lives inspire us in our Christian journey and the local, maybe only known to us, souls who have walked with us in faith. Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day call us to remember the horrors of war so that in remembering we might avoid such actions as lead to these tragedies.

November also marks the end of the Church year and as with every time of ending and beginning we remember what has been and we look to what will be. The church year ends with the Sunday before Advent when we remember what is important to us. We keep it as the feast of Christ the King remembering that it is in Jesus Christ that all things are held together, that it is Jesus who the saints follow and it is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, laying down his life for us,

that inspired those who lay down their life for peace.

That Sunday is also often known as 'Stir up Sunday' from the collect rather than from the Christmas pudding and cake stirring in the kitchen! The Book of Common prayer Collect leads us to pray "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So at this time we remember I pray that we will remember...

Those who lived faithful Christian lives (and do so too), those who we love and see no longer (cherishing our loved ones now), those who sacrifice for peace (and commit ourselves to work for peace) and finally Jesus Christ, God who left the glory of heaven to be one of us.

In our remembering may we be inspired to action, to be stirred up, faithful Christian people known for the fruit of Good Works. Amen.



The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

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Mission Matters

Lea, Petra - and Zacchaeus!

Whatever does this little, deeply loathed tax collector have to do with Lea and Petra and their ministry in the Czech Republic (Czechia)? He is the one who, as Luke tells us (Luke 19:1-9), was so curious about Jesus that he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a tree so that he might see him as he passed by. Jesus spotted him among the branches, called to him to come down at once and invited himself to his house. The encounter which followed left Zacchaeus a transformed man, repentant and trusting the Lord.

From 1948 to November 1989, the country now called Czechia was dominated by a Communist government. Faith was sidelined and society became highly secularised. Now, since the “Velvet Revolution” took place, bringing democracy, there has been a quietly-growing interest in Christianity. People are watching from a distance, curious yet cautious, just as Zacchaeus was. Lea and Petra tell us about people who have eventually come to church after initially searching for God by themselves. One of them is now preparing for baptism. They ask us to pray for them and others like them that their quiet curiosity may grow into confident faith. They write, “It reminds us that our task is not to ‘shake people from the trees’ but to keep the house open, the table set and the welcome warm for when Christ brings them down.”

The love, sensitivity and patience which Lea and Petra show, enabled by the Lord, are bearing fruit.

Please do look online at churchmissionsociety.org/williams for their “Link Letter” #10 to read much more - and please do pray! They are so grateful for our fellowship.

Sue Eagles



Other News and Events

Rushden Street Pastors Prayer update

A Commissioning service was arranged for 7pm on Thursday 13 November at Park Road Baptist Church, Rushden. This included the Licensing of one of the new Street Pastors, Sue Clarke. All welcome.



If anyone would like to be added to the emails for the regular prayer emails – e.g. for praying at home or in church groups - please contact Luke McGrath (Prayer Co-ordinator) on: prayer.rushden@streetpastors.org.uk.

More volunteers are still needed, particularly more females, given the need for more a gender balance within each team. Please contact David McGrath (Co-ordinator) at rushden@streetpastors.org.uk.

The Mission Band are to play a carol service in the Mission carpark on the 18 December at 7pm.

The Salvation Army will be hosting a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day.

Illuminate has up to 30 young people meet each Friday night. Leaders from 5 different churches faithfully plan the lessons. We are encouraged that the youth continue to invite their friends. Please continue to pray for this vital group.

Men's breakfast on Saturday 17 January 2026 at 9.00am

At the Park Road Baptist Hall, Rushden. NN10 0RG. The guest speaker is Paul Gask from 'Christian Vision for Men'. Tickets are £6 and includes a full English Breakfast. For further information and tickets contact Mark: 07734 936076

The Rev Tim Smith is to be installed as the new vicar of Whitefriars on Monday 19 January 2026 at 7pm, all welcome.

Rushden Life '26 This will be taking place between Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July 2026 and will involve all churches. This is your invitation to be part of something truly extraordinary.

Get ready for a packed programme designed to engage every corner of our community!! Renowned evangelist and Christian apologist Andy Bannister (from Solas) will headline with two compelling, food-centred events: one tackling 'God and suffering,' and another exploring how God writes a better ending to our stories. Not to be missed! Legendary children's evangelist Doug Horley will wow four local primary schools with his dazzling, gospel-infused science experiments - culminating in a spectacular family show on a Saturday.

Our toddler groups, always vibrant and united, are hosting a joyful 'toddler fest' in the local park. There's also a delightful afternoon tea for senior citizens, ensuring there's truly something for everyone.

Meanwhile, the excitement continues with a series of musical concerts including international missionary Harpist Cathrine Porter, and a Brass Band sing-a-long concert. How can your church be involved? Prayer, as a church, individually and by joining the Oikos prayer app (more info on Launch night).

Follow-up to the Mission is still being finalised but will include: Evangelistic services in our Churches on Sunday 12 July. A 'Hope Explored' Course will run prior to the summer break. Different courses like the Y-Course, Christianity Explored or Alpha will be offered to seekers at the beginning of September.

'It's Your Move' – a scheme to help year 6 pupils successfully transfer to secondary school was successfully rolled out to Primary schools in Rushden. Volunteers from various churches went into schools, meeting students and handing out a booklet. A 'Golden Ticket' event has been organised for 16th October at PRBC to reunite old students.

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Crafts and Coffee/Tea

This popular group is mainly supported by adults who learn new crafts and at times renew their memories of crafts enjoyed in the past. We do of course like to enjoy tea and chats as well. Making new friends and socialising is all part of the group.

2025 has been a busy year. We have enjoyed a variety of crafts including, Easter cards, Weather worms, Russian dolls, Jewellery, Heart shaped wreaths, and Diamond (bead) art.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the church hall and finish normally by 12noon. The cost is £1.50 each session with a little extra to help pay the cost of materials, depending on the type of materials that are needed.

We are a group of men and women and everyone is welcome. Do come along and join us.

We are also looking for volunteers to come and teach us a craft and encourage people with different skills to complete these tasks. We have a faithful team teaching us but are low on numbers.

Contact for the group, Helen Allan 07814 226614

Our next meeting is Tuesday 2 December 10am to 12noon making 'Christmas Gift Boxes'.

In November we made Christmas Cards, see below.



Neighbourhood Watch Avoid Being Scammed!

At this time of year the Christmas season is good news for scammers. While you are busy making arrangements to enjoy time with family or friends you are distracted and less aware. BUT wait, stay alert to phone calls, those texts or emails that may not be genuine.



How to protect yourself

Do not click links: Never click on links in suspicious text or email messages, even if they seem to be from a legitimate source. **Contact organizations directly:** If you are unsure about a message, do not use the contact details in the message. Instead, find the official phone number or website and contact them directly to verify the message. **Do not share personal information:** Be extremely wary of any unsolicited request for your bank details or other personal information, especially via text or email. **Report scams:** Forward scam texts to 7726, which spells “SPAM” on your phone keypad. You can also report scams to your bank or Action Fraud, calling **0300 123 2040** Monday to Friday 8am-8pm.

The 'latest scams UK'

HMRC text scams: You might get a text claiming to be from HMRC saying you are due a tax refund and that you need to click a link to claim it. The link can lead to a fake website designed to steal your personal and banking details.

Social media job scams: Scammers contact you on social media offering easy money for simple tasks. They often ask for a small payment for “training” or to “unlock” more earnings, but this is a scam to get your money.



DVLA and Royal Mail scams: Similar to the HMRC scam, these texts often claim there's an issue with your vehicle tax or a package delivery, urging you to click a link to resolve it. The links are fake and designed to steal your information.

Fake websites: Look out for fake websites impersonating legitimate companies, such as Sports Direct or Netflix. These sites might be advertised on social media and aim to steal your details when you try to make a purchase or sign up for a service.

Phone network switchover scams: As the UK switches from old analogue phone lines to digital, some scammers call pretending to be from your provider, claiming you need to provide your bank details to ensure your service isn't disconnected.

There are various websites that give scam information, another helpful site is Age UK:

www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/



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Church Diary - December 2025

- 1 Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
We start in the church hall, where the children and parents can take part in craft activities or play. We then have a short Bible story, and some fun songs. £1.50 per family. We also serve beans on toast afterwards 11.30am-12.30pm.
- 2 Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Christmas Gift Boxes, contact details on pg17.
- 3 Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 4 Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 5 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 6 Saturday: 7-9pm - Mum's Night Out Christmas Crafts** Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Donations in aid of the Pandas Foundation UK. For more information and booking contact 07495 304974.
- 7 Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering** for a link please email the church office on stmaryschurchoffice@binternet.com
- 10 Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** - Meet in the Church Hall
Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice in Church
- 11 Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 12 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 13 Saturday: 10am-12noon - Choir Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall.
- 14 Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 15 Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes Christmas Party**
Monday: 7-9pm - PCC Meeting in the lower hall
- 17 Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 18 Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 19 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 20 Saturday: 9.30am-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** - Monthly event for dads, stepdads, grandads, male carers and their younger children [0-6yrs]. Adults £5; children free.
- 21 Sunday: 10.30am - Nativity Service**
Sunday: 6pm - Carols by Candlelight
- 25 Thursday: 10.30 - Christmas Day Service**



Church Diary - January 2026

- 2 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 4 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 5 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
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- 11 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 12 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
- 14 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** - Meet in the Church Hall
Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice in Church
- 15 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 16 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 17 **Saturday: 9am - Men's Breakfast at Park Road Baptist Hall** with Guest Speaker: Paul Gask from 'Christian Vision for Men'. Tickets £6 includes full English Breakfast. For further information and tickets contact Mark: 07734 936076.
Saturday: 9.30am-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out? - for male carers and their younger children 0-6yrs Adults £5: children free.
- 18 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 19 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
- 21 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 22 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 23 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - No Bellringing Practice - AGM and social**
- 25 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 26 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
- 28 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 29 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 30 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**

Services for December 2025

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 7 December - Second Sunday in Advent

10.30am	Morning Worship	9.30am	Family Service
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Sunday 14 December - Third Sunday in Advent

10.30am	Morning Worship	9.30am	Christingle Service
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Sunday 21 December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.30am	Nativity Service	9.30am	Family Communion
6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight		

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.00pm	Carol Service
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Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

10.30am	Christmas Day Service	9.00am	Christmas Communion
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Sunday 28 December - First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am	Holy Communion	9.30am	Family Service
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Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - December 4, 11, 18, and Christmas Day
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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Services for January 2026

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 4 January - Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Worship and Word

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 11 January - First Sunday of Epiphany

11.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 18 January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Family Worship

9.30am Family Communion

Sunday 25 January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Worship and Word

9.30am Family Service

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church
Thursdays 10.30am on January 8, 15, 22 and 29
- Holy Communion [BCP]

Live-Streaming

St Mary's Sunday Services at 10.30am will continue to be live-streamed
and can also be found later on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden>.