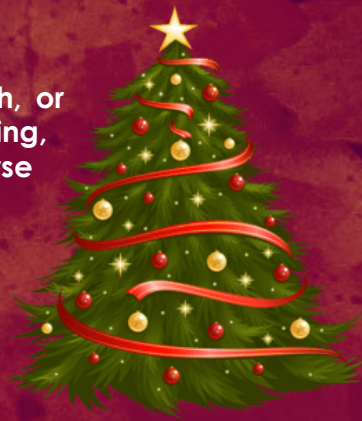


## Christmas at St George's

Christmas is always a great time to re-engage with the life of the Church, or indeed to engage for the first time. There are the old favourite Carols to sing, the bible stories with which we are all familiar from schools days and of course usually some larger numbers with whom we can blend in!

So if you've been thinking that you ought to get yourself along to church some time what better time of year could you choose than Christmas? We guarantee to make you feel welcome and hope that once you've been to visit you will come again soon. So why not give it a try? You won't regret it!



### Events and Services

2nd December - Christmas Festival 10:00 - 16:00 (Santa's grotto, craft stalls, refreshments and plenty of Christmas cheer!)

16th December - Messy Christingles 16:00 - 19:00 (With Christmas movie)

17th December - Community Carol Service 18:00

Christmas Eve - Holy Communion (9:30)

Christmas Eve - Prayer Service (11:00)

Christmas Eve - Chaos Round the Crib (16:00)

Christmas Eve - Midnight Holy Communion (23:30)

Christmas Day - Family Holy Communion (10:30am)

## Parish dates - Autumn/Winter

- **Prayer Room** - Open 24-7-365
- **7-7-2 Prayer Weekends** - 23/24 Dec, 27/28 Jan, 24/25 Feb, 27/28 Apr
- **Christmas Shoebox collection week** - 13th - 20th Nov
- **Re:Fresh New Wine Regional Worship Gathering** - 17th Nov, 19:30
- **Messy Weekends** - 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th Mar
- **Deanery synod** - 15th Feb
- **Men's Breakfast** - 20th Jan, 23rd Mar
- **Family Support Group** - 8th Nov, 6th Dec, 10th Jan, 7th Feb
- **Christmas events** (See above)
- **Deanery Epiphany Service** - 7th Jan 15:00, St Barnabas, Hadleigh
- **New Wine Leadership Conference** - 27th-29th Feb
- **New Wine Ladies Day** - 3rd Feb





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 Messy Church (Monthly) 

 Seniors Club (Tuesdays) @

 Toddler Group (Thursdays) @

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The change of the seasons is marked at this time of year by the falling of the leaves, the shortening of the days and a cooling of the air. But without the death of the old, as in the seed that must fall to the ground in Jesus' parable, new life cannot be brought forth. These next few months will be an exciting time of change for us at St George's. As we move through a time of transition, as the change of a season, I hope you will all join me in looking forward to the new life God is bringing about in our midst in what we pray will be a new season of growth.

- Revd Pete Hillman