

Contact 2017

St Mary Magdalene with St Martin,
Canning Road



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Advent and Christmas 2017

- ★ Christingle Service
Sunday 10th December at 4.00 pm
- ★ Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm
- ★ Crib Service - Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December at 4.30 pm
- ★ Midnight Communion - Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December at 11.00 pm
- ★ Christmas Day
Monday 25th December
Holy Communion at 9.00 am
All Age at 10.00 am

Sunday Services

- 1st Service at 9.30 am
Morning Worship
- 2nd Service at 11.00 am
Informal Worship
- 1st Sunday of the month:
Service of Healing and Wholeness
at 6.30 pm
- 2nd Sunday of the month:
Refuel at 6.30 pm
- 3rd Sunday of the month:
Messy Church at 4.00 pm
- 4th Sunday of the month:
Service of Prayer and Reflection at
6.30 pm



Hall Hire

Main Hall - £20 per hour.
Crypt and Small Hall suitable for meetings, small dance and exercise groups - £10 per hour.

Christmas Journey December 5th, 6th and 7th.

In December 2016 we performed our annual Christmas Journey play for local schoolchildren, teachers and parents. The story of Jesus' birth was brought alive and the children were able to get up close and personal with all the characters, including a real baby playing the part of Jesus. The children were full of questions and they really engaged with the Christmas story. Come and meet us at the crib service Christmas Eve 4:30 pm

Café Creative

In November we hosted the first get-together of our new craft group. Meeting on the first and third Thursdays from 1-3 pm, the idea is to encourage links with our local community by inviting people to share a variety of craft techniques over tea and cake.



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'Let's talk about Dec's Baby'*

So says a famous stationers. Have you ever taken a child to see Santa? How excited they get to meet him. We all know that Christmas isn't about Santa; it's about Dec's Baby. The baby Jesus. At StMMM we offer local children the chance to 'meet' a baby Jesus along with Mary and Joseph, wise men, shepherds and even Angel Gabriel in a stable, all acted by people from StMMM. We call it the 'Christmas Journey'. One 6 year old child who came and sat in the stable with the baby in front of him said 'So Jesus was a real baby then?' He had only ever seen a doll as Baby Jesus. Jesus was and is real and he grew up to claim that he is the Son of God. God himself. An outrageous claim. Lots of us say 'No I don't believe that but I think he was a good man'. Someone once pointed out Jesus was either completely deluded, mad to claim he was the son of God, or he was lying and so evil, or he was right

and so we need to respond to that. The one thing he can't have been was only a good man. You can't be evil or deluded and be good at the same time. This real Jesus grew up to offer us all what we need most of all. Love, acceptance and forgiveness. Come and find out more about Jesus at your church this Christmas...come and find warmth and friends. Come and find Jesus the son of God born for us, Dec's Baby.

Happy Christmas
Amanda Johnson Vicar

*Quoted from local advertising



Holiday Club

76 children came to the Adventure Cruise Holiday Club in July. During the week our Captains led us to sail 5 'C's Choice, Courage, Call, Change and Commitment. Lucy and Bert, our friendly puppets, joined us on our adventure. During the week the children joined in with games, bouncy castle, singing, stories, jokes and crafts. The week concluded with a picnic in the Church garden to which families were invited.



Brownies

The 8th Addiscombe Brownies meet on Friday evenings for girls aged 7-10 years. Our meetings are fun and are based on a theme where we include games and crafts and have the opportunity to earn interest badges. Each year we go on outings and a Brownie Weekend Holiday, usually to Cudham, Kent. This is always a big highlight of Brownies.



Men's breakfast

There's no doubt about it, men like their Saturday breakfast together. A great breakfast, getting to know each other better, a great speaker with a challenge and something to mull over. Oh - and did I mention - a great breakfast!



Women's breakfast

A fab chance to get away first thing on a Saturday from 10 -11.30 am for breakfast, chat, and an inspiring talk every two months. Check our website for details.

World Café

Every Wednesday term time : free coffee tea and cake from 12 noon - 1pm come and chat, make friends. Lots of families and children come. Enjoy the freedom of the extensive church interior with some craft activities for the little children.



Café Matinée

Café Matinée brings the cinema to you in St Mary's Church on the 4th Thursday of each month. Watch a popular film in comfortable seats on our BIG screen and enjoy free refreshments on arrival and in the interval. Doors open 2.00pm and the film starts at 2.30pm. Come along and make friends.



0-5's on a Wednesday afternoon

Are you home alone with an under 5 child? St Mary's has a popular Wednesday afternoon club for parents and carers of 0-5's from 2.00pm - 4.00pm during term time. In our large Hall we welcome guests from many different cultures to experience unlimited refreshments, the use of toys and play equipment both inside or out in our enclosed large garden, a supervised craft session and we round the afternoon off with music and song. It's all great fun and for only £2 per family. Why not come along and make new friends. You would be most welcome.



INSPIRE Youth

We meet up on Sundays at 11am have drinks /chat /do the bible and talk a lot about life and what God has to say about it. It's run by two amazing youth leaders who organise social events regularly. You are very welcome to come if you are at secondary school. Contact our church office.



Summer Fair and the BIG Lunch

Inspired by all the local residents associations we joined with Canning and Clyde and put on both the BIG Lunch and the Summer fair in June and July respectively. We really feel this church, with its garden and halls should be used more for the benefit of our community. If you have any ideas of what else may happen here let us know.

