



St Mary Magdalene's Lillington Parish Church

CHRISTMAS CROSSTALK



December 2025



At the Heart of Your Christmas

“God Comes Close”

To everyone in our
parish community,



Christmas comes each year as a reminder that in a world of constant change, one truth remains steady: God comes close. The story at the heart of this season is not distant or reserved for a select few - it is a story of God stepping directly into human life so that all might draw near to Him.

For a thousand years, Lillington Parish Church has stood at the centre of our community - quietly watching generations grow, hope, grieve, celebrate and seek God. Its stones have absorbed the prayers of countless people, each one carrying their own story; their own joys and burdens. And through every century, the message of Christmas has remained the same: there is room for everyone.

This year, our new ramp and step into the church speak that message in a tangible way. They are simple structures, yet deeply symbolic - reminders that access matters, welcome matters, and that the Church is at its best when its doors open wide to every person who approaches. As the stable welcomed shepherds and travellers on that first Christmas night, so we seek to ensure that all can find their way into this house of prayer and peace.

The birth of Jesus proclaims that God does not wait for us to climb toward Him; He moves in love towards us. He comes close to the lonely, the joyful, the uncertain, the struggling, the hopeful. He comes close to the whole human family.

As this Christmas approaches, may we carry that spirit of welcome into our homes, our streets and our lives. May the light of Christ draw us together, renew our hope, and help us build a community where everyone knows they have a place.

A joyful and blessed Christmas to each of the 4,000 homes in our parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Smith". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'W' and 'S'.

Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's Lillington

‘Mini Mags’

Things for Kids at St MM

Come join us for...



13th Dec 11am Carol Singing at Crown Way

16th Dec 4pm Carol Service for families in the churchyard

21st Dec 11.15am All Age Nativity Service in Church (dress up as any character you want!)

24th Dec 3pm, 4.30pm and 6pm Christingle Services in Church

25th Dec 10am Joint Family Service in Church



December Services

14th Carol Service - 6.00pm

- Nine Lessons plus **Full Choir** in Church

16th Churchyard Carol Service - 4.00pm

- for **Families** followed by refreshments

21st All Age Nativity in Church - 11.15am

- come in a costume or use one of ours

24th Christingle Services in Church by candlelight

- at **3pm, 4.30pm** and **6.00pm**

24th Midnight Service in Church - 11.30pm

25th Joint Family Service in Church - 10am



Get Involved

Join us for...



**Carol Singing at Crown Way on
Saturday 13th Dec at 11am**

**Coffee Mornings with Amazing Cakes
and Kids' Crafts:**



Saturday 6th December 10-1



Saturday January 10th 10-12



Saturday February 14th 10-12

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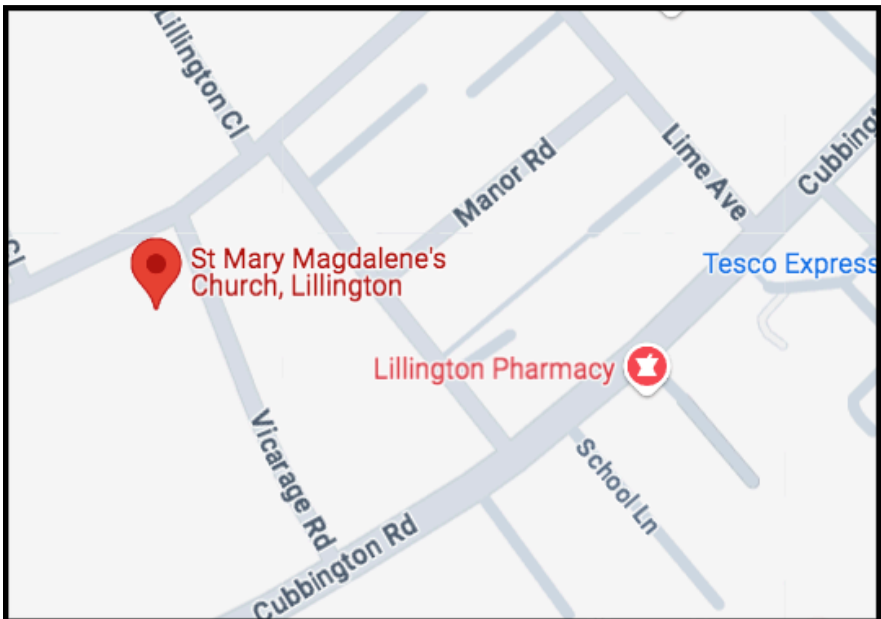
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