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Sharing monthly stories of God at work among us.



STM'S CHRISTMAS ROUNDUP!

We kicked off Christmas with High Road carols. About 80 people came and joined in singing outside St Mary's and enjoyed mulled wine & mince pies. It was very cold again this year, so the warm drinks went well! Children had glow sticks and we put out some christmas lights and lanterns which added to the atmosphere.

Christmas Fayre

Well over 500 people came this year.

We changed back to Christmas Fayre from having been Christmas Cafe for the years since Covid. As usual we gave everything away free we were able to share the love of Jesus with each person there, some received prayer and others were chatted to and loved. We received some wonderful donations so thank you to all and a late donation of some beautiful hand-knitted hats - one modelled here by Nate!



Hope Supper

This month, Hope Supper was served up by an amazing team of helpers. Prep started the afternoon before and the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A selection of toys were also kindly donated by Lidl customers which will bless local families.

Hampers were given out to many people as well.

Christmas Parties and Celebrations

Friday morning coffee club, Connect, Living Hope, Come Dine with Me, Lifegroups, Cafe Hope, Church staff! Many lovely Christmas celebrations went on in December!



Christmas services

From Loughton primary schools, Little Lambs assembly, Worship for Everyone and Carol services, Christingle and more ... 100's of people will have been welcomed in to the beautifully decorated St Mary's this December - all to hear about and worship Jesus.

