

Diary for week Commencing 20 December 2015

Today	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (St. Mark's)
Thursday		Christmas Eve
	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Eucharist
Friday		Christmas Day
	8.00am	Christmas Holy Communion
	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols
Saturday		<i>Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr</i>
Next Sunday		First Sunday after Christmas - John, Apostle and Evangelist
		[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion
	12.00noon	Baptisms

Prayer for Christmas

Holy Child of Bethlehem
 Who found no room at the inn,
 We pray for all who are homeless
 We pray for all who live with danger
 We pray for all refugees
 We pray for all refugees
 Holy Child of Bethlehem
 Help us, we pray to see the
 Divine image in people everywhere.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
 which shall be to all people:
 for unto you is born in the city of David,
 a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10 - 11

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Wednesday
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 (by appointment only)

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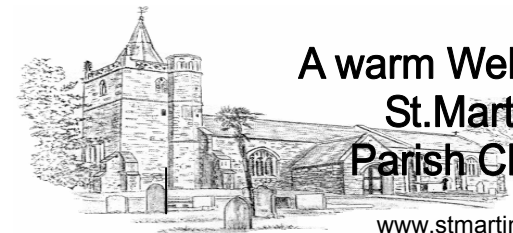
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BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES

At the Parish Office
 During normal opening hours



A warm Welcome to
**St.Martin's
 Parish Church**

www.stmartinsworle.org.uk

Sunday 20 December
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
 Readings: Hebrews 10: 5 - 10
 Luke 1: 39 - 45

10.00am All-Together Holy Communion
Nativity

Hymns and Reading:
211 Hark the herald-angels Sing
47 Away in a manger
740 We three kings of Orient are
83 Come and join the celebration

During Communion: 959 * 451 *
 The Peace Carol * 420

Reading: Luke 1: 39 - 45

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
 Followed by seasonal refreshments

- Children are very welcome and encouraged in church—there are supervised activities for the children which take place during the service in Worle Village Primary School or if they prefer they can stay with their parents.
- There is a crèche to which parents/carers can bring their child, which takes place in the bell tower. Children must always be accompanied in this area by their parent/carer.
- A special welcome if you are not a regular member of our congregation. If you're unable to take Holy Communion please come forward for a blessing and carry the Communion book with you so that we may recognise your intentions.

Verses and Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved."
Psalm 80: 4

8.00 & 10.00am Readings

Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 - *Christ's Sacrifice Once for All* - "Here I am, I have come to do your will." (v9)

Luke 1: 39 - 45 - *Mary Visits Elizabeth* - "Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" (V 45)

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Readings for 27 December - First Sunday after Christmas

8.00am & 10.00am - Colossians 3: 12 - 17 * Luke 2: 41 - 52

6.00pm - No Service

Prayers

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices for the week

Introducing **Children to Communion** - With permission from the Bishop of Bath and Wells we will be working towards including children more fully in Holy Communion in 2016. Two introductory sessions have been arranged in the New Year, primarily for families, but open to anyone in the parish who would like to know more. **Dates are either: Wednesday 20 January 3.45pm in St Martin's Church OR Saturday 23 January 10am in St Mark's Church.** The sessions will be identical, lasting about an hour with refreshments provided. There will be more information in January's Worle Wide Express.

Can you help? Parish Office Volunteers & Gift Aid Co-ordinator needed! Due to the retirement of some of our valuable volunteers (see December Worle Wide Express) we are looking for help. The **Parish Office work** involves one day a week from 9am-12noon, particularly Monday or Tuesday, duties are varied and interesting. Please contact Liz Winter our Parish Administrator during office hours. 515922. **The Gift Aid Co-ordinator** works with the four churches to administrate our Gift Aided contributions, contrary to the article in WWE, this role would probably only be a commitment of around two hours a week and would be great for anyone who is computer literate and enjoys working with figures. Please contact Rev Anne Farmer in the first instance 515610.

After today's service please stay behind for sherry, mince pies.

Betty Smith - the funeral for Betty Smith will be held on Monday 21 December at 11.15am at Ebdon Road Crematorium

Parish Office - Please note the Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 23 December and will re-open Monday 4 January 2016.

Used Postage Stamps - if you have any used postage stamps that you would like to donate to Guide Dogs for the Blind please speak to Carol Savill.

There will be no midweek Holy Communion - on 30 December at St Mark's and 24 December and 31 December at St Martin's

Audrey Beck sadly passed away very suddenly on Saturday 12 December. As yet there is no date for a funeral but please pray for Dennis for whom this has been such a shock.

Dates for your Diary

St. Martin's Baby and Toddler Group - will recommence on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 9.30am