

Diary for week commencing 18 December 2016

Today	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Monday	7.30pm	WPCC and Finance meeting in church
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Church Cleaning
	6.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Friday		
Saturday	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Eucharist

Next Sunday	Christmas Day	
		[Duty Wardens – Paul Elliott and Barbara Perkins]
	8.00am	Christmas Holy Communion
	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols
	6.00pm	No Service

Prayers

- Heavenly Father, would you guard and grow this Parish and its four churches during our Team Rector vacancy. By the power of your Holy Spirit guide us as we seek the right minister and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry. Together may we discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen

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
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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Including Baptism &
Wedding Enquiries

Monday - Friday:
9.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday :
7.00pm - 8.00pm

(by appointment only)

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St.Martin's
Parish Church**

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**Sunday 18 December 2016
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10 - 16
Matthew 1: 18 - 25

**10.00am All-Together Holy Communion
Nativity**

Hymns and Readings:

- He'll be coming with great power (see sheet)

47 Away in a Manger

345 It Came upon a Midnight Clear

114 Ding Dong Merrily on High

During Communion: 121 * 342 * 749 * 451

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10 - 16
Matthew 1: 18 - 25

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 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80: 3

8.00am and 10.00am Readings

Isaiah 7: 10-16 - Ahaz refuses to ask for a sign but Isaiah reassures him that the Lord **will** send him a sign.

Matthew 1: 18-25 - An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid – “Look the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” - which means ‘God is with us’. (v23)

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Readings for Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

10.00am Readings: Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 * Luke 2: 1 - 14

Prayers

Collect

O 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

Parish Treasurer - We continue to seek someone willing to take on the role of Parish Treasurer following Mark Preddy's need to stand down and concentrate on his new role as Chairman of Governors for St Martin's School. The work of Parish Treasurer is such an important role and supported by the individual church treasurers, others in the parish and the Diocese. A willing heart and some ability with figures would be necessary. Please pray to see if God is calling you to take on this vital ministry in the parish.

Schools Christmas services - thanks are also due to all the willing volunteers who last week and this coming week give up time to welcome the children and their families into St Martin's Church for various schools Christmas services. Thank you also to those who clean and take care of the building and enhance the church with flowers to make it a warm and gracious place into which to welcome the community. *We also have received thanks from the schools who used St Martin's, for the help they received and they send their festival greetings to us.*

Offertory envelopes 2017 - available today on the literature table, please collect your boxes.

Parish Office - Please note the Parish office will be closed from Thursday 22 December and will re-open Tuesday 3 January 2017.

There will be no midweek Holy Communion - on 28 December at St Mark's and 29 December at St Martin's

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 1 January - due to clergy leave after Christmas it has been decided to hold one united parish service of Holy Communion at 10am in St Martin's Church and no other services in the churches in the parish. Consequently there will be no 8am Holy Communion on this day. An opportunity for us to celebrate 2017 together.

Baby and Toddler Group - has now finished for the term and will recommence on Tuesday 10th January 2017