

Diary for week commencing 31 January 2016

Today		
Monday		
Tuesday	9,30am	St. Martin's Baby and Toddler Group
	7.00pm	2nd Worle Scout Group visit
Wednesday	8.00am	Prayers for St. Martin's
	10.00am	Holy Communion (Mead Vale)
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Friday	9.30am	Cleaning Guild
Saturday	7.00pm	Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper

Next Sunday	Sunday Next before Lent	[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	All-Together Holy Communion
	12 noon	No Baptisms
	6.00pm	Service of Healing

Prayers

- For the emergency services as they strive to take care of us.
- For all those who work behind the scenes ensuring that our church of St. Martin's continues to be well-maintained.
- For the security services as they make every effort to keep our towns and cities safe.
- For all suffering discrimination and violence, that they may receive the respect and justice due to them.
- For those suffering persecution around the world. Holocaust Memorial Day last Wednesday reminded us of man's inhumanity to man.

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Wednesday
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BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES

At the Parish Office
During normal opening hours



Sunday 31 January 2016 **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13
Luke 2: 22 - 40

10.00am Holy Communion

Hymns and Readings:

664 Walk in the light

449 Love Divine

50 Be Still for the presence of the Lord

254 I am a new creation

During Communion: 470 * 456 * 914 * 882 * 170

Readings: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13
Luke 2: 22 - 40

6.00pm Fifth Sunday Service

Hymns:

529 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

152 For the beauty of the earth;

731 We love the place, O God

- Candlemas Song

- 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 Epiphany

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
Psalms 48 v:1

8.00am & 10.00am Readings

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 - *The Gift of Love* – Paul enlightens the Corinthians as to the importance of love in our godly lives. “It bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things.” (v7)

Luke 2: 22 - 40 - This is the story of Simeon, a righteous man in Jerusalem. He had been visited by the Holy Spirit who had told him he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah. When he saw Mary and Joseph and the boy Jesus in the Temple he praised God; “for mine eyes have seen your Salvation...” (v30)

6.00pm Readings - to be advised

Readings 7 February - Sunday Next before Lent

8.00am & 10.00am Readings - 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2 * Luke 9: 28 - 36

6.00pm - Service of Healing - readings to be advised

Prayers

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Post Communion

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Notices for the week

Fifth Sunday Service - Please join us today for this special service which will take place at 6pm. This is the closest Sunday to ‘the presentation of Christ in the Temple’ also called Candlemas. A boy, and first born, Jesus was ‘dedicated to God,’ as a baby, as were all eldest sons. This was to give thanks for a safe birth and to remember all the baby boys who had been killed before Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt. What are the stories which have come down to us from the Bible of lives offered to God, to be made sacred? How are our lives made sacred, at different times and stages?

At Candlemas, candles used in churches and homes were blessed, as a reminder that God’s light illuminates everything, and nothing is entirely secular. We will use candles this evening too, as is only fitting! Do join Revd Gilly Bunce who will be leading the service.

World Wide Express - available today at the back of the Church, please take your copy.

Christingle Boxes - £50.29 was collected. Thank you

Sanctuary Morning at Wick St Lawrence Church, Saturday 6 February, a chance for quiet reflection in rural surroundings. Drop in any time between 10 and 12.30, refreshments provided.

Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper - Saturday 6 February 7pm in St Martin’s Church. Please see poster in porch and sign up sheet. Today is the final day for signing up and payment is also due today.

Dates for your Diary

Ash Wednesday - 10 February 7.30pm St Martin’s Church. Join us for Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent Course - All dates are Mondays at 7.30pm,
15 February, St Martin’s Church,
22 February St Mark’s Church,
29 February Mead Vale Church
7 March St Lawrence Church.

Holey, Holy, Wholly....

So often we are aware of the gaps, the holes in our lives. Although we strive to live for God’s sake, we find that bringing our whole selves to be present to God is harder than ever. In our Lent Course this year, we look at how we can indeed learn to love the Lord our God wholeheartedly, with our entire souls, minds and strength. This also means understanding the effect our bodies and their problems have on how we are feeling, and what we can offer to God and to each other.