

Diary for week commencing 25 December 2016

Today  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

11.00am Church Cleaning  
6.15pm Choir Practice  
7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice

Friday  
Saturday

Next Sunday **The Second Sunday of Christmas**

[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]  
8.00am No Service  
10.00am Joint Parish Family Communion Service  
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 &  
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7.00pm - 8.00pm  
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A warm Welcome to  
**St.Martin's  
Parish Church**

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**Sunday 25 December 2016  
Christmas Day**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

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

**10.00am Christmas Holy Communion and  
Carols**

Hymns and Readings:  
**18** Angels from the realms of glory  
**11** Joy to the world, the Lord has come.  
**2** In the bleak mid-winter  
**5** The first Nowell  
**12** O come all ye faithful

Readings: Isaiah 9:2,3a, 6 - 7  
Luke 2:1 - 14

**Evening services within the parish**

St. Martin's No service  
St. Lawrence No Service  
Mead Vale No Service

- 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 Christmas Day

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness. Psalm 96:13

### Readings: 8.00am & 10.00am

Isaiah 9: 2, 3a,6 - 7 - "For a child has been born for us; a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (v6)

Luke 2: 1 - 14 - *The Birth of Jesus* - 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' (v14)

### Sunday 1 January 2017 – New Year's Day

#### Readings: 10.00am

Isaiah 63: 7 - 9 - *God's Mercy Remembered.*

Matthew 2: 13 - 23 - After the visit of the wise men, an angel appeared to Joseph urging him to take the child and his mother to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod. They were to remain there until the death of Herod when they would return to Judea and the town of Nazareth. "He will be called a Nazorean." (v23)

## Prayers

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the 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.

**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

### Collect for 1 January 2017

God our Father  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life;  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.