

Diary for week Commencing 7 December 2014

Today	Second Sunday of Advent 6.00pm Service of Healing & Holy Communion
Monday	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9.30am Mendip Green School - Rehearsal 10.45am St. Martin's School - Rehearsal 2.00pm Setting up for Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday	9.30am Baby & Toddler Group 1.30pm Mendip Green School - Rehearsal 12.30pm St. Martin's Fellowship - The Nut Tree
Wednesday	8.00am Prayers for St. Martins 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 2.00pm Open Church Afternoon - [Tim & Anna]
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion 1.30pm St. Martin's School Nativity 5.30pm Choir Practice 7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice
Friday	9.30am St. Martin's School Nativity
Saturday	<i>St. Lucy of Syracuse, Missionary</i> 11.00am Carol singing Worle High Street.
Next Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent [Duty Warden - Paul Elliott] 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Christingle service

Prayers for the Week

- Pray for our local schools as they make their own preparations to celebrate the Nativity.
- Give thanks for those of our congregation who have given their time to decorate St. Martin's in celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- Pray for Christians throughout the UK as they celebrate Advent and the coming of Christ.
- Pray for those throughout the world who are still being persecuted for their faith.

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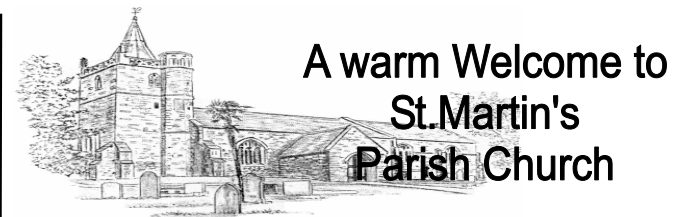
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**BAPTISM & WEDDING
ENQUIRIES**

At the Parish Office
During normal opening hours



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

**Sunday 7 December 2014
Second Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion
Readings: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a
Mark 1: 1 - 8

10.00am Family Communion
Hymns & Readings
538 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
987 Here is love vast as the ocean
563 Praise to the Holiest in the height
266 I cannot tell

During communion: 420*441*Choirs book no.
16*107*493
Readings: 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a
Mark 1: 1 - 8

12.00noon Baptisms

**6.00pm Service of Healing
with Holy Communion**

Hymns & Readings
673 There is a Redeemer
790 You are the King of glory
102 Come thou long-expected Jesus
833 God of grace, I turn my face
435 Lord Jesus Christ,

Reading Matthew 11:2-11

- 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 Second Sunday of Advent

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.
Psalm 85: 11

8.00 & 10.00am Readings

2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a - In his second letter Peter reminds us that "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" (v8) but be assured the day of the Lord will come.

Mark 1: 1 - 8 - The prophet Isaiah writes that the Lord will send a Messenger to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. "And so John came, baptising in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (v4)

6.00pm Readings

Matthew 11: 2-11 - The messengers from John the Baptist

Readings for Sunday 14 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24 * John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

10.00am - Christingle TBA

Prayers

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us:
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices for the week

Planned Giving Sunday - Response Forms can be put in with the collection today. Please contact Chris Swatton if you require any Gift Aid information.

Offertory Envelopes 2015 - are available today on a table at the back of church. Please collect your boxes.

Church Diaries - 2015 diaries are now available on the Literature Table at £1 each, or three for two.

Advent Bookstall - There is a bookstall for Advent and Christmas books at the back of the church. Please feel free to have a look through them and if you wish to order any please see Timothy Lagler.

Open Church Afternoons - St Martin's is open on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4.30pm. People will be there to welcome you. Come and explore and enjoy the history and traditions of our Church. Look out for the banner and come along!

Worle Wide Express - December available, please take your copy.

Children's Society - Thank you to everyone who donated, through their boxes, the sum of £131.81. This figure is slightly less than last year so if anyone would like to take a box please see me, Iris Elsbury.

St. Martin's Fellowship - Tuesday 9 December 12.30pm meet at The Nut Tree for "A Christmas Celebration"

Carol Singing - Saturday 13 December 11.00am outside The Co-op on Worle High St. Please join us for an hour as we sing of Christ's birth to passers by.

Dates for your diary

Christingle Sunday 14 December 10.00am - Please bring an orange for you and/or your family or this service. Please return filled Christingle tubes at our Christingle Service