

Diary for week Commencing 10 January 2016

Today		
Monday		
Tuesday	9,30am	St. Martin's Baby and Toddler Group
	2.15pm	St Martin's Fellowship
	6.00pm	Free First Aid session
Wednesday	8.00am	Prayers for St. Martin's
	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Friday	9.30am	Cleaning Guild
Saturday		
Next Sunday	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
		[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

Prayers

- For all those who have nowhere to call home
- For the choir of St. Martin's, with thanks for their commitment and for the musical enhancement that they bring to our worship.
- For all those who have been affected by the recent flooding

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace - peace that passes our understanding but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES

At the Parish Office
During normal opening hours



Sunday 10 January 2016 **The Baptism of Christ**

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22

10.00am All-Together Morning Praise

Hymns and Reading:

- 740** We three kings of Orient are
502 O let the Son of God enfold you
379 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
1039 Colours of day dawn into the mind

Reading: Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22

Evening services within the parish

St. Martin's No service
St. Lawrence 6.00pm Evening Worship
Mead Vale 6.00pm Evening Prayer

- 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 Baptism of Christ

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace
Psalms 29: 11

8.00 am Readings

Acts 8: 14-17 - *Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch* - Hearing that Samaria had now accepted the word of God, Peter and John "went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit." (v15)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22 - When the people questioned John as to him being the Messiah, he answered that one more powerful than he was coming. After John had baptised them all, Jesus began to pray and the Holy Spirit descended upon him. "And a voice came from heaven, You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." (v22)

10am Reading

Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22

Readings for 17 January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am & 10.00am - 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 * John 2: 1-11

6.00pm - Choral Evensong - Isaiah 50: 4-10 * John 12: 20-26

Prayers

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit'
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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.

Gift Aid Co-ordinator needed! 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.

Audrey Beck - Audrey's funeral is Monday, 11 January at Wick St. Lawrence church at 12.00noon. Please remember Dennis in your prayers at this sad time.

Dates for your Diary

St. Martin's Fellowship - Tuesday 12 January at 2.15pm in church. A talk by Iris Elsbury on 'Memories and Past Times'. This meeting will be the last one before the Fellowship ends after many years. Please note on Tuesday 9 February there will be the AGM for the Fellowship to wind up the group and there will be teas and cakes served, to celebrate the life of the Fellowship.

First Aid Session - Tuesday 12 January, 6.00pm in church. 'Paediatric, Choking and CPR' - a talk by Mr. Lee Veale and arranged by St Martin's Baby & Toddler Group, this session would be helpful for parents/carers of young children.

Film Night - Saturday 23 January at 5.15pm in church. The film showing is 'Mr. Turner' starring Timothy Spall.

The Maggie Down Annual Quiz - St Marks Church. Saturday 23 January. Church opens 6.30 pm for a 7pm start. Tea, coffee, nibbles will be provided. Bring your own wine etc if required. Cost £3 per person (small children free). All monies raised to St Marks Maintenance Fund. Any queries contact Peter or Rosemary Burden on 514415.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 30 January 2016. St Mark's is hosting a parish-wide Men's Breakfast. We've got Phil Williams speaking; he's National Director of Christian Surfers Europe and will be chatting about his life, his work and his faith. All men are invited to come along and bring a friend, and there will be free bacon butties and hot drinks! 8am till 9.30am