

## Diary for week commencing 11 December 2016

<b>Today</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	1.00pm	Worle Village Primary School Rehearsal
	6.00pm	Worle Village Primary School Play
<b>Tuesday</b>	1.00pm	Worle Village Primary School Play
	7.30pm	Parish Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)
	9.00am	St Martin's Primary School Visit - Crib
	6.00pm	Worle Village Primary School Play
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Church Cleaning
	6.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
		[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	All-Together Holy Communion & nativity
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight

### 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
- For all those who bring care and comfort to the elderly and infirm at this time of year.
- For all the families represented at school carol services at St Martin's to know and sense God's love and presence
- For the nations of the world as they strive to find a solution to the ever present problems leading to the destruction of our environment.

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

[www.stmartinsworle.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsworle.org.uk)

### Sunday 11 December 2016 The Third Sunday of Advent

#### **8.00am Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10  
Matthew 11: 2 - 11

#### **10.00am Christingle**

Hymns and Readings:

**83** Come and join the celebration

**420** Like a candle flame

**393** Joy to the world

- It's rounded like an orange (See sheet)

Reading: Genesis 1: 1 - 5  
John 1: 1 - 5

#### ***Evening services within the parish***

*St. Martin's No service*

*St. Lawrence No Service*

*Mead Vale 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 Third Sunday of Advent

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. Psalm 146: 5

#### 8.00am Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-10 - *The Return of the Redeemed to Zion* - "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing..." (v10)

Matthew 11: 2-11 - *Jesus Praises John the Baptist* - "This is the one about whom it is written; - 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" (v10)

#### 10.00am Reading TBA

Genesis 1: 1 - 5 - Then God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. (v4)

John 1: 1 - 5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (v1)

#### Readings for Sunday 18 December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8.00 and 10.00am Readings:** Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 \* Matthew 1: 18 - 25

**6.00pm Carols by Candlelight**

### Prayers

#### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming did your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

We you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

### 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.

**Parish Prayer at St Martin's Tuesday 13 December 7.30 - 8.30.** Please join us for an hour as we pray for God's choice of a new Team Rector, for our churches and for the parish.

**Swell the choir for Christmas** - A big thank you to those who have added to our choir numbers for our service of Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18 December at 6pm It's not too late to join, no long term commitment is involved - we'd love to see you. For more information please speak with one of the Churchwardens, Barbara or Paul.

**Carol Singing on Worle High Street**, out side the Co-op 11am - 12 noon, Saturday 17 December.

**The Christmas Tree** - thanks are due to the team who put up the Christmas tree on Friday and for those who decorated it, the result is stunning. St Martin's baby and toddler group children and parents were entranced. See St Martin's Facebook page for a couple of pictures of them at the tree and the crib.

**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.

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

#### 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