

Diary for week commencing 17 December 2017

Today	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Monday	7.30pm	WPCC Budget Approval Meeting in St Martin's
Tuesday	7.45pm	Advent Series
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Church Cleaning
	6.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers practice

Friday

Saturday

Next Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Advent [Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]
	8.00am No Service
	10.00am Family Communion
	4.00pm Crib Service
	11.30pm Midnight Communion

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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Sunday 17 December 2017
The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 61: 4, 8 - end
John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

10.00am Morning Praise - Nativity Service

Hymns and Reading:

503 O little Town of Bethlehem
47 Away in a manger
- Mary had a baby, yes Lord
420 Like a candle flame

Reading: Luke 2: 1 - 7

Followed by Sherry, Juice and mince pies

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Followed by seasonal refreshments

- 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.
- 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

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126 v3

8.00am Readings

Isaiah 61: 4, 8 - end - *The Good News of Deliverance* - "For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." (v11)

John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28 - "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." (v6) and in answer to the priests and Levites.... "He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.' as the prophet Isaiah said." (v23)

10.00am Reading

Luke 2: 1 - 7 - *The Birth of Jesus*

6.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

Readings for 24 December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am *No Service*

10.00 am Readings

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16 * Luke 1: 26 - 38

Prayers

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

We give 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 forever.

Notices for the week

Carols by Candlelight - 6.00pm tonight please join us for this traditional service.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are available today on the literature table for all members of the congregation who have had offertory envelopes before. Please collect yours today. If you would like a set to use in the coming year please speak to Paul Elliott or Chris Swatton

Advent with Isaiah - advent series

Tuesday evening 7.45pm to 9pm at St Martin's Church
19 December Presence Isaiah 61 Rev Chris Elms

Please Note - The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22 December and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January.

Parish Joint Communion Service - Sunday 31 December 10am at St Martin's.

Dates for the diary

Community Café - will restart on Wednesday 3 January 2.30 to 4.30pm. Come along for refreshments, a chat and craft activities.

Sanctuary Morning - Saturday 6 January at Wick Church drop in any time between 10am and 12.30pm for peace, quiet and reflection. Refreshments provided. Pause, pray and rest.

Baby and Toddler Group - new term starts on Tuesday 9 January at 9.15am

Free Family Film Night - Saturday 27 January. Doors open at 5.15pm and film starts at 5.45pm Film showing "In the Heart of the Sea"



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