Diary for week commencing 17 December 2023		
Today	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Carol Service
Monday	10.15am	St Martin's School Crib Service in church
Tuesday	9.30am	Worle Village School Christmas Service in church
Wednesday	6.00pm	Standing Committee meeting on zoom
Thursday	9.00am 10.00am 10.45am 6.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Cake and Coffee Choir Practice
Friday	8.00am	Cleaning Team
Saturday		
Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve		

[Warden on duty Paul Elliott]

8.00am Said Holy Communion10.00am Sung Holy Communion

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

## Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

[Warden on duty Jill Preddy]

10.00am Communion for Christmas Day

Refreshment Rota: Joy Kenward and Jo Hunt

# Tourneying together in the love of Jesus

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Sunday 17 December 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent

8am Said Holy Communion Led by Rev Jon Ormrod

10am Sung Holy Communion Led by Rev Jon Ormrod

**Baptism of Albert Gadd** 

#### Hymns:

On Jordan's Bank As the deer No wind at the window Soon and very soon

## Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Read by: Neil Adams 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Read by: Sally Freeman John 1: 6-8, 19-28 Read by: Rev Jon Ormrod

6pm Carol Service Led by Rev Jon Ormrod and Yvonne Criddle

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service Refreshment Rota: Ann & Michael Butt

# **Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent**

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.

Amen

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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 for ever.

Amen

## Please pray for...

The people of Israel and Gaza

For all who are ill are in hospital, hospice and care homes and all who are cared for at home.

Those who are caught up in conflict and war, remembering particularly the people of Ukraine.

All who are affected by natural disasters and Climate Change.

All those that are ill, who mourn and who are concerned about their futures

For the people of Zambia and the co-operative projects between the parishes and the dioceses

Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine from the Methodist Council God of peace and compassion,

We pray for all impacted by the escalation in conflict in Israel and Palestine For all who are mourning

For all who are fearful, today, and for what may lie ahead

For all traumatised and re-traumatised by what they have experienced.

Enable us to stand in solidarity with people of peace

May your Spirit bring peace and healing to your troubled world

Amen

#### **Notices**

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up trees, providing and serving refreshments and for supporting the festival this year. After Christmas the leaves from the Binding Us Together tree will be sewed together to make blankets, which will be donated to Somewhere To Go for the homeless. A grand total of just over £1,600 Was raised and this will be shared between Hospicecare in Weston and St Martin's Church.

#### **Church Lunch - 31 December**

As usual we will be having our St. Martin's church lunch on the last Sunday in the month in December at the Summerhouse.

All are welcome to join us at midday BUT please ensure that you have signed up by Sunday Today.

The Sunday carvery is available, along with the normal menu.

# **Carol Singing at the Nut Tree**

We will be singing Carols at the Nut Tree on Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm, if you wish to join us you are very welcome

# **Standing Orders**

As we move into a new year, there are on the Communication Table, Standing Order Instruction forms to your bank, so if you feel able you can amend your current monthly amount. Thank you for being part of this planned giving scheme, it is so much appreciated.

## St Martin's Church Holiday 2024 - Important

Next year's holiday will be from Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June. To ensure our holiday can take place we still have available 5 double and 3 twin rooms. The holiday is open to our family and friends so please consider, there are booking forms on the Literature table or speak to Paul Elliott in church or by phone 07725 016805.

# **Carol Service**

Our Carol Service this evening at 6pm

Other Christmas Services in addition to our usual Sunday Services include:

## **Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

## **Christmas Day**

10am Communion for Christmas Day