



WEEKLY NOTES

The Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2011

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially in our diocese, for the parishes in our own Epsom Deanery; in our parish, for the Communion Assistants; and for all living in Woodlands Close.

Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8 & 9:30am)

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.

Amen.

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. **Amen**

REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

IN CHURCH

(all welcome at these services)

	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
Monday	9am	-
Tuesday	-	10am (parish room)
Wednesday	9am	-
Thursday	9am	-

Forthcoming Funerals

Susan Vaughan – at St Mary's on Monday 5th December at 1.30pm.

Pat Palmer – at St Mary's on Tuesday 6th December at 12noon.

Evelyn Duffy – at St Mary's on Tuesday 6th December at 2pm.

Peter Hogben, priest – at Rowledge Church on Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm.

Moira Tombs – at St Mary's on Monday 12th December at 2.30pm.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am HOLY COMMUNION (*Common Worship*)

The service begins on page **167** of the black book.

Eucharistic Prayer **C** (page **191**) with preface on page 300.

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

9:30am SUNG EUCHARIST (*CW Green Booklets*)

The crèche, children's hour and Wayfarers meet during today's service.

Choral Mass Setting: *Wood* in the Phrygian mode

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 12

There is no 'Gloria in Excelsis' during Advent.

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

GRADUAL HYMN: Tune Highwood (*New English Praise 600*)

Hark, what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints and to the deaf and dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn, I come.

So even I, and with a pang more thrilling,
so even I, and with a hope more sweet,
yearn for the sign, O Christ, of thy fulfilling,
faint for the flaming of thine advent feet.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficèd:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

The Holy Gospel: St Mark 1.1-8

Sermon: The Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 466 (during which a collection is taken)

Eucharistic Prayer: **C** with proper preface

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him

Anthem: Canite tuba – *Guerrero*

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini: ecce veniet ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is at hand: behold, He comes to save us.
The crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways plain: come, Lord, do not delay.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 9

Organ: Fugue on "Wachet Auf" - Reger [JSH]

You are warmly invited to come to coffee in the church hall after the 9:30 service. If it's your first visit you'll be made especially welcome.

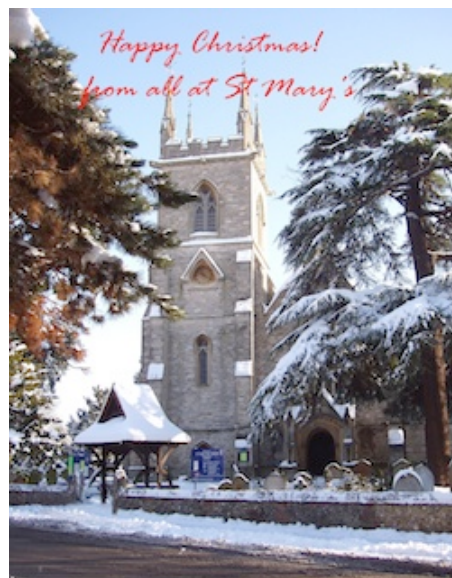
11:00am MATTINS & HOLY BAPTISM (*Common Worship*)

A separate order is provided for this service. Please pray for Jack Riley Evans, to be baptized, and his parents and godparents.

No evening service today.

NOTICES

We aim to deliver a Christmas postcard to every house in the parish. This is an ambitious target and we can only hope to achieve it with your help. The postcards include Christmas good wishes from the church and details of our Christmas services. The cards have been bundled by street, please take one or more bundles from the back of the church today or next Sunday. Please aim to deliver the cards well before 18th December when the first Christmas service takes place. Thank you. (And thanks to all who sorted the bundles during the week.) Please take any additional postcards you would like to give to friends or neighbours who don't live in the parish.



There are also **posters showing Christmas services** available. Please take one if there is somewhere you can pin it up. Three exciting colours to choose from!

On Sunday 18th December, we **decorate the church for Christmas**. There is a very brief service of "Short Mattins" at 11am, lasting about 10 minutes, then the decorating begins. We need the help of as many as possible setting up the tree, taking clippings from the churchyard, hanging tinsel and so on. Festive refreshments will be served in church. Please add the date to your diary.

In case you missed the opportunity to enjoy **lunch at The Clink Restaurant**, HMP High Down, for the relaunch of our Guyana Link - Jay Price, is organising a table for 10 on Friday, 20th January 2012 at 12.00 Noon. To reserve your place please contact her on 0208 393 9691.

A message from the Outreach Committee. "A big **thank you** to all who helped and donated to the **Charity Gift Day** last Saturday. The café, cakes, bring & buy, musicians, brownies, raffle organizers and their helpers all contributed to a very enjoyable occasion as well as raising £1,277 for our four charities. A very creditable achievement– to all a big 'thank you'!"

Parish Directory. In order to make it easier for church members to get in touch with each other we will produce a directory of contact details for distribution within St Mary's. Printed copies will be available at a cost of £2.00 each to church members only. The directory will not be made available online. If you are happy for your details to be included please fill in a form, available at the back of church. Forms may be placed in the blue box in the welcome area, or delivered to the parish office, by Monday 12 December. This directory, which should be available early in the new year, will be in addition to the church Electoral Roll and inclusion in one will not automatically result in inclusion in the other.

The **welcome area** in church will be revamped following discussions in the Children's Support Group and Publicity Committee. Work is already in progress, see the new-look welcome area next Sunday.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12-2pm Café NESBOT: Lunches served, very reasonably priced, in the church hall. This Tuesday will be the last Cafe of the term.

Tuesday evening: Join the **house group**, watching DVDs taking a fresh look at the book of the prophet Malachi. This book has much to say to our world and to the church today. Meet: 68 Castle Avenue. Tea/coffee 7.30 pm, DVD and discussion start 8.00, finish by 9.30. Lifts can be arranged. All welcome. Contact Julian on 020 8393 5212 for more information.

Wednesday 10:30am-1pm: Coffee morning Christmas party in the church hall. Coffee; Cakes; Carols; Mince Pies & Grand Raffle– come and join us!

NEXT SUNDAY

11 December – Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

9:30am Sung Eucharist *with Children's hour and Wayfarers*

11am Sung Eucharist (1662)

No evening service.

FUTURE DATES

For full details of Christmas services, please take a postcard available in church.