



## WEEKLY NOTES

### The Third Sunday of Advent

11 December 2011

### Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially for the church choirs in our Diocese; for the growth of the congregation at St Mary's; and for all who live in Aragon Avenue.

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent 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.

**Amen.**

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**

### REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### IN CHURCH

*(all welcome at these services)*

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

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

11am Short Mattins *followed by decorating of the church for Christmas*

5.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols *followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

The funeral of Moira Tombs will be at St Mary's on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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# SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer **B** (page **188**) with preface on page 300.

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

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

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*Children's hour and Wayfarers meet during today's service.*

Choral Mass Setting: *Byrd* 3-part mass

**INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 388** (tune i)

*There is no 'Gloria in Excelsis' during Advent.*

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

**GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 3** (tune ii)

The Holy Gospel: St John 1.6-8, 19-28

Sermon: The Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 5** (during which a collection is taken)

Eucharistic Prayer: **B** 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: *Sicut cervus – Palestrina* (for words see Psalm 42)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 405** (tune NEH 365)

Organ: *Dieu Parmi Nous* from *La Nativite – Messiaen* [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 SUNG EUCHARIST** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

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Mass Setting: *Byrd* – 3-part mass

**INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 408** (tune i)

The service begins on page 31 in the green Shorter Prayer Book.

*Kyrie Eleison*

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent is on page 52.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4.1-5

**GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 8** (tune NEH 128 ii)

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 11.2-10

*Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell*

Nicene Creed (page 34): Merbecke

Sermon: The Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 9** (during which a collection is taken)

Kneel for the Prayer of the Church (page 36) and following

**CONSECRATION HYMN: NEH 269 PART TWO** (tune ii)

Please come forward for Holy Communion while *Agnus Dei* is sung.

Anthem: Sicut cervus – *Palestrina* (for words see Psalm 42)

After Communion, page 44 for the Lord's Prayer and following

Gloria in Excelsis *is not sung during Advent.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 306**

***No evening service today.***

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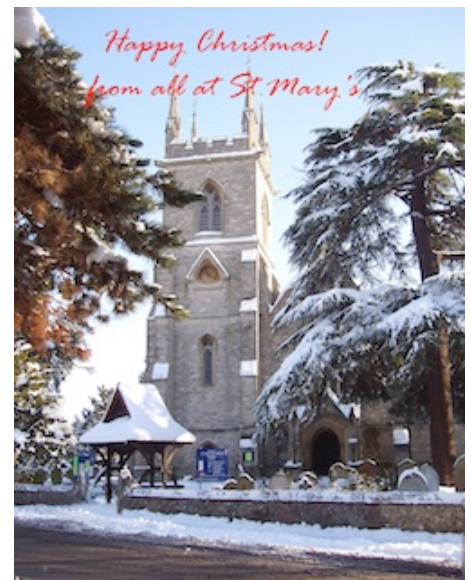
**We aim to deliver a Christmas postcard to every house in the parish.** The postcards include Christmas good wishes from the church and details of our Christmas services. Thank you to those who have already delivered cards– we need the rest of the cards to go today if possible. The cards have been bundled 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 18<sup>th</sup> December when the first Christmas service takes place.

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!

Next Sunday 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.

**Christmas cards** for members of the congregation can be posted in the blue box by the west door. They will be sorted and placed on the table by the south porch.

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 John Stovell, Outreach Committee chairman: “**Charity Gift Day 26 Nov:** Total contributions have been revised upwards to £1318. Many thanks again to all who helped on the day and donated.”

**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 (marked ‘Christmas cards’) in the welcome area, or delivered to the parish office, by **tomorrow, Monday**. This directory, to be available 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.

By the time you read this the **welcome area** should have received its re-vamp. We hope that the space will find multiple uses, and the boards will enable more people to find out about what is going on at St Mary’s.

**St Mary’s singers.** Would you like to join fellow members of the congregation and St Mary’s choir to sing at our monthly 11am baptism services? If you can sing a hymn and learn a simple sung response, you can sing in St Mary’s Singers. Please speak to Arthur Mathews in church or on 020 8337 2160.

David Slattery would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers last week at the time of Susan’s funeral.

Julian Varney writes: ‘Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to the Wednesday Coffee Morning Christmas Party last Wednesday. This was a new venture for me, but thanks to you it went well and everyone present seemed to enjoy themselves.’

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## THIS WEEK

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NB Café NESBOT has now finished for the term.

**Tuesday evening:** Join the **house group**, watching a DVD on the prophet Malachi last of the series. 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-12noon: Coffee morning** in the church hall.

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## FUTURE DATES

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There will be no coffee morning on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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