



WEEKLY NOTES

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2011

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially for the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation (supporting charitable projects in Surrey); for our parish's members of the Mothers' Union; and for all who live in Arundel Avenue.

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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, who chose the
Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother
of the promised saviour: fill us your
servants with your grace, that in all
things we may embrace your holy
will and with her rejoice in your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

IN CHURCH <i>(all welcome at these services)</i>	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
Monday	9am	-
Tuesday	9am	10am (parish room)
Wednesday	9am	-
Thursday	-	-

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 24 December – Christmas Eve

4:00pm The Arrival at Bethlehem: A crib service for the whole family. The Christmas story is told and familiar carols are sung. Angels and shepherds welcome.

11:45pm Midnight Mass: Atmospheric service with favourite carols and Holy Communion. The choir will sing Christmas music and carols from 11:15pm.

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day

8:30am Holy Communion: A simple said service.

10:00am All-age Sung Eucharist: Come and unwrap the real meaning of Christmas! Our usual festive Holy Communion service will also include a talk and craft activities for children. *(Note there is no 11am service on Christmas Day).*

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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

The preacher is Wendy Varney, reader.

Eucharistic Prayer **E** (page **196**) with extended preface on page 301.

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

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

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

Choral Mass Setting: *Viadana* – Missa L'Hora Passa

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 1 (TUNE ii)

There is no 'Gloria in Excelsis' during Advent.

First Reading: Romans 16.25-27

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 161 (TUNE NEH 385)

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 1.26-38

Sermon: Wendy Varney, reader.

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 166 (TUNE NEH 470) (during which a collection is taken)

Eucharistic Prayer: **E** with extended preface

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Anthem: Ave Maria – *Victoria*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 286

Organ: Processional - *Mathias* [MA]

This morning there is a very brief service of "Short Mattins" at 11am followed by the decoration of the church for Christmas. Everyone is invited to stay– or to come back– to help with this, and refreshments will be served.

11.00am SHORT MATTINS (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Neary responses: see page **8** in the Shorter Prayer Book

Psalm 117 (page **277**, sung by the choir)

First reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

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

HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 11

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

The Lord's Prayer (p. 13, said)

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent (p. 52)

The Grace (p. 23)

After Short Mattins, please stay to help prepare and decorate the church for Christmas. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone: cutting holly, strewing tinsel, hanging gewgaws on the tree, and so on.

5.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Come and sing favourite carols in this traditional carol service led by our parish choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

NOTICES

Many thanks to all who delivered Christmas postcards—we covered almost every street in the parish!

Christmas cards have been sorted and placed on the tables near the Welcome Area. Cards for members of the congregation can be posted in the blue box by the west door.

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 you can sing in St Mary's Singers. Please speak to Arthur Mathews in church or on 020 8337 2160.

New Year's Day: We are keeping the feast of the Epiphany on Sunday 1st January. There will be services at 8am and 9.30am but no service at 11am.

THIS WEEK

NB Café NESBOT has now finished for the term.

Wednesday 10:30am-12noon: Coffee morning in the church hall. Note there will be no coffee morning on 28th Dec or 4th Jan.

St Mary's Ewell: Calendar of Major Church Events 1 January – 14 March

JANUARY	
Sun 1 Jan The Epiphany	8am Holy Communion. 9:30am Procession & Sung Eucharist. <i>Note there is no service at 11am today.</i>
Sun 8 Jan The Baptism of Christ	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Toddle Up! 5.30pm Choral Evensong.
Sun 15 Jan 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist with all-age talk. 11am Holy Communion (1662).
Sun 22 Jan 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Mattins & Holy Baptism.
Sun 29 Jan Candlemas	8am Holy Communion. 9:30am Procession & Sung Eucharist. 11am Choral Mattins.
FEBRUARY	
Sun 5 Feb 3 rd Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion (1662). 9.30am Sung Eucharist with licensing of the Revd Sue Ayling as Assistant Priest by the Archdeacon of Dorking. <i>All are invited to attend the licensing and there will be no 11am service today.</i>
Sat 11 Feb	6.30pm Valentine's Dinner and Entertainment in the Church Hall– tickets on sale in the New Year.
Sun 12 Feb 2 nd Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Toddle Up!
Thu 16 Feb	11am-4pm Children's Fun Day
Sun 19 Feb Sunday next before Lent	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist with all-age talk. 11am Valentine Mattins– in celebration of marriage.
Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday	12noon Holy Communion with imposition of ashes. 8pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes.
Sat 25 Feb	10am-1pm Quiet Morning in Church for the beginning of Lent.
Sun 26 Feb 1 st Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Mattins & Holy Baptism.
MARCH	
Sat 3 Mar	Come and sing— Handel's Messiah in church. Rehearsal in the afternoon, performance at 7.30pm
Sun 4 Mar 2 nd Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Choral Mattins.
Sun 11 Mar 3 rd Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist. 11am Toddle Up!
Wed 14 Mar	7.30pm Lent Group in the church hall (coffee from 7pm).

Also for the diary – Sat 14 Jul 2012: Ewell Village Fair.

This calendar is correct at the time of going to press, see the parish website for up-to-date details.

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