

Noticeboard

Tonight at 6pm we gather for The Healing Service at 6pm at St Mary's. Next Sunday we join together for Celtic Evening Worship. All Welcome.

Thank you to Rev. Monica Taylor from Wyke for conducting our services at 8am and 9.15am today.

SIGN UP lists are at the back of both churches to deliver our Christmas card to every house in the Parish giving all the Christmas services. Please consider delivering to your road or one close by.

LAUDAMUS CONCERT – Christmas Celebration at 7.30pm next Saturday 12th December, at St Alban's. In aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. Tickets £7.00 (£5.00 concessions) available from Nigel or the Church Office :G. 233091.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP on 16th of December at St Mary's. our speaker will be John McLean talking about his time in China.

The Parish Christmas Card is now available – instead of sending members of the congregation cards we invite you to sign the card at either church. Donations will be collected for the Toybox appeal.

Café Fairlands – are in need of a strong pair of hands to put tables out, and away again, twice a month from January to May next year. Please speak to Brian and Tricia Williams if you can help.

Next Sunday 13th December we will be celebrating Christingle at St Mary's with God's Family at Worship. There will be no Communion at this service.

Parish of Worplesdon Christmas Cards – now available in both churches. Speak to Anthony Hillard or contact the Church Office. Order forms available from the Lych Gate.

PLANNED GIVING – Thank you to those that have given over the past year. If you would be interested in joining this scheme, starting in January, please speak to Brian Smith or the Church Office.

The Village Christmas Lunch will be at St Alban's on WEDNESDAY 16th Dec. To book a place please phone the Church office (G.233091) by noon on Monday 14th December.

The deadline for items for inclusion in the weekly Crossway Supplement is:
Wednesday 12 noon c/o the Church Office G. 233091 or churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com



The Parish of Worplesdon
Crossway Supplement
Readings, Prayers & Notices
Advent 2



**Calendar for Week beginning
December 6th 2009**

Sunday 6th

6.00pm Healing Service at St Mary's

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

3.30pm StoryZone at St Alban's

8.00pm WSVA at St Alban's

Wednesday 9th

11.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

1.00pm Mothers Union at St Alban's

1.30pm Funeral of Peter Hodgkins at St Mary's

Thursday 10th

9.45am Parent & Toddler at St Alban's

Friday 11th

7.00pm Youth PCC

7.00pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

8.00pm Bell-ringers at St Mary's.

Advanced Notice

Sunday 13th

10.45am GFW Christingle Service at St Mary's

6.00pm Celtic Evening Worship at St Mary's.

Monday 14th

4.15pm Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's

Tuesday 15th

8.00pm PCC at St Mary's

Wednesday 16th

12.30pm Village Christmas Lunch at St Alban's
(to book please phone the church office
by noon on Monday 14th December)

1.30pm Edward Bears Christmas Party at St
Mary's.

Friday 18th

2.30pm Café Fairlands

*Weekday Morning prayer is said at St Mary's at 8.30am
& Evening Prayer at St Alban's at 5.00pm.*

On Saturdays Morning Prayer is 9.00am at St Mary's.

Welcome to our Worship

Hymns: 93, (printed), 513, 428, (172), 566.

Sentence before Collect

Prepare the way of the Lord: make his paths straight.

Matthew 3.3

The Collect (said by all)

**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.**

The First Reading: Baruch Ch. 5.

Reader: St Alban's: Roger Toulson St Mary's: Chris Ridsdale-Smith

(Baruch was a companion to Jeremiah, and our Apocrypha has a collection of poetry under his name - though mostly written much later. This passage is similar to many songs of Isaiah, expressing the hope for the coming Messiah to restore the fortunes of Israel.)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.'

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.
V. This is the word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Phil. 1. 3-11

Reader: St Alban's: Rachel Waugh St Mary's: Moira Ridsdale-Smith

(Paul writes warmly to his dear friends in Phillipi. In expectation of the day of Christ's coming again he prays they may increase in love and understanding.)

My brothers and sisters,
I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy
in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel
from the first day until now.
I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
It is right for me to think this way about all of you,
because you hold me in your heart,
for all of you share in God's grace with me,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.
For God is my witness,
how I long for all of you
with the compassion of Christ Jesus.
And this is my prayer,
that your love may overflow more and more
with knowledge and full insight
to help you to determine what is best,
so that in the day of Christ
you may be pure and blameless,
having produced the harvest of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.
V. This is the word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3. 1-6

V. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

(We read from Luke these coming months, but in all four Gospels John the Baptist appears as the messenger whom ancient Scripture had expected. He is the forerunner and herald of Jesus, preparing the way of the Lord by calling people to repent and be baptised.)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was ruler of Galilee,
and his brother Philip
ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,
during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

V. This is the gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Sentence

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

Baruch 4.36

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Requests for Prayer

Intercessions: *St Alban's: Carol Caven St Mary's: Sarah Peak*

The Church in the World: Western Mexico - (Mexico) Bishop Rodriguez Amaero.

Our Diocese: We pray for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen December 7th-18th.

Our Parish: *The Fairlands Health Centre, the doctors, nurses, reception and administrative staff. Normandy First Responders.*

Bramble Close and Brittens Close.

Those in need: John and Pat Evason, Noreen Hodgson, Baby Samuel Ede, Hugh Foster, Catherine Mosely, Pauline Hinks, Hilary Sheppard, Eileen Darby, Alicia Pettit.

Departed: Peter Hodgkins.

In Yearly Remembrance: Stella Fletcher, Emma Charlotte Bates, Vera Young, Gladys Sutton, Catherine Pearce, Alfred Phillips, Dorothy Standing, Beatrice Goodridge, Ellen Kirton, Arthur Chuter, Beatrice Baker, Leonard Clarke, Edith Pollard.

Assisting with our worship today

Sidespersons:	St Mary's:	8.00	Don Brealey
	St Alban's:	9.15	Margaret Rourke
			Steve Mochrie
			Brian Williams
		10.45	Anthony Hillard
			Chris Hughes
			John Collier
Lay Assistants:	St Alban's	9.15	Nicky Parsons
			Sue Darbey
	St Mary's:	8.00	Steve Reeds

		10.45	Pat Gathercole
			Wally Gathercole
Servers:	St Alban's	9.15	Chris Sturdee
	St Mary's:	10.45	Sarah Peak
			Amir Sexton

Assisting with our worship next week

8.00 St Alban's: Sidesperson Don Brealey

Parish Communion

	St Alban's	St Mary's
1st Reading	Zeph.3. 14-end	GFW
Reader	Kathleen Vallins	
2nd Reading	Phil. 1. 3-11	
Reader	Rey Crimmen	GFW
Gospel	Luke 3. 7-18	
Intercessor	Betty Leach	
Lay Assistants	Ann Blossie	GFW
	Lorna Morton	
Servers	Betty Leach	Kevin Davison
Sidespersons	Roger Toulson	Joy Corner
	Deirdre McGowan	
Refreshments		Sue Odell
		Mary Broughton