

Noticeboard

Tonight at 6pm we gather for Celtic Evening Worship at St Mary's. Next Sunday we join together for The Carol Service at 5pm. All Welcome.

Christmas cards are now bundled up and ready to deliver to every road in the Parish. If possible it is hoped to get all cards out this week.

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.

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.

Parish Youth Group meets at the slightly earlier time of 5.45pm at St Alban's this evening for the Family Quiz.

EDWARD BEAR CLUB – Edward invites all pre-schoolers and their parents, grandparents and carers to his Christmas Party on Wednesday 16th Dec 1.30pm at St Mary's. We will be having a visit from a real Christmas donkey.
Don't forget your bear!

PARISH CAROL SERVICE is at 5pm next Sunday 20th December at St Mary's.

Early arrival is advised.

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 3



**Calendar for Week beginning
December 13th 2009**

Sunday 13th

5.45pm Parish Youth Group Family Quiz

6.00pm Celtic Service 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

11.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

12.30pm Village Lunch (to book a place please
phone G.233091 by noon on Monday
14th December)

1.30pm Edward Bear Club Christmas Party at
St Mary's. *Just bring a bear.*

Thursday 17th

9.45am Parent & Toddler at St Alban's

Friday 18th

2.30pm Café Fairlands at Fairlands Community
Centre. Come along to meet friend both
old and new. Home made cakes, fair-
trade produce. *All Welcome.*

7.00pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

8.00pm Bell-ringers at St Mary's.

Saturday 19th

2.30pm Wedding at St Mary's.

Advanced Notice

Sunday 20th

5.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's. Early arrival
is advised. *All welcome.*

Monday 21st

11.00am Primrose House

8.00pm Pain Support group at St Mark's Hall,
Wyke.

*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: 249, 469, 247, 408, 117.

Sentence before Collect

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
The Lord is near.

Phillipians 4.4-5

The Collect (said by all)

**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.**

The First Reading: Zeph. 3. 14-end

Reader: St Alban's : Kathleen Vallins

(This prophet of the 7th century BC is mostly a voice of doom, but this passage ends his work on a note of hope. God will always preserve a remnant of the faithful through the worst of times, and come in his own person as king and saviour.)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.
V. This is the word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Phillipians 4.4-7

Reader: St Mary's : Rey Crimmen

(‘The Lord is near’, wrote Paul. He means that the coming in glory of the resurrected Jesus will happen soon. During the time of waiting, be joyful, be peaceable, be prayerful, be thankful.)

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
V. This is the word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3. 7-18

V. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord

(As we heard last Sunday, Christians understand John the Baptist as the one to whom ancient Scripture had pointed as God’s messenger preparing the way for Jesus. John’s teaching provoked controversy, but his proclamation of repentance and baptism gained him many disciples.)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,
‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance.
Do not begin to say to yourselves,
“We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you,
God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down
and thrown into the fire.’
And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’
In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share

with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’

He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’

He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation,

and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,

whether he might be the Messiah,

John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor

and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will

burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations,

he proclaimed the good news to the people.

V. This is the gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Sentence

Be strong; fear not!

Here is your God; he will come and save you.

Isaiah 35.4

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.**

Requests for Prayer

Intercessions: St Alban's : Betty Leach

The Church in the World: Willochra - (South Australia, Australia)

Bishop Gary Weatherill.

Our Diocese: Pray for Bishop Christopher and our Assistant Bishops Michael Baughen, Colin Bennetts and Chris Herbert. Pray for Bishop Ian, especially as he continues as commissary Bishop for Portsmouth.

Our Parish: *The Edward Bear Club and Parent & Toddler Group, the leaders and those who attend.*

Goose Rye Road, Gravetts Lane & Gumbrells Close.

Those in Need: John and Pat Evason, Noreen Hodgson, Baby Samuel Ede, Hugh Foster, Catherine Mosely, Pauline Hinks, Alicia Pettit, Gill Cross.

The Departed: Peter Hodgkins, Eileen Darbey, Hilary Sheppard.

In Yearly Remembrance: William Ettridge, Victor Bruce, David Reeds, Philip Newbury, Arthur Humphrey, Percy Stuart, Frederick Ford, Chris Silvester.

Assisting with our worship today

Sidespersons:	St Alban's: 8.00	Don Brealey
	St Alban's: 9.15	Roger Toulson
		Deirdre McGowan
		Gill Cross
	St Mary's: 10.45	GFW
Lay Assistants:	St Alban's: 9.15	Ann Blosse
		Lorna Morton
	St Mary's: 10.45	GFW
Servers:	St Alban's: 9.15	Betty Leach
	St Mary's: 10.45	Kevin Davison

Assisting with our worship next week

8.00 St Mary's: Sidesperson Lynn Collier

Parish Communion

	St Alban's	St Mary's	
1st Reading	Mic. 5.2-5a	Mic.5.2-5a	
Reader	Gill Cross	Eileen Peacock	2nd
Reading	Heb. 10. 5-10	Heb. 10. 5-10	
Reader	Carolyn Doig	Christopher Peacock	

Gospel Luke 1. 39-45[46-55}

Intercessor Roger Toulson

Lay Assistants Brian Williams
Jeanette Grey

Servers Roger Welch

Sidespersons Sue Darbey
Nigel Thornback
Roger Welch

Refreshments

Luke 1. 39-45[46-55}

Pat & Wally Gathercole

8.00 John Collier

Kevin Davison

Steve Reeds

Bryony Davison

Isobel Kelly

Sally Gregory

Mike Gillett

Jeanne Ward

Enid Dibben