

# *Noti ceboard*

The PARISH CAROL SERVICE is TONIGHT at 5pm at St Mary's. Early arrival is advised. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served after the service.

THANK YOU to those who helped deliver Parish Christmas Cards to every home in the Parish; your support is much appreciated.

The Alternative 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.

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.

2010 PARISH CALENDAR – copies now available at each church listing all the important dates for the coming year in the life of our Church family.

The Church office is now closed until Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>. For all urgent matters please contact a member of the Clergy team.



*The Clergy  
Team join in  
wishing you all  
a peaceful and  
happy  
Christmas*



The Parish of Worpl esdon  
Crossway Supplement  
Readings, Prayers & Notices  
Advent 4



Calendar for Week beginning  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

5.00pm Parish Carol Service at St Mary's

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

11.00am Primrose House Communion

8.00pm Pain Support Group at St Mark's Hall,  
Wyke, all welcome.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

11.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Workshop at  
St Alban's – *all primary aged children  
who wish to be involved in the Crib  
service are invited to come along to  
help create a special Nativity Play.*

4.00pm Crib Service at St Alban's

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity at  
St Mary's

**Christmas Day**

8.00am Dawn Communion at St Mary's

9.15am Festal Eucharist at St Alban's

10.45am Festal Eucharist at St Mary's

Advanced Notice

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas 1**

8.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

9.15am Parish Communion at St Alban's

10.45am Parish Communion at St Mary's

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

11.45am Visiting Bellingers at St Mary's

*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:* 125, 620, 166, 469, (429), 363.

### *Sentence before Collect*

Show, O heavens, from above  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Isaiah 45.8

### *The Collect* (said by all)

**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 to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The First Reading: Micah 5. 2-5a*

**Reader: St Alban's: St Mary's: Eileen Peacock**

*(Like so many of the prophets, Micah embraces both judgement and hope. In his poetic language, a new king will be born in David's birthplace, Bethlehem, and will lead his people in peace.)*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred  
shall return to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure,  
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

V. This is the word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

***The Second Reading: Hebrews 10. 5-10***

**Reader: St Alban's: Carolyn Doig St Mary's: Christopher Peacock**

*(This writer puts words from Psalm 40 into Jesus's mouth, to show that Jesus came in complete obedience to God's will, and he abolished the old sacrificial systems by which people had approached God. He has consecrated us all in his own person.)*

When Christ came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said,

"See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).'

When Christ said,

'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure  
in sacrifices and offerings  
and burnt offerings and sin offerings'  
(these are offered according to the law),  
then he added,

'See, I have come to do your will.'

He abolishes the first

in order to establish the second.

And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
once for all.

V. This is the word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

***The Gospel Reading: Luke 1. 39-45 [46-55]***

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Luke weaves together the wonderful stories of the sons born to Elizabeth and Mary. The mother of Jesus visits the mother of John, and the two are joined in the joy of what God is doing. Mary's hymn of praise and revolution is like that of Hannah in the Old Testament, when she named her son Samuel meaning 'one who comes from God'.)*

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah

and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the child leapt in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

And why has this happened to me,  
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?  
For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,  
the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
And blessed is she who believed  
that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’  
And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the  
proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

V. This is the gospel of the Lord

**R. Praise to you, O Christ**

*Post Communion Sentence*

The young woman is with child and shall bear a son  
and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7.14

*Post Communion Prayer*

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.**

*Requests for Prayer*

Intercessions:

**St Alban's: Roger Toulson St Mary's: Pat and Wally Gathercole**

*The Church in the World:* The Most Revd Stephen Than Oo - Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon. Suffragan Bishop of Yangon - (Myanmar) Bishop Joseph Pe.

*Our Diocese:* We pray for Mission Societies supported by parishes in the Diocese.

*Our Parish: Those who help with the leading of our worship, our welcome teams, readers, intercessors and chalice assistants. Steve our Verger, and John his assistant, at St Mary's and those who assist with the sacristy at St Alban's.*

**The Mount & New House Farm Lane.**

*Those in need:* John and Pat Evason, Noreen Hodgson, Catherine Mosely, Alicia Petitt, Gill Cross, Dennis Dawson.

*The departed:* Peter Hodgkins, Hilary Sheppard, Eileen Darbey,

*In Yearly Remembrance:* Elisabeth Johnson, Edward Mee, Florence Saied, Bernie Selmes, Louisa Campbell, Elizabeth Hope, Grace Primmer, Ronald Evans, Anthony William Harmes, Dick Ingram.

Assisting with our worship today

<b>Sidespersons:</b>	St Mary's:	8.00	Lynn Collier
	St Alban's	9.15	Sue Darbey Nigel Thornback Roger Welch
<b>Lay Assistants:</b>	St Mary's:	8.00	John Collier
	St Alban's	9.15	Jeanette Grey Nicky Parsons
	St Mary's	10.45	Steve Reeds Kevin Davison
<b>Servers:</b>	St Alban's:	9.15	Roger Welch

St Mary's: 10.45 Bryony Davison  
Isobel Kelly

*Assisting with our worship next week*

**8.00 St Alban's:** Sidesperson Don Brealey

**Parish Communion**

	<b>St Alban's</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Exod. 33. 7-11a	Exod.33. 7-11a
<b>Reader</b>	Olga Everingham	John Collier
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 John ch. 1	1 John ch.1
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Leach	Jenny Jordan
<b>Gospel</b>	John 21.19b-end	John 21. 19b-end
<b>Intercessor</b>	Kathleen Vallins	Christopher Peacock
<b>Lay Assistants</b>	Betty Leach Nicky Parsons	Eric Thomas Christopher Peacock