

# Noticeboard

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

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, please speak to Brian Smith or the Church Office.

Please note there is no EDWARD BEAR CLUB this month. Edward's next club is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Help is needed on the following Church Rotas : at St Mary's the coffee, cleaning and crèche rota and at St Alban's the cleaning rota. If you could help in any of these roles please contact the Church Office.

The Church Office re-opens on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Messages can be left in the meantime on G. 233091 or via email [churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com](mailto:churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com)

This weekly Crossway Supplement can now be accessed via the parish website at :[www.worplesdonparish.com](http://www.worplesdonparish.com)

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](mailto:churchoffice@worplesdonparish.com)**



The Parish of Worplesdon  
Crossway Supplement  
Readings, Prayers & Notices  
Epiphany



Calendar for Week beginning  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6.00pm Healing Service at St Mary's

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

11.00am Holy Communion at St Alban's

8.00pm Property Group

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.45am Parent & Toddler at St Alban's

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

8.00pm Bell-ringers at St Mary's.

**Advanced Notice**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am Festal Eucharist for Epiphany at St Alban's

10.45am GFW at St Mary's

6.00pm Parish Youth Group at St Alban's

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

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8.00pm Pastoral Group

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

3.30pm StoryZone restarts at St Alban'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:* 48, 205, 336, 605, (718), 416

### *Sentence before Collect*

The Word, the true light which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.

John 1.9

*The Collect* (said by all)

**Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The First Reading: Jer. 31. 7-14*

**Reader: St Alban's: Deirdre McGowan St Mary's: Sarah Peak**

*(Jeremiah speaks God's words, from the perspective when all nations and peoples shall be restored. The passage has many images which only found their full meaning in Christian vocabulary - God as father to his redeemed people, saviour, gatherer, shepherd and deliverer, giver of joy and gladness.)*

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let  
them walk by brooks of water

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,  
'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For  
the LORD has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.  
V. This is the word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

***The Second Reading: Eph. 1. 3-14***

**Reader: St Alban's: Betty Leach St Mary's: Lawrence Pettit**

*(This letter begins with a hymn of praise to God for what he has done for us. The phrase 'in Christ' comes again and again: as God was in Christ Jesus, so we are one in Christ. God has made us his children and calls us to glory.)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose  
us in Christ before the foundation of the world  
to be holy and blameless before him in love.  
God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good  
pleasure of God's will,  
to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we  
have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on  
us. With all wisdom and insight  
he has made known to us the mystery of his will,  
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ,  
things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,  
having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things  
according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,  
might live for the praise of his glory.  
In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and  
had believed in him,  
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;  
this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption  
as God's own people to the praise of his glory.  
V. This is the word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

***The Gospel Reading: John 1. [1-9] 10-18***

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

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

*(In so few but wonderful words, John captures the majesty and the mystery of God disclosing himself; his divine Word is made flesh. Christ was from the beginning, is now, and all who believe this are children of God.)*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life

and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light,

but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,

he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."")

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

V. This is the gospel of the Lord

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

***Post Communion Sentence***

Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

Philippians 2.7

***Post Communion Prayer***

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly King,

who sent your Son into the world

to take our nature upon him

and to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that, as we are born again in him,

so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *Requests for Prayer*

**Intercessions:** *St Alban's: Sue Darbey St Mary's: Anthony and Mary Hillard*

*The Church in the World:* We pray for the Anglican Church of Australia and for Philip Aspinall Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia.

*Our Diocese:* We pray for the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit.  
Dean :Victor Stock Canons:Nicholas Thistlethwaite, Jonathan Frost,  
Angela Weaver.

*Our Parish: All involved with the commerce and industry of our parish.*  
*Bracken Way & Broadacres.*

*Those in need:* John and Pat Evason, Noreen Hodgson,  
Catherine Mosely, Alicia Pettit, Gill Cross, Michael Blosse,  
Penny Mallett.

*Departed:* John Sands.

*In Yearly Remembrance:* Doris Brades, Edith Holman, Muriel  
Thomas, Marie Thomas, Paul Richard Mankelow, Ebenezer Terry,  
Reginald Leonard, Matilda Woolgar.

Assisting with our worship today

<b>Sidespersons:</b>	St Mary's:	8.00	Ann Brown
	St Alban's:	9.15	Margaret Rourke
			Steve Mochrie
			Roger Welch
		10.45	Anthony Hillard
			Chris Hughes
			John Collier

<b>Lay Assistants:</b>	St Alban's	9.15	Carol Caven
			Ann Blossie
	St Mary's:	8.00	Steve Reeds
		10.45	Kevin Davison
			Jane Baker
<b>Servers:</b>	St Alban's	9.15	Helen Parsons
	St Mary's:	10.45	Sarah Peak
			Helen Baker

*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>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isa. 60. 1-6	GFW
<b>Reader</b>	Lorna Morton	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Eph.3.1-12	
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Sturdee	GFW
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt. 2. 1-12	
<b>Intercessor</b>	Carol Caven	
<b>Lay Assistants</b>	Brenda Moore	GFW
	Lorna Morton	
<b>Servers</b>	Chris Sturdee	Alicia Pettit
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Roger Toulson	
	Deirdre McGowan	
<b>Refreshments</b>		Sue Odell
		Mary Broughton