

PRAYER DIARY for the week

Please pray in the Parish for:

Sick: Mary Alexander, Ron Brown, Louise Eccles, Molly Evans, Katrina Henderson, Toni Millard, Keith Roberts, Judy Seale and Sian Smith.

RIP: Gwen Parker.

In Memoriam: Gwyn Minton, Percy Pike, Godfrey Seale.

In the Diocese and the Anglican Communion:

Sun: Housing Advisory Committee, Julian Henderson (Chair). Wellington - (New Zealand) Bishop Thomas Brown

Mon: Mickleham, St Michael and All Angels (United Benefice with Leatherhead) Graham Osborne (Incumbent), David Ireland. Mickleham CofE First School. West Buganda - (Uganda) Bishop Samuel Kanya

Tue: (Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church) Oxshott, St Andrew: Jeremy Cresswell (Incumbent), Pat Dickin, Mary-Beth Hawrish. Royal Kent First and Middle School. Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia - (South East Asia) Bishop Andrew Phang.

Wed: (Andrew the Apostle) West Horsley, St Mary and St Mary: James Porter (Incumbent). West Missouri - (Province VII, USA) Bishop Martin Field

Thu: Addlestone, St Paul and St Augustine: Ben Beecroft (Incumbent), Chris Beecroft (Associate Minister). St Paul's Primary School. Jubilee High School. West Tennessee - (IV, The Episcopal Church) Bishop Don Johnson

Fri: Chertsey, St Peter with All Saints (union of benefices with Lyne & Longcross): Tim Hillier (Incumbent and Rural Dean), Christine Pattinson, Clive Beazley-Long. Stepgates CofE Affiliated School. West Texas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) Bishop Gary Lillibridge and Suffragan Bishop - Bishop David Reed

Sat: Lyne and Longcross, Holy Trinity (union of benefices with Chertsey): Incumbent: Tim Hillier (Incumbent and Rural Dean), Wendy Pugh, Laurence Gamlen. Lyne and Longcross CofE School. Western Izon - (Bendel, Nigeria) Bishop Edefe Enamezi



Parish Diary

The First Sunday of Advent

27th November 2011

St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 26, 277, 39, 37, 455

Readers: Barbara Wolfe and Chris Eldridge

3.00 pm Holy Baptism

We warmly welcome Laci Sheila Allen-Gibbs, Tianna Natasha Micheala Cox, Emily Rose Jose, and Brody Jake King in Baptism

St John's

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Service

Bible Readings

Isaiah 64. 1-9 (OT p.704)

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 (NT p.162)

Mark 13. 24-37 (NT p.48)

Help!.. is urgently needed for the Advent Walk. Please speak to Mandy TODAY.

The St Mary's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is on Sunday 18th December. In the absence of a Choirmaster, I shall be rehearsing the music for the Carol Service. Accordingly, I am inviting any singers interested in taking part in the Carol Service to come to St Mary's on Thursdays 8th and 15th December, from 7.30pm to c. 9.00pm.

Please would anyone who is interested in singing in the Carol Service sign up by the end of Sunday 4th December, by e-mail or by 'phone at the Vicarage. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. If by close of play on Sunday 4th I've not got enough singers to make up a choir, we'll have to consider other options. CS

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Leaflets available from both Churches. Please return your completed boxes to the Parish Office by Sunday 4th December. Any queries, please call Linda Muggleton (224244)

To be a growing, loving family, with Christ at the centre, reaching out to all

Many of you will wish to know that Gwen Parker's funeral will take place at St John's on Friday 9th December, at 11.00 am.

The Revd Kim Wright will be off ministerial duties until the end of the year, on account of commitments outside the parish. Other members of the staff team will be covering her various ministerial commitments during that period. CS

NEXT WEEK in the Parish

Wednesday 30th November
10.00 am Holy Communion (St John's)

Friday 2nd December
2.00 pm Toddlers' Praise (St Mary's Hall)

Saturday 3rd December
12.00 noon Christmas Bazaar (Ashley School)

Sunday 4th The Second Sunday of Advent

St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Communion

St Peter's Church, Hersham
6.30 pm Confirmation Service

St John's Church
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Readings Isaiah 40. 1-11 (OT p.677)
2 Peter 3. 8-15a (NT p.235)
Mark 1. 1-8 (NT p.33)

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone from our congregation who is unwell, or notice that someone who worships regularly has been missing for a few weeks, please don't rely on someone else to tell us. As the ministry team work in both churches, we may not have noticed. If you are concerned about anyone and think that they may want a visit, please let me know, as I co-ordinate the pastoral care in the Parish and can arrange for one of the clergy or a pastoral assistant to contact them. Unfortunately, the clergy haven't been blessed with the gift of mind reading so we do rely on you to be our eyes and ears!

Jackie Richardson (07787 445272)

Christmas Cards – Versions of the Parish Christmas card, blank inside for your own message for Christmas (or any other time), will be on sale this week.

Walton Blind Society

Walton Blind Society are holding a Ploughman's Lunch on Sat 17th Dec 12-2pm in St Mary's Hall. Stalls include a Raffle, Tombola, and a cake stall. All welcome.

Planned Giving

For those in the planned giving envelope scheme, please look out for the 2012 envelopes that will be delivered to you over the coming weeks. They are bigger next year to make them easier to use.

Planned giving is vital to supporting our vision. It also lets us take advantage of gift aid and makes it much easier for the church and you to organise regular funding so if anyone is not in the planned giving schemes and would like more information, or has any questions or feedback if already in a scheme, please contact Tina Culpin in confidence on 01932 253371.

Autumn Alpha Courses

Please pray for everyone involved in the Tuesday morning and Thursday evening courses. Find out more on the Parish website. This week the topic is:

How can I resist evil?



Carol Singing at Glendale Nursing Home
St John's Choir have been asked to sing carols for the residents of Glendale, starting at 7.00 pm, on Wednesday 7th December. As we are few in number and may not have the services of a pianist, we would be most grateful for any support from both churches. It usually takes about an hour, we are always supplied with refreshments afterwards, and the residents are so pleased that we go along. Please consider participating in this very worthwhile outreach to our community and, if you can take part, please let me know so that adequate refreshments are available. We will meet at St John's at 6.45 pm before going to Glendale. With thanks, Linda Knights (01932 240180)

Carol Singing at Sherwood House
St John's Choir have now also been asked to sing carols for the residents of Sherwood House, at 7.00 pm, on Wednesday 21st Dec. Please let me know if you can help. We will meet at the back entrance to Sherwood House (Severn Drive) at 6.45 pm. With thanks, Linda Knights

Christmas Praise Party 17th December
Volunteers needed to help with this important outreach to our local school children.

Can you give up an afternoon to help spread the message that Christmas is about Christ? Do you want to help children have fun while receiving the Good News?

Please contact: Tessa Badcock 01932 888992 or john.badcock@sky.com