

Like a candle flame
flickering small in our darkness
uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

(Men) God is with us, alleluia
(Women) God is with us, alleluia
(Men) Come to save us, alleluia
(Women) Come to save us
(All) Alleluia.

PRAYER DIARY for the week

Please pray in the Parish for:

Sick: Mary Alexander, Beryl Bishop, Ron Brown, Mark Creed, Louise Eccles, Molly Evans, Katrina Henderson, Toni Millard, Keith Roberts, Judy Seale, Sian Smith, and Maurice Tyson.

RIP:

In Memoriam: Joyce Wheatley, Gwendoline Price, George Ripley, Kenneth Minton, Eleanor Hunt, Evelyn Ashworth, Arthur Jenkins and Len Holman.

In the Diocese and the Anglican Communion:

Sun: Mission Societies. Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) Bishop John Smylie

Mon: Ripley, St Mary Magdalen: Chris Elson (Incumbent). Yambio - (Sudan) Bishop Peter Yacoub.

Tue: Send, St Mary the Virgin: Tony Shutt (Incumbent). Yei - (Sudan) Bishop Hilary Adeba.

Wed: West Byfleet, St John the Baptist: Alan Elkins (Incumbent). Yewa (form. Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) Bishop Simeon Adebola.

Thu: Wisley Church with Pyrford, St Nicholas and the Church of the Good Shepherd: Nicholas Aiken (Incumbent). Yirol - (Sudan) Bishop Daniel Abil.

Fri: Woking, Christ Church: Peter Harwood (Incumbent). Yokohama - (Japan) Bishop Laurence Minabe.

Sat: (Christmas Eve) Woking, St John the Baptist and Mayford, Emmanuel: Tony Cannon (Incumbent). Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) Bishop Markus Ibrahim.

Christmas Cards – Versions of the Parish card, blank inside for your own message for Christmas (or any other time), are on sale this week. Only £2 for 5, all proceeds to the church.

Kim Wright would like to thank people for their kind emails, texts and calls, and sends Christmas greetings to everybody.



Parish Diary

18th December 2011 – 1st January 2012

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 58, 24, 31, 27, 362

Readers: Wendy Fitch & Melissa Christopher

6.30 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

St John's

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30 am Carol Service

3.00pm Christmas Charity Fundraiser

Bible Readings

2 Samuel 7. 1–11, 16 (OT p290)

Romans 16. 25–27 (NT p161)

Luke 1. 26–38 (NT p54)

Today is 'Carol Service Sunday', which heralds the beginning of Christmas for many of you. The carols begin this morning at St John's and continue this evening at St Mary's, where the 'Christmas Choir' will join St Mary's Young Voices for the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Whether you are staying in Walton for Christmas or going away to family or friends, the ministry team wish you the joy and peace of Christ in the coming days. A blessed and merry Christmas to you all! CS

Despite our current straightened circumstances, we are trying to maintain the parish's normal administration and activities. This is only possible because of the generous help offered by a number of individuals who, between them, are covering a range of tasks. Heartfelt thanks to them all. CS

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

NEXT FORTNIGHT in the Parish

Wednesday 21st December
10.00 am Holy Communion (St John's)

Thursday 22nd December
10.00 am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Saturday 24th December, Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Crib Service (St John's)
5.00 pm Nativity Service (St Mary's)
11.15 pm Midnight Eucharist (St Mary's)
11.15 pm Midnight Eucharist (St John's)

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day

St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist
11.15 am Family Service

St John's Church

10.30 am Family Communion

Readings Isaiah 52. 7-10 (OT p693)
Hebrews 1. 1-4 (NT p215)
John 1. 1-14 (NT p88)

Wednesday 28th December
10.00 am Holy Communion (St John's)

Thursday 29th December
10.00 am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 1st January, New Year's Day

St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Communion for New
Year's Day – N.B. the time

Readings Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 (OT p702)
Galatians 4.4-7 (NT p186)
Luke 2.15-21 (NT p56)

Christmas Charity Fundraiser

18 Dec, 3 - 6pm, St John's Church

Please join us today for festive fare, live music and children's activities to raise money for 'Soul Action' & 'Stop The Traffick'. They fund projects that combat poverty and injustice across the world. 'Stop The Traffick' specifically targets slavery and aims to: prevent the sale of people, protect the trafficked and prosecute the traffickers. For more information, please talk to Elisha or Cameron Samuels, Alice Merrick, Florence Henderson or Jen Burtenshaw.

Carol Singing at Sherwood House

St John's Choir have 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 (01932 240180)

In St Mary's Hall today:

Youth Fellowship, 8.00-10.00 pm. Everyone age 13-18 welcome. Zoe Byrne (07950 932623)

St Mary's Nativity Service

A reminder that children are encouraged to come to St Mary's Nativity on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm dressed as a character from the Christmas story: angels, shepherds, sheep, stable animals, Mary, Joseph, citizens of Bethlehem, the star ... there's plenty of choice! CS

Spirit Level

Beginning on January 8th, we are launching a new service on Sundays at 6.30pm. Provisionally entitled Spirit Level, this service will give an opportunity for worship, teaching, prayer, testimonies and ministry in a contemporary and informal style. We aim to hold Spirit Level on the 2nd – 5th Sunday evenings in the month. To find out more, please speak to one of the ministry team. CS

Alpha in the Spring Term

Our next Alpha Courses start January:
Morning Alpha Tue 10th 9.30-11.30 am
Evening Alpha Thu 12th 7.30-10.00 pm
both at St John's Church



Full details are on our Alpha webpage:
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