

PRAYER DIARY for the week

Please pray in the Parish for:

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

RIP:

In Memoriam: Sheila Vann, Elsie Robins, Fred Saunders, Joan Badcock.

In the Diocese and the Anglican Communion:

Sun: The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Victor Stock (Dean) . The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia – Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, William Brown Turei.

Mon: (Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus) Bordon, St Mark's Shared Church. Deborah Scott-Bromley (Incumbent). Aba - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) Archbishop Ugochukwu Ezuoke.

Tue: The Bourne, St Thomas and St Martin, and Brambleton Hall (union of benefices with Tilford). Karen Hutchinson (Incumbent). Aba Ngwa North - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) Bishop Nathan Kanu.

Wed: Tilford, All Saints (union of benefices with The Bourne). Karen Hutchinson (Incumbent). Abakaliki - (Enugu, Nigeria) Bishop Benson Onyeibor.

Thu: Churt, St John the Evangelist (union of benefices with Hindhead). Richard Bodle (Incumbent). Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland) Bishop Robert Gillies.

Fri: The Epiphany. Hindhead, St Alban (union of benefices with Churt). Richard Bodle (Incumbent). O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sat: Crondall, All Saints and Ewshott, St Mary. Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) Archbishop Jeffrey Driver.

A prayer for this week:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate,
translated by Mrs. C. F. Alexander



ST MARY WITH ST JOHN

WALTON-ON-THAMES

Parish Diary

1st January 2012

New Year's Day

St Mary's

8.00 am

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Parish Communion
for New Year's Day
– N.B. the time

Hymns:

67, 72, 601, 386, 81

St John's - no services today

Bible Readings

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 (OT p702)

Galatians 4.4–7 (NT p186)

Luke 2.15–21 (NT p56)

Happy New Year!

Though New Year's Day has to fall on a Sunday from time to time, somehow it always comes as a surprise when it does. As well as enabling us to worship God on the first day of the year – a good thing in itself – it also provides a special opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to serve Christ in the year to come.

To help us do this we shall be using 'The Renewal of the Covenant', with words prepared by the Church nationally. In preparation for this, please read the text of the Renewal of the Covenant (which begins on page 12 of the Parish Communion service booklet) as you sit prayerfully before the service. CS

St Mary's & St John's Youth Fellowship
presents
their annual pantomime

Beauty and the Beast

in St Mary's Church Hall

on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th Jan
at 7.30 pm every day plus 2.30 pm on Saturday
Tickets (£6 adults, £4 children/OAPs) available
from Zoe on 07950 932623

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

NEXT WEEK in the Parish

Wednesday 4th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (St John's)
2.00 pm First Wednesday (St John's)
8.00 pm First Wednesday (St Mary's Hall)

Thursday 5th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 8th January, The Baptism of Jesus

St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
6.30 pm Spirit Level

St John's Church

9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion

Readings Genesis 1. 1-5 (OT p1)
Acts 19. 1-7 (NT p135)
Mark 1. 4-11 (NT p33)

There is no Sunday School or crèche today.
There will be no coffee after the 10.30 am service today either, due to the church hall being completely occupied by the Panto!
Sunday School starts again at St Mary's on Sunday 15th January.

First Wednesday

This week sees the conclusion of our First Wednesday studies in Ephesians, at 2.00 pm in St John's and 8.00 pm in St Mary's Hall. This week we're looking at Ephesians 6.10-end, whose main focus is Paul's teaching on 'the whole armour of God'. Strongly commended. CS

Spirit Level

Beginning next Sunday, 8th January, we are launching a new Sunday evening service 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

Toddlers Praise

Toddlers Praise starts again on Friday 13th Jan. at 10:30 am at St John's and 2pm at St Mary's Hall.

Alpha in the Spring Term



Our next Alpha Courses start this month:

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:
<http://www.waltonparish.org.uk/groups/alpha>
John Muggleton (224244) jomug@talktalk.net

Carol Singing at Glendale and Sherwood House

On behalf of St. John's Choir, I would just like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who came along and supported us at both Glendale and Sherwood House. It was lovely to see so many of you and we have received many favourable comments from the residents. We look forward to repeating the experience next year! - Linda Knights