
WEEKLY NOTES

The First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2009

If this is your first time at St Mary's today, you are very welcome. Please come for coffee in the church hall across the road after the 9.30 service.

We have to announce the sad news that Margaret Howard, long-standing member of St Mary's, died on Monday evening. Her funeral will be at St Mary's, and the date will be announced in due course. May she rest in peace.

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially
in the Anglican Communion, for the provinces of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
in our diocese, for the Bishop of Guildford;
in our parish, for the altar servers
and for those living in Chatsfield.

Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8 & 9.30)

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and
reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming
of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

The service begins on page **167** of the black book.

Eucharistic Prayer **E**: page **196** (then the Lord's Prayer on page **178**)

9.30am Sung Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

A crèche is available, if needed: please ask a Sidesman

Choral setting of the Eucharist: Missa aeterna Christi munera, *Palestrina*

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 14

(There is no Gloria in Excelsis in Advent)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 6

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: The Vicar

Creed: Said

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 16 (*during which a collection is taken*)

Eucharistic Prayer: **E**

Anthem: Advent Responsory, *Palestrina*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 3 (TUNE 2)

Voluntary: Organ Fugue on "Wachet Auf", *Reger* [JSH]

11am Choral Mattins (*Book of Common Prayer*)

The service begins with responses on page 8 in the *Shorter Prayer Book*

Response: *Byrd*

OFFICE HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 1 (TUNE 2)

Psalms 96 (on p. 251 in the Prayer Book, said)

First Lesson: Isaiah 51.4-11

Te Deum: *Stanford* in B

Second Lesson: Romans 13.11-end

HYMN: NEH 15

The service continues on page 12 with the Creed and following

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(The “Collect of the Day” for the First Sunday in Advent can be found on page 51)

Sermon: Mr Reg Saunders, Reader

Prayers

HYMN: NEH 7

5.30pm Evening Prayer (*Book of Common Prayer*)

This service takes place in the parish room (door round the back of church). Psalm 9; Joel 3.9–end; Revelation 14.13—15.4.

After evening prayer, everyone is invited to stay for a short informal discussion, this week on “Prophecy in Scripture.”



THIS WEEK

In Church this week

(all welcome at these services)

| | Morning Prayer | Holy Eucharist | Evening Prayer |
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| Monday 30 th St Andrew | 9am | 12noon | 5pm |
| Tuesday 1 st December | 9am | 10am | 5pm |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 9am | - | 5pm |
| Thursday 3 rd | 9am | - | - |

(Tuesday’s Eucharist at 10am takes place in the parish room. All other services are in church.)

Also this week

Tuesday: After the 10am service, volunteers are asked to help sort the Christmas postcards.

Also Tuesday: **Housegroup** 7.30 to 8. Enquiries to Julian & Wendy Varney (8393 5212) or John & Sarah Stovell (8393 0786).

Wednesday: **Coffee morning** in the church hall, 10.30am-12

Next Sunday

6th December 2009 – The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Said Eucharist; 9.30am Sung Eucharist; 11am Choral Mattins; 5.30pm Evening Prayer and discussion.

Notices

Gift day for external charities on 21st November: Many thanks to all those who helped, in any way, at the Gift Day for external charities last Saturday. It was a great team effort, the provisional sum raised being nearly £1,200. We also give thanks to those who contributed so generously to the four nominated charities.

Parochial Visiting: There are just one or two remaining spaces in the Vicar's diary for home visits in December. He would like very much to visit as many people as possible, and will be making more space in the diary in January.

There will be a **discussion** today after 5.30pm Sunday evening prayer, which takes place in the Parish Room: everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea and an informal discussion on 'the Last Things'. 29 Nov: Prophecy in Scripture. 6 Dec: Eternal Life. 13 Dec: The Coming of God's Kingdom.

There will be **Christmas postcards** to advertise our Christmas services. We will be asking everyone who is able to deliver postcards to one or more streets in the parish. There will be plenty spare to give out to friends, neighbours, church groups, and so on. The postcards will be sorted into bundles after this Tuesday's 10am service—volunteers please!

There is an **exhibition of paintings by Iain McKillop** at St Columba's House, Woking, until 21st December. More details at <http://www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk/>

A & E Longhurst invite members of St Mary's congregation to their **Annual Candle Evening** in memory of departed loved ones. Tuesday December 8th, 6.30pm, 21 Kingston Rd.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from Christmas Day till it re-opens on 11th January. When it re-opens in January there will be new opening hours, 9.30-12, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.