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# WEEKLY NOTES

## The Third Sunday of Advent

### 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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*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.*

### Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially  
in the Anglican Communion, for the provinces of South Australia,  
Victoria, and Western Australia  
in our diocese, for the church choirs across the diocese;  
in our parish, for the growth of the congregation;  
and for those living in Chelwood Close.

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O Lord,  
for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### ST MARY'S NEED YOU!

**Christmas postcards** advertising our Christmas services are available at the back of church, and we'd like them to be delivered to every house in the parish. Please take one or more bundles to deliver if you are able to. They are sorted according to street. There are also spares available to give out to friends, neighbours, church groups, and so on.

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## **7.15am Mattins** (*Common Worship*)

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Psalms 12, 14; Isaiah 25.1-9; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5

## **8.00am Said Eucharist** (*Common Worship*)

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

Eucharistic Prayer **E**: page **196** (with the proper preface on page **301**.)

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

## **9.30am Sung Eucharist** (*Common Worship*)

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

Choral setting of the Eucharist: *Victoria* – Missa O Magnum Mysterium

**INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 388** (TUNE i)

*(There is no Gloria in Excelsis in Advent)*

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14–end

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4–7

**GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 2**

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 3.7–18

Sermon: The Vicar

Creed: Said

**OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 7** (*during which a collection is taken*)

Eucharistic Prayer: **E** with extended preface for Advent:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

Anthem: This is the record of John – *Gibbons*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 405** (TUNE NEH 365)

Voluntary: Overture to "St Paul" – *Mendelssohn* [JSH]

## **11.00am SUNG EUCHARIST** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

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Choral Setting of the Eucharist: *Viadana* – Missa L’Hora Passa

**INTROIT HYMN: NEH 3** (TUNE ii)

The service begins on page 31 in the green *Shorter Prayer Book*

Kyrie Eleison

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4.1

**GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 315**

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 11.2

Nicene Creed (page 34): *Merbecke*

Sermon: The Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 408** (TUNE i) (*during which a collection is taken*)

Kneel for the Prayer of the Church (page 36) and following

**CONSECRATION HYMN: NEH 269** PART 2 (TUNE ii)

Holy Communion and Agnus Dei

Anthem: We wait for thy loving kindness – *McKie*

After Communion, page 44 for the Lord’s Prayer and following

(*There is no Gloria in Excelsis during Advent.*)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 306**

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

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

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This service takes place in the parish room (door round the back of church). Psalms 50.1–6; Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57–66. Following by informal discussion, this week on “The Coming of God’s Kingdom.” All welcome, all finished by 6.30pm.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **In Church this week**

(*all welcome at these services*)

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	-	-
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	10am	5pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am	-	5pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	-	5pm

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

## Also this week

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

## Next Sunday

*20<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8am Said Eucharist; 9.30am Sung Eucharist; 11am Short Mattins;  
5.30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

## Notices

**Next Sunday** the 11am service will be “Short Mattins” lasting under fifteen minutes, after which everyone is invited to pitch in and help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be things to do for everyone! In the evening, at 5.30pm there will be the popular and traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

**Coffee morning** will be as normal on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec and Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Dec but will be closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

There is a **Christmas card box** at the back of church. You can post cards for any members of the congregation and they will be placed on tables at the back of church: and please look out for cards for yourself over the coming weeks. We don't deliver cards that aren't collected: they will be cleared away on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

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

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

Those who would like to participate in the **sacrament of reconciliation** (confession) before Christmas are warmly encouraged to make an appointment with the Vicar, who is, of course, also available for more informal spiritual guidance.

As is our custom the **Christmas Day collections** will be donated to charity. The two charities chosen this year are Chase (hospice care for children in Surrey) and Smile Train (providing cleft lip and cleft palate surgery for children in need).