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# WEEKLY NOTES

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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*If this is your first time at St Mary's today, you are very welcome.*

### **Sunday Prayer Cycle**

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially  
in the Anglican Communion, for the province of Brazil;  
in our diocese, for the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation;  
in our parish, for the parish members of the Mothers' Union;  
and for those living in Chessington Road.

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

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked  
for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things  
we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## **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: *Viadana – Missa L'Hora Passa*

**INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 166** (TUNE NEH 205)

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

First Reading: Micah 5.2–5a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5–10

**GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 182**

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 1.39–45

Sermon: The Vicar

Creed: Said

**OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 9** (*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. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Anthem: Dixit Maria – *Hassler*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 186**

Voluntary: Sleigh Ride – *Leroy Anderson* [JSH]

## **11.00am SHORT MATTINS** (*Book of Common Prayer*)

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Opening responses (p. 8) – *Reading*

Psalm 117 (p. 277)

First reading: Isaiah 32.1–8

Benedictus (said, p. 11)

Second Reading: Revelation 22.6–end

### **HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 11**

The Lord's Prayer (p. 13)

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent (p. 52)

The Grace (p. 23)

After Short Mattins, please stay to help prepare and decorate the church for Christmas. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone: cutting holly, folding service booklets, hanging gewgaws on the tree, and so on.

## **5.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

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See separate booklet for this service.

## **THIS WEEK**

| <b>In Church this week</b><br><i>(all welcome at these services)</i> | <b>Morning</b><br><b>Prayer</b> | <b>Holy</b><br><b>Eucharist</b> | <b>Evening</b><br><b>Prayer</b> |
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| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 9am                             | -                               | 5pm                             |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 9am                             | 10am                            | 5pm                             |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9am                             | -                               | 5pm                             |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve</b>                       | 9am                             | 11.45pm                         | 6pm                             |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Day</b>                         | 9am                             | 8am & 10am                      | -                               |

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

### **Also this week**

Note there is no Wednesday Coffee Morning this week.

**Christmas Eve:** At 4pm there is popular "Arrival at Bethlehem" service, suitable for all ages, telling the Christmas story with favourite carols. Evening prayer follows at 6pm, and then from 11.15pm the choir will be

singing Christmas music from the balcony. Midnight mass begins at 11.45pm.

**Christmas Day:** There will be a said Eucharist at 8am, said Morning Prayer at 9am, and the Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day at 10am (note the time!).

## **Next Sunday**

*27<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – St John*

8am Said Eucharist; 9.30am Sung Eucharist; 11am Mattins.

## **Notices**

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. We don't deliver cards that aren't collected: they will be cleared away on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

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).