



WEEKLY NOTES

Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2010

You are warmly invited to coffee in the church hall (just across the road) after the 9.30 service.

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially for
in the Anglican Communion, the Australian provinces of South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia; the church choirs in the Diocese; the growth of the congregation at St Mary's; and for all who live in Mintwater Close.

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

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.**

REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

IN CHURCH

(all welcome at these services)

	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Evening Prayer
Monday	9am	-	-
Tuesday	9am	10am	-
Wednesday	9am	-	5pm
Thursday	9am	-	-

(Evening prayer is said privately most days this week because of school carol services etc.)

NEXT SUNDAY

19th December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Short Mattins *and decoration of the church for Christmas*

5.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (*Common Worship*)

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

Eucharistic Prayer **A**: page **184** with the proper preface on page **300**.

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

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM (*Common Worship*)

We welcome Lukas van Schalkwyk coming for baptism today, along with his parents, godparents, and supporters.

Mass Setting: *Victoria* - Missa O Magnum Mysterium

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 388 (TUNE i)

There is no Gloria on Sundays in Advent.

First Reading: James 5.7-10

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 3 (TUNE ii)

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 11.2-11

Sermon: The Vicar.

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 408 (TUNE i)

Eucharistic Prayer: **A** with proper preface

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

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

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 405 (TUNE NEH 365)

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

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

Mass Setting: *Viadana* – Missa L'Hora Passa

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 2

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

Kyrie Eleison

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The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent is on page 52.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4.1-5

GRADUAL HYMN: TUNE NEH 171

Saviour eternal, constant source of life and grace,
Light everlasting, true Redeemer of our race:
When you beheld us in our lost and fallen state,
You came in love to cleanse, restore and re-create.

Graciously, freely, human nature you embraced,
You brought deliverance, and our sin with joy replaced;
Lord Christ, now cleanse us by your perfect sacrifice:
Make us as temples fit for your own paradise.

Lord, by your Advent you redeemed us by your love;
Lord, when you come in Judgement from the realms above,
Grant us deliverance; hear us, as on you we call,
And in your mercy to your presence lead us all.

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 11.2-10

Nicene Creed (page 34): *Merbecke*

Sermon: The Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 280 (*during which a collection is taken*)

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

CONSECRATION HYMN: NEH 269 (PART TWO TUNE ii)

Please come forward for Holy Communion while *Agnus Dei* is sung.

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

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluya. Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluya. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

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

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 306

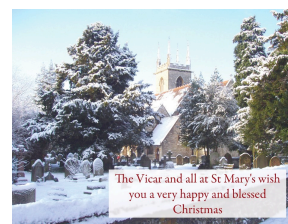
Voluntary: Fugue on 'Watchet auf' – *Reger* [JSH]

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

Psalm 12; Isaiah 5.8-end; Acts 13.13-41

NOTICES

Christmas Postcards are available at the back of church. This is the one time in the year we try to send a card to every house in the parish, with an explicit invitation to our services. It's an absolutely central part of our outreach. We need everyone who can to help by delivering them to one or more streets in the parish—this is all the



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more urgent because the snow has set us back a bit! Please help if you can. There are spare cards as well for you to give to friends, leave out at clubs etc.

Decorating the church next Sunday Next Sunday, 19th, there will be a shortened form of 11am Mattins lasting about ten minutes, and everyone is invited and encouraged to stay on after that to help decorate the church for Christmas. This is a fun, social occasion as well as a necessary task, it would be wonderful if as the whole church community we could do it together!

Please place any **Christmas cards** you have for church members in the blue box. They will be sorted and put out in church for collection.

In response to ideas at our vision day, a **visiting team** is getting off the ground. Wendy Paxman is our new visiting co-ordinator. Members of the congregation are encouraged to contact her or the parish office, especially over the next few weeks, if they would like company over a cup of tea, practical help like shopping etc. There will be a more formal “launch” in the new year.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Note that Café NESCOLT has finished for the term; resumes on 18th January.

Tuesday evening: The House Group’s last meeting until January will involve mulled wine, mince pies, and fun! All welcome to attend, very informal, lifts can be arranged. Contact Julian & Wendy Varney (8393 5212) or John & Sarah Stovell (8393 0786).

Wednesday 15th December: The **Coffee Morning Christmas Party**. 10.30-13.00 in the church hall. Come and enjoy the festive fun!

Crackers * Comestibles * Carols
Convivial Conversation * Grand Raffle
(Donations for prizes much appreciated.)



FUTURE DATES

Wed 22 Dec – no coffee morning. Re-opens on 29th December.

Please note the **parish office** will be closed from Christmas day until it re-opens on Monday 10th January. Phone and email messages will be checked throughout.

Tuesday 28th December: There will be no 10am Eucharist in the week after Christmas.

Sat 22nd January: **Board Games** afternoon in the church hall, open to all. 3pm-6pm.

Thu 10th February: **Caribbean Lunch** at HM Prison High Down, Banstead, in aid of ongoing work for our twinned parish of Corrivertson, Guyana. Support both mission and help prisoners gain qualifications. Booking form will go up in the New Year with full menus. Please put the date in your diary now. £15 per head with Caribbean/traditional/vegetarian options, transport can be arranged.