

## Diary for week Commencing 6 December 2015

<b>Today</b>	<i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c326</i> 6.00pm Service of Healing
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397</i> 6.30am Mendip Green School Christingle Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9.30am Baby and Toddler Group 12 noon St. Martin's Fellowship Christmas Meal 6.30pm Mendip Green Christingle Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (St. Mark's)
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am Holy Communion 1.30pm Worle Village School Rehearsal 6.30pm Choir Practice 7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am Cleaning Guild 1.30pm Worle Village School Rehearsal 7.00pm Carol Singing at The Maltings
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> [Duty Warden – Paul Elliott] 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Praise - Christingle 6.00pm No Service

**Offertory Envelopes 2016** - please collect your envelopes from the back of church today.

### Prayers

- For all who give their time bringing comfort and help to those in need.
- For our Church staff as they welcome the pupils of our local schools into St. Martin's to celebrate the coming of Christ.
- For the security services as they deal with growing unrest caused by various factions of our society.
- For the nations of the world as they strive to find a solution to the ever present problems leading to the destruction of our environment.

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**Monday - Friday**  
**9.00am - 12 noon**

**Wednesday**  
**7.00pm - 8.00pm**  
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### BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES

At the Parish Office  
During normal opening hours



### **Sunday 6 December** **Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **8.00am Holy Communion**

Readings: Philippians 1: 3 - 11  
Luke 3: 1 - 6

#### **10.00am Family Communion**

Hymns and Readings:

**16** All my hope on God is founded

**651** The kingdom of God

**538** On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

**424** Lo, he comes with clouds descending

During Communion: 237 \* 640 \* 493 \* 1121

Readings : Philippians 1: 3 - 11  
Luke 3: 1 - 6

#### **12.30pm Baptisms**

#### **6.00pm Service of Healing**

Hymns :

**446** Lord, thy word abideth

**50** Be still for the presence of the Lord

**778** Within the veil

**783** Ye holy angels bright

- Children are very welcome and encouraged in church—there are supervised activities for the children which take place during the service in Worle Village Primary School or if they prefer they can stay with their parents.
- There is a crèche to which parents/carers can bring their child, which takes place in the bell tower. Children must always be accompanied in this area by their parent/carer.
- A special welcome if you are not a regular member of our congregation. If you're unable to take Holy Communion please come forward for a blessing and carry the Communion book with you so that we may recognise your intentions.

## Verses and Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

*Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.*  
*The Song of Zechariah*

### 8.00 & 10.00am Readings

Philippians 1: 3 - 11 - *Thanksgiving and Prayer* - "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,". (v9)

Luke 3: 1 - 6 - *John the Baptist Prepares the Way* - "He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (v3)

**6.00pm Readings** to be advised

### Readings for 13 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am & 10.00am - Philippians 4: 4 - 7 \* Luke 3: 7 - 18

6.00pm - No Service

## Prayers

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Notices for the week

**Introducing Children to Communion** - With permission from the Bishop of Bath and Wells we will be working towards including children more fully in Holy Communion in 2016. Two introductory sessions have been arranged in the New Year, primarily for families, but open to anyone in the parish who would like to know more. **Dates are either: Wednesday 20 January 3.45pm in St Martin's Church OR Saturday 23 January 10am in St Mark's Church.** The sessions will be identical, lasting about an hour with refreshments provided. There will be more information in January's Worle Wide Express.

**Can you help? Parish Office Volunteers & Gift Aid Co-ordinator needed!** Due to the retirement of some of our valuable volunteers (see December Worle Wide Express) we are looking for help. The **Parish Office work** involves one day a week from 9am-12noon, particularly Monday or Tuesday, duties are varied and interesting. Please contact Liz Winter our Parish Administrator during office hours. 515922. **The Gift Aid Co-ordinator** works with the four churches to administrate our Gift Aided contributions, contrary to the article in WWE, this role would probably only be a commitment of around two hours a week and would be great for anyone who is computer literate and enjoys working with figures. Please contact Rev Anne Farmer in the first instance 515610.

**St. Martin's Fellowship** - Tuesday 8 December. A Christmas celebration will take place at The Nut Tree at 12 noon.

**Parish Party** - Thursday 10 December 10.30am at Grace Rubery's, Rowans, 5A Madam Lane. This is a Celebration of the Advent Season and refreshments will be provided. There will be a Christmas Quiz, and you are invited to bring a present labelled 'man, lady, child or either' for distribution at the end of the party. If a lift is required please ring Grace on 517561.

**Carol Singing** - Friday 11 December at the Maltings. Please join us at this venue where we have always received a warm reception.

**Journey into Christmas** - Friday 11 December 7.30pm at Wick St. Lawrence Church. Seasonal Christmas Songs performed by Lyrica. The concert is free, refreshments will be available with a retiring collection in aid of church funds.

**Please note** - The Weston Hospice Carol and Remembrance Service on Tuesday 15 December in St. Martin's will begin at 7.00pm.

**Carol Singing on the High St.** - Saturday 19 December at 11.00am. Please gather outside the Co-op

**Please note** - The Carol Concert for residents, their families and carers will now take place on Saturday 19 December 2.30pm in St. Martin's.

**Christmas Table** - Beautiful books, gifts and advent calendars are on sale at the back of the church.