

Diary for week commencing 22 December 2019

Today		
Monday	7.00pm	Carol Singing at the Nut Tree
Tuesday	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday	10.30am	Family Communion
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Sunday 5 January The Second Sunday of Christmas

[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion
11.15am	Worship Together

Diary for week commencing 5 January 2020

Sunday		
Monday	7.30pm	Standing Committee in church
Tuesday	7.30pm	Finance Meeting in church
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion [St Mark's]
	2.30pm	Café Team Meeting in church
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Church cleaning
	6.15pm	Choir practice in church
	7.00pm	Bellringing practice
Friday		
Saturday		

Prayers

Prayer for the vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, o fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that the one who we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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**Sunday 22 December 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion
 Readings: Isaiah 7: 10 -16
 Matthew 1: 18 - end

10.00am All Age Worship - Nativity
 Hymns and Readings:
 Angels from the realms of glory
 Little donkey
 Away in a manger
 Come and join the celebration
 Hark the Herald angels sing

Readings: Luke 2: 815

Evening services within the parish
 St. Martin's No Service
 St. Lawrence Carols and Lessons



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 .



Verses and Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80v3

8.00am Readings

Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 - The Sign of Immanuel - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" v14

Matthew 1: 18 - end - The Birth of Jesus Christ - "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" v21

10am Reading

Luke 2: 8-15

Readings for 5 January - The Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00am and 9.30am Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7 - 14* John 1: [1 - 9] 10 - 18

11.15am Reading - TBA

Prayers

Collect

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.

Post Communion

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.



Notices

Today - We welcome Archdeacon Adrian Youngs to our 10.00am All Age Nativity Service

Today is Nabik's last Sunday with us, here at St Martin's. He has been with us since January as a Time for God volunteer and has been very much part of our worship life, as well as being an important part of our baby and toddler group and Wednesday's café team. We will very much miss him and wish him well for the future, when he returns home to Germany.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the schools services in St Martin's.

Midweek Communion - there will be no Midweek Holy Communion on Thursday 26 December or 2 January. It will resume on Thursday 9 January.

Community Café - a Leader (Manager) is needed to help secure the future of the café in the New Year, to support a band of loyal volunteers. This is an urgent requirement, so if you can help please speak to Paul Elliott.

Carol Singing in the Community - Monday 23 December at 7.00pm, Carol Singing at The Nut Tree, accompanied by Richard Lennox on the Keyboard.

Parish office - will be closed from Monday 23 December until Monday 6 January.

Prayers for 5 January

Collect

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your
incarnate word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly King,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.