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# THE PARISH OF WORLE

**St. Martin's**, Church Road      **St. Lawrence**, Wick St. Lawrence      **St. Mark's**, Queensway  
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## Mission Statement:

a community centred on the living Jesus, growing serving  
and reaching out in His name.

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## December Staff letter

Have you noticed an increasing trend to report news stories before they've happened? You know the kind of thing - 'the Prime Minister will make a statement today about....' Then it's picked over and put aside before the speech has been made. It happens with 'seasonal' merchandise too, whether it's hot cross buns in January or twinkly lights and all the Christmas paraphernalia from early September. The topic itself, however precious, can easily be so overworked by the time the season itself arrives that we may struggle to raise any genuine spontaneity or enthusiasm. And we're also tired from all the things we've 'had' to do to fulfil our obligations.

The rhythm of the Church's year reflects seasons too, and goes from fast to feast. We fear it was constructed to be more generous with the fasts than the feasts, but it wasn't. Forty days in Biblical language means 'a long time,' and forty days or thereabouts was often used in the Christian calendar reflecting episodes in the Gospels. Advent and the Sundays before it, were planned to last about forty days, as was Lent. They were lean times of preparation, but the feast of Christmas lasted forty days too, into early February. It's hard for us now to identify with the waiting time for inner preparation because getting ready for Christmas, for friends, family and for services too, is just too frenetic. Our inner and outer calendars are out of kilter and we fear they are incompatible and the 'reason for the season' may be lost.

Perhaps we can engage with the inner meaning of Advent even as we wrap our presents. We might ask ourselves how we 'package' our own faith values in a way that people might find acceptable. As we bake, using ingredients from all over the world, we may think about the diversity in creation and how God fits things together. We work, and after through cooking time, the diverse ingredients are transformed into cake, a 'new thing' that we can enjoy and share. Of course all these little practices are trivial enough taken separately, but combined into a prayerful and contemplative way of living, they may help us to transcend the stresses and change us and others too. If we are just too tired to do any of this, we can offer our exhaustion and emptiness to God, knowing that as ever He will fill it with whatever we need.

May God bless us all richly over these coming weeks as we prepare our hearts and homes for His coming.

Gilly

## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

|              |           |  |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| Friday 2     | 7.30pm    | Lyrica Concert at St. Lawrence   |
| Saturday 3   | 10.00am   | Sanctuary Morning at St. Lawrence  |
| Saturday 9   | 7.00pm    | Carol Singing at Worlebury Golf Club   |
| Saturday 10  | 10.30am   | Carol Singing outside the Co-op, High Street, Worle  |
|              | 12.30pm   | Mead Vale Christmas Lunch at The Ebdon Arms.   |
|              | 6.30pm    | The Nativity Story film at St Mark's Church  |
| Sunday 11    | 12.00noon | St Martin's Christmas Lunch at Muffins   |
| Tuesday 13   | 1.00pm    | Women's Fellowship Christmas Buffet Lunch at Ebenezer Hall, Lawrence Road                              |
| Wednesday 14 | 7.30pm    | Carol singing round the Christmas tree outside St Mark's Church  |
| Saturday 17  | 2.00pm    | Coffee Afternoon and Cake Stall at Mead Vale Christmas Fayre, in the courtyard behind the Nightjar Pub |
| Tuesday 20   | 7.00pm    | Carol Singing at the Maltings  |
|              | 8.00pm    | Carol Singing at the Lamb  |
| Thursday 22  | 6.30pm    | "Carols in the Courtyard" at Ebdon Arms Wick St Lawrence followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies        |

### Service Times

#### St Martin's

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion  
 Sunday: 10.00am Family Communion  
 Sunday: 6pm Service of Healing (1st), Evensong (2nd & 4th), Evening Worship (3rd), Holy Communion & Anointing (5th)

#### St Mark's

Sunday: 9.30am Prayer Meeting  
 Sunday: 10.30am Teaching Service: 1st Sunday  
 Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays  
 All Age Worship 3rd Sunday

#### Mead Vale

Sunday: 10.30am There is a monthly pattern of two Holy Communion services, one Morning Worship service and one All Age Worship service  
 2nd Sunday: 6.00pm Ikon Service (Evening Prayer)  
 4th Sunday 6.00pm Pub Presence (The Nightjar)

#### St Lawrence

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 6.00 pm Evening Worship  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 10.00 am All age service  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 6.00 pm Holy Communion  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 6.00 pm Songs of Praise

### MIDWEEK SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Wednesdays** \*9.30am at St. Mark's **Thursdays** 10.00am at St. Martin's  
 \*First **Wednesday** in the month 10.00am Mead Vale Community Hall  
**Please note that there will be no services on 28 and 29 December**

## From the Rector

### *Foundation Governors - Team Vicar (St Mark's) – Transition - Christmas*

**Foundation Governors** – The Parish of Worle is privileged to have a number of positions for Foundation Governors at St Martin's School, St Mark's School and St Georges School. The Foundation Governors are part of the Governing Body and there are opportunities to become involved in many aspects of the life of the school. However, there are a number of vacancies at present that we are unable to fill. Please could you commit this need for Foundation Governors to your prayers, and be open to the possibility of being an answer to that prayer yourself. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Team Vicar (St Mark's)** - Advertisements were placed in the church press on 4 and 11 November. At the time of writing, we had received six enquiries. The closing date for applications is 27 November and interview dates are set for Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December. Please keep all these arrangements in your prayers and pray that the Lord will guide us and the candidate that he is calling to St Mark's Church.

**Transition** – Revd Robert Channon, Superintendent, and myself continue to meet regularly to oversee the process and pastoral matters for the disbanding of the Local Ecumenical Partnership. The Joint Property Working Group is discussing the sharing agreements in more detail and involving the St Mark's Trustees in the process. Following approval of the denominational authorities, instructions are being issued to begin the process of breaking the Sharing Agreements. Please pray for wisdom for all involved in these arrangements.

**Planned Giving** – This is the time of year, when we are planning the budgets for each of our churches and for our central costs. One of the consequences of the transition arrangements is that new bank accounts need to be opened. This will affect everyone who gives to the church by bankers order. Details will be sent out in due course, but please bear with us in this time of change.

**Christmas** – There are many services, events, carol singing etc. that we'll all be involved with over the Christmas period. There will be many visitors to our churches and they are very welcome. We hope and pray for all of us that the essence of the great news of Christmas, the birth of the Christ-child, will not be lost in amongst the busyness, the present buying and the family preparations. I hope you are able to use Advent to prepare, and Christmas to enjoy. Have a wonderful Christmas.

With every blessing  
Paul Larcombe

## St Lawrence Church, Wick St Lawrence



**'A Jazzy Christmas'  
with  
'Lyrica' Singers  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
7.30pm**

Tickets £6 from the Parish  
Office to include a glass of  
wine  
or orange juice.

**Sanctuary at Wick  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
10-12.30pm.**

This might be your only chance to  
catch your breath as Christmas  
approaches, and come and  
experience the joy of peace from  
the Prince of Peace. Drop in any  
time, refreshments provided.

**Carol Singing** come and join us to sing carols in the courtyard of the Ebdon Arms on the evening of **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

For confirmation of time call Rev Anne 515610

**In November** nearly sixty of us enjoyed a fabulous evening with Paul Gilmour who shared some innovative ideas for decorating a Christmas Tree, interspersed with much humour. There were tips for placing lights into the tree rather than at the tips of the branches. This avoided the common mistake of losing the tree shape yet still enjoying effective lighting. Paul also showed us a way of decorating using swathes of fabric, there was a bit of scepticism at first but the results were stunning.



After the event we learnt that Paul's grandmother had died the day before and we are very grateful that he still came along and led the evening. Our prayers go to Paul and his family.

**Remembrance Sunday** It was great to welcome 1st Wick St Lawrence Cubs who joined us this year. During the service we learnt about the four men from the village who lost their lives in the First World War. They are remembered on the memorial plaque in both the church and village hall. Grateful thanks to Liz Parsons (resident archivist) for her research.

**Christmas Greetings** Everyone at St Lawrence would like to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

# St Mark's Church



During November we had both the Shoe box appeal and the annual St Mark's quiz for the Maggie Down trophy. A total of 27 shoe boxes were donated and will be a source of excitement and fun for the children who receive them. The quiz is always a popular event and raised £100 for the maintenance fund.



## Toddler church

St Mark's church Parent and Toddler Group is a valuable outreach group that meets every Thursday afternoon during term time. Sessions are organised by Rosemary Burden together with Ann Payne and Brenda Arthur. They arrange a varied programme of activities each term (e.g. decorating Bonfire biscuits, making Christmas cards etc...). There is a lively, friendly atmosphere and the children have plenty of room to move around. The support and friendship offered by a group such as this are important to the well-being of young families and forge a strong link with the community. Toddler group sessions begin at 12.45pm.

## Diary Dates for December

### Nativity Film

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 2011 St Marks is having a film night. We are showing 'The Nativity Story' which has a PG rating. The start time is 6.30pm.

### Carol Service

The carol service at St Marks will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** 2011 starting at 6.30pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to share after the service.

Colin Guichard

## St Martin's Church



### **St Martin's Day Coffee Morning and Gift Day –**

thank you to everyone who supported and organised this event. The net amount raised towards the Fabric Fund for the Church Bell Appeal was over £1,250, plus approximately £150 of Gift Aid, and donations are still arriving. The donations from the Gift Day will go towards The Church Bell Appeal. The six bells of St Martin's Church are loved far and wide. However, we have been advised that the bells will soon be in need an overhaul and work will also be required on the frame in the Bell Tower. This will mean that the bells will need to be dismantled and transported to a foundry in London for re-tuning. Our current estimate for this work is £39,748, including VAT. We have been advised that this work is important in order to avoid any damage to the bells and it will ensure they are maintained for future generations.

Please would you also pray for provision and for all those organising The Church Bell Appeal. The bell ringers have been fund raising, and have raised approx. £15,000 to date. The St Martin's Church Leadership Group have pledged to match the same amount that the bell ringers can achieve. If you wish to contribute, please make cheques payable to: 'P C C of Worle St. Martin's Fabric Fund' and send them (with your name and address) via the Parish Office. Further details about the St Martin's Church bells can be found at their website:

<http://www.worlebell.freeuk.com/>

**Remembrance Sunday** - It was a privilege to lead the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial on Worle High Street. This year, there were about 120 people and it was a moving service of remembrance for all. It was also great to welcome Worle Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and their families to church on Remembrance Sunday, along with Congresbury Brass Band, for their act of remembrance. The theme this year was, Red, and we had some very creative visual aids of hearts and poppies.

**Christmas Services** – The list of Christmas services is published in the magazine. Please note that there are Christmas Eve services at 4pm and 11.30pm. However, there **won't** be a 9.30pm service at St Martin's Church, but there are services in the other churches. We hope that you'll be able to join us for carol singing and for our Christmas celebrations.

## Mead Vale Church



**MESSY CHURCH** Last month we were short of helpers but as always God worked some “miracles” and everything went really well – thank you for the team who again worked so hard. We continued our “harvest” theme with the making of vegetable animals and shapes. We talked about the fruits of the spirit and even had our very own tree to hang our spiritual fruits on! A delicious casserole and fruit salad finished the afternoon off really well. **Future dates:** Messy Church and Christingle Service with breakfast on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at the Mead Vale Community Hall. Messy Church and Mead Vale Church Family Epiphany party Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 5.30pm – 8pm at the Mead Vale Community Hall.

**PRAYER WALK** We went walking and praying for a second time and again it is very powerful to be out in the community and praying for it as a group. God confirmed to us to let the community know we are here, hence our new “banner” (see below). We look forward to more prayer walks in the new year.

**COFFEE AFTERNOON (NOT MORNING) SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2PM** There is a Mead Vale Christmas Fayre taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm, in the courtyard behind the Nightjar Pub. We as a Church will be holding a cake stall and providing refreshments in the Community Hall and would love you to come and join us for our usual “Coffee time”.

**CHRISTMAS** We as a Church family meet in the Mead Vale Community Hall and this has wonderful benefits but there is also the challenge of not having a “visible” church building and people not knowing where we worship. So, this Christmas we have a wonderful 2metre long banner going up on the outside of the Community Hall building telling everyone who sees it that Mead Vale Church meets here. We pray that folks won’t just “see” the banner but will be pleased to discover that a Church meets there and want to join us!

We have lots of exciting services planned for this wonderful season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, not least our “Nativity” which is taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm and being performed by our COSMIC children. Please see details of the services in the magazine. Why not join us as we discover together the true meaning of Christmas.

## From the Registers



### Baptisms in St. Martin's

*God has received you by baptism into His Church*

23 October

Freya Louise Cocking

Jacob William Cocking

Zoe Benita Thorne

6 November

Harry Adam Day



### Renewal of Vows in St. Martin's

5 November

Anthony and Rosalind Pole

### Funerals in October

Stephen Cowell aged 55

Geoffrey Paul Harrison aged 77

Jessie Marion Cox aged 83



### Funerals in November

John Lennox Lickfold aged 66

Jessie Marion Cox aged 83

### Prayer for December

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".





The Parish of Worle  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2011**



**St. Martin's**

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| 11 December | 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
|             | 10.00am | All Age Communion                                     |
|             | 6.00pm  | Evensong  |
| 18 December | 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
|             | 10.00am | Christingle Service                                   |
|             | 6.00pm  | Carols by Candlelight followed by wine and mince pies |

**Christmas Eve:**

|             |         |              |
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| 24 December | 4.00pm  | Crib Service |
|             | 11.30pm | Eucharist    |

**Christmas Day:**

|             |         |                                       |
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| 25 December | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                        |
|             | 10.00am | Christmas Family Communion and Carols |

**St. Mark's**

|             |         |  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| 11 December | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                       |
| 18 December | 10.30am | All Age Worship                                      |
|             | 6.30pm  | Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine |

**Christmas Eve:**

|             |        |                |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
| 24 December | 4.00pm | Crib Service   |
|             | 9.30pm | Holy Communion |

**Christmas Day:**

|             |         |                   |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|
| 25 December | 10.30am | Christmas Service |
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**Mead Vale**

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| 4 December  | 10.00am | Christingle Service and breakfast with Messy Church |
| 11 December | 10.30am | Morning Worship                                     |
| 18 December | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                      |
|             | 6.00pm  | Christmas Carols in the Nightjar Pub                |

**Christmas Eve:**

|             |        |                         |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 24 December | 4.00pm | Holy Communion Nativity |
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**Christmas Day:**

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| 25 December | 10.30am | Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion |
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**Wick St. Lawrence**

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| 11 December | 10.00am | Christingle Service   |
| 18 December | 6.30pm  | Carols and Readings by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies |

**Christmas Eve:**

|             |        |                |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
| 24 December | 4.00pm | Crib Service   |
|             | 9.30pm | Holy Communion |

**Christmas Day:**

|             |         |                          |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 25 December | 10.00am | Christmas Morning Praise |
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## WORLE PARISH - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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**Parish Administrator** Liz Winter

**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9.00am-12 noon and Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm Tel: 515922

**Baptisms & Weddings** - Come to The Parish Office between 9-12noon Monday to Friday or Tuesday Evening 7-8pm

**Church Schools**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| St. Mark's Primary (V.A.) School.....  | Tel: 513008 |
| St. Martin's Junior (V.C.) School..... | Tel: 628651 |
| St. Georges Primary (V.A) School.....  | Tel: 426901 |

### WHAT'S ON AT ST MARKS

**Weddings and Baptisms...** Come to The Parish Office during normal parish office hours.

**Home Groups** Midweek adult fellowship and study....  
Enid Wills 512677 Colin Guichard 521792

**Sunday Morning Teaching Groups** for ages 0-13....

**Young People during the week**....

- Rainbows: Weds 4.30pm-5.30pm (Julia Watt 420422)
- Brownies Mondays and Wednesdays (Sue Cox 515913)
- Daily Playgroup (515922)
- Guides on Wednesday (Lynn Plumley 511909)
- Thursday Parents & Toddlers (Ann Payne 622245)

**Lettings**.....  
The Parish Office 515922 (Liz Winter)

### WHATS ON AT ST MARTIN'S

**Choir**..... Richard Lennox 07710788911

**Church Cleaning Guild.**

**Flowers**..... Diane Swatton 513111

**Handbells**..... Jenny Thompson 521570

**Housegroups**..... Midweek adult fellowship and study....Robin Vincent 517425,  
Joan McCarthy 510780, Margaret Mearthar 414648

**Social Events**..... Diane Swatton 513111

**Bellringers**..... Jim Lambard 514004

**Women's Fellowship**..... Olwen Brodhurst 512736

**Toddler Group**..... Juliet Board 524945

**Children's Activities** Every Sunday during 10.00am Service.....Anne Farmer 515610

### WHAT'S ON AT MEAD VALE

**Life Groups**.... Greg Webster 519406 Penny Devereux 511140

**Coffee Morning**.... Wednesdays 10.30am in the Nightjar / 3rd Saturday in every month  
Mead Vale Community Centre 10.00am

**Messy Church** ..... 1st Saturday of the month 3.30pm - 5.30pm Families welcome

**COSMIC**.... Sunday morning groups for children

**Lettings Contact for hall** Paddy Payne 513653

### WHAT'S ON AT ST. LAWRENCE

**Open Church** During daylight hours the church is open for anyone seeking a sanctuary of peace and quiet

**Bellringers** Paul Tomlinson 515853

**Choir & Youth Choir** Elizabeth Glen 832283

**Sunday Club** Sunday morning group for children. Contact Revd. Anne Farmer 515610