



Celebrating the Third Sunday of Epiphany Weekly update Sunday 26th January 2025

Verse of the Week

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4. 18-19

Collect for this Sunday

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Readings

This week's bible readings; 26th January: 1 Corinthians 12; 12-31a and Luke 4:14-21

Next week's bible readings for Sunday 2nd February: Hebrews 2:14-end and Luke 2:22-40

Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 26th January 2025



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP), at St John the Evangelist church

10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's

Wednesday 29th January 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin on the Walls

Services in the Parish week beginning Candlemas Sunday 2nd February 2025

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am All Age Service with Angel Voices - Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer, Lady St Mary, Wareham

Wednesday 5th February 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin on the Walls

What is happening in the Parish...

Open House - Thursday 30th January 2025 - 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church, **2pm**. 'Quiz' with time after for cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All are most welcome.



A new Co-ordinator is sought for the monthly (with exception of August) 'Open House' Group at Sandford St Martin's Church. This would be with effect from April 2025. Please consider this request as 'Open House' often reaches out to twenty or more people and Lesley would be grateful for any enquiries through herself or the Parish Office on 550905. Thank you.



Coffee Morning - At Pine Martin Grange, Sandford, on **Wednesday 29th January 2025 between 10.30am to 12.30pm**. This is in aid of Pets as Therapy. Sandford St Martin's church are doing the raffle if anyone can donate any Prizes, please drop off at the Parish Office or take to Sandford St Martin's church on the Sundays before this date. All are most

welcome.

The Promise of his Glory - Choral Evening Prayer for the Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple at The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham - **Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 6pm** Come and mark the end of our celebration of The Saviour's birth, in words, prayer and music.



Men's Breakfast - The next Men's breakfast is on **Saturday 15th February 2025 at the Bear Hotel, South Street starting at 8.30am**. The guest speaker this month will be Mike Quinlan, Churchwarden. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along.

Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email: parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

We need you!

Are you able to spare a few hours a week to join the Saturday or Sunday morning coffee Rota? It is a great opportunity to get to know others in the Parish.



Sandford St Martin's Church wish to recruit more musicians - keyboard etc. - for their 10.30am services on the first and second Sunday of each month. The first Sunday is usually Morning Worship and the second Holy Communion. If anyone is interested, please contact Lesley. Thank you.

If you are interested in any of the above, please let Debs in the Parish office know Tel: 550905 or parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Parish Pilgrimage 2025

There are still places available for this year's Parish Pilgrimage to Northern Ireland from the 12th – 21st October, please contact Pat Cherrett for more information or to book your place Tel: 552087. Thank you.



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- A fresh start as every day is a new day, through Christ, our past does not define our future.
- His creativity on display, especially in the area of where we live here in the Isle of Purbeck.
- The freedom to worship Jesus every day of the week.

We pray to God for:

- All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife, prisoners, refugees, and homeless people.
- The work of aid agencies throughout the world.
- Victims and perpetrators of crime.

Those asking for prayer:

Graham Baynes

And those we continue to pray for:

Mary Barnes, Jane Patterson, John Cleaton, Anne Mills

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Mervyn Christopher - Funeral Service to take place Wednesday 5th February 1pm at St John the Evangelist church, East Holme

Florence Henstridge – Funeral Service to take place Thursday 6th February 12 noon at Lady St Mary church

Mary Cherry - Funeral Service to take place Friday 7th February 2pm at Poole Crematorium

Our Mission Prayer:

Heavenly Father as we seek your way ahead over the need of a Rector, we pray that we may all have a renewed sense of our mission as your people to reach out in caring and serving and sharing the good news of the Lord Jesus, who lived among us, died for us, rose again in triumph and is coming again in glory. **Amen**

Gathering for Prayer:

Parish Prayer Group – Every **Tuesday at 7.30pm**, gathering in person, in one of our homes. Contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905 for the venue. All are welcome to join us to pray.

Prayers for Peace – Every **Friday at 5pm in Lady St Mary Church**. All are invited to make time to pause and pray for peace in our world, in our community and in our lives.

Are you able to offer your gifts and skills to enhance and lead our worship? **YES?**

Do you want worship to be engaging, creative and fun? **YES?**

Then come along to the new
Lay Worship Leaders Course

Learning more about prayer, music, all-age worship, giving talks and more.

Starting 1st February 2025 and
followed by 15th February 1st, 15th and 29th March

If you would like further information, please contact Revd.'s Neil or Deborah
neilkelly3@icloud.com or debjswann@gmail.com

GREEN TIP

Do you know how green your bank is? Check it out at <https://bank.green>. If yours isn't so good, maybe it's time to change?



Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 27th January	108	Hosea 2:18-end of 3	1 Corinthians 9:15-end
Tuesday 28th January	36	Hosea 4:1-16	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Wednesday 29th January	46	Hosea 5:1-7	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Thursday 30th January	47	Hosea 5:8-6:6	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Friday 31st January	65	Hosea 6:7-7:2	1 Corinthians 11:17-end
Saturday 1st February	68	Hosea 8	1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Parish Office opening times - The Parish Office is open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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