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## Sunday 2nd December 2018 ADVENT SUNDAY

**Welcome!** If you are visiting, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or welcome team, who will be happy to help you. **Large print** sheets are available from our welcome team.

### *Services in Wareham Parish Today*

#### Readings:

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)** at Lady St Mary Church

**9.00 am Breakfast@9** at Sandford St Martin's Church

*(Informal family service with breakfast)*

**10.00 am Christingle Service with Angel Voices** at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, in aid of the Children's Society

**10.30 am Holy Communion** at Sandford St Martin's Church

**10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)** at St Nicholas Church, Arne

**6.00 pm Advent Service of Light** at Lady St Mary Church

**An Afternoon of Christmas today 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme** - Display of winter photographs, children's activities; homemade produce and refreshments will be served. All welcome

*For details of other church services and events, please call the Parish Office or visit our website [www.warehamchurches.org.uk](http://www.warehamchurches.org.uk)*

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*Please contact if you would like a visit*

# This week's Prayer Focus

## Today's Collect - The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **This week we pray for:**

- For the light of Christ to inspire each of us afresh this Advent.
- All who struggle with debt and managing their finances.
- All who are in danger from storms or difficult weather, especially seafarers.

### **We give thanks for:**

- For all members of the emergency services as they respond to crises.
- For all teachers and lecturers as they encourage and teach children from this area at school, college, or university.
- For all who act as good neighbours looking out for those who may be in need in their locality

**Those Asking for Prayer:** *Ben Walker, Geoff Foulds, Eleanor Waugh, Mary Baker, Diana Bowen*

**Those who have died in recent days and those who mourn for their loved ones**  
*Bert Wason, David Best, Jean Hill, "The Head Girl of St Stephens School" in Terekeka, who died from a snake bite.*

**Prayer Ministry is available this morning, during the 10.00am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church. This will take place in the Edward Chapel whilst Holy Communion is being administered.**

We pray for our link Diocese of Terekeka in South Sudan and especially this Advent for St Stephens School, the headmaster, other teachers, and the pupils. This Advent may we be able to raise sufficient funds to help provide the teachers' salaries. May they know your peace and the hope of the return of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**



## Reminders and Services

### Monday 3rd December

**9.00am** Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

**1.30pm** Seedlings Toddler Group at Sandford St Martin's Church

### Tuesday 4th December

**8.00am** Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's

### Wednesday 5th December

**7.45am** Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

**11.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

**11.00am** Prayer Group in the farm house at Livability, Holton Lee

**12.30-1.30pm** Christian Aid Advent Lunch at Lady St Mary Parish Hall, the Quay. Suggested minimum donation of £5 would be gratefully received.

### Thursday 6th December

**10.00am** Wareham Parent and Toddler Group in the Parish Hall, Wareham

**10.30am** Market Service and Prayers at the United Reformed Church

### Friday 7th December

**4.00pm** Rotary Tree of Light Carol Service and blessing, followed by light refreshments, at Wareham Hospital, in remembrance of those no longer with us. All welcome

### Saturday 8th December

**8.30 am** Men's Christmas Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church (please contact John Bowen for details on 551675)

**10.00am** Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. Welcome!

**2.30pm** The Dorset County Women's Section of the Royal British Legion Carol Service will be held in St Martin-on-the-Walls Church, Wareham.

## Services Next Sunday

### Sunday 9th December 2018

### The Second Sunday of Advent

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)** at Lady St Mary Church  
*(Traditional Service 1662 Book of Common Prayer—Reflective Worship)*

**9.00 am Breakfast@9** at Sandford St Martin's Church  
*(Informal service with breakfast)*

**10.00 am Holy Communion** at Lady St Mary Church  
*(Sung Eucharist with the Choir)*

**10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)** at St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme  
*(Traditional Service 1662 Book of Common Prayer—Reflective Worship)*

**10.30 am Morning Worship** at Sandford St Martin's Church

**Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6**

## What's happening .....

**Weekly Prayer meeting** - an opportunity to pray for our local community and our world on Tuesday evenings, which takes place at 7.30pm at **David and Di Kimble's home**. For more information contact the Parish Office. All welcome.

**WAREHAM CHRISTIAN AID ADVENT LUNCHESES** - Come and have lunch at a church during Advent and help raise funds for Christian Aid. A Traidcraft Fairtrade Stall will also be available. A suggested minimum donation of £5 would be gratefully received.

**Wednesday 5th December 12.30-1.30pm**

at Lady St Mary Parish Hall, The Quay, Wareham

**Wednesday 19th December 12.30-1.30pm**

at The United Reformed Church, Church Street, Wareham

**Canzonetta at Christmas - Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm. Concert of seasonal songs, carols and readings at St Martin-on-the-Walls, North Street.** Free admission. Retiring collection for St Martin's. Mulled wine and mince pies.

**The Service of Celebration of Wholeness and Healing Wednesday 30th January 2019 in Lady St Mary Church at 7.00 pm.**

**Save the Date!! Parish Weekend Away in Sidholme Hotel, Devon! 17th-19th May 2019.** Are you thinking of a weekend break away? Why not join us in the Spring! Please contact the Parish Office for a form. If you need help with transport, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Can you help.....**

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** This year we will be donating the following items to the homeless: Good quality new men's hats, gloves, socks, baby wipes, roll-on deodorants, small packs of tissues and sleeping bags. These items can be brought in to church or the Parish Hall on Saturday mornings from 10.00am - 12 noon, or during the week from 9.30am to 12.30pm to the Parish Office, before 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Lady St Mary Church** are looking for flower arrangers to join the rota, this would probably entail two times a year, please contact Pat Cherrett on 552087 if you are able to help.

**One of our local Parish schools would like to do Christingles in school and are looking for donations of oranges**, if you are able to help, please bring them to the Parish Office before Friday 7th December. Thank you.

**Not Just Sundaes Community Café are looking for volunteers**, if you are able to help or if you know of someone, please contact Helen on 553223.