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9.00am - 12 noon

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7.00pm - 8.00pm

(by appointment only)

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Welcome!

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11 December 2016

Holy Communion
Advent 3

Theme:
Stay on task with Jesus

Readings:
Isaiah 35:1-10
& Matthew 11:2-11

Led by
Rev Chris Elms

Please stay for refreshments after the Service

St Mark's is a Fairtrade Church

Mission Statement

A Community centred on the living Jesus; growing, serving and reaching out in His name.

Duties for Sunday 18 December 2016

Reader	JAM
Intercession	Revd Chris Elms
Sides people	Howard S & Denise P
Teas	Jane S & Lyn F
Flowers	Sally E

If you need to change your duty please swap with someone else on the rota.

Readers & Intercessors please let Rev Chris Elms know of the swap you have made. Tel: 515 438 or chriselms1@gmail.com.

Prayer pointers:

- For those who are feeling lonely in the build up to Christmas
- For those who are grieving and remembering lost loved ones at this time
- For those who are not able to celebrate Christmas as they would like to



The Nativity
Aim: to explore the different parts of the Nativity story

Thank you from Jenny Twiddy – Jenny wants to say a big thank you for everyone's prayers and support through her recent cancer treatment. She appreciated it very much.

Invite a friend this Christmas!

Your personal invitation to a friend or neighbour will speak more to them than a card popped through the door (as good as that is). Who springs to mind as someone you could invite to one of our Christmas services?

JAM news

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 18th December - Don't forget our All Age Nativity Service. Come and celebrate with the children at St Mark's.

Saturday 21st January 2017 - Children's Festival @ Wells Cathedral. 10:30-3pm, circus skills, worship, craft and much more.

Please speak to Ally or Chris if you are interested in going.

Dec 24th 4pm – St Mark's Crib Service – Would you like to help Revd Chris with this lovely service? We will be inviting all Key Stage 1 children from St Mark's school (Reception, Years 1 & 2). It's a short but atmospheric service where the children read out segments of the nativity story and assemble the crib scene. Speak to Chris if you're interested.

Carol Singing on Worle High Street, outside the Co-op 11am - 12 noon, Saturday 17 December.

Change to Service of Light on 29th January, 4pm – The venue for this service has now changed to **ST JAMES THE GREAT, WINSCOMBE**. This is an opportunity for all the churches in the Locking Deanery to come together in worship at the beginning of the New Year. See the poster on the Sunday table.

What's happening this week:

Wednesday:

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion at St Mark's (First Wednesday of the month at Mead Vale at 10am) |
| 8.00pm | Home Group – Colin & Colleen Guichard
Home Group – Chris & Jody's group not meeting this week |

Thursday:

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion at St Martin's |
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Sunday:

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| 10.30am | All Age Worship |
| 6.30pm | Carol Service |

If you are visiting for the first time.....

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us this morning. We will be singing songs about Jesus, saying sorry for the things we do wrong and, with bread and wine, remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross.

If you follow Jesus and would normally take communion in a church service you are welcome to join us at communion.

If you would like to receive a prayer of blessing instead, please come to the front and bring the yellow booklet with you as a sign that you wish to be prayed for.

An offer of prayer

If you would like to be prayed for by members of our prayer ministry team, please come up first in the queue for communion. After receiving the bread and wine you will be invited to sit in the sanctuary area for a short time of prayer. If you would like more involved prayer, please visit Dave & Lin's house on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

Thank you Sharon Thrupp and her daughter Amy, who created the lovely nativity scenes depicted in our church windows.

Parish Treasurer - Having become the Chair of Governors for St Martin's School and now working away from home quite frequently, Mark Preddy, our Parish Treasurer, is having to stand down from this role at the end of the year. Mark has faithfully served God in this capacity for many years for which we are truly grateful. The job of Parish Treasurer has recently become much simpler since our book keeping and payroll has been outsourced. ***We are looking for someone willing to take over this important role from Mark.*** The work of Parish Treasurer is supported by the individual church treasurers, others in the parish and the Diocese. A willing heart and some ability with figures would be necessary. Please pray to see if God is calling you to take on this vital ministry in the parish.