

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are in urgent need of recruiting more volunteers to clean the church. If we have sufficient numbers of cleaners it will require no more than two 2-hour sessions per team per year. Please speak to one of the church wardens or Sandra Rigby-Barrett if you are able to help. Thank you for considering this role.

ADVENT TAIZÉ EVENING

St Dunstan's Church, Woking, GU22 7DT, are holding an Advent Taizé Evening, to which all churches are invited is on **Monday 18th December 2023 at 7.30pm**. The service will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments

Food Bank Donations Update—most needed items for December 2023:

Baby food and milk; honey; mayonnaise, tinned salmon; instant mashed potato; coffee; fruit squash; packets of biscuits; long life milk whole type; long life fruit juice; chocolate bars and sweets; marmite; chocolate spread; hot chocolate; cooking oil; laundry detergent; baby wipes; shaving gel and foam; toilet cleaner liquid; shaving gel and foam; shampoo and conditioner; washing up liquid; toothbrushes toilet rolls and nappies size 7.

Dates for your diaries

. NO 8am Holy Communion Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

9am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour

3.30pm Crib Service led by the St Lawrence Toddlers for 0 to 8 year olds

5.00pm Crib Service for 8+ year olds

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Lawrence

Christmas Day Holy Communion Services

9.00am at St Saviour

10.15am at St Lawrence:

**Wintershall: the Nativity Journey—a play for all the family—
13-18 December 2023**

Come and enjoy the real Christmas Story at Wintershall, Bramley,
Guildford GU5 0LR.

Book tickets now on their website: www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01483 892167

You are most welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall
after the 10.15am service this morning.

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17 DECEMBER 2023

Here to Celebrate, Worship and Serve

Sunday 17 Dec Third Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end
Psalm: 126
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 29-28

The Psalm and Readings can be found on pages 161-163

8.00am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan

9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour led by Revd Dan

Hymns: 323 It came upon the midnight clear
213 God rest you merry gentles
580 Silent Night

10.15 am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan

Hymns: 249 Hark, the glad sound
88 Christ is the world's true light
612 Tell out, my soul
401 Longing for light
673 Thou, whose almighty word

6.00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with combined choirs & ensemble

Tue 19 Dec 6.30pm Carol Service at Coxhill Manor led by Revd Chris

Wed 20 Dec 12.00noon Mid-week Holy Communion Service led by Revd Dan

Sun 24 Dec
No 8am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence
9am Service of Holy Communion at St Saviour led by Revd Dan
10.15 Service of Holy communion at St Lawrence led by Revd Chris

3.30pm Crib Service for under 8s led by the St Lawrence Toddlers
5.00pm Crib Service for the 8+
11.30pm Mid-night Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Dan

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
messenger
to prepare your way before you;
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready
your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to
the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the
world
we may be found an acceptable people in
your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Seasonal Eucharistic Preface and Blessing from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve:

Preface:

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us
from sin and death and to make us
inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon
you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he
comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Christmas Day Services 25 December
No 8am Holy Communion Service**

**9am Service of Holy Communion at
St Saviour led by Revd Dan**

**10.15 Service of Holy Communion at
St Lawrence led by Revd Dan
No 12.00noon mid-week
Holy Communion Service on
Wednesday 27 December**

**New Year's Eve Services on 31 December
No 8am Holy Communion Service**

**9am Service of Holy Communion at
St Saviour led by Revd Dan**

**10.15 Service of Holy Communion at
St Lawrence led by Revd Chris**

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS AND MATTERS:

- ◆ **In our Missionary Support: Overseas Mission:** The Barnabas Fund (supporting persecuted Christians); The Bible Society for Mission.
- ◆ **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- ◆ **In our Guildford Diocese:** Please pray for the Parish of St Nicholas, Compton and its incumbent Sally Buddle and for Jenny Lee (PTO). Also pray for Prior's Field School, Godalming.
- ◆ **For our Church:**
 - ◇ We pray that our numbers may grow at all our services and that the Lord will bless us as we minister in this parish.
 - ◇ We pray that our faith and belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ be strengthened and deepened through our understanding of the scriptures.
- ◆ **Children and Schools**
 - ◇ Please pray for the future of Mission in the parish, particularly with regard to children and young people.
 - ◇ Please pray for the teachers, support staff, children, governors and parents at St Lawrence Primary School and Valley End School as they enter into the Christmas and New Year holiday. We pray for the preparations for the SIAMS inspection in the spring of 2024 at St Lawrence Primary School.

Pray for our Vicar, Revd Dan and for our Assistant Priest, Revd Chris.

Pray for church societies, for Clergy Widows and Orphans, St Luke's Hospital and for the Pensions Board. For the work of Christian Aid.

- ◆ **Pray for those facing sickness,** those who are housebound and those who are facing other needs: Christopher Delacombe, Alan Wood, Ian Stewart, Caroline, Gloria, and Jessie Jones.
- ◆ **We pray for the those recently bereaved and remember especially at this time the families and friends of the late:** Beverley Tucker, Dorothy Allen and Howard Davies
- ◆ **Pray for our congregations that we may grow in daily prayer and knowledge of scripture.** Pray for local businesses, for all engaged in the retails trade and in providing services, For Chobham Business Club, For hospitality and welcome in the many restaurants, pubs and cafes and in our homes.
- ◆ **The Year's Mind:** We remember Jenny Roberts, Kevin Kearney and Arthur Panther and all those known to us whose anniversary occurs at this time.
- ◆ **Residents of:** Mimbidge Lane, Mincing Lane, Mount Road, Oakdene, Oakhurst, Old Chertsey Road, Old School House, Pennypot, Philpot Lane, Red Lion Close, Red Lion Road, St Lawrence Court, Sandpit Hall Road, Sandy Lane, Scotts Grove Close, Scotts Grove Road