

Sunday 16th November 2008 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas)**
Hymns 393, 72, 593, 44
- 10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)**
Hymns: 396 466 15 53 242
Anthem: Hymn for the Eucharist - David Ogden
Junior Anthem: Teach us, good Lord - Nicholson
- 6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)**
Introit: Deliver us, O Lord our God - Batten
Hymns: 337 267 26 374
Psalm: 89.19-29
Canticles: Service in D minor - Walmisley
First Reading: 1 Kings 1.15-40
Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-18
Anthem: Though I speak with the tongues of men - Bairstow

NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 23rd: Christ the King**
9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas)
9:30am Holy Communion BCP (St.Vincent)
10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Stan Aldridge, Gill, Annabel Elliot,
Brian Wheeler, Derrick Haig, Andy
Daphne Chapman, Doris Hite and Danny Burns**



And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:



Please pick up your new Readers/Intercessors Rota from the back of St Mary's Thank you again for your help with both Rotas. - Antje

Toddler Praise:

is this week as normal: the 3rd Tuesday in the Month. 2.30pm-3.00pm All Welcome



ASHWELL AT CHRISTMAS,
Saturday 6 December
9.30am to 1.00pm



PLEASE look out any items you may have which would be suitable for the gift stall and bring them to the Parish Office, to Eileen ten Hove or to Church on the afternoon of Friday, 5 December (but let Eileen know that you intend to do this). I am still looking for someone to take responsibility for the tombola and bran tub! And I need offers from strong people to set up the tables for the Fair at 2pm on Thursday, 4 December. Many thanks. Eileen ten Hove (742746)



Cakes!-Cakes!-Cakes!

Please sign the list at the back of St Mary's Church if you can help by baking something for the cake stall.

If you would like something added to this pew sheet or to the parish website, please let Antje in the office know using the contacts at the bottom of this sheet.

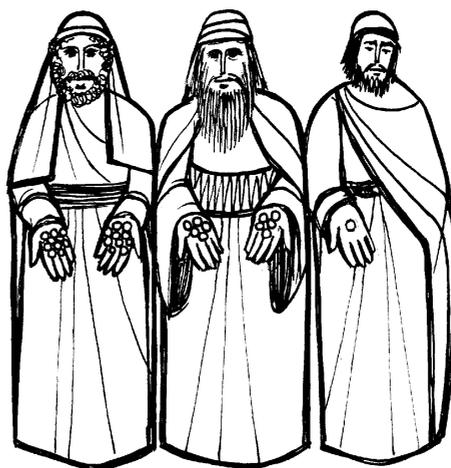


THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

- Monday 17th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
- Tuesday 18th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
Noon Deanery Fairwell Lunch (Cottered)
2:30pm-3:00am Toddler Praise (St Mary's)
3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)
- Wednesday 19th**
9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am MidWeek Communion (St Mary's)
11:00am Wolverley House Communion (Wolverley Ho)
8:00pm PCC Hinxworth (Peel Patch)
- Thursday 20th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
8:00pm Deanery Synod (Barley)
- Friday 21st**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
- Saturday 22nd**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
2:30pm-6:00pm Rehearsal for Concert (St Mary's)
7:30pm The English Soloists Ensemble (St Mary's)

PCC

Please take this sheet home with you, and use it in your prayers during the week.



But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25.14-30

World Toilet Day

19th November is World Toilet Day!



Did you Know: 2.6 billion people do not have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet and almost 5000 children die **every single day** in the world of diarrhoeal diseases caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water. - Find out more, pray, and do something about it: www.wateraid.org

The English Soloists Ensemble,

Saturday the 22nd November
7:30pm at St Mary's



Part of the Ashwell Chamber Music Series.
Refreshments available before, during and after the Concert.
For more details and tickets contact:
Pro Music Entertainment 01462 743892

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Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm

Psalm 90.1-8

- 1 Lord, you have¹ been our¹ refuge ♦
from one gene¹ ration¹ to a¹ nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth
or the earth and the¹ world were¹ formed, ♦
from everlasting to ever¹ lasting¹ you are¹ God.
- 3 You turn us back to¹ dust and¹ say: ♦
'Turn¹ back, O¹ children of¹ earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are¹ but as¹
yesterday, ♦
which passes¹ like a¹ watch • in the¹ night.
- 5 You sweep them away¹ like a¹ dream; ♦
they fade away¹ suddenly¹ like the¹ grass.
- 6 In the morning it is¹ green and¹ flourishes; ♦
in the evening it is¹ dried¹ up and¹ withered.
- 7 For we consume away in¹ your dis¹ pleasure; ♦
we are afraid at your¹ wrathful¹ indig¹ nation.
- 8 You have set our mis¹ deeds be¹ fore you ♦
and our secret¹ sins • in the¹ light • of your¹
countenance.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come

like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**