

### Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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. **Amen**  
(or)  
God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of  
your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### READINGS

##### This Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

##### Next week, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.9-45

#### OUR PRAYERS

*This week we pray for:*

*In Churches Together: Trinity Methodist*

*The residents of: Lower Mere, Willow Mead,  
Kingfisher Rise, Cornwall Gardens*

*Our supported charity: Tear Fund*

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service followed by  
mince pies and mulled wine

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## The Parish Church of St. Swithun, East Grinstead with St. Barnabas & St. Luke NOTICES SHEET

Today Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### at St Swithun's

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### at St Barnabas

4.30 pm Six Lessons & Carols

#### at St Luke's (QVH Chapel)

10.30 am Ministry of The Word

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Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

8 pm Men's Relax

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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

8 pm The Eucharist with Bible study *in Hall*

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10 am The Eucharist

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

11 am Healing Eucharist *at St Barnabas'*

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

10 am Friday Fun

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9 am The Eucharist

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Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### at St Swithun's

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Parish Carol Service

#### at St Barnabas

9.15 am The Eucharist

#### at St Luke's (QVH Chapel)

10.30 am The Eucharist

## NOTICES

### SEARCH FOR A NEW VICAR an update:

The parish profile document is available to read online on the parish website. A printed copy is available to see at the parish office or on the welcomers' table near the font in St Swithun's. John Cotton and Marion Collins have copies at the daughter churches. *Kate Mooney & Tony Cox Churchwardens*

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** – Would you like to be part of our 6 pm Crib service on Christmas Eve? Costumes provided and no lines to learn. Two rehearsals both at 11.30 am for 30 minutes, Sun 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Pick up a note in church with all the details. *Deborah*

**CAROLS AT ST. BARNABAS'** - a Service of Six Lessons and Carols will be held at St. Barnabas' today (13<sup>th</sup>) at 4.30 pm, followed by Mince Pies. There is no Morning Service at St. Barnabas' today.

**HEALING EUCHARIST AT ST. BARNABAS'** this Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) at 11 am.

**WELCOMERS FOR CHRISTMAS** are required for various services please see the sign-up sheets at the back and put your name down if you are able to help.

**WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES.** Boxed sets for 2016 are in the pigeon holes for St Swithun's members who gave by this method in 2015. If there isn't a pack with your name on it and you want to give weekly please contact me. John Cotton has the sets for St Luke's members and Pat Coomber has the St Barnabas' sets. *John Monks (325173)*

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP.** I have decided that the time has come to retire from the distribution of BRF notes. I have enjoyed doing it for many years – thank you for your support. Sallyanne Waller has very kindly offered to take on this duty. *Diana Harris*

**GOOD NEWS CLUB.** Our leaders will be having their Christmas break on 27<sup>th</sup> December so there will be no GNC in the hall that morning.

**EG FOODBANK** is one of three local charities of the month at Waitrose for December, so please spread the word among friends & family, so that the green tokens may be used in support of the foodbank.

**CANTU AMICI** (8 part chamber choir led by George Clifford) will be performing a selection of traditional and modern Christmas music in the church at 7 pm, this Wed, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Tickets £5. Refreshments provided.

**WORTH ABBEY ORGAN RECITAL** by D'Arcy Trinkwon this evening (13<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 pm. Free admission, retiring collection.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2015

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30 pm Carol Service by Candlelight

#### **Christmas Eve**

4.30 pm Toddler Crib Service

6 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

8 am The Eucharist

10 am All-age Eucharist

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