

Collect for 1st Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Collect for The Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

(or)

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READINGS

Christmas 1 (27th Dec)

Exodus 33.7-11a; 1 John 1; John 21.19b-25

Epiphany (3rd Jan)

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Baptism of Christ (10th Jan)

Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17;

Luke 3.15-17,21,22

OUR PRAYERS

We pray for:

In Churches Together: (27th Dec) St Mary's Church; (3rd Jan) St Luke's

The residents of: (27th Dec) Beckett Way, Cromwell Pl., Edinburgh Way, Harwoods La.; (3rd Jan) The Rise, Victoria Way.

Our supported charity: 27th Dec) Chestnut Tree House; (3rd Jan) Church Army

FUTURE EVENTS

7th Jan - Standing Committee

14th Jan – Christianity Explored begins

21st January - PCC

The Parish Office

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Open weekdays 9.30 - 12 noon
(Closed 24th Dec – 3rd Jan)

Notices sheet deadline: Wednesday 6th Jan.

Notices sheet email: notices@swithhq.org.uk

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St. Swithun's PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1131405

The Parish Church of St. Swithun, East Grinstead with St. Barnabas & St. Luke NOTICES SHEET for 27th December and 3rd January

Sunday, 27th December 2015

1st Sunday of Christmas

at St Swithun's

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

NB No Evening Prayer today

at St Barnabas'

No Service

at St Luke's (QVH Chapel)

10.30 am Ministry of the Word

Sunday, 3rd January 2016

Epiphany

at St Swithun's

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Worship Together

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

at St Barnabas'

9.15 am The Eucharist

at St Luke's (QVH Chapel)

10.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday, 10th January 2016
Baptism of Christ

at St Swithun's

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

at St Barnabas'

9.15 am Ministry of the Word

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NOTICES

FROM THE WARDENS

We would like to thank Julia for all her hard work and ministry in this time of vacancy and to all those who supported her. We also thank everyone who has worked so hard to prepare the churches and grounds and to all who took part in our Christmas worship in any way.

This year it has been a time of change in the parish, may 2016 bring us in due course a new vicar to lead us, and challenge us, in worship, mission and ministry. In the meantime, we offer our good wishes to all for the New Year. *Kate & Tony*

KAREN HIGGS. We are delighted to learn that Karen has been invited to serve her curacy at St Mary's Hartfield following her ordination on Saturday 25th June 2016.

GOOD NEWS CLUB. Our leaders will be having a Christmas break so there will be no GNC in the hall on 27th December.

ST SWITHUN'S SUNDAY COFFEE. There will be no coffee/tea after the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday 27th December.

PARISH OFFICE. The Parish Office will reopen after the Christmas break on Mon 4th Jan 2016.

THE SATURDAY COFFEE SHOP will open from 10 am - 12 noon on 2nd January. Please note its new regular opening times.

TINY TOTS SERVICE – Thurs 14th Jan, 10.30 am in church. Short time of songs, Bible story and prayers for babies and toddlers followed by refreshments and play in the Hall. All welcome. *Deborah 314147*

INVITE A FRIEND to come with you to our Christianity Explored course, beginning on 14th January. Leaflets available at the doors.

BRF BIBLE NOTES. Please collect your new bible notes from the back of the church. There is a note inside about payment. Thanks, *Sallyanne Waller*

We invite you to explore the Christian faith.

*Who is Jesus? Why did he come?
What do we believe?*

**To hear more about our new course please
join us for a meal on
Thursday 14th Jan at 7.45pm
at St Swithun's Church Hall.**

Christianity Explored is a free 8 week course
(Thurs evenings)

To find out more please contact
Deborah EG 314147 matthewseg@tiscali.co.uk

THE PASTORAL TEAM thank everyone for their kind Christmas cards and their kind and appreciative comments. Please let me know if you hear of someone who would welcome a visit from the team in order to receive Communion at home. We visit people who are temporarily unable to get to church as well as the permanently housebound. *Lynne Ellis (lynnellis15@msn.com or EG 300810).*

2016 CAR PARK RENEWAL LETTERS will be in the pigeonholes in early January for existing permit holders. Any members of the electoral roll who are not permit holders and want an application form, please contact the Parish Office.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR
PIGEONHOLES AT ST SWITHUN'S FOR
POST, CHRISTMAS CARDS ETC.**

