

Readings - 30 December 2007
Christmas 1 – Parish Communion

Averil - Isaiah 63.7-9
 Tony J - Hebrews 2.10-18
 Anne C - Matthew 2.13-23

Welwyn & Villages Team Ministry Services

	St Mary's Welwyn	St Peter's Ayot St Peter	St Michael and All Angels Woolmer Green	All Saints Datchworth	St Peter's Tewin
1 st Sunday	8am – SHC 9.30am – PC 11.15am - NEFS	11.15am – M	11.15am - HC	9.30am - PC	9.30am – PC 6.30pm - ES
2 nd Sunday	8am – SHC 9.30am – PC 6.30pm - CES	11.15am – HCBCP	11.15am - NEFS	9.30am - PC	9.30am - PC
3 rd Sunday	8am – SHC 9.30am – PC	11.15am – HCBCP	11.15am - HC	9.30am - PC	9.30am – NEFS 6.30pm HC
4 th Sunday	8am – SHC 9.30am – PC 6.30pm - ES	11.15am – HCBCP	11.15am - HC	11.00am - NEFS	9.30am - PC
5 th Sunday	8am – SHC 9.30am – PC	11.15am – HCBCP	11.15am – HC	9.30am - PC	9.30am - PC

Key – CES = Choral Evensong ES = Evensong
 HC = Holy Communion HCBCP = Holy Communion using Book of Common Prayer
 SHC = Said Holy Communion M = Matins for all ages using the Book of Common Prayer
 PC = Parish Communion NEFS = Family Service for all ages without Communion

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Please let Tony Charles (01438 817300) know if there is anything you would like inserted in next week's newsletter.

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Welcome to All Saints Datchworth's Parish Church

Sunday 23 December 2007

Advent 4 - 11am

Family Service (non-eucharistic)



Readings: n/a
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Collect: **Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our altar is open to members of all denominations. If you do not wish to receive Communion please come to receive a blessing and certainly bring any children with you for a blessing.

DIARY FOR THE COMING WEEK

Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December - 5pm - Crib Service – 11pm – Midnight Service

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December – 9.30am – Family Communion

Thursday 27 December – 5pm – Evening Prayer at All Saints (yes - even this week)

Sunday 30 December – 9.30am – Parish Communion

We extend a very warm welcome - to all our visitors especially those who are in Datchworth to be with their families or friends for Christmas. Also to the members of the 14+ group who are contributing to our worship this morning.

Do stay for coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.

LOTS OF “THANK YOU’S” THIS WEEK ...

Elderberries’ Christmas Lunch – Judging by the letters of thanks that we have received this seems to have been a great success. Very many thanks to all who helped in various ways make the event happen.

Village Carol Singing – was another great success – £300 raised for the Children’s Society through two evenings of singing in the highways and by-ways of Datchworth. Many thanks to all who gave, to all who turned out to sing on these very cold nights and also to our warm-up hosts, Fizzy and James Chambers and Coralie & Ralph McCluskey.

Church Christmas Decorations – Thank you to our flower arrangers for making the church look so great for our Christmas services.

Carols & Candles – The members and friends of the Hertfordshire Chorus were in fine voice on Friday evening - our thanks to them for making this service a wonderful start to Christmas at All Saints. Also thank you to all who provided contributions for the mulled wine & mince pies that followed.

AND NOW THE NEWS AND SOME DATES FOR THOSE NEW DIARIES AND CALENDARS ...

Christmas Eve – from 7pm at 38 Bury Lane – Chris & Peter Hills invite you to join them for drinks and nibbles before the Midnight Service.

Festivity, fellowship and food – Carol Supper, 29th December, from 7pm, New Church House and St Mary’s Church. The Liturgical Drama Group brings you a candlelit evening of carols, poetry and drama. Tickets at £8 per head include a glass of mulled wine or soft drink on arrival, and supper with dessert and a glass of wine or soft drink. Tickets on sale now from Colin or Usha Hull on 01438 813794, Fiona Macdonald on 07979 354373 or from St Mary’s Church Office, open weekdays 10am to 12 noon, 01438 840964.

Christingle Service Sunday 6th January 2008 - 9.30am Gift aid envelopes and collecting candles available in Church. Please support the work of the Children’s Society by attending this service and giving generously - perhaps passing collecting candles around your friends & family during the Christmas celebrations. Thank you.

Ladies – Were you feeling left out by the Men’s Breakfast? If so book lunchtime on **Saturday 12th January 2008 – 12 noon to 2.30pm at New Church House St Mary’s Welwyn** - for the first Team Ladies Lunch. Speaker Rev Julia Boothby on “Juggling Ministry & Motherhood” + good food and fine company – tickets £7 from Anne Charles – 812098.

“Quiz Night – Saturday 9 February 2008 at 7pm in the school hall – a famous “Andrew Marr Quiz Night” in aid of the church redecoration fund. Please book the date, get a team together and let Andrew know on 815122 / by email at andrew.p.marr@btinternet.com – last time places ran out well before the day!”

Prayers – This week we pray for –

- **The Rt Revd Benjamin Mangar Mamur Bishop of Yirol - (Sudan).**
- **Our link parishes of St John’s, Ha Simone, Lesotho and St Paul’s Wheatley Park, Doncaster.**
- **Those attending our Christmas services.**
- **Those living in Brookbridge Lane.**
- **Those who have died or who are bereaved.**
- **Those who are ill or in need, their families and their carers, especially:-** Ann Betts, Alice Burnapp, Anne Dempsey, Emily Green, Jonathan Hawes, Frederick Hall, Michael Harris, Michael Hughes, Lorna Humphries, Alan Konyn, Roger Mahoney, Mary Morgan, Roy Morgan, Eleanor Nicholas, Frances Noble, Lily Rayner, Jim Redding, Charlotte Smith, Ken Stoneman and Abigail.

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.