

Readings - 20 December 2009
Advent 4 - Parish Communion

Ena - Micah 5.2-5a
Denise - Hebrews 10.5-10
Tony C - Luke 1.39-55

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

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The information in this newsletter is also available on-line at
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**Welcome
to
All Saints
Datchworth's Parish Church**
Sunday 13 December 2009
Advent 3
Parish Communion

**Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18**

**Collect: 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.**

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

Monday 14 December – Coralie’s Day off - **3pm to 4.30pm** – Tea and coffee in the Church Hall with children’s activities - please tell your friends

Tuesday 15 December – **2pm** – Prayer at 17 Raffin Park

Thursday 17 December - **5pm** – Evening Prayer at All Saints

Friday 18 December – **7pm** – Young people Carol singing (see below).

Sunday 20 December – **9.30am** – Parish Communion and 4th Sunday in Advent - **7.30pm to 9pm** – Welwyn Team Youth Group (14+) meets at New Church House, St Mary’s Welwyn

Welcome - We welcome Revd Diane Whittaker as our worship leader this morning. We warmly welcome all our visitors and invite you to stay for coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.

Church decoration - If anyone has greenery or berries to decorate the church for Christmas, please leave in church porch Sunday afternoon the 20th Dec or EARLY Monday morning of the 21st, would be much appreciated.

Christmas card – There is a Large Christmas card (thanks Roger) at the back of church. Please add your greeting and if you wish, put a donation in the Children’s Society box. We will therefore not be sending individual cards to each other again this year.

Carol singing - Friday 18th Dec. 7pm meet at the junction of Brookbridge and Hawkins Hall. Our young people sang to houses in the Raffin Green area last Friday.

Christmas Lunch - The Elderberries lunch last Sunday was a great success. Many of our 35 guests said how much they had enjoyed the event. Thanks must go to many of our congregation who helped, especially to Marlene who cooked and served the main course. It was very well received. Well done everyone.

Open House - Chris and Peter Hills invite you to join them for drinks and nibbles on Christmas Eve from 8.30pm

How lovely on the mountains

1. How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness,
our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, (x4)
2. You watchmen, lift your voices
joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King!
See eye to eye,
the Lord restoring Zion:
our God reigns, our God reigns.
3. Wasteplaces of Jerusalem,
break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved
and comforted his people:
our God reigns, our God reigns.
4. Ends of the earth,
see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations,
he has bared his holy arm:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

This week we pray for –

- **The Right Revd Gary Weatherill, Willochra, South Australia.**
- **Our link parishes of St John’s, Ha Simone, Lesotho and St Paul’s Wheatley Park, Doncaster.**
- **The people of Zimbabwe, especially Bishop Chad Gandiya of the Diocese of Harare, also John and Ketani Matiza and their 3 children Trust, Tatenda and Ratidzai in Harare.**
- **Those who have died or who are bereaved.**
- **Those who are ill or in need, their families and their carers, especially:-** Bright, Elizabeth Briffett. Paul Carter, Anne Charles, Jonathan Hawes, Michael Harris, Michael Hughes, Stuart Langley, Roger Mahoney, Roy Morgan, Frances Noble, Julia Perim, Laura Redmond, Eileen Shaw, Charlotte Smith, Sheila Stowe, Michael Taylor, Betty Williams, Andree Wright.

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.