

## THE PARISH OF FAWKHAM AND HARTLEY

St. Mary's Church,  
Fawkham

All Saints' Church,  
Hartley



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## PARISH NOTES 16 November 2008 Second Sunday of Advent

### COLLECT

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.

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing; in this case, please carry a book with you so that it is clear to those administering that you do not intend to receive Communion.

*We welcome all who attend our services today,  
especially those who are visitors or newcomers.*

*If you use a hearing aid,  
switch it to "T" to get the clearest sound.*

### 9.00 am All Saints' Church, Hartley Holy Communion (Common Worship)

*We welcome Canon Ken Gardiner as our Celebrant  
and Preacher at this service*

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: 367, 456, 162 & 428

### 10.30 am All Saints' Church Centre, Hartley Family Service

A service booklet is provided

Hymns: 48, 414, 583, 552 & 30

### 10.30 am St. Mary's Church, Fawkham Holy Communion (BCP)

*We welcome Canon Ken Gardiner as our Celebrant  
and Preacher at this service*

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Hymns: 117, 217, 367 & 356

### 5.15 pm St. Mary's Church, Fawkham Choir Practice

### 6.00 pm St. Mary's Church, Fawkham Evensong (BCP)

The service begins on page 169 of the Sunday  
Service Book

Hymns: 117, 217, 367 & 356

Psalm 98: (page 405)

Magnificat: (page 262)

Nunc Dimittis: (page 264)

## Sunday Bible Readings

Zephaniah 1, 7 and 12 - 18 (page 886 OT)

Zephaniah speaks of the Day of laweh: using vivid language he asserts that the Lord is greater than any military or economic power. We are to stand in awe of him

1 Thessalonians 5, 1 - 11 (page 202 NT)

Paul teaches that we are to be alert and active in our faith. The relationship between God and humanity has been transformed by the coming of Christ. Christians need to encourage one another and strengthen each other's resolve in the stresses of daily life. Using a military analogy we are to put on the breastplate of faith and love and, for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

Matthew 25, 14 - 30 (page 27 NT)

Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The differing amounts of money may represent the gifts and talents that each disciple has. Being ready for the Master's return means carrying out whatever responsibilities he has given us. Christian faith is not meant to be inert and unchanging. It is given to be developed. Spiritual understanding is to be deepened, service to be extended and opportunities for witness to be acted upon.

## Next Week's Diary

### Tuesday 18 Nov

11.00 am Funeral of Lovena Finch at All Saints' Church

7.30 pm Women's Fellowship supper at the White Swan, Ash

### Wednesday 19 Nov

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church

2.00 pm Funeral of Violet Burrell at All Saints' Church

### Thursday 20 Nov

10 until 12 Pop-in Parlour

### Weekday Readings at Morning Prayer

Mon	Daniel 8.1-14	Revelation ch. 10
Tue	Daniel 8.15-end	Revelation 11.1-14
Wed	Daniel 9.1-19	Revelation 11.15-end
Thurs	Daniel 9.20-end	Revelation ch. 12
Fri	Daniel 10.1 - 11.1	Revelation 13.1-10
Sat	Daniel ch. 12	Revelation 13.11-end

### Wednesday Holy Communion All Saints' Church 10.00 am

Revelation ch. 4

Psalm 150

Luke 19.11-28

There will be no 10am Holy Communion Service at All Saints' Church on Wednesday 26th November.

**Next Sunday – 23 November 2008  
Feast of Christ the King**

- 9.00 am **All Saints Church, Hartley  
Morning Worship (CW)**
- 10.30 am **All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road  
Holy Communion (Common Worship)**
- 6.00 pm **St Mary's Church, Fawkham  
Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Vermont House Group** will meet at 12 noon on Wednesdays 19 & 26 November and 3 December to learn more about St Mark and his Gospel. Please tell Margaret Munns if you would like to join this group.

**World Challenge**

Aeron Vale is raising money to go on the World Challenge to Botswana and Zambia and will be selling Krispie Kreme doughnuts for 50p each after the service on Sunday 23rd November at All Saints' Church Centre.

**World AIDS Day**

There are to be two World AIDS day events in the Diocese, one in the Cathedral and one at Bromley Parish Church. Both will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 December.

The Bromley event is being organised with "the Junction" an HIV drop in centre in Beckenham and as well as the choir from St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley, will also feature music from Bishop Justus School Gospel choir. This is an opportunity for Christians to come together to remember those who have died, pray for those who suffer and encourage those who are researching cures. It's also an opportunity to express our concern for and solidarity with individuals affected by HIV and AIDS.

**CLIC Sargent Fair**

**(Formerly Malcolm Sargent Cancer Care for Children)**  
Anne Senneck would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and attended the last CLIC Sargent Fair on the 1st November. Over £1,900 was raised.

Peggy Wilson and Anne Senneck have been running the fairs for around 34 years and have raised a staggering £47,000+ between them. Our heartiest congratulations to them both for such dedication and service over so many years.

**News**

Welcoming services for our new Rector, the Revd Jim Fletcher, will be in the evening on **Wednesday 26 November**. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Rochester and inducted by the Archdeacon at a service in the Church Centre [all seats reserved in advance]. He will then be welcomed in brief ceremonies at both churches.

Places at the service in the Church Centre have been reserved for all those who requested them. Tickets will not be issued. On arrival you will be directed to particular seating areas. **All those attending need to be in their seats by 7.15 pm** so that the service can start promptly at 7.30.

**Car parking spaces at the Centre are being reserved for visitors from elsewhere and they will be provided with tickets. Please do not try to park there unless you are provided with a ticket.**

There will be no restriction on numbers attending the shorter ceremonies at All Saints Church [9 pm] and St Mary's Church [9.20 pm], but please arrive at least 10 minutes before these times.

**26 November Refreshments after the services**

Light refreshments will be provided for those who can stay on after the formalities are over. We may have 150 people present! Anyone who would like to contribute items for a **simple finger buffet** is asked to **tell Sue Carter by 23 November** what is offered so that there is adequate time to buy other items beforehand. **Food will be needed in the Church Centre kitchen at about 5.00 pm, please.**

**30 November Bring and Share Lunch**

As part of the parish welcome to Jim Fletcher and his family, on Sunday 30 November we plan to arrange a bring and share lunch in the Church Centre, starting about 12.15 pm. Members of all our congregations will be welcome to attend.

**VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

*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.*

1 Thessalonians 5.9-10

**Looking Forward**

**Women's Fellowship evening meal, 7.30 pm  
at Ash White Swan, Tuesday 18 November**

No need to book places in advance - just turn up!

**From Ipod to Evensong**

**Saturday morning 29 November at Kippington Church**  
Canon Lucy Winkett, Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral, speaks about the mission of a capital city cathedral. Full details & photograph in November *Rochester Link*.

**Church Centre Cup Quiz Night, 29 November**

12 teams have already booked tables at this event. People who would like to take part as members of a Church team [or teams] should please tell Pauline Tyers or speak to Marion in our office. The cost is £4.50 per head and we hope to make up teams of 6 or 8 people. We will be pleased to help you to find partners for your table. The Rector will try to spend time with all teams.

**Choir for Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

We seek volunteers for the special choir for the service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 21 December. Rehearsals will be on Mondays 1, 8 and 15 December at Bay Trees, Gorse Way, Hartley; the home of Stephen and Norma Crowe. Rehearsals begin at 8.00 pm, and will last for around 1 hour. There will also be a practice on 21 December in the church at 5.00 pm, which everyone should attend. If you would like to join the choir this year, please contact Peggy Wilson as soon as possible.

This year's **Nativity Play** will be presented at the Family Service on **Sunday 21 December**. Casting will take place today during the Family Service on Sunday 16 November, with rehearsals on 30 November and 7 December during Sunday Club time, then on 14 December after the 10.30 service, and a dress rehearsal on Saturday 20 December.

**Christmas Post Boxes** will be in the Churches and the Church Centre on the **first 3 Sundays in December**. These are only for cards for regular church members. They will be distributed at "*Carols and Cards*" on the evening of Tuesday 23 December. Those not collected then will be left in the churches for collection over Christmas. Please write accurate names and full addresses on envelopes.