

ROTAS: Is it your turn?

Potterne

Sidesmen (8.00 am) José Jousiffe
Sidesmen (11.00 am) Geoff and Barbara Parrott
Reader (11.00 am) Tony Molland
Intercessor Rosemary Burton
Coffee Ruth Thorman and Wendy Hockley

Next week:

Christmas Eve

Sidesmen (11.30 pm) Sheila Gover and Tony Brewer
Reader (11.30 pm) tbc
Intercessor (11.30 pm) Pam Dewey

Christmas Day

Sidesmen Geoff and Barbara Parrott
Reader Janet Molland
Intercessor Janet Molland

Worton

Sidesmen (9.30 am) Ali Cross and Tony Brewer
Reader 1 Roger Boyns
Reader 2 Maggie Tucker
Intercessor Judy Shercliff
Coffee Jean Lane and Maggie Tucker

Next week:

Christmas Eve

Sidesmen (6.00 pm) Sheila Nixon and Tom Harwood

Christmas Day

Sidesmen Peter Witcher and Tony Walker
Reader 1 Dorothy Barcham
Reader 1 Ali Cross
Intercessor Ali Bridewell

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Please note that Ali's day off is a Monday.

*If you have any items for the newsheet, please call me on 01380 725658 or e-mail liz-starling@tiscali.co.uk by **Wednesday** evening. Thank you Liz Starling*

**ST MARYS CHURCH, POTTERNE
CHRISTCHURCH, WORTON & MARSTON**



17 December - 23 December

*"One whom you do not know, the one
who is coming after me."*



We wish you all a very warm welcome to church today. We hope you will stop and chat with us after each service, and that you will come again. If you have any questions please ask. Normally coffee is served!

Services for	Sunday December 17th	Third Sunday of Advent
8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
9.30 am	Matins	Christ Church
11.00 am	Word and Worship	St Mary's

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end	Page 702
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Page 202
John 1:6-8, 19-28	Page 88

Collect:

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

Post Communion Prayer:

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. Amen

PSALM 126

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
3. Then said they among the nations,
the Lord has done great things for them.
4. The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and there fore we rejoiced.
5. Restore again our fortunes , O Lord,
as the river beds of the dessert.
6. Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Advent and Christmas Services

Thursday 21st December

7.30 pm Carol Service – St Mary's

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

(NB: No 8.00 am service today)

3.00 pm Crib Service – St Mary's

6.00 pm Carol Service – Christ Church

11.30 pm Midnight Communion - St Mary's

Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Communion – Christ Church

11.00 am Family Communion – St Mary's

What's On This Week?

Monday 18 December

7.30 pm

Choir practice - St Mary's

Tuesday 19 December

10.00 am

Home Group - 29 Blounts Court

Thursday 21 December

7.30 pm

Carol Service - St Mary's

Sunday 24 December

3.00 pm

Crib Service - St Mary's

6.00 pm

Carol Service - Christ Church

11.30 pm

Midnight Communion - St Mary's

News Sheet for Christmas and New Year

Please note that the deadline for the News Sheet for Sunday 24 December will be **Wednesday 21 December**. It will cover for 2 weeks, Sunday 24th and Sunday 31 December.

Please pray for:

- the housebound, the sick and the elderly
- all those recently bereaved
- Revd. Ali in her first few weeks of her new ministry