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**Collects for December & January**

**2 December:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  ***Amen.***

**9 December:** Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**16 December:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**23 December:** Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

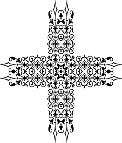
**24 December (Midnight Mass):** O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

**Christmas Day:** Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

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Anglican Parish of Sorrento and Rye

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**December 2018 & January 2019**

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**December & January Readings**

**(includes 3 February)**

**2 December: (First Sunday of Advent)**

Jeremiah 33.14-16 PS25.1-10 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-38

**9 December:**

Malachi 3.1-4 Song of Zechariah (APBA p10) Philippians 1.1-11

Luke 3.1-6

**16 December:**

Zephaniah 3.14-20 Song of Isaiah (APBA p391) Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18

**23 December:**

Micah 5.2-5 Song of Mary (APBA p31) Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-45

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**Midnight Mass:**

Isaiah 9.2-7 PS 96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-14

**Christmas Day:**

Isaiah 52.7-10 PS 98 Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-4

**30 December:**

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 PS 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52

**6 January: (Epiphany)**

Isaiah 60.1-6 PS72.1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

**13 January: (Baptism of our Lord)**

Isaiah 43.1-7 PS 29 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-22

**20 January:**

Isaiah 62.1-5 PS 36 5-10 1Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11

**27 January:**

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 PS 19 1Corinthians 12.12-31

Luke 4.14-21

**2 February: (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

Malachi 3.1-4 PS 24 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

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**Weekly Diary**

**Sundays: 08:30am - Eucharist at St John’s Sorrento**

**10:30am - Eucharist at St Andrew’s Rye**

**Tuesdays: 09:30am – Ladies Craft Group - St Andrew’s**

**Tuesdays: 10:30am – Bible Study at St John’s Fellowship Room**

**Wednesdays: 08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew’s**

**10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew’s**

**10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew Rye**

**Collects for December & January: cont… 7**

**30 December:** Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**6 January:** O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

**13 January:** Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

**20 January:** Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**27 January:** Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvellous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

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**A message from the Vicar:**

Jesus was a Bethlehemite. Even though he was known as *Jesus of Nazareth* his birthplace was the sleepy little town of Bethlehem.  I expect that Jesus was proud of his birthplace. Where we originate from can be important to us. I’ve known people to be proud to be Scottish or Welsh or Irish.

All my ancestors were Welsh, Irish, or Scottish.  Hardly any were English. My wife was a Murphy before she and I married.  My mother prides herself on having heaps of Welsh (Taff) blood in her veins.  I was born in the County of Wiltshire. I am therefore a *Moonraker.*

Here’s the legend:  One day, long ago, two men were up to no good. They were part of an illegal racket importing French Brandy into England. Fearful of being caught by the tax man they smuggled brandy to pubs and villages by dark of night. It was on one such night that there was a full moon. They were rolling a keg of grog across a marshy field when upon them came some customs and excise officials. “Who goes there” called the customs men.  Fearing gaol, the two smugglers swiftly rolled the keg into a nearby pond and kept the keg submerged with a rake they fortunately had to hand.

By the time the customs officials reached the pond armed with muskets ready to fire they wondered what was going on. They questioned the two smugglers and asked them why they were stood with a rake dipped into the pond. “Sirs”, said the smugglers, “can you not see a large round of cheese floating in this pond, as can we?" “We are trying to fetch it out”.  “You fools”, said the custom officials.  "That is not a large round of cheese. That is the reflection of the full moon on the water”.  And laughing to the point of falling over they walked on, leaving the smugglers to retrieve the keg of brandy from the pond.

And that is why anyone born in Wiltshire is called a Moonraker.

Fr Nick

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**Thursdays: 08:15 – Bread café. Breakfast at St Andrew’s**

**09:30am - Playgroup - St Andrew’s**

**Fridays: 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew’s**

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**Parish News**

**Street Carol Singing:** Unfortunately we are not able to proceed with the carol singing in Rye and Sorrento this year. However, we certainly plan to sing in both places in 2019!! Its lots of fun and helps to publicise the Christmas services in our area, so keep it in mind—just in 12 months’ time! Carol

**Saturday 8 December at St John Sorrento:**

Joanna and Cameron will marry at 4pm.

**Needed by 10 December – Produce for Food-For-All Christmas Hampers:** 410g tinned Green Beans instead of tea bags this year please.

**Sunday 16 December at St John Sorrento**: As per former years, we welcome the Sorrento Seaside Singers at the 08:30 service. They will sing carols during the administration of Holy Communion.

**Tuesday 18 December at St Andrew Rye:** The newly elected Parish Council will meet at 7pm.

**Thursday 20 December 09:30–11:00:** Playgroup Christmas Party. Playgroup restarts 7 Feb 2019.

**Christmas Tree Festival 2018:** This year we will hold a [community] Christmas Tree Festival in December at both worship centres. Christmas Trees will arrive at both churches on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 December. We need volunteers who will be at St John’s and St Andrew’s to welcome visitors starting Monday 17 December through to Saturday 22 December. Please sign the list if you can help. This is an opportunity for us to open our churches and receive people warmly.

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Sunday 23 December:**

**08:30am Holy Communion at St John’s.**

**10:30am Family Carol Service with Holy Communion at   
St.Andrew’s.**

**6:30pm 9 Lessons and Carols at St John’s.**

**Monday 24 December:**

**11:30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion (Midnight Mass) at St John’s.**

**Christmas Day:**

**07:30am Holy Communion at St John’s.**

**09:00am Holy Communion at St John’s.**

**10:30am Holy Communion at St John’s.**

**10:30am Holy Communion at St Andrew’s.**

**Please Note:** There will **NOT** be Holy Communion at St Andrew’s at 10:00am on Wednesday 26 December.

**Sunday 6 January at St John’s Sorrento:** The baptism of Araminta Elizabeth Gunnersen and Boston Peter Gunnersen.

**Tuesday 15 January at St Andrew’s Rye:**

Parish Council will meet at 7pm.

**Sunday 20 January at St John’s Sorrento:** Summer Concert at 6pm. David Smith will delight us once again with his performance on the piano and this time he will be joined by Merlyn Quaife, acclaimed soprano. Refreshments will be provided after the concert. Keep the date free! After Christmas tickets, at $25 will be available from JackanAndy’s Op shop, or by ringing 0408 316 938, or at the door (if available).

**Sunday 27 January at St John’s Sorrento:** The baptism of Beau Baxter Newling Ward and Ludo Dixon Newling Ward and Piper Alice Newling Ward.

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**Giving Thanks:** Each month Fr Nick is asking us all to give thanks for one particular aspect of our ministry and witness by holding an individual or group in prayerful thanksgiving to God. We pray for all who have worked hard making the Christmas Tree Festival happen. We thank God for our faithful sacristans – Lesle and Kirsteen. We thank God for Deb and for the sterling job she has done each month editing the pew sheets throughout 2018 as well as Worship booklets. We thank God for our flower teams at church.

**Prayer to pray: “*God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.***

**We hold close in prayer**:

Kate and Florence. John Quinton. David Gibbons. Edwin. Alex. Phyllis Dixon. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. Gavin Johnstone (Lesle Gibbon’s son who was badly injured in a motorbike incident).

**More widely we pray for:** Those who have no home or are facing eviction somewhere in our Parish; those for whom Christmas is not, or was not, a happy time.

**2019 Lectionaries:** I have a small quantity of 2019 Anglican Bible Reading Lectionaries for sale at $16 each. It is first come, first served. Once my stash is sold additional copies can be ordered from Koorong Books. Fr Nick

**Trading table at St Andrew Rye:** Next one is first Sunday in December and then the first Sunday in February (2019)

**Colleen Clayton:** Colleen has officially announced that she will begin her ordained ministry in 2019 as curate of St John Camberwell. She will be ordained Deacon at the Cathedral on 9 February.

***Fr Nick, Rev Libby, Fr Ray, the Wardens, Daphne and the Lay Shepherds of the Parish wish you all a joyous Christmas and the peace of God in Jesus for the New Year.***