



The Sick

Robin Smith, Hugh Foster, Mary Wakeford, Gill Ticehurst, Vic and Jean Constable, Jean Morrill, Darren Mills, Clive Thompson, Sheila Shepherd Mary Crook, Flora Parrack, and to all those known to us.

Recently Departed

Chris Thomas, Jennifer Robertson, Tony Penfold, Chris Till, Bob Spearman, Paula Atkins

Years Mind

Ethel Elizabeth Stephens, Sophie Mitford, John North, Michael Stanley Till (priest)

Until Wednesday the Church is closed for services, but is open for Private prayer

Services this week are on line Tuesday to Friday 9.00am (the Church will be open for services from Wednesday)

-Follow the live streaming of services weekdays and Sunday on line

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Matthew will be busking online (via St Mary's Facebook / Youtube page), in aid of Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice, from 10 am until 1 pm on Saturday 5th December. Live requests possible. Details of how to donate will be in the Dec parish magazine, on Facebook and via the church email circulation

Please pray for each other, ourselves and our neighbours, here in Petworth, Egdean, this country, all on holiday, at work or at school, and the world.

We pray that this health crisis can be resolved as soon as possible.

Please be in touch with Fr Mark or Churchwardens at any time . We will always be glad to hear from you with any requests for prayer, updates on parishioners and their loved ones, and if we can assist in any practical way.

If you know that someone is alone or vulnerable at the moment, please try (as far as is possible and appropriate) to check regularly how they are and if they need any assistance.



Readings and Notices for Advent Sunday

November 29th 2020

St Mary's
Petworth

St Bartholomew's
Egdean



Government instructions - The Church is closed for services. Follow the Service on line.

Hymn (recorded) Hark, a herald voice

Lighting of Advent Candle :

We light this candle to remind us of the Patriarchs and all God's people, who in every age watch for his coming.

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethelhem, born like him to be a king; be born in our hearts this Chrstitmastide, be King of our lives today.

Cantor:

And one is for God's people in every age and day.

We are watching for his coming, We believe and we obey.

The holly and the ivy are dancing in a ring, round the glowing purple candles, and the white and shining King.

Collect

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

Isaiah 64.1-9

64O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known

to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at



your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth.

Psalm 80 (cantor)

Response: 'Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved'.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. *Response*

Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved. *Response*

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure. *Response*

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you
in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind— 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He
will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Mark 13. 24-37 (The Coming of the Son of Man; The Lesson of the Fig Tree; The Necessity for Watchfulness)

24 'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our
iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he
will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to
the ends of heaven.
28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its
leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you
know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until
all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away.
32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only
the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a
man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his
work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do
not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I
say to you I say to all: Keep awake

Offertory Hymn (recorded) O come, Emmanuel

As you cannot physically take Communion you can use this prayer:
My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I
embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn (recorded) Come, thou long expected

Communion: Advent Prose - plainsong mode I (cantor)

Post Communion Prayer: O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Organ Voluntary: Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' - Andrew Carter

PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO 8.00am Service next Sunday