

Parish Church of St Peter,
Jersey



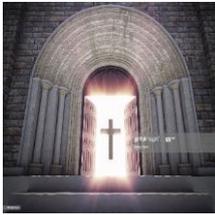
First Sunday *of* Advent

Mass for
ADVENT SUNDAY
together with the Newsletter, Issue 36
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NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICES

1. The doors to the church will be pinned open to reduce cross infection on door handles and for ventilation throughout each Mass.

2. Use the sanitizer on entering the church which you will find near the door. You are to leave by the other door and to use the sanitizer at that door before leaving.



3. Upon arrival, your names will be ticked off on the pre-prepared list which will have been drawn up showing that you have booked.

4. In Church only sit in a seat which has a green tick. If you are coming as a couple please sit where you see 'two green tick seats' adjacent to each other. People coming singly should not occupy these spaces.



5. The booklet for the service will be on the seat when you get there, please take it away with you at the end: it must not be used at the next service, as they are designed to be used only once, to reduce cross infection. Everything you need for the service will be in that booklet.

6. At 0800 there are no hymns. At 1030 there will be no hymn singing but there will be music during the service: if you would like to hum along that will be fine!



7. When the service starts, please follow it in the 'one-use booklet'.

At the peace, please wave, do not shake hands or hug!



8. When it comes to receiving communion, this will be in one kind only, namely the bread, to reduce infection.

9. The **Lectern side will come up first**, row by row, via the central aisle. The priest will stand on the Chancel Step: please put your hands out towards the priest and he will place the bread in your hands without touching them: after receiving it into your hands, turn sideways towards the side aisles to put the bread in your mouth and walk back to your seat via those side aisles, *not* up the central aisle. Again, this is to reduce cross infection.



10. At the end of the service please leave by the other door.

11. The collection plates will be near the door: please put your collection into those plates. For those who have not been able to give during the last fourteen weeks, it is much hoped that you will make up for lost opportunities by giving generously, as a sign of your love for God.



12. It would be appreciated if you would talk to your friends *outside* after the service not inside, so that there is no congestion inside as people are leaving, which could lead to people unwittingly infecting others.



13. Though all of this might seem onerous, nevertheless if it is all observed then the services will not only be enjoyable, but also **be safe!**

GOOD NEWS ABOUT FILMING OF THE SERVICES: The 1030 Mass filmed and recorded for all those unable to be in Church, so that it can be viewed in peoples' own homes. I hope people will therefore feel less isolated. Thanks to Rachel Sawyers we now have a **You Tube Site** called **St Peter's Church Jersey**. To view previous services please type in the words **You Tube** in your search engine and then type in **St Peter's Church Jersey**. [Don't forget the ' before the s]. Enjoy!

My sincere thanks to Ollie, Jaz and Rachel for doing the filming.

No one will be filmed during Mass, other than the priest! We have changed the position of the camera to accommodate this, so that no one is filmed receiving communion.

+ The Order for today's Mass

*The Priest welcomes the People & announces the hymn. At the moment, we are not allowed to sing, but please 'hum' to the music with closed mouths to lessen the spread of germs! Please **reflect on the words** of each hymn, as you do so.*

Opening Hymn: 117 – Come thou long expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's Strength and Consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

The Priest announces the Intention of this Mass and then says:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Priest:

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

*The Priest pronounces **The Absolution:***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

[The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent]

The Collect for Advent Sunday:

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**

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

(pause) This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 744 – Ye servants of God

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13.24-end

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, 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.' *(pause)* This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Intercessions

These are not printed out, so enjoy listening to the prayers for loved ones and make these prayers your own to God. The prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of all the Saints, as we say:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace:

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

(then, when the priest asks you to do so give each other a wave and a smile)

Hymn after the Peace: 400 - Long ago, prophets knew

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Refrain:
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,

Refrain:

Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected,

Refrain:

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Savior, do not tarry!

Refrain:

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The priest then says the Proper preface, at the climax of which, all join in by saying (at 0800) or humming (at 1030):

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

*The priest begins the **Prayer of Consecration**, in the middle of which he says:*
Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again
*The priest then completes the prayer, at the end of which all say: **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, **who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread

The Sanctus:

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The call to Holy Communion:

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you.
Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by
faith with thanksgiving.

+All receive Communion in one kind only, namely the bread

Post Communion Hymn: 469 – O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come, **Emmanuel,**
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou **Wisdom** from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, **great Lord of might**,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou **Rod of Jesse**, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou **Key of David**, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, thou **Dayspring**, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, **Desire of nations**, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

O come, O come, **Emmanuel**,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Post Communion Collect:

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**

'Thank-you prayer' after receiving Communion:

Almighty God, **we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing followed by the Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Recessional Music ends the service-----

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Suzette Bradshaw; Dave; Elis; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Gerald Harrison; Jonathan Harvey; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jack Johns; Molly; Doreen Mauger; Stephan Mauger; John Le Riche; Riley. Also, please pray for all those who are ill with the coronavirus.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: all those who have died from the virus.

Daily Hope 0800 804 8044 – new Church of England **FREE** telephone line to hear hymns, daily prayers and reflections...do have a listen!

TEAM for ADVENT SUNDAY, 29 Nov:

0800 Reader – Ariel Whatmore.

1030 Almoner – Christine Coen; ***Welcomer*** – Geoffrey Grime; ***Lector*** – Oliver Michael.

TEAM for ADVENT TWO & Feast of St Nicholas, 06 Dec:

0800 Reader – John Le Breton.

1030 Almoner – Mary Killmister; ***Welcomer*** – Jan Finnerty; ***Lector*** – Carol Mallet.

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 29 Nov as follows:

Sun: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with music

Mon: 1155 The Angelus & Private Prayer until 1300

Wed: 0955 The Angelus 1000 Mass

Fri: 1155 The Angelus & Private Prayer until 1300

Sun 06 Dec – ***Advent Two & Feast of St Nicholas: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music; 1600 Carol Service by Candlelight of the Lighting the Church Christmas Tree and Window Trees***

COMING TO CHURCH – NEW RESTRICTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT

1. Because of government requirements we are required to take the names and addresses of those attending any church service, for 'tracking and tracing' purposes.
2. **Those people in the vulnerable or severely vulnerable categories or with a pre-existing health conditions who wish to attend worship, should obtain medical advice before deciding to come to church.**
3. We are restricted to the total number allowed to a service by the government, **it now being a maximum of 20**. It is vital therefore, during the current emergency, that you email or phone ahead. It would be awful to have to turn people away at the door if we go over 20.

4 From now on because the number of seats is severely restricted by the Government to a mere 20 per service, you will, I'm afraid have to book a seat in advance for each and every service that you wish to attend. The seats will be given on a first come first served basis. Do book ahead.

You can book either by email at rectorstpeter@outlook.com or by a message on The Rectory answer phone on 481805. See **Easy Booking Form on the last page of this Newsletter**

5 Each Sunday in Advent (except 20 Dec) and then on Christmas Eve/Day (joined together), there are three services to choose from. If all the seats have gone for the service you want, perhaps you could consider asking for another one for that day. Until Christmas Day there will also be a Mass each Wednesday at 1000 which is another alternative to think about.

If you don't get a seat please watch the service on You Tube.

Site Address: St Peter's Church Jersey



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WINTER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 2020/2021

Sadly, this year the Christmas Tree Festival is Cancelled because of the virus, but there is still plenty happening in your Parish Church! Government Regulations now mean that there can only be 20 people at each service. You will need to **BOOK AHEAD** on line to rectorstpeter@outlook.com or phone 481805 (there is an answer machine) in order to book a seat. **Please state clearly which Service(s) you would like to attend and give your telephone number &/or your email**

29 Nov ADVENT SUNDAY 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music
1600 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

06 Dec ADVENT 2 & Feast of St Nicholas (Patron Saint of Children)
0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music;
1600 THE SERVICE of LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH
CHRISTMAS TREE & WINDOW TREES, is by Candlelight



13 Dec ADVENT 3 & Feast of St Lucy (whose name means 'Light').
(In Scandinavia this 'Light Festival' starts the Christmas Celebrations)
0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music
1600 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE of CAROLS by Candlelight

20 ADVENT 4 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music

24 CHRISTMAS EVE 1600 FAMILY CRIB & CAROL SERVICE
by Candlelight

24 CHRISTMAS EVE 2315 MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight

25 CHRISTMAS DAY 1030 Short Family MASS with Carols

27 FEAST OF ST JOHN 1030 Short MASS with Carols (no 0800 Mass)

03 Jan FEAST OF EPIPHANY 0800 Mass;
1030 EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

10 PLOUGH SUNDAY 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with music & the
Blessing of the Plough



HATS for the MISSION to SEAFARERS!

Many thanks to those who have kindly knitted hats for Seafarers. If there are any more, please give them in to me by or at the 4pm Tree Lighting Service next Sunday 06 Dec, during which they will all be blessed. Fr M



STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION

Many thanks for all who have kindly brought used stamps in for the LM since March. If there are any more, please give them in to me by or at the 4pm Christingle Service on Sun 13 Dec, during which they will all be blessed. Fr M

Gift Day: Feast of All Saints : 01 Nov 2020 *'Give, as He has given'*



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE!

Many thanks to all those who have already sent cheques, in lieu of money, that would normally be put on the collection plate at services inside the church, as well as 'thank you' to all who have given in church. It is much appreciated.

For those who have not yet donated, The Treasurer and I, plus the Church Officers, earnestly hope that you might now do so.

The Church needs £692 per week, just to pay the Share to the Deanery of Jersey, let alone other bills.

Some of you have asked to give via Internet Banking: which is a convenient, quick and a safe way to give, from your own home. The account to send it to is called:

'St. Peter's Parish Church Expenses Fund'. Sort: 60-12-03 A/C: 66609739

Please add your name to the Message, so we know who is donating what!

If you give over £50 in one go and fill in a TAX CERTIFICATE FORM, the Church can claim back the Tax. Remember, the 'Parish Church of St Peter' is a Jersey Charity Commission REGISTERED CHARITY [JCC RC Number 312]



You may remember that sometime ago we had a letter from the Chairman of the Deanery Finance Committee, stating that 'by October', they will have exhausted all the reserves that they had, so cannot support individual churches.

As a priority, St Peters Parish Church is continuing to pay its Share allocation of £1,500 per month towards it's Annual Share Allocation of £36,000 as requested to the Deanery of Jersey, being mindful of The Treasurer's comments in a previous Newsletter, that that is half the amount of £72,000 per annum, which is the starting point in the Share Allocation process for each of the twelve Ancient Parish Churches, in the Deanery of Jersey.

This money is specifically for our **Annual Church Quota [the Share] of £36,000** which we have to pay to the Deanery of Jersey. Up to the 9th Oct we had **paid £21,000 towards our 'Share' for 2020 of £36,000**, full payment of which has to be raised by 31 Dec 2020. This money needs to be raised by us as a Church: it cannot be given by the Parish Authority: this is the same for all Church of England Parishes in Jersey. *If any of you have not yet given towards the Gift Day, please seriously think about giving as soon as possible. At the last count the total given was £5360. More has come in since then, yet to be counted. We still have several thousand to find by 31 Dec 2020.* Thank you once again to all who have given.



WAYS TO WORSHIP IN YOUR OWN HOME:

Because many of you will sadly not be able to get a seat in Church, now that the Government has reduced the number allowed to 20, I thought you might appreciate the information and the prayers listed below:

SERVICES FROM THE PARISH CHURCH:

Go on the Church's You Tube Site, on which will be put the service for each Sunday will be placed on there sometime later on the Sunday or on the Monday. It will remain on the You Tube Site, **the address of which is St Peter's Church Jersey.**

SUNDAYS Radio & TV:

0800 Each Sunday during the emergency there is a Service on Radio Jersey linked in with the national UK radio.

1315 Songs of Praise (BBC 2, TV)

1500 As always, *every week of the year* on Radio 3 listen to the glories of Choral Evensong from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week which is a repeat from the previous Wednesday 1530 broadcast. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

WEDNESDAYS on Radio 3

1530 As always, *every week of the year* on Radio 3, listen to the glories of Choral Evensong from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week, repeated on the following Sunday at 1500. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

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CROSS, PALM CROSS especially at this time, CRUCIFIX, ICON

Use these as a focus for your prayers in your own home. Thank you for the many calls of appreciation about the Palm Crosses being sent to you at home.

PRAYERS DURING THE CURRENT VIRUS EPIDEMIC

I hope that you will find these prayers useful in your own prayer life at home. Prayer is at the heart of any Christian's life, just as much as it is at the heart of our communal life as the Body of Christ, which is The Church. These prayers have been specially produced by the Church of England, for use at the present time:

FOR ALL WHO WORRY

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

