

**Parish Church of St Peter,
Jersey**

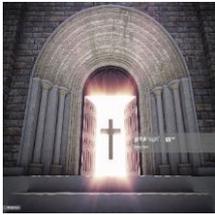


**Mass for ADVENT FOUR
together with the Newsletter, Issue 39
20 Dec 2020**

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 ev'ry 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 4:

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Romans 16.25-end

25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen. *(pause)*

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 620 - The Angel Gabriel

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

2. "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

4. Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:1
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.' 38 Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. *(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: 161- Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

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: 399 - Low he come with clouds descending

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending,
Once For Favoured Sinners Slain;
Thousand Thousand Saints Attending,
Swell The Triumph Of His Train:
Hallelujah!
God Appears On Earth To Reign.

Every Eye Shall Now Behold Him
Robed In Dreadful Majesty;

Those Who Set At Nought And Sold Him,
Pierced And Nailed Him To The Tree,
Deeply Wailing,
Shall The True Messiah See.

The Dear Tokens Of His Passion
Still His Dazzling Body Bears;
Cause Of Endless Exultation
To His Ransomed Worshippers;
With What Rapture
Gaze We On Those Glorious Scars!

Yea, Amen! Let All Adore Thee,
High On Thy Eternal Throne;
Saviour, Take The Power And Glory,
Claim The Kingdom For Thine Own;
Jah, Jehovah,
Everlasting God, Come Down!

Post Communion Collect:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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 and also Cynthia Reid.



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 4, 20 Dec:

0800 Reader – Ariel Whatmore.

1030 Almoner – Christine Coen; **Welcomer** – Barry Queree; **Lector** – Jo English.

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 20 Dec as follows:

Sun: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with music;

Mon: 1200 The Angelus & Private Prayer until 1300

Wed: 1000 Mass with Carols and The Angelus

Thur: **1600 CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CRIB & CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight**
2315 MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight

Fri: **1030 CHRISTMAS DAY: Short FAMILY MASS with Carols by Candlelight**

Sun 27 Dec – *Feast of St John: 1030 Short Mass with Carols;*

HATS for the MISSION to SEAFARERS!

Many thanks to those who have kindly knitted the 38 woolen hats for Seafarers! Fr M

'Twelve Parishes of Christmas': 5 min Christmas presentations from each of the 12 Parishes starting 13 Dec.....St Peter's is on 21 Dec

To see each video enter 'Twelve Parishes of Christmas-Jersey 2020' on YouTube.

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 who are over 70 and/or 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.

Address: St Peter's Church Jersey



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY 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*

20 Dec **ADVENT 4:** 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music



23 **Wednesday 1000 Mass with Carols**

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 (Sunday Observance)**
0800 Mass; 1030 EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

06 Jan **FEAST OF EPIPHANY: 1000 EPIPHANY Mass by Candlelight**

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

Bells at Christmas! This year the tower will sadly not be open for the *traditional ancient custom* of Public Ringing, because it is impossible to sanitize the steep stair hand-rail and the bell rope in between each person. Instead, the ringing will be carried out electronically via a timer!



CHRISTMAS EVE: 11-1200; 15-1600; 18-1900; 2245-2315.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10-1030; 1115-1200; 15-1600.

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 £50 or over 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 [which pays £18000 towards the 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.

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.*

My thanks toll who *have already given*. *I am delighted to say that with the money given through this appeal and tax refunds from this and also other sources,we now*

only have to find, by 31 Dec 2020, a remaining
£637.50



Is there anyone, or are there a few people, out there, who could 'gift' or 'raise' this final amount please!? We will then have paid the full amount of £36,000!? We are nearly there!



WAYS TO WORSHIP IN YOUR OWN HOME:

Because some 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 there is a Service on Radio Jersey linked in with the national UK radio.

1315 Songs of Praise though the time can vary (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**

