

**Parish Church of St Peter,  
Jersey**



**Midnight Mass for Christmas  
together with the Newsletter, Issue 40  
24 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** the service not inside, so that there is no congestion inside as people leaving, which could lead to people unwittingly infecting others.

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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' 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].

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**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 Midnight 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: 580 - Silent night**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in Heavenly peace!  
sleep in Heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from Heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, Love's pure light  
radiant, beams from Thy Holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

582 Sing lullaby  
468 O come all ye faithful

*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**

***In place of the Gloria in Excelsis this carol verse is sung:***

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

***The Collect for Christmas Eve/Day:***

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

***Gradual Carol: 318      In the bleak mid winter***

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air,  
But only His mother  
In her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.

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

***John 1.1-14***

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not **the** light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (*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 Blessed Mary and 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: 323 -It came upon the midnight clear***

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing!

For lo!, the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

***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 Carol: 468 - O come all ye faithful***

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:  
    *O come, let us adore Him,*  
    *O come, let us adore Him,*  
    *O come, let us adore Him,*  
    *Christ the Lord.*

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:                      *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:                                *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!                      *Refrain*

***Post Communion Collect:***

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts: To him be glory both now and for ever.  
**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!

**SERVICES:**

**Fri 25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY: 1030 Short FAMILY MASS with Carols by Candlelight**

**Sun 27 Dec FEAST OF ST JOHN: NO SERVICES**

**Sun 03 Jan FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Sun obs.):**

**0800 Mass; 1030 Epiphany Carol Service by candlelight**

***'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](mailto:rectorstpeter@outlook.com) or by a message on The Rectory answer phone on 481805. See 'Easy Booking Form' on the last page of this.

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](mailto: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

25 Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY** 1030 Short Family MASS with Carols

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 Jan **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**

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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**

