

**Parish Church of St Peter,  
Jersey**



**Mass for the  
Feast of the Epiphany  
(*Sunday Observance*)  
together with the Newsletter, Issue 41  
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## NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICE

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]. *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.*

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## **+ The Order for 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: -]**

*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**

**Gloria in Excelsis:**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**  
**almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany:***

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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**

***Isaiah 60.1-6***

60.1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. *(pause)*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Matthew 2.1-12***

2.1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *(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, St Joseph 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: ]*

***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:]***

***Post Communion Collect:***

O, Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, 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; Pat Harrison; Jonathan Harvey; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jack Johns; Molly; Doreen Mauger; Stephan Mauger; John Le Riche; Riley; John Shand. 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!

***'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 If all the seats have gone for the particular service you want, perhaps you could consider asking for another one for that day.

6 If you don't get a seat or want to stay at home, please watch the service on You Tube.  
Address: St Peter's Church Jersey

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## CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 2020/2021

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

03 Jan FEAST OF EPIPHANY (Sunday Observance)

0800 Mass; 1030 EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

06 Jan FEAST OF EPIPHANY (actual): 1000 EPIPHANY Mass by Candlelight

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

## 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!?**

**I know there were a number of individual cheques and direct payments into the Church Account at Christmas: as soon as I have the total from the Treasurer, I will let you know whether we reached the target amount of £36,000!**





## **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.

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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**



