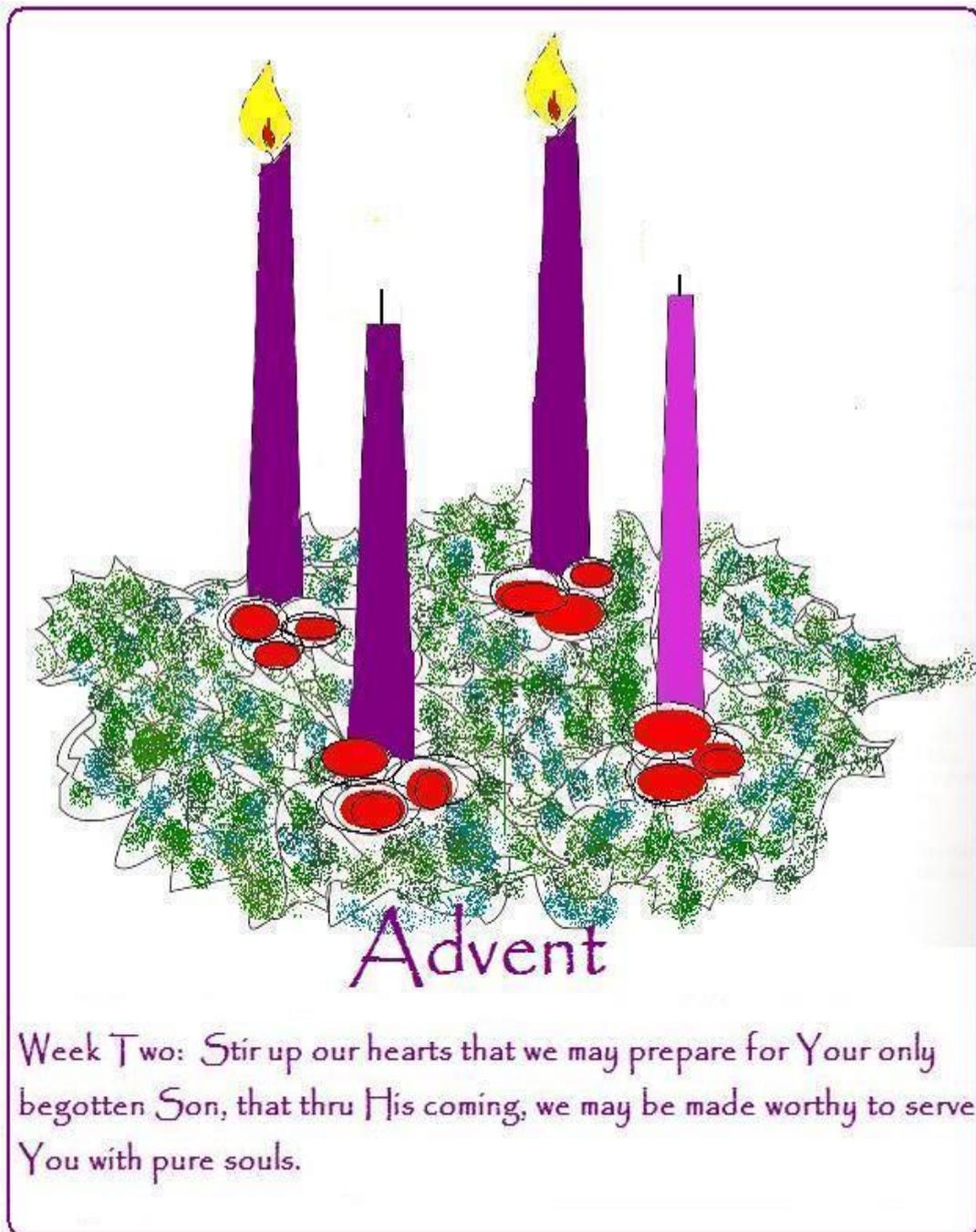


**Parish Church of St Peter,
Jersey**



**Mass for
ADVENT TWO & the Eve of the Feast of St Nicholas,
Patron Saint of Children & Sailors
together with Newsletter 88
05 Dec 2021**

+ The Order for today's Mass

The Priest welcomes the People & announces the hymn.

Opening Hymn: 513 - On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

3. For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

5. Stretch forth thine hand, to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

6. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, forevermore.

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

*The Priest says the **Collect for Purity:***

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 2:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for the Feast of St Nicholas:

Heavenly Father, the lover of souls, who chose your servant Saint Nicholas, to be a Bishop in your Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Malachi 3.1-4

3.1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. *(pause)*

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

Philippians 1.3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. *(pause)*

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

Gradual Hymn: 247 – Hark a Herald voice is calling

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling:

'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.

4. So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

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

Luke 3.1-6

3.1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.’ *(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: 679 – Thy kingdom come

Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every heart be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

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 singing (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: 627 - The God of Abraham praise

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
I bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blessed.

The God who reigns on high,
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!"
Who was and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee."

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's God and mine;
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise!

Post Communion Collect:

O Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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: Norman & Rozelle Alexander; Samantha Buckingham; Anne Corbet; Ed; Elis; Jo English; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Val Hammett; Gerald Harrison; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jay; Jack Johns; Jimmy; Fr Tony Keogh; Stephan Mauger; Sarah Michael; David Payne; Norman Perree; John Le Riche; Riley; John Le Sueur.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: Pauline Kay-Butler; Yvonne Le Riche.

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 05-12 Dec, as follows:

Sun: 05 Dec ADVENT 2 0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass

1600 Service by Candlelight of Switching on all the Tree lights

Mon-Sat 06-11 Dec Open for Festival 10-1800; 1200 Noon The Angelus

Sun 12 Dec ADVENT 3: 0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass;

1600 Christingle Service by Candlelight

TEAM for ADVENT 2 morning (05 Dec):

0800 Reader – Ariel W. 1030 Almoner – Mary K; Welcomer – DoreenS-F;

Lector – Jason L; Intercessor – Daphne Hawel; Flowers – None during Advent.

TEAM for ADVENT 3 morning (12th Dec):

0800 Reader – Sue J; 1030 Almoner – Mary K; Welcomer – RDeLaH;

Lector – Carol M; Flowers – None during Advent.

TEAM for ADVENT 4 morning (19th Dec):

0800 Reader – Ariel W; 1030 Almoner – Mary K; Welcomer – Jason L;

Lector – Geoffrey G; Flowers – None during Advent.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS:

28 Nov **ADVENT SUNDAY: 1600 Advent Carol Service by candlelight** (50mins)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 5-12 DEC:

3-4 Dec Trees Set up days 10-1800

05 Dec **ADVENT 2 1600 Christmas Tree Festival 'Turning on the lights Service' by candlelight** (40mins), which is the start of the Christmas Tree Festival



06-11 Open each day 10-1800

12 **ADVENT 3 1600 Christmas Tree Festival 'Christingle Service' by candlelight** (40 mins), which concludes the Christmas Tree Festival.

13 Clear up Day 10-1800; 14 Clear up half day 10-1300

19 **ADVENT 4** 0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass

24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

10-1530 Bell ringing by ancient custom

1600 Family Crib Carol Service by Candlelight (45mins)

17-1800 Bell ringing by ancient custom

22-2300 Bell ringing by ancient custom

2315 **Midnight Mass & Carols by Candlelight** (60 mins)

25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

0930-1030 Bell ring by ancient custom

1030 Family Mass with Carols (45 mins)

1130-1500 Bell ring by ancient custom

26 **FEAST OF ST STEPHEN**

1030 Sung Mass with Carols (no 0800)

2 Jan **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** (observance)

0800 Mass; 1030 **Epiphany Carol Service**



9 Jan **PLOUGH SUNDAY**

0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass with the **Blessing of the Plough**



HATS for SEAFARERS

Many thanks to those who, knitted hats for the Mission to Seafarers, to be given to those who work upon the seas: There were a selection of designs. If you know of anyone else who might like to do this work and you want me to send copies of the patterns on to them, please just let me know their address. 37 were gifted at the SEA SUNDAY MASS in the summer, by a number of industrious individuals. **Any more hats that come in will be blessed during the 1600 'Switching on the Lights on all the Trees Service' on 5 Dec, which is the Eve of the Feast of St Nicholas, Patron Saint of children and (appropriately) Sailors.** Father Michael



STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION Please save your used stamps especially in the approach to Christmas. Leave them attached to the small part of the envelope that they are on and either bring them to Church or bag them up and bring them to The Rectory. The Mission will be able to use the stamps to raise money for it's wonderful charity work amongst those who have Leprosy. All the Stamps will be blessed on 12 Dec at the 1600 Christingle Service by Candlelight.Fr M

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

TREES FOR THE CHURCHYARD: We are going to plant 11 trees in the Church-yard, as some of the present specimens are coming to the end of their 'natural' and there are also some gaps that need plugging: would you like to donate one, perhaps in memory of a loved one or as a thanksgiving for a birth or marriage or....? Each sapling is approx £110 and includes the cost of preparing the ground and planting. The Rector, the two Church Wardens and the two Almoners are all giving one each, to 'show the way forward' in this 'green' further enhancement of the beautiful and much appreciated Churchyard. Please contact the Rector or a Church Warden or Almoner if you would like to donate a tree(s). Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN

Thank you for the many cards, letters, emails, conversations and calls offering condolences and Prayers on the loss of my Father. It has really meant a lot to me. Thank you once again. Father Michael



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