

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(The Year of Luke's Gospel begins)
(The Diocesan Year of Vocation begins)

Sunday 2nd December, 2018

10. 30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST
The Welcome for Barnaby Knight

The leaflets today have been generously sponsored.

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Julia and family”**

Please place your donations of toys for FSW under the pulpit

If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the details on the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your pew. Thank you.

After the Parish Eucharist we serve refreshments. Do join us.

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Welcome to our Parish Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Paul

Organist: Phil Duffin

The Setting is Murray

Reading:

Intercessions: Alice Taylor-Bowers

Please stand when the bell rings for the beginning of the service

The Entrance Hymn: O&N 263

Anonymous Latin

Translated Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

- 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 heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.**
- 4 **So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.**
- 5 **Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.**

✠ 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 Lighting of the First Advent Candle

*The holly and the ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the purple glowing candles,
And the white and shining King.*
Oh, one is for God's people
in ev'ry age and day.
We are watching for his coming,
we believe and we obey.



We confess our sins – Saying sorry to God

A sentence is used before each of these responses

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

The Collect

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**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

**The Gradual Hymn: O&N 757
Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)**

- 1** **Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heave'ly word,
And watchful at his gate.**

- 2** **Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in his sight,
For awesome is his name.**

- 3** **Watch: 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.**

- 4** **O happy servants they,
In such a posture found!
Who share their Saviour's triumph day,
With joy and honour crowned.**

- 5** **Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that favoured servant's head
Amid th' angelic band.**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

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

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

At the end is said:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Address

Please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

Those who are in particular need

*Michael Batchelor, Jane Easterbrook, Peter Coleman, Ann Taylor,
Ron Jones, Sam Cooper, Ryan Nichols, Jack, Emmett,*

Pray to rest in peace: *Kathleen Messenger,
Terry Cargill, Laurie Gabriel and Brian Ball*

Anniversary of death: *Paul Massey, Veronica Perrin, Rita Copeman*

*Together with the other Churches in Pulborough, **we pray for those
who live and work in Cray Lane, Blackgate Lane, Stall House Lane
and The Toat, North Heath and Gay Street areas***

The following response is said:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Welcome for Barnaby Knight

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Barnaby by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Peace

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*At this point in the service **a collection will be taken** for the running of the St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

The Offertory Hymn: O&N 405
Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)

- 1** Lo, he comes! with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign!

- 2** Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pieced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving.....
shall the true Messiah see.

- 3** Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture.....
gaze we on those glorious scars!

- 4** Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom with thine own;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Question: Why is it right to give thanks and raise?
Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

The Sanctus and Benedictus O&N 971 John Ballantine (born 1945)

**1 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

2 **Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he comes in the Lord's name.
Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?

***Answer:* Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Our Lady, St. Richard and St. Wilfrid and all your
saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

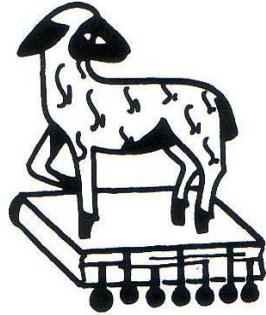
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On the earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine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

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.**

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

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

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



This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches
are welcome to receive communion.
Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing;
if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed)*

**Communion Hymn: O&N 949
Taizé Community**

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near,
Wait for the Lord: keep watch take heart!
(Repeat several times)**

Post Communion Prayer

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**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son 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. Amen.**

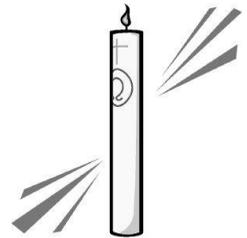
Any notices will be given out at this time

The Lord be with you.
and also with you

The Blessing

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.



**Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: O&N 664
Michael Forster (born 1946)**

1 **The Saviour will come, resplendent in joy;
the lame and the sick new strength will enjoy.
The desert, rejoicing, shall burst into flower,
the deaf and the speechless will sing in that hour!**

- 2 **The Saviour will come, like rain on the earth,
to harvest at last his crop of great worth.
In patience await him, with firmness of mind:
both mercy and judgement, his people will find.**

- 3 **The Saviour will come, his truth we shall see:
where lepers are cleansed, and captives set free.
No finely-clad princeling, in palace of gold,
but Christ with his people, O wonder untold!**

Final Voluntary

FAIR TRADE STALL

As always on the first Sunday of the month we have a good range of Fairtraded goods for sale in the coffee area. Do try and support another very worthy charity.

CHANGE OF TIME STARTING THIS WEEK.

The Wednesday Eucharist will start at 10.15am with Morning Prayer said at 9.45am. All are welcome to either or both.

THIS AFTERNOON

**“From Darkness to Light” - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in church
4pm** In aid of the Children’s Society. With the ‘Golden Ticket’ for someone to switch on the Pulborough Star.

THIS WEDNESDAY at 7pm CANDLELIT CONCERT AT ST.

MARY’S CHURCH. An informal evening of carols, festive music and spoken word. Accompanist: Michael Pioli.
Tickets £10 each to include glass of wine and refreshments available today from **Alyson Heath 873795** or **Ann Kaiser 872819**. Tickets also from **Comyn & James, estate agents.**

Church and Liturgical Calendar

3rd Monday

Feria of Advent (St. Francis Xavier 1552)

10am to 12noon The HUB at Pulborough Library - 'Drop in' for local information, refreshments, chat and advice.

7.30pm Tower Bellringing

4th Tuesday: *Feria of Advent*

(St. John of Damascus, Teacher of the Faith c 74)

5th Wednesday: *Feria of Advent*

9. 45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist (Please note new time)

11am Holy Communion at Hillside Lodge

12.30pm Deanery Clergy Chapter meeting

7pm A Candlelit Concert with Michael and Stephanie Pioli

6th Thursday: *Feria of Advent (St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c 326)*

1.30pm Ladybirds

7th Friday: *Feria of Advent*

(St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith 397)

12 noon The Requiem Eucharist

2pm Funeral of Brian Ball R.I.P. followed by cremation

No Handbells practice

8th Saturday

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8am The Holy Eucharist (Said)

9.45am Choir Practice for Concert on 22nd December

10.30am THE SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings: Baruch 5: 1-9 and Luke 3: 1-6

Organist: Peter Allwood

12.15pm St. Mary's Handbells at The Anchorage

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Churches Together in Pulborough have produced Christmas Cards for homes in Pulborough and Nutbourne. We need people to deliver the cards. If you feel you could help deliver in your road, lane or street please speak to **Fr. Paul, Alyson Heath or Ann Kaiser** for more details

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED! We are hoping to put together a Christmas Hamper as a raffle prize for the Led by a star evening. Could you help with a box of crackers, Christmas pudding, biscuits, or box of chocolates? Please let **Alyson or Ann** know if you can help. Many thanks.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Copies of the December edition of the Pulborough Community magazine are on sale price 50p at the back of the Church. Please take a copy to a neighbour to help us increase circulation.

SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2018

If you have any special dates to mark an anniversary or in remembrance of a loved one, please consider sponsoring the pew leaflets. There are just **2** dates left for sponsoring until the end of this year, please help us to fill them. Many thanks.

Village Carol Service 16th December or Crib Service on Christmas Eve. We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible. Details from **Ann Kaiser 872819**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018.

Donations, perhaps in memory of a loved one may be placed in a church white envelope, marked "**Christmas Flowers**" and given to either **Pauline Adsett or Bridget Alfrey** or left with the Sunday collection. If you are a tax payer please write your name, address and post code together with your signature on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

ST. MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB IN 2019

There is a monthly draw with a first prize of £100.00 a second of £50.00 and five of £10.00. The cost of an entry is £4.00 per month
A few 'bells' are still available for the 2019 Lottery, please contact **Ian Cockburn** on **01798 813102** for more details

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We are well-known for our delicious refreshments at concerts!
If you are able to offer a plate of savoury or sweet nibbles for the concert on Wednesday, it would be so helpful.
Many thanks.

Sunday 16th December at 6pm
VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

**St. Mary's Choir, St. Mary's Handbells, Music Group, Carols
and Seasonal readings**

Christmas Eve
5.30pm Nativity Play and Crib Service
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day
8am The Holy Eucharist (Said)
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

*Retiring Collection in aid of Family Support Work and
the Children of Sumatra at all the above five services*

