

Storrington Parish Church

St. Mary's,
Church Street



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Registered Charity No. 1164989

NEWS SHEET

29 November 2020
ADVENT SUNDAY



10.00 am Sunday Eucharist
Service on Zoom
the Revd Stuart Kersley

Bible Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Gospel Reading: St Mark 13: 24-37

The Rector

(the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow) will
take Friday as her day off.

The Rectory Office will

re-open on Thursday, 3 December

10am - 12 noon (tel. 742888)

Viv Stuart can be contacted on 745913

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday, 30 November

ANDREW THE APOSTLE

11.00 am Funeral in Church of the
late Moreen Gardiner - the Rector

Tuesday, 1 December

Charles de Foucauld, 1916

NO INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

(Next meeting is on 5 January 2021)

Wednesday, 2 December

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Thursday, 3 December

Francis Xavier, 1552

9.00 am Church open for private
prayer (ends 12.30pm)

Friday, 4 December

John of Damascus, c.749;

Nicholas Ferrar, 1637

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Saturday, 5 December

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

For those who are in need in body, mind or
spirit:

Gabriella; Bob Minter; Sara Harden;
Mollie Williams; Roger Powell;
Wendy Cliffe; Dorothy Gill; Penny;
Trevor Ball; Sheila Ward; Wendy
Davies.

For those who have died recently

Moreen Gardiner; Colin Williams; Gill
Vincent; Alan Bushell.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let
light perpetual shine upon them.

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

Due to the current Covid-19
lockdown we have not been able to
meet in Church but our worship has
continued with our ZOOM SERVICE
at 10am on Sundays.

The Church will be open on
Thursday, 3 December, for private
prayer (9am-12.30pm) and next
Sunday (6 December) for the 8am
Holy Communion Service and the
10am Parish Communion Service
(Children's Gift Service). We need to
continue with all the health and
safety measures of hand sanitising
on entry, keeping a 2m distance and
having to sit where designated, and
no singing or after-Church coffee. It
is compulsory to wear a face
covering in the Church.

ZOOM SERVICE

Our Zoom Service is continuing at 10am
on Sundays and Den Cowdrey will send
out the link as usual. If you haven't yet
joined in our Zoom service then email
Val Rice (valrice77@gmail.com) and
ask her to add you to the list - she will
arrange for you to be included in the
Zoom group. Den will even talk you
through what you need to do to join in!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who sent greetings for
my birthday last Sunday. It made the
day very special. Greatly appreciated
and unforgettable. Stuart Kersley

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

Sun, 6 December 10 am

Everyone is invited to bring presents
for needy children which will be
distributed through the Salvation Army
locally in the Worthing, Littlehampton
and Petworth areas. Gifts may also be
delivered to the Rectory Office on
Thursday morning, 3 December.

A simple, durable and inexpensive toy
or book will be much appreciated.
Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string
rather than sellotape. A label stating
contents and suitable age-range will
help Salvation Army staff give presents
to appropriate children.

CHURCH DIARIES 2021

are a little late this year but we understand
they will be arriving soon. We will
announce as soon as we have them
and they will be available from the
Rectory or Rectory Office until the
Church is open. A suitable donation
would be gratefully received and this
can be placed in the Donation box in
Church.

THREE HERALDS PARISH MAGAZINE - Early Deadline

Please submit copy for the January
issue to Amanda Hislop
(3heralds@gmail.com) or Viv Stuart at
the Rectory Office by 1 December
(early owing to Christmas break).

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



CHRISTINGLE EVENT ~ Come and
collect all you need to make a
Christingle at home - 10am-12 noon in
Church on Tuesday, 22 December.

CHURCHYARD CAROL SERVICE ~
will take place whatever the weather on
Sunday, 20 December, at 2pm with
Patcham Silver Band.

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ The main Church
Service will be Christmas Family
Communion at 10 am, and also a
Zoom Service at 10am. There will be
a Holy Communion service at 8am.

FSW CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2020 £2

Quiz sheets are
available to download
from Thakeham Church website
(www.stmarysthakeham.org) where
you can make an online donation -
hard copies are available from Viv
Stuart (745913) or from Meadow
Stores in Thakeham from today (29
Nov).

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB volunteers
are delivering a complimentary Christmas
Lunch on Sunday, 13 December, to about
45 participants who normally attend the
Sunday lunches. Any donations towards
costs would be very much appreciated.
Contact Sonia Fox (745703).

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR FSW FAMILIES



We are now collecting monetary
donations for Christmas presents to be
bought for Family Support Work
families. We would also be very
grateful for donations of non-perishable
Christmas food items such as
Christmas cakes and biscuits, mince
pies, savoury items, etc.

If anyone would like to donate any of
these items please leave them at the
Rectory on Thursday mornings or
contact Sonia Fox (745703).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

6 December 2020

Advent 2

8.00 am Holy Communion

the Rector

10.00 am Parish Communion -
Children's Gift Service

Celebrant the Rector

Preacher: the Revd Rupert Toovey

10.00 am Sunday Eucharist
Service on Zoom

the Revd Charles Hadley

Sunday, 29 November 2020
ADVENT SUNDAY

10am Sunday Eucharist Service
on Zoom

OPENING HYMN

*A&M 36 - Sung individually by the choir of
St Mary's, Storrington in their homes*

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour
comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702 – 1751)
Tune: BRISTOL Thomas Ravenscroft
(1583 – 1621)

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.**

FIRST READING (Epistle)

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the
heavens and come down, so that the
mountains would quake at your
presence— as when fire kindles
brushwood and the fire causes water
to boil— to make your name known to
your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that
we did not expect, you came down,
the mountains quaked at your
presence. From ages past no one
has heard, no ear has perceived, no
eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in
your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we

transgressed. We have all become
like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our
iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on
your name, or attempts to take hold of
you; for you have hidden your face
from us, and have delivered us into
the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we
are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. Do
not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

GOSPEL

St Mark 13: 24-37

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark.*

The Coming of the Son of Man

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, and the stars will
be falling from heaven, and the powers
in the heavens will be shaken. Then
they will see "the Son of Man coming in
clouds" with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels, and
gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of
heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as
soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that
he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell
you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

'But about that day or hour no one
knows, neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come. It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves
home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch.
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or
at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may
find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. And what I say to you I say
to all: Keep awake.'

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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.



For Advent this year,
the Chemin Neuf Community
is running an online

Retreat in daily life

This retreat aims to bring you closer to
Jesus by praying through the Advent
readings.

6 – 11 December 2020

'Advent Retreat in Daily Life'

***Starting all together
Sunday, 6 December,
on Zoom* at 7 pm.***

Each day we invite you to commit to 30
minutes of personal prayer at home and
30 minutes of Spiritual Accompaniment
on Zoom in your own home*. Ending all
together on Friday, 11 December, on
Zoom* at 7 pm.

Suggested donation: £30 - £90 but we
never want the cost to be a hindrance,
please contribute what is appropriate for
you. To register/more details
email: retreatsuk@gmail.com

*For those who live in or near Storrington
or are unable to use Zoom, it will be
possible for you to come to the Priory for
the initial and final meetings all together
and for Spiritual Accompaniment **IF the
Government guidelines permit.**
*When registering for the retreat, please
state if this is your preference.*

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact
is Sonia Fox (745703). Please contact
Sonia if you would like to arrange for
someone on the team to either speak to
you or visit you.

**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON
INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS**

First Tuesday of each month at 10am –
10.30am at Our Lady of England RC
Church. Christians from many different
churches in and around Storrington get
together to pray for Storrington and the
world. It is quite informal and everyone is
most welcome. Due to the coronavirus
lockdown our next meeting is on **Tuesday,
5 January 2021.**

**Help with access to
Universal Credit**

One of the consequences of Covid has
been its massive impact on the economy.
More and more people are having to seek
help, often for the first time in their lives.
Understanding the workings of Universal
Credit, however, can be a bit of a battle.
Fortunately, the **Together in Sussex**
website has put together some very helpful
information:
[https://togetherinsussex.org.uk/whats-
new/universal-credit](https://togetherinsussex.org.uk/whats-new/universal-credit)