Parish Church of St Peter, Jersey



Week I wo: Otir up our hearts that we may prepare for Your only begotten Son, that thru His coming, we may be made worthy to serve You with pure souls.

> Mass for ADVENT TWO & the Feast of St Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children & Sailors together with the Newsletter, Issue 37 06 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-

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 bands without touching them, after

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

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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* after the service not inside, so that there is no congestion inside as people are leaving, which could lead to people unwittingly infecting others.
- 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' own 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]. 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.







ONE WAY



+ The Order for today's 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: 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!

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.

 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

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**

[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 treasurers 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.**

Isaiah 40.1-11

40. 1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

- 6 A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.
- 9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

10 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

(pause) This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 247 – Hark a Herald voice is calling

 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!'

 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 Mark: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1.1-8

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' (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 youAnd also with youLift up your heartsWe lift them to the LordLet us give thanks to the Lord our GodIt 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 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: 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.

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TEAM for ADVENT TWO & Feast of St Nicholas, 06 Dec:

0800 Reader – John Le Breton. **1030 Almoner** – Mary Killmister**; Welcomer** – Jan Finnerty**; Lector** – Carol Mallet.

TEAM for ADVENT 3 & Feast of St Lucy, 13 Dec: 0800 Reader – Sue Jones. 1030 Almoner – Christine Coen; Welcomer – Rob de la Haye; Lector – Geoffrey Grime.

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 06 Dec as follows:

Sun:0800Mass; 1030 Mass with music 1600 SERVICE by Candlelight for the LIGHTING
OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE & WINDOW TREES, is by Candlelight

- Mon: 1200 The Angelus & Private Prayer until 1300
- Wed: 1000 Mass and The Angelus
- Fri: 1200 The Angelus & Private Prayer until 1300

Sun 13 Dec – Advent 3 & Feast of St Lucy: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music; 1600 Christingle Carol Service by Candlelight



HATS for the MISSION to SEAFARERS!

Many thanks to those who have kindly knitted hats for Seafarers. If there are any more, please give them in to me by or at the 4pm Tree Lighting Service today, 06 Dec, during which they will all be blessed. Fr M

COMING TO CHURCH – NEW RESTICTIONS 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 <u>rectorstpeter@outlook.com</u> or by a message on The Rectory answer phone on 481805.

See `Easy Booking Form on the last page of this Newsletter

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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WINTER 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 <u>rectorstpeter@outlook.com</u> 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

06 Dec <u>ADVENT 2 & Feast of St Nicholas</u> (Patron Saint of Children) 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music; 1<u>6</u>00 SERVICE by candlelight of LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE & WINDOW TREES



		<u>St Lucy</u> (whose name means 'Light'). avia this 'Light Festival' starts the Christmas s) 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music 1 <u>6</u> 00 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE of CAROLS by Candl	lelight
2	20	<u>ADVENT 4</u> : 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music	
24 <u>CHI</u>	RISTMAS EVE	1 <u>6</u> 00 FAMILY CRIB & CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight	
24 <u>CHI</u>	RISTMAS EVE	2315 MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight	
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STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION

Many thanks for all who have kindly brought used stamps in for the LM since March. If there are any more, please give them in to me *by or at the 4pm Christingle Service on Sun 13 Dec*, during which they will all *be blessed*. Fr M

Gift Day: Feast of All Saints : 01 Nov 2020 'Give, as <u>He has given</u>'



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 <u>£692 per week</u>**, 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 over £50 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 towards it's 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 process for each of the twelve Ancient Parish Churches, in the Deanery of Jersey.

This money is specifically for our *Annual Church Quota [the Share]* of £36,000 which we have to pay to the Deanery of Jersey. Up to the 9th Oct we had paid £21,000 towards our 'Share' for 2020 of £36,000, full payment of which has to be raised by 31 Dec 2020. 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. At the last count the total is now £10,360. Thank you once again to all who have given.

We now therefore, only have to find, by 31 Dec 2020, £4640.

Is there anyone, or are there a few people, out there who could help us raise this final amount please, then we will have paid the full 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 during the emergency there is a Service on Radio Jersey linked in with the national UK radio.

1315 Songs of Praise (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 15<u>3</u>0 broadcast. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound. Today it is from Salisbury Cathedral at 1500.

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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 Lord Jesus Christ your taught us to love our neighbour,

and to care for those in need, as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and assure the isolated of our love and your love, we ask this for your name's sake. Amen

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Merciful God, we entrust to your care those who are ill or in pain,

knowing that whenever danger threatens

your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR HOSPITAL STAFF, CARERS & MEDICAL RESEARCHERS

Heavenly Father we ask you to give skill, sympathy and resilience

to all who are caring for the sick,

and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strength them with your Spirit,

That through their work many will be restored to health, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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