

**Parish Church of St Peter,
Jersey**

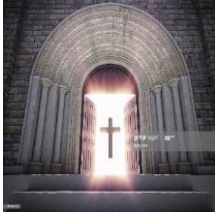


**Mass for ADVENT THREE
& the Feast of St Lucy,
Patron Saint of Children & Sailors
together with the Newsletter, Issue 38
13 Dec 2020**

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-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* 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.

+ 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!

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**

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 Lucy:

O Loving God, for the salvation of all, you gave Jesus Christ as light to a world in darkness: Illumine us, along with your daughter St Lucy with the light of Christ, that by the merits of his passion we may be led to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise the words of prophets, 21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil. 23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. (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 Mark:
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.6-8, 19-28

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' 20 He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' 21 And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' 22 Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' 23 He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' 26 John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, 27 the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' 28 This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

(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.

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 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:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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.

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

TEAM for ADVENT 3 & Feast of St Lucy, 13 Dec:

0800 Reader – Ariel Whatmore. **1030 Almoner** – Christine Coen; **Welcomer** – Rob de la Haye; **Lector** – Geoffrey Grime. **1600** – Mary Killmister

TEAM for ADVENT 4, 20 Dec:

0800 Reader – Ariel Whatmore.

1030 Almoner – Christine Coen; **Welcomer** – Barry Queree; **Lector** – Jo English.

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 13 Dec as follows:

Sun: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with music; **1600 Family Christingle Carol SERVICE 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 20 Dec – **Advent 4: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music;**



HATS for the MISSION to SEAFARERS!

Many thanks to those who have kindly knitted the 38 woolen hats for Seafarers. Fr M

'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 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

News just in...Congratulations to Ollie and Sara, who now have their second Grandchild called Arthur, born 9lbs 13oz on the Feast of St Ambrose 7 Dec 2020. Mum and baby are doing well! Fr M



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY 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 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**

13 Dec ADVENT 3 & Feast of St Lucy (whose name means 'Light').
(In Scandinavia this 'Light Festival' starts the Christmas Celebrations)
0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music
1600 FAMILY CAROL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE by Candlelight



20 Dec ADVENT 4: 0800 Mass; 1030 Mass with Music



24 CHRISTMAS EVE 1600 FAMILY CRIB & CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

24 CHRISTMAS EVE 2315 MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight

25 CHRISTMAS DAY 1030 Short Family MASS with Carols

27 FEAST OF ST JOHN 1030 Short MASS with Carols (no 0800 Mass)

03 Jan FEAST OF EPIPHANY
0800 Mass; 1030 EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE by Candlelight

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

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. We will send them all off once they are blessed. Please keep doing it throughout the year: we will all receive lots of Cards in the next week or two!

A Message from Janine

Dear Father Michael,

Sadly, I will not be able to attend anymore services until I am out of lockdown next year. I will watch your online service instead. I am very upset not to be able to join you for the Christmas Services 😞 but because I am now in a care home, I am not allowed out for six weeks.... maybe sooner? Please give my best wishes 🙏 to everyone in church, and I will be back with you as soon as I possibly can. Best Wishes, Janine xx

Bells at Christmas! This year the tower will sadly not be open for the *traditional ancient custom* of Public Ringing, because it is impossible to sanitize the steep stair hand-rail and the bell rope in between each person. Instead, the ringing will be carried out electronically via a timer! CHRISTMAS EVE: 11-1200; 15-1600; 18-1900; 2245-2315.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10-1030; 1115-1200; 15-1600.

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 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 its 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 1530 broadcast. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

WEDNESDAYS on Radio 3

1530 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, repeated on the following Sunday at 1500. 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

Lord Jesus Christ you 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.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,

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

EASY BOOKING FORM: Copy & Paste this form onto a blank page in word and send to me
at: rectorstpeter@outlook.com or send your own list.

Name:

Tel:

email:

Put the X's for the number of seats wanted please, for each service eg 3x

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06 Jan	FEAST OF EPIPHANY	1000 EPIPHANY Mass by Candlelight	
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