

Parish Church of St Peter, Jersey



**Mass for
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN BAPTIST
together with the Newsletter, Issue 64
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NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICE



1. The doors to the church will be pinned open to reduce cross infection on door handles and for ventilation throughout each Mass. **Please continue to wear a mask.**

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.

4. In Church **only sit in a pew which has a green tick**. If you are coming as a couple do sit next to each other.

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. **Hymn Books are now allowed to be used once again.**



6. At 0800 there are no hymns. At 1030 **singing is now allowed again: wonderful!**

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 (**North**) 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 in church because of the Pandemic, it is much hoped that you will make up for lost opportunities by giving generously now, 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!**



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 YouTube Site** called **St Peter's Church Jersey**. **To view previous services please type in the words YouTube in your search engine and then type in St Peter's Church Jersey. [Don't forget the ' before the s]. 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 Mass

The Priest welcomes the People & announces the hymn.

Please reflect on the words of each hymn, as you sing!

Opening Hymn: 15 – All hail the power of Jesus name *(Miles end)*

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**

Gloria in Excelsis:

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Priest says the Collect: Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

Acts 13.14b-26

14 They went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' 16 So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. 18 For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19 After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance 20 for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. 21 Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. 22 When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." 23 Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; 24 before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 26 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. (pause) This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 553 – Praise to God for saints and Martyrs (Ebenezer)

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.57-66, 80

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. 60 But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' 61 They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' 62 Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. 63 He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his **tongue** freed, and he began to speak, praising God. 65

Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. 80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. *(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 Priest ends the prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of Blessed Mary and all the Saints, as we say: Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace is then exchanged in the following way:

The peace of the Lord be always 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: 162 – For all your saints still active (see words for 24 June)

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:*

Praise to you Lord Jesus: **Dying you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life; Lord Jesus come in glory.**

*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: (said at 0800; sung at 1030)

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: 552 – Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him (Austria)

Post Communion Collect:

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; 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

THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord

In the + name of Christ. Amen

The Mass ends with music

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Rozelle Alexander; Dave; Elis; Jo English; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Val Hammett; Gerald Harrison; Pat Harrison; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jack Johns; Fr Tony Keogh; Barry & Rita Lane; Stephan Mauger; David Payne; Norman Perree; John Le Riche; Riley; John Le Sueur; Also, please pray for all those who are ill with the coronavirus.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: -

TEAM for 20 June: 0800 Lector- Sue Jones. **1030: Almoner –** Mary K;
Welcomer- Doreen S-F; **Lectors –** Janine Le M & Jason L; **Flowers –** Shirley E.



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

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HIGHLIGHTS 2021: SUMMER TO THE END OF THE YEAR!

- 27 Jun **FEAST OF ST PETER (obs.) Patronal Festival of the Church and Parish & 40th Anniversary of Fr Michael's Ordination**
0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass; 1145-1245 Pimm's Party in The Rectory Garden
- 11 Jul **Sea Sunday**

- 01 Aug Lammas Day [Loaf-Mass Day - the ancient Harvest Festival]
- 15 **Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 19 Sep **Harvest Festival**
- 26 Feast of SS Gabriel, Michael & All Angels (obs.)
- 03 Oct Feast of St Francis [1030 annual **Pet Service** rather than a Mass]
- 17 Feast of St Luke (obs.) – Patron of Doctors
- 31 **Feast of All Saints** (obs.)
- 14 Nov **Remembrance Sunday** 1030 Civic Service
- 28 **ADVENT SUNDAY–1600 Advent Carol Service by candlelight** (50mins)
- 05 Dec **Advent 2 1600 Christmas Tree Festival ‘Turning on the lights Service’ by candlelight** (30 mins)
- 12 **Advent 3 1600 Christmas Tree Festival ‘Christingle Service’ by candlelight** (40mins)
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE 1600 Family Crib Carol Service by Candlelight** (45 mins)
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE 2315 Midnight Mass & Carols by Candlelight** (60 mins)
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY 1030 Family Mass with Carols** (45 mins)

PATRONAL FESTIVAL LUNCH IN THE RECTORY GARDEN
THE LUNCH on the 27th HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
MONEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THOSE WHO HAD
BOOKED: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
Our thanks to Mary for all her work for this event

INSTEAD on 27 June
THERE WILL BE A FREE
“PIMM’S PARTY” 1145-1245
GIVEN AND ARRANGED BY
Father Michael and Rae
to celebrate St Peter’s Day and the Rector’s
40th Anniversary of entering Holy Orders

There will be a raffle of seven prizes (one for each parish in which
Father Michael has served!!). The draw will be at 1230.

If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Doreen Schofield-Fost on 482391 or Jean Vibert on 481485 who will be glad to receive them on behalf of the Church!

**SOME CHANGES AT CHURCH WORSHIP
AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT *LEGAL* CHANGES AND
CURRENT *GUIDANCE* COMBINED.**

The clergy received a guidance email from The Dean on Wednesday night, 26 May 2021, as a result of a Government announcement earlier that day. In the email he quoted the Government:

*“Each church should apply the guidance as they see fit to keep attendees safe. This may vary between churches (those which are big and airy pose less risk than those which have less ventilation **or** restricted space around entrances etc) **or** between congregations **or** services (some may more readily facilitate 2m distancing **or** members of the congregation may feel unsafe to attend otherwise).*

*There is now an exemption in the law to allow masks not to be worn while singing **BUT the guidance still encourages masks to be worn** by congregations while singing, as mask-wearing would help reduce the risk”.*

The Dean then said, “As you can see, this is wide open to interpretation”.

After due reflection of the full regulations and guidance, from Sunday the 30th May, and bearing in mind the vulnerability of most who attend church and because of the age of your priest (!) and the congregation, but on the other hand also bearing in mind the large size of the building, at St Peter’s we will, for the time being, continue at worship to observe the following:

- 2m distancing (sit every other pew) for all parts of worship, regardless of singing or not will continue, as we have plenty of space and this will much lessen the risk to each other
- Masks are still recommended though not now legally compulsory. I leave this to your discretion, but **strongly encourage you to wear a mask especially when singing**
- Hymn books are now allowed to be used again and so will be.
- The good practice in providing hand sanitizer at the entrance and exit of the Church will continue. **Please ALL use the sanitizers in and out of the Church**
- The one way system in the Church will continue
- The building **MUST** be well ventilated before & after each act of worship.
- Communion **MUST** remain in one kind only at present.
- Changes in the level of Covid found in Jersey may mean that in the future, the above could be either further relaxed or indeed strengthened, as appropriate.
- Track and Trace continues: this is a requirement.

Father Michael Phillips, Rector of St Peter. 28 May 2021

OTHER NEWS VIA THE DEAN'S OFFICE:

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST: A renewed Hope

You are invited on **25th June** to celebrate the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast at the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast which will take place live and online. The event will be chaired by The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP and the main speaker will be The Rt Revd Professor NT Wright, who will address the theme of '**Life Beyond Covid: A Renewed Hope**'. In Jersey we are holding a gathering in the heart of St Helier, in the **Town Church, to share breakfast**, take part in the **Parliamentary event online**, hear from **local leaders** and **pray for the future** together around the theme of '*A Renewed Hope*'.

There will be live reflections from the Catholic Dean, Dominic Golding, The Dean of Jersey, Mike Keirle, & Alice Nunn, Leader of The Salvation Army.

8am – 8.45am Breakfast and Livestream. Tom Wright – keynote speech on Life beyond Covid: A renewed hope.

8.45am – 9.05am Coffee, conversation and comfort break

9.05am – 9.35am Reflections from the Dominic Golding, Alice Nunn and Mike Keirle on the theme of 'renewed hope'.

9.35am – 9.55am Coffee and conversation

10am Bible Society Webinar: re-imagining missions – Tom Wright. In addition, for those able to stay for an extra hour from 10 - 11am there will be a Bible Society Webinar titled 'Re-imagining Mission'; In the midst of all that the pandemic has brought, there are signs of hope and spiritual hunger among our communities. Many of us are feeling hopeful about the increased spiritual openness during the pandemic but also fearful about the implications of emerging from lockdown. Are we ready to embrace both the opportunity and the uncertainty of this new era that awaits us? At this key moment we need a new language to help us to discern and articulate the gospel in our new missional landscape. That's why Bible Society is bringing together leading Christian theologians, thinkers and practitioners to address the question: how do we encourage one another in a prophetic re-imagining of mission?

You are welcome to join us for all or part of the morning. Please register your place here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-after-covid-a-renewed-hope-tickets> I hope you are able to join us for this unique opportunity. Kirsty de la Haye kirsty@businessconnect.je mob 07829732773

LEVÉE

The Levee will be taking place on Friday 2nd July at 7pm at **Government House**. This year, though the event is free, you will need to book tickets to gain access. At the time of printing the way to do that has not been published. An announcement will be made in Church and the next Newsletter.

ST HELIER PILGRIMAGE

This year the St Helier Pilgrimage will be on **Sunday 18th July**. Low tide is late afternoon, so a procession will be leaving Town Church at 3.30pm to arrive at Victoria Park at 3.45pm, to enjoy a picnic tea together, where there will be entertainment and food served.

The processions will leave Victoria Park and all will walk over to the Castle to arrive at **5pm**, in time for a **short service**. The castle **closes at 6pm**. We hope you are able to join us as we celebrate the Saint after whom our 'capital' is named.

FAREWELL FOR BISHOP TREVOR

We shall be saying farewell to Bishop Trevor as the Deanery of Jersey's move towards the Diocese of Salisbury in the Autumn draws nearer.

Bishop Trevor will be coming to the Island from the afternoon of Monday 19th July to Wednesday 21st to say goodbye.

He will be holding a Chapter meeting with all the Clergy on Tuesday 20th July at 10am, where he will be reflecting on his time as Bishop.

Later on the **20th July**, there will be a **farewell HOLY EUCHARIST at 6pm in Town Church** with a short drinks reception afterwards.

You are very welcome to attend.