



# The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

## ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH



Churchside, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6FT ☎ 533403

**Week of 29th November 2009 – Advent Sunday**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST with the ORDINATION**

**of Peter Kane as Deacon.** *Bishop John presides*

*and the Preacher is the Revd Canon Dr Philip Bourne, Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**6.30 pm "COME, O LORD" Advent Carol Service** *with friends from other churches*



**EVERY DAY** *in St Paul's* – **9.00 am Morning Prayer** – **5.30 pm Evening Prayer**

**Mon 30th 10.00 am CHERUBS** in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

**Tues 1st 8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00 am – 5.00 pm Music Exams in Church**

**5.30 pm Junior Confirmation Preparation** in the Parish Centre

**7.00 pm PCC**

**Wed 2nd 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Music Exams in Church**

**3.45 pm Holy Eucharist** *at Marriott House*

**Thu 3rd 10.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**7.30 pm Senior Confirmation Group** at Westhampnett Vicarage

**Sat 5th 9.30 am Making the Christingles in the Church**

**8.30 am until tea time: "The Wave"** Carnival Walk in London, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, arranged by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition. All welcome (*more details inside*)

**NEXT SUNDAY 6th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

**4.00 pm Christingle Service for all the family**

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Yu can help Stonepillow** (formerly CCA) founded by local churches to help the homeless in several projects, by giving time, supplies, and by regular donations.

**Envelopes (with Gift Aid declaration) will be available next Sunday.**

**Not ordered your Christmas Tree yet?** The fine and beautiful specimen in the Parish Centre is **for sale** at £25 (proceeds to Building on Success). 1st come, 1st served

## TODAY – ADVENT SUNDAY

**10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST** Crèche and Junior Church in the Parish Centre  
*(Good news: following the Archbishops' advice, today we resume the offering of Holy Communion in both kinds – bread and wine, host and chalice – to all who receive)*

**Introit 405** *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

**Gradual 263** *Hark! A herald voice is calling*

**Offertory 541** *O thou who camest from above*

**Communion 633** *The advent of our King*

**757** *Ye servants of the Lord*

**Anthem** *O Thou the Central Orb, by Wood*

**Post Communion 409** *Lord, for the years*

### Collect of the Day

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.

### First Reading **Jeremiah 33.14-16**

Parts of our book called "Jeremiah" are from a later commentary on his work. Here, one such passage repeats the prophet's promise that a righteous king will be born of David's line. It is a fitting introduction to our preparation for the Saviour's birth.

### Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 3.9-13**

Paul prays he may have the opportunity to see these friends again, who are faithful under great hardships; and that they will continue strong and loving until that time when the Lord Jesus comes again.

### Gospel Reading **Luke 21.25-36**

In this new church year, the Gospel on most Sundays will be that of Luke. Jesus speaks in this passage of the future coming of the Son of Man. He expects a time of great distress before the end of the world, and the faithful must be alert and stand firm.

### 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.

*Immediately after the service, refreshments in the Parish Centre, and the Ministry of Healing (prayer, laying on of hands, anointing) in the Lady Chapel.*

**New at St Paul's?** Please introduce yourself, collect a Welcome Leaflet (details of regular groups and meetings). If you wish, fill in a yellow card with your details.

**Welcome to St Paul's:** yesterday the team of Welcomers/Sidespeople met and agreed some improvements to what we do. But **everyone in the congregation** is responsible for making newcomers and visitors welcome: so if you don't know the people next to you this morning, say hello, and look after them during the service and afterwards – or they might not come again!

## **Advent Course 2009 'Watching and Waiting'**

is this year's **Advent course**, led by Jon Robinson and Peter Kane on **Monday evenings**, beginning **tomorrow**, 30th November, 7th and 14th December at 7.30pm at 37 Somerstown, and also on **Thursday mornings**, 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 11.15am at St Paul's. Just turn up, though it would help if you sign up on the list at the back of the church.

**Calling all Christingle Makers!** If you've never stuck a candle in an orange, or spiked a raisin on a toothpick, now is your chance to come and help make the Christingles – please – on **Saturday 5th December, at 9.30 am in Church**. Cakes are also needed for....

### **Next Sunday, 6th December 4.00 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

*for all the family, at St Paul's followed by tea and cakes. Please bring a cake with you to share. Thank you!*

**Sunday, 20th December at 6.30 pm  
Festival of  
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Thursday 24th December  
4.00pm Christmas CRIB SERVICE  
11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

### **Saturday 5th December**

Join a group from St Paul's and Chichester Christian Aid on **The Wave, a carnival walk** in London, organised by the **Stop Climate Chaos Coalition**. For more information contact Jo Hunt ☎ 531624, or sign the sheet on the Mission Notice board. We expect to travel together by train at about 8.45 am and return in the afternoon.

**Churches Together in Chichester** The adjourned Annual Consultation is at Fishbourne Parish Church this **Thursday 3rd December** at 7.30pm. All welcome

## **Admission of children to Holy Communion before Confirmation**

Your PCC has discussed this issue three times during this year, and attended an open Deanery evening at St George's to consider it. Last week PCC decided (*nem con*) to apply to the Bishop for his permission to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before they are confirmed, if parents request it, and after a proper preparation course for children and parents together.

- There will be an open meeting for all who are interested, and especially parents, to explain the reasons for the decision and its implications
- The book "Let the children come to Communion" by Canon Stephen Lake is in the "Pastoral" section of St Paul's Parish Library, and available for loan
- The next Perspectives will contain an article about the process
- You are welcome to talk with your clergy and PCC members on the matter

**PCC** also agreed next year's budget, with a generous 110% contribution for our parish share, thus supporting other parishes in the Deanery.

### **PARISH FREecycle**

*Anyone is welcome to offer unwanted items, or ask for them, via the Parish Office*

**On offer:**

**Outside light.** mains operated with fixings (originally with PIR sensor, by now manual only operation. . Call Bruce Jacob ☎ 789580.

**Wanted:**

**Yard Broom** for church car park

**The regular services at St Peter's, Westhampnett** are

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 1st & 3rd Sundays

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist** each Sunday *either all together or with Junior Church*

**Morning Prayer Wednesdays 9 am.**

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

An auction of promises will be held in 2010. If you have links with any companies which might sponsor the event, or donate items/ experiences, please contact Alison Firth, Jo Hunt or Rebecca Crawshaw as soon as possible (See insert for further information).

**100+ Draw.** Better odds than the lottery – win £50 every month. The first draw will be after the 10.00 am Parish Eucharist **next Sunday 6th December.** Not joined yet? See Michael Brittain for a form and your chance to win £50.

**"History of St Paul's"** - Alan Green is writing a new history of the church to sell in aid of BoS in 2010. If you could lend photographs and archive material, in particular of the interior pre 1982 with chairs, and post 1982 showing the pews from St Peter the Great, contact Alan on ☎ 784915 or [agreenzone@aol.com](mailto:agreenzone@aol.com).

**Thanks to everyone** who worked so hard under Margaret Phillips' leadership last weekend for the splendid **Christmas Fair**, which was a very enjoyable occasion, and raised over £1982 for Building on Success. Thanks too to those who came and supported the fair, and brought friends with them.

## Winterbourne Wonderland Sunday 13th December 3 pm – 6 pm

fun and food for all the family  
outdoors at Winterbourne Road  
*arranged by Immanuel Church  
everyone welcome*

## A Driving Ministry?

If you have a car and an hour or two to spare sometimes, two local Christian organisations would be glad of your help.

• Deborah Bracken, **Deanery Family Support Worker** ☎ 07795343742, based at St George's, needs help with delivering food parcels, and people to appointments (and in other ways – eg secretarial help: visit <http://www.familysupportwork.org.uk> for more information

• Stonepillow, Chichester Christian Care, also needs the help of drivers, to collect food donations from supermarkets for St Joseph's Night Shelter, and to help with meals over Christmas. Contact ☎ 537934 – before November 30th if possible. More at <http://www.stonepillow.org.uk/support>

## Homeless at Christmas?

Stonepillow, is offering Christmas dinner at the Glassworks to the homeless. If you know someone who would benefit, or would like to help cook and serve it, contact ☎ 537934 soon.

**Table Tennis** – All are welcome to play at **St Michael's Hall** every Friday. Juniors aged 13 and below, £1, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Seniors, £2, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome – just turn up or phone Phil Baker (☎ 533784) or Keith Pattison (☎ 771057).

**St Paul's Choir** is planning to visit Berlin in February: if you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor their visit, please contact Chris Larley with offers or ideas.

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