



# The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

## ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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An Eco-congregation and Fair trade Parish



**Week of 19th December 2010 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist** 9.00 am Morning Prayer

**8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist** at *St Wilfrid's*

**10.00 am The Parish Eucharist**

*The Revd Ann Waizeneker presides*

*Fr Paul Collins is Deacon*

*The Revd Peter Kane preaches*

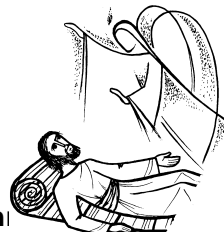
**After the Service Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant**

'A Boy is Born'. All children between 5 and 12 are welcome.

**4.00 pm Crib and Carol Service** at *St Peter's, Westhampnett*

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**6.30 pm "A King is born"** a pageant with music.



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

**Mon 20th**

*No Cherubs - resume on January 10th, 2011*

**Tues 21st**

**Feast of St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00 am Extended Parish Prayer**

**3.00 pm Thanksgiving Service** for Susan Danks

**Wed 22nd**

**3.45 pm Holy Eucharist** *At Marriott House*

**Thu 23rd**

**10.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**2.00 pm Christmas Tree Decoration** *in church*

**Friday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4.00 pm CRIB SERVICE** *for all the family.*

**11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST** *for all the family.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 26th December 2010 - The Feast of St Stephen, first Martyr**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist** *Galatians 2.16b-20; Acts 7.51-60; Matthew 10.17-22*

**TODAY - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 00 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

<b>Introit</b>	<b>128</b>	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i>
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>634</b>	<i>The Angel Gabriel</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>480</b>	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>254</b>	<i>Hail, O star</i>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<b>406</b>	<i>Long ago</i>

**Collect of the Day**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading            Isaiah 7.10-16**

A young woman will give her son the name Immanuel, meaning "God is with us". Isaiah's words were meant as encouragement to King Ahaz in dangerous times, but for us they will always have the profound meaning fulfilled in Mary and the birth of Jesus.

**Second Reading        Romans 1 1-7**

On the last Sunday before Christmas Day, we hear a reminder from Paul of the content of the Good News: that prophecy is fulfilled, that Christ is born a son of David, that he died and rose again - and calls us into his company.

**Gospel Reading        Matthew 1 18-25**

Mary conceives a child by divine grace and to the worried Joseph there appears a dreamlike messenger with strange words of assurance. This strange circumstance is safe in divine hands. "... and she will call her son Immanuel.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us thy servants with thy grace, that in all things we may embrace thy holy will and with her rejoice in thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**After the Service today**

- **Ministry of Healing** (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing*) in the Lady Chapel.
- **Refreshments** in the Parish Centre
- **Sale** of Christmas decorations, books and cakes for BoS

**Bible Reading Fellowship** notes for January 2011 are available from Barbara Scott (☎ 780105) **TODAY**.

**Holy Communion at home:** your clergy are delighted to bring the Sacrament to anyone who is unable to get to church for Communion at any time, and especially at Christmas: please ask them now!

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

#### **Carol Singing at the Festival Theatre**

*in aid of Stonepillow and BoS.  
All welcome to sing, dance or shake  
a bucket! Each session lasts 20  
minutes, times below are best  
estimates.*

*contact Chris Merrien*

*☎ 07913353018*

Monday 20th 9.00 pm

Tuesday 21st 8.30 pm

Wednesday 22nd, 3.30 pm & 9.00 pm

Thursday 23rd, 3.30 pm and 9.00 pm

Friday 24th, 3.30 pm

*A list for participants to sign is in church*

**Thursday, 23rd December**  
**2.00 pm Christmas Tree**  
**Decoration Christmas flowers**  
arranging. Anyone is welcome to help!

#### **Services in Christmas Week**

**Monday, 27th**

**St JOHN, EVANGELIST**

**10 am Holy Eucharist**

**Tuesday, 28th**

**The HOLY INNOCENTS**

**10 am Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, 29th**

**10 am Holy Eucharist  
at St Michael's**

**Saturday, 1st January**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - THE  
NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF  
JESUS**

**11 am Holy Eucharist**

**Congratulations to Paul and Katrina Shippam** on the birth of **Florence** on Friday, November 26th

**St Paul's Churchyard** is cared for by "community payback" by which offenders serve community sentences, making a positive difference to our environment and community. Come to a free presentation about the scheme, lasting about an hour, at St Paul's at **6.30 pm on Monday, 10th January** and bring your friends. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church, if you intend to come.

**Parish Bible Study groups.** To join in next term, contact Peter Kane now.

**Do you work in Chichester City Centre?** We hope to launch a new monthly lunchtime group for city

centre workers entitled **“God at Work”** meeting at a central location with a guest speaker and discussion. If you might be interested in joining a steering group to help organise this., please contact either Peter Kane or Caroline Adams (e-mail [caroline.adams@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.adams@westsussex.gov.uk)).

**Thanks** to Avril Priestman for agreeing to take on the **Sunday coffee rota**. Please contact Avril rather than Lisa from now on, using ☎ 789971

### **Recycling**

**Milk bottle tops** The running total for our recycling has reached £970 – which has benefited Chestnut Tree Home (the Sussex Children’s hospice) and saved at least £600 in landfill tax. (See notice in the Parish Centre from CHT).

**Glass bottles** and jars can now be put into the burgundy bins for recycling.

**Christmas Cards** – once again the Polio Trust have asked if we can recycle our Christmas cards when they are finished with. The Trust uses the cards to make new ones which they sell to raise funds (they are also happy to accept any other type of greeting card).

**Used stamps** Olive Kendrick would like to thank all those who collect stamps for donation to the British Kidney Patients Association. Please do not cut off serrated edges and

complete albums are really acceptable.

**Freecycle - on offer 22” Sony Colour Television with stand**  
apply Pauline Williams☎ 527500 A donation to BoS would be welcome

**Many thanks** to everyone who helped us yesterday to raise money flute playing, singing and collecting for BoS.

**Can you give - a little time? We have a vacancy** in the **Holy Dusters team**. If you would like to contribute to the Stewardship of our church by giving an hour, once a month, at a time that suits you, to dust in the church, please contact Persephone.

**The recent Deanery Synod** appointed a new Deanery Lay Chairman and Treasurer, unofficially endorsed moves to find and appoint a new Deanery Family Support Worker, and received presentations from Diocesan Education Officers about Church Schools (which we will show in the Benefice), and from the Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings about the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy Review Group. More details are on the Diocesan Website [www.diochi.org.uk](http://www.diochi.org.uk)

**The Parish Office is closed from 24th December until 3rd January, but at least one of your clergy is always available**

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