

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 13th November 2011 – Remembrance Sunday - 2nd before Advent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Paul's

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST
and ACT of REMEMBRANCE**

Fr Richard presides

and the Rev Canon Ian Gibson preaches

5.30 pm Evening Prayer



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

Mon 14th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

**Tue 15th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
7.30 pm Eco Group meeting**

**Wed 16th 11.45 am Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
12.30 pm Meet'n'Eat Lunch
7.30 pm Following Jesus course in the Parish Centre**

**Thu 17th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist
11.00 am – 5.00 pm Music Exams in Church**

NEXT SUNDAY 20th November 2011 – The Feast of Christ the King

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm SOX Youth Club years 4 - 6

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sox now meets fortnightly (20th November, 4th December) and Rox meets monthly, the next meeting being on 4th December.

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.

After the Parish Eucharist today and every Sunday:

The Ministry of Healing (prayer, laying on of hands, anointing in the Lady Chapel at the front right of the Church) is available for all who desire it.

**TODAY – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST
with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children**

Introit	494	<i>O God, our help in ages past</i>
Gradual	417	<i>Lord of our life, and God of our salvation</i>
Offertory	186	<i>For the healing of the nations</i>
Communion	304	<i>I come with joy, a child of God</i>
Communion Anthem		<i>God be in my head – Wilby</i>
Post Communion	409	<i>Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided</i>
Remembrance	230	<i>God save our gracious Queen</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

The Bible has much to say about the anticipated "Day of the Lord". For this prophet in the seventh century BC, it would be a time for God to root out all corruption; he will destroy and punish in a sudden outburst of his righteous judgement.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

In this early letter Paul still expected Jesus to return soon and draw all things to an end. He asks the Christians to live with that sense of expectancy, in confidence that the faithful will be taken into the Lord's company when he comes to complete our salvation.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25.14-30

This is one of Jesus's parables about the Day of the Lord. Then, the fullness of the kingdom of heaven will reveal what each person made of the gifts God gave on trust. It is the parable of the talents, and the joy in store for those who are faithful stewards.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Act of Remembrance and Commitment

In peace let us remember them: The Last Post and two minutes Silence follow, They shall grow not old, ending as Reveille is sounded. A minister invites as we that are left grow old; us to pledge ourselves as follows:

age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.
All We will remember them.

*The wreath is laid as the anthem
For the fallen by V. Larley is sung*

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all people
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom;
give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen**

Bible Study Groups this autumn are on Paul's Letter to the Philippians **The Tuesday Evening group meets** on 15th & 22nd November at 7.45 for 8pm at 13 Wells Crescent. Contact Ian Creswick ☎ 780248.

Wednesday Afternoon group meets on November 16th at 2.45pm for Session 4. Contact Martin Cooke ☎ 785703.

Six Great Hymns – the second in this series of three talks by John Ashwin, supported by Peter Kane on the organ, is at **11.30am** on Sunday 4th December, and the final talk on Sunday 18th December.

F3A Fellowship of the Third Age this Friday 18th November. The topic for both groups will be the Israeli problem. **2.45pm at 4, Draymans Mews** (☎789003), and **7.15pm at 65 Maplehurst Road** (☎527857).

Children's Christmas Craft – AWAY is holding an afternoon of Christmas decoration making this Saturday, 19th November at 2.30pm in St Paul's Church. Donations, such as glitter, cardboard, Christmas wrapping paper, small boxes, glue, tape, ribbon, kitchen rolls, wool, tin foil, Christmas decorations, straws, paper and fairy lights, can be left in the box at the back of church or given to Tracey Westlake or Caroline Sheldon by Sunday 13th November, please. Email away@stpaulschichester.org for more information or collection. All decorations will be used to decorate the Church and Parish Centre.

Safeguarding: The Use of Photography Statement, adopted by your PCC for the protection of children, is posted on the notice board at the west end of the Parish Centre.

Fr Richard and Jo's last Sunday in the Benefice is Advent Sunday, **27th November.**

They will be keeping **open house** at the Rectory from **4 pm until 10 pm** on **Friday 25th November**, and from **11 am until 5 pm Saturday 26th November**, when all are welcome to drop in for a drink and a bite – especially if you are away on Sunday.

On Advent Sunday we are planning a **bring and share lunch** for everyone after the 10 am Parish Eucharist: please come if you can to say farewell. More details to follow!

Fr Richard will also be officiating at the Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm that day, after which there will be drinks: all welcome!

Please give donations for a leaving gift to Priscilla, James Ellis, Persephone or one of the clergy.

Outward giving? Corporate Charity? Each year we donate a tithe – 10% - of our parish income to various charities and missions. If you have a **good cause to suggest** please take an "Outward Giving" form from the back of Church, complete and return it by next Sunday 20th November.

Calling all jam makers! The Mission Co-ordinating Group will be setting out a stall after the service on Sunday 11th December, and would like donations of homemade jam, marmalade, pickle and preserves to sell. Funds raised will go to the work of the mission partners and projects we support. We will also be giving a brief introduction to the Weston Lighthouse Project, Southampton – the Church Army project which we are supporting.

The next **God@Work** is on **Tuesday 22nd November, 1.10pm to 1.50pm** in the Eastern Arm of the cathedral cloisters. Greg Valerio, Jeweller and Fairtrade campaigner will speak on "The Creation of Fairtrade Gold". Bring your sand-wiches, juice will be provided. All are very welcome. More details from Peter Kane.

SIERRA LEONE Vic Holloway, Fr Richard and Jo, Kath Clay, and Kate Marshall from Central School returned on Monday from our first exciting, challenging and encouraging visit, with many pictures, video clips, ideas, information, hopes and questions, and will share them with everyone after the Parish Eucharist **next Sunday, 20th November** to consider together how we can develop the link further.

On **Saturday 26th November** the whole Diocese will be praying for St Paul's and St Peter's. Prayers for us will be offered at the Cathedral at Holy Communion at 12 noon and at Evening Prayer said at 5.00pm. We are all invited to these services, and to complimentary tea in the Cloisters Café at 4.30pm. Please let Persephone know by Tuesday 15th November, if you are coming to tea.

Junior Church on Sundays. Rachel Hammond has kindly taken over the rota. New volunteers are welcome at any time! If you have volunteered to lead or assist and have not heard from her, please phone ☎773090 or email her at stuart@durhamgardens.co.uk.

"Promises, Promises": An Ecumenical Study Course for Advent on Mondays at 7.30pm:

28th November at Christ Church,
5th December at St Richard's,
12th December at St Paul's and
19th December at Christ Church.

Sign up at the back of the church and see Peter Kane for further details.

Chocolate Christmas Tree decorations with a Christian message, now available from St Olav's.

Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Chapel, in aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice on **December 7th (4-6pm), 8th (10am- 8pm), 9th and 10th (10am to 6pm)**. Any unwanted Christmas tree decorations to Margaret Phillips, please ☎ 775832 .

Calling all singers! Singers are required for the 'Gift and Sign' play, being performed on 13th Dec at Christ Church and 14th December at St Paul's. Contact Mary Quiney ☎07814707759.

A Classic Christmas Concert *Operatic arrangements of Christmas Classics Old & New*, arranged and accompanied by David Harrington, with Amy Fuller and Fran Gregory from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.00 including Mulled Wine & Mince Pies available after the Eucharist on Sundays and from St Olav's Bookshop, North Street, Chichester.

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