

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 20th November 2011 – The Feast of Christ the King
Sunday Next before Advent**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

*The Rev Peter Kane presides and
the Rev John Dane assists and preaches*



After the service at 11.30 am: SIERRA LEONE

An audio visual presentation by the group who visited recently to initiate links with Christ Church and School, Freetown

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

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

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

Mon 21st 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tue 22nd 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
1.10 pm "God at Work " *at the Cathedral*

Wed 23rd 7.30 pm Following Jesus course in the parish Centre
7.30 pm Ladies Group: Jewellery Talk and Sale by Mrs Dot Warren

Thu 24th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Fri 25th 11.30 am Holy Eucharist *at Augusta Court – all welcome*

NEXT SUNDAY 27th November 2011 – Advent Sunday

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 and Bring and Share Lunch

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE *followed by drinks*

Sox (Junior Youth Club) now meets **fortnightly** (today, 20th November, and 4th December) and **Rox** (Seniors) meets **monthly**, the next 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.

TODAY – THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children

Introit	137	<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>
Gradual	352	<i>Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaim it</i>
Offertory	54	<i>At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow</i>
Communion	714	<i>We hail thy presence glorious</i>
Communion Anthem		<i>God omnipotent reigneth – C. Wood</i>
Post Communion	104	<i>Christ triumphant, ever reigning</i>

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24**

David had been the great Shepherd-King, and the Jews longed for another King like him. Today's Gospel will pick up the thought of the King as Shepherd. We hear first from Ezekiel, preparing for a divine intervention into history, speaking of God himself as the gatherer of his flock into safety, under a worthy successor to David.

Second Reading **Ephesians 1.15-23**

Paul's great hymn of prayer and praise extols the power of God at work in all the faithful, and the Lord Jesus Christ raised up as king over all things.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 25.31-46**

Jesus speaks about the end of time, and the kingly power that will be seen in the coming of the Son of Man. He reveals what the standard of judgement will be for entry into this kingdom - either we did, or did not, care for him as we find him in the needy.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Parish Eucharist today:

SIERRA LEONE All are encouraged to stay for an audio visual presentation on the recent visit to initiate links with Christ Church and School, Freetown

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.

Junior Church on Sundays. New volunteers are welcome at any time: please contact Rachel Hammond (☎773090 email stuart@durhamgardens.co.uk), if you have already volunteered to lead or assist and have not heard from her,.

Christingle making is on **Saturday 10th December** from **10.00am** in the Parish Centre. Volunteers are needed: just turn up and help. **The Christingle Service** is on **Sunday 11th December at 4.30 pm** followed by the **Children's Party**.

SIERRA LEONE – our first visit was exciting, challenging and encouraging, and **after service TODAY** Vic Holloway, Fr Richard and Jo, Kath Clay, and Kate Marshall from Central School will share some of our many pictures, video clips, ideas, information, hopes and questions, and begin to consider together how we can develop the link further.

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 **TODAY**.

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 of 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, to make decorations for the Church and Parish Centre. For more information or collection e-mail away@stpaulschichester.org.

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 sandwiches, juice will be provided. All are very welcome. More details from Peter Kane.

Safeguarding: A Use of Photography Statement, adopted by your PCC to protect children, is on the notice board at the west end of the Parish Centre.

Traidcraft Stall – the next Traidcraft Stall will be after the 10.00am service on **4th December** and every 1st Sunday of the month thereafter.

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.

Fr Richard and Jo's last Sunday in the Benefice is (next) 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 on Saturday 26th November**, when all are invited 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 more drinks: all welcome!
Please give donations for a leaving gift to Priscilla, James Ellis, Persephone or one of the clergy.

The Sick and Housebound: Before they move, Fr Richard (and Jo) would like to visit and pray with anyone who is unable to get out or is ill and would like to see them to say farewell. If you know of anyone who is in this situation, **please tell Fr Richard now**.

Wednesday, November 30th is the Feast of St Andrew, traditionally a day of prayer and celebration of God's mission and the church's role in it. **The Holy Eucharist is at 6.00 pm**, and this will be Fr Richard's last service as Rector.

Christmas Services - we want to tell all our parishioners the times and dates of services in Advent and for Christmas. A leaflet is being prepared for door to door distribution throughout the Parish in early December: **could you please help deliver in one or two roads – as a one-off – probably half an hour's walk?** If you are willing to help, please ring Persephone in the Parish Office this week ☎ 533403 (and leave a message if she is out), so that she can prepare a list.

"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.

Please sign up at the back of the church: more details from Peter Kane.

Six Great Hymns – the next talk by John Ashwin, supported by Peter Kane on the organ, is at **11.30am** on Sunday 4th December, and the last on Sunday 18th.

Calling all jam makers! After service on Sunday 11th December the Mission Co-ordinating Group are having a stall in aid of the work of the mission partners and projects we support. Donations of homemade jam, marmalade, pickle and preserves would be welcomed. There will also be a brief introduction to the Church Army Weston Lighthouse Project, Southampton which we now support.

There will be a **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 ☎ 527961.

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

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.

Winter Proms Concert by Chichester Symphony Orchestra: Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church. Tickets are £10 (£5 for students) including mulled wine are available from Ackerman Music, 32 West Street. Further details are on the notice board.

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

Fr Richard and Jo's future address is 76, Warminster Road, Bathampton, Bath, BA2 6RU; ☎ 01225 938529. Visitors will always be welcome there: invite yourself!

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