

**NOTICES:**

**Oranges:** We are collecting oranges for this years Christingle. There is a box at the back of church for medium oranges, in firm condition valued about 45/50p. Please contribute 2/3 oranges at a time, as we will store them until Dec 24th. Thanks from the Christingle team.

**Christmas Cards:** Instead of writing individual cards to all your friends at St James, you can do one SMALL card and stick it on the giant candle in church. You may like to put the money saved in the jar for Christian Aid or hand it to Judy Pullin.

**Parish Office:** The office will be closed from Christmas Eve and reopen on Friday 2nd January 2026

**Turning Tides:** Please see Christmas Wish List notice on box in church for items needed. Last delivery before Christmas is Tue 16th Dec.

**Lancing & Sompting Foodbank:** A list of regular and weekly requirements will be in the collecting box in the porch.



**SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
12 noon Carols at the Lychgate  
St James the Less, Lancing

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER**  
3pm Carols with  
Sinfonia of Arun Wind Quintet  
Coombes Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4.30 pm Christingle  
St James the Less, Lancing

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9am Mass with Carols  
Coombes Church  
10.30am Christmas Day Mass  
St James the Less, Lancing

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## Parish of Lancing with Coombes



### **Advent 3** **Gaudete Sunday**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
10.30am Sung Parish Mass

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr David Pike

Welcome to Mass today.  
Follow the service from this paper.

**Refreshments are served after the service - everyone is welcome to stay.**

### **For your prayers...**

**The Sick:** Chris Moran, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Marion Moon, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ellis Austin, Yvonne & Ian Parsons, Laura P, Pam Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Jo Q, Elaine Groves.

**Pray also:** Ian David, David Scott, Stella, Jaxson, Adam Mitchell, Richard Pullin, Teddy Bridges, Ann & Ernest, Helen Goodman, Nick Battershill, Margaret Sands, Celia Poetz, Gill Agate, Tommy Eames, Fiona Scott, Andrew, Paula Kinsella, Brad Holland.

**The Departed commemorated this week:**  
Paul Blanchard, Maxine Denyer, Pam Pike, Kevin Rowlan, Ivy Dodgson, John Poetz John Welch.

**Intentions:** Our prayer life & those living in Sompting Rd, Rosecroft Cl, Wembley Ave.

### **Events and Services this week:**

***Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am***

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 6pm Chi Kung

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 2-3pm Chat & Chill. Early memories of Christmas carols, refreshments and maybe a sing along! Do bring an instrument to accompany us!!

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 11am Said Mass.  
3pm Cursillo Group meet at 22 Rossiter Rd

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 3pm Carols at Coombes

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** 10.30am Sung Parish Mass.

*All at St James unless otherwise stated.*

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**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Stand*  
**NEH 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

**GREETING**

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.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
 to you be praise and glory for ever.  
 Your prophet John the Baptist  
 was witness to the truth  
 as a burning and shining light.  
 May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
 and so be led to witness to him  
 who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,  
 Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our  
 sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate  
 these sacred mysteries.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Sung together*  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy.**  
**Christ have mercy.**  
**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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**

**COLLECT**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who at your first coming sent your messenger  
 to prepare your way before you:  
 grant that the ministers and stewards  
 of your mysteries may likewise so prepare  
 and make ready your way by turning  
 the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom  
 of the just, that at your second coming  
 to judge the world we may be found  
 an acceptable people in your sight;  
 for you are alive and reign with the Father  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins  
 of the world. Happy are those who are called to  
 his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only  
 say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you would like to receive a blessing, please  
 bring your service sheet with you*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *(choir will sing)* *Sit*  
 Gaudete

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Kneel/Sit*

We give you thanks, O Lord,  
 for these heavenly gifts;  
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
 that when your Christ comes again  
 we may shine as lights before his face;  
 who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**NOTICES** *Sit*

**DISMISSAL** *Stand*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+ May almighty God bless you,  
 the Father,  
 and the Son,  
 and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL HYMN:**  
**NEH 186 Tell out my soul**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 continues singing the Preface,  
 ending with:*

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord** (Sung together)  
**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 continues the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*  
*At the end all respond boldly;*  
**Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Sit/Kneel*

**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**

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

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.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung together)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35.1-10** *Sit*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSE TO PSALM 146:**  
**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob**  
**for their help.**

**SECOND READING: James 5.7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Stand***Alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

**Alleluia!****GOSPEL: Matthew 11.2-11**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

+ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me. As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ****HOMILY****NICENE CREED***Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS***Kneel/Sit*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

+ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**PEACE***Stand*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.***OFFERTORY HYMN:***Stand***NEH 3 Come thou long expected Jesus****OFFERTORY PRAYERS**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice  
and yours may be acceptable to God, the  
almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands, for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what  
was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully  
accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**