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30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

From Fr Graham

Oh for swords to be changed into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks and all weapons of war to be disarmed, multilaterally, and food to be given to the hungry. This is the vision of Isaiah that flows from obedience to the word of the Lord and a promise of things to come. The Lord will accomplish it and if we are to share in it we must walk in the light of the Lord and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ".

As we begin the season of Advent we pray and yearn for this conversion of heart and mind for ourselves and the nations. This is a new liturgical year and a new beginning. It is a time of hope and expectancy, not just for Christmas but for the completion of everything that Isaiah prophesied. During this time we are expected to be "ready" to greet Him who is to come - Jesus. We prepare to celebrate His first coming in humility at Christmas but first we prepare to greet Him when He next comes to reveal the new heavens and the new earth. That could be anytime - even before Christmas. To help prepare please take some of the resources we have available in church for Advent.

It is good that we begin this season with an appeal to assist those in the missions and those whom they serve. We can help them in many ways, they will help us with their faith and prayer.

With my daily prayer for a blessed Advent. God bless you.

Fr Graham

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)				Mass Intention
Sat 29 Nov	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all parishioners
Sun 30 Nov	09.00	SP	Mass	Tom McCormack RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Tony Clarke RIP
Mon 1 Dec	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Monday of the 1st week in Advent	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	In Thanksgiving, Carroll Family
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 2 Dec	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
Tuesday of the 1st week in Advent	10.00	CTK	Mass	Holy Souls RIP
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions	
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 3 Dec	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Thu 4 Dec	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Thursday of the 1st week in Advent (St John Damascene)	09.30	SP	Mass	Ints of Ransom Family
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 5 Dec	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Friday of the 1st week in Advent	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Susan Atkins RIP
	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 6 Dec	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Sat of the 1st week in Advent (St Nicholas)	10.00	SP	Mass	For Vocations
	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima devotions	
Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)				
Sat 6 Dec	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all parishioners
Sun 7 Dec	09.00	SP	Mass	Bridget Kelly & Marie O'Kane RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Brian & Sondra Palmer RIP
	13.00	SP	Holy Baptism: Aurora Atkinson	



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Welcome to our parish. Where are you on your faith journey? Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

We have a group, ‘Come & See’, for people to come and discuss/learn more about our faith and ask questions in an informal setting (see posters and leaflets in the porch). In the meantime, please feel free to bring your questions to Father Graham or Deacon Simon. **Next session: Tues 2nd December, 7.30pm**



Mission Appeal Weekend: The White Fathers

This weekend we are welcoming Fr Hugh Seenan. The Missionaries of Africa (a.k.a. The White Fathers), are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa . . . and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches.”

There will be a 2nd Collection at masses this weekend to support their work.

Alternatively to donate online visit their website:

www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations, or you can make a transfer directly to their bank account:

Account name: Society of Missionaries of Africa

Account number: 82296731, Sort code: 60-21-07

Reference: OLQP Adur Valley, BN43 5WG



From YouCat Daily

<https://www.youcat.org/daily>

164: How will the world come to an end?

At the end of time, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Evil will no longer have any power or attractiveness. The redeemed will stand face to face with God—as his friends. Their yearning for peace and justice will be fulfilled. To behold God will be their blessedness. The Triune God will dwell among them and wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, sorrow, lamentation, or trouble.

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

As we enter Advent a chance to listen to some beautiful music for the season. The first piece by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47): [How Lovely Are The Messengers](#). The second piece is [Ecce Conciplies](#) by Jacob Handl (1550-91).

Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great and he shall be called the son of the Most High. He shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of this kingdom there shall be no end.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for Christine, Mary, Margaret, June, Tommie, Sr Zita, Sarah, Christine B, Joanne, Anne C, Ian, Daisy, Lynn, Jenny, David, Michael C, Mary F, Margaret A, Pat O’C, Crispin M, Jennifer R, David R, Harvey R, Phil R, Michael H, Joan T, Joanna, Richenda, Rachel, Mike D, Ashley R, Mike & Jess D, Trish Y, Maureen C, Peter P and all who are sick.

Please pray for Brian Palmer RIP. Please pray for him and his family. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism and the sacraments, Saint Peter’s school, the Holy Souls, our First Holy Communion children and families and confirmation candidates.

From Right to Life

In this Season of Advent, as we expectantly wait for the Christchild to enter our hearts, let us pray for all expecting mothers, that they would have all they need to joyfully welcome their new child into the world.

Saint Charles de Foucauld prayed...

Giving up on prayer and departing from the way (to God) are one and the same thing.

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

Rosary: Monday (SP) 10.00 & (Zoom) 19.30; Tuesday (CTK) 09.30; Saturday (SP) after Mass

Confessions: Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 10.00; or by appointment or request

Adoration: Monday (SP) 09.00; Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 09.00; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 09.00

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursday (SP) 20.00; Friday (Zoom) 15.00 (with Stations)

SP		St Peter’s Shoreham, BN43 5WG	44 (0) 1273 452654
CTK		Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB	
TT		The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TF	44 (0) 1903 812185

Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00
Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 29	No mass at St Peter's Meeting of the Associates of the Blessed Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association at The Towers, from 2.00pm–4.00pm. Novena to the Immaculate Conception begins
Sun 30	Mission Appeal Weekend: The White Fathers We welcome Father Hugh Seenan
Tues 2 Dec	Come & See group: <i>The Holy Spirit</i>
Thur 4	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee Pop-in
Fri 5	Film night and Fish & Chips at CTK
Sat 6	First Holy Communion children session 1 OLQP Bible Study Group SP Choir practice
Sun 7	Enrolment of First Holy Communion children SP Parish Room, 10.00am: SVP Christmas Gifts Sale. <i>2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers</i>

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch—tickets on sale now. See posters for details.
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Advent Prayer Resources

Please help yourself to the prayer booklets and advent calendars in the church porches.

Novena to the Immaculate Conception: 29th November to 7th December

This novena begins nine days before the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important day for us to reflect on Mary's life. It is important for us to strive to imitate Mary as the ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. This novena will give us the opportunity to ask Mary to give us the grace to imitate her profound love of God.

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/immaculate-conception-novena>

SVP Christmas Parcels Campaign for local families in need

See donation points in the church porch. During November please bring any kinds of toiletries, or you can make a financial contribution via our card machines. We are also fundraising for this campaign with a Christmas Gifts sale on Sunday 7th December. See below for details.

Thank you for your support.



SVP Christmas Gifts Sale: Sunday 7th December after 9.00am mass

Come and join us for coffee where there will be sweet and savoury treats on sale to enjoy with your coffee or take home. Also lots of Christmas gifts: jumpers, books, pyjamas, glittery outfits, plus a raffle.

All proceeds to the SVP Christmas Parcels Campaign.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Could you bake us a cake or two?

We welcome anyone who would be willing to make a cake (or some cupcakes) to bring for sale on Sunday 7th. The hall will be open on Saturday 6th in the afternoon to receive them, or you can bring them on the day. Please provide a card with the ingredients listed for allergens. Thank you. For more information speak to one of the SVP members.

CTK Film Night and Fish & Chips

We will be watching 'The Way', a film which has inspired thousands to walk the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

Friday 5th December at 7:30pm

Fish and Chips will be provided as an optional addition for £10. Please email moviectkchurch@gmail.com if you would like to pre order food. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025



Christmas Eve

Wed 24 Dec	18.00	SP	Vigil Mass
	20.30	TT	Night Mass

Christmas Day

Thur 25 Dec	09.00	SP	Mass
	11.00	CTK	Mass

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Justice & Peace: Gospel Non-Violence Open meeting

Speakers: Aisling Griffin (Pax Christi) and The Rev. David Mumford

7.30pm Thursday 4th December

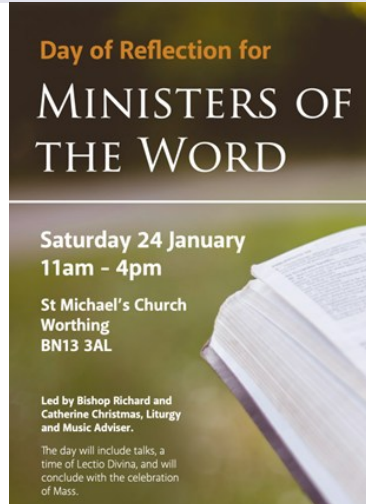
Friends Meeting House, 34, Mill Road, Worthing BN11 5DR

Further details from David Mumford dmumford@phonecoop.coop

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word

Saturday 24 January 2026 11-4pm at St Michael's Church, Worthing BN13 3AL

Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the Sunday of the Word of God, this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. To book a place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website or use this link Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word (24-Jan-2026) · ChurchSuite Events



Walsingham Financial Appeal

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to COLW can be sent to *House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ*. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and
grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia

Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent A

1st Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R cf. 1

2nd Reading Romans 13:11-14a

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

*To see the readings for the coming
week visit www.universalis.com.*



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday sees the Church begin a new Liturgical Year. The First Sunday of Advent heralds a time of preparation for our celebration of the Lord's birth. It is, also, a "season of two parts." We begin with a focus on the coming Kingdom of God. The second part, beginning on 17th December, provides a more intense preparation for Christmas.

In this first part of Advent, we reflect on our hope in the coming Kingdom. This carries a particular resonance this year, perhaps, as we enter the final month of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Advent calls us to be open to the gift of hope. Hope is a virtue. Hope is a gift. It is a mark of the Christian, for our lives are a preparation for the coming of the Lord. We proclaim, every time we profess our faith in the Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The Christian life looks forward all the time – in hope – to the wonder of the experience of total love in the Kingdom of the Father. This hope must inform our actions, our encounters with others, our words, our prayer. It is this hope that enables us to live our Christian life, sometimes in the face of opposition and not without suffering and difficulty, here and now – to be Christ's people each and every day, as we await His coming.

May this season be a time of renewed hope for us all, bringing us to be ever more effective in the work of mission that the Lord has given to us as beacons of hope, witnesses to the coming Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With every blessing,

+ Richard