Our regular services on Sundays are:

8am Holy Communion9.30am Morning Praise11am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Service, which changes

with each week in the month: 1st Sunday: Choral Evensong

2nd Sunday: No service 3rd Sunday: No service 4th Sunday: No service 5th Sunday: No service

Please check the porch for timely details.

We also have:

Mondays 9.30 – 10am Prayer

Wednesdays at 10am: Holy Communion Morning Prayer is at 8am - Monday to Friday Evening Prayer: 5pm - Monday to Thursday There are no services on secular Bank

Holidays.

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1st December 2019



St Peter and St Paul's Church exists:

To celebrate God in worship, to love one another and to serve the wider community

Welcome to our services today.

We hope that you will find warmth and friendship in this place and God's blessing and peace as we worship.

At our communion services, everyone is invited to come forward and receive bread and wine or a blessing (please bring your service sheet or this pew sheet with you if you'd like a blessing). If you need a gluten free wafer, please tell the Welcomer before the service.

There is a space for young children to draw or read at the back of the Church. In term time during the 9.30am service, all children are welcome to join Junior Church which meets in the Church Hall.

Tea and Coffee are served after the 9.30am service in the Church Hall. Please join in this post-service fellowship and take the opportunity to make some new friends.

ADVENT 1

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
AMEN

Our Readings

Advent 1 Isaiah 2.1-5 Roman 13.11-end Matthew 24.36-44

NOTICES

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

DECEMBER

2nd - Funeral - 12:00

6th - Funeral – Muriel Widnell – 12:00 Funeral - Edward Turner– 14:00 Mersea Lights Up! Scout Service – 18:00

7th – CTIM – Prayer Breakfast – 08:15

8th - Holy Communion – 08:00 Morning Praise - 09:30 Holy Communion – 11:00 Christingle Service – 15:30

15th- Holy Communion – 08:00 Morning Praise with HC - 09:30 Holy Communion – 11:00

LIGHTS UP!

Friday 6th December

18:00 – 19:00 – Scout Carol service in the Church 19:00 – Carol singing in the Churchyard

CTIM PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 7th December

The CTIM monthly Prayer breakfasts will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 08:15 at the Community Support Hall, Melrose Rd. All welcome to come!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

17th - 18th December 19:30

Tickets on sale at No.4 or Myrtle & Rose.

CHORAL EVENSONG – 18:30

Sunday 1st December

Advent Carol Service - Mersea Island Choir

Sunday 22nd December

Traditional service of nine lessons and carols – Mersea Island Choir

BEACON HOUSE REQUEST

Thank you for all of the kind donations already received, we've had an overwhelming response and Beacon House are so grateful. Please keep it coming especially an urgent need for both male and female trainers.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Each Thursday - 19:00

Terry Walker would like to start a Christian Meditation Group, part of World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) St Peter & Paul Church Hall 7pm -8pm For more information, Terry Walker O7375305460

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 8th December - 15:30

This year's Christingle service will be held at our Church here in West Mersea.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY

It has been requested that anyone that has a Children's Society donations box, please bring it in to Church.

STAR MAKERS!

Thank you to the Star Making team! 450 stars are ready to give out at Lights Up!

THANK YOU'S!

Leprosy Mission

Brian George would like to thank everyone who contributed to the total of £714.09, there is still an opportunity to contribute, please see Brian.

Tear Fund

Frances wishes to thank everyone for a successful Quiz evening which raised £570.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

AMEN

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Advent 2

Isaiah 11.1-10 Roman 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12