

Our regular services on Sundays are:

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Morning Praise  
11am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Service, which changes  
with each week in the month:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Choral Evensong

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: No service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: No service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: No service

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Contact details

#### Telephone

##### **Assistant Priests:**

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##### **Churchwardens:**

Alan Brook 381730

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##### **Treasurer:**

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##### **Families Worker:**

Heather King 07967 017733

##### **Parish Evangelist:**

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##### **Pastoral team**

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##### **Parish Secretary :**

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#### Office hours:

Mondays: 13:30-15:30

Tuesdays: 12:30-14:30

Wednesdays: 12:30-14:30

**15<sup>th</sup> 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 3

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the  
way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

#### Our Readings

##### Advent 3

**Isaiah 35.1-10**

**James 5.7-10**

**Matthew 11.2-11**

## **NOTICES**

**Forthcoming dates for your diary:**

### **DECEMBER**

- 15<sup>th</sup>**- Holy Communion – 08:00  
Morning Praise with HC - 09:30  
Holy Communion – 11:00
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Holy Communion – 08:00  
Morning Praise with HC - 09:30  
Holy Communion with Baptism – 11:00  
Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols– 18:30
- 24<sup>th</sup>** - Family Carol Service – 15:30  
BIG Sing Carol Service – 17:30  
Midnight Holy Communion – 23:30
- 25<sup>th</sup>**- Morning Praise with HC – 10:00

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 19:30**

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

### **CHORAL EVENSONG – 18:30**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Traditional service of nine lessons and carols –  
Mersea Island Choir  
Please join us after the service for Mulled wine  
and mince pies

### **CTIM PRAYER BREAKFAST**

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!  
Please note: No breakfast in January

### **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.

### **CHILDRENS SOCIETY**

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

## **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 07375305460

### **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 4**

**Isaiah 7.10-16**

**Romans 1.1-7**

**Matthew 1.18-end**