

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:**

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##### **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

**17<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## 2 BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

## Our Readings

### 2 Before Advent

**Malachi 4.1-2a**

**2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

**Luke 21.5-19**

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## **NOTICES**

**Forthcoming dates for your diary:**

### **NOVEMBER**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Autumn Churchyard clear up**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion – 08:00**

Morning Praise - 09:30

Holy Communion – 11:00

### **DECEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Holy Communion – 08:00**

Parish Breakfast – 08:45

Morning Praise - 09:30

Holy Communion – 11:00

Advent Carol Service – 18:30

### **Churchyard Autumn Tidy**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 09:30 – 12:30**

I very much hope you will be able to put aside some time to support. As ever I have been grateful for the input of others in compiling the list of two dozen fairly straightforward tasks so there will be enough for young and old to help.

Some refreshments should also be available at 'half-time'!

With Thanks Alan Hammond

### **CHORAL EVENSONG – 18:30**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Advent Carol Service – Mersea Island Choir

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

Traditional service of nine lessons and carols – Mersea Island Choir

### **BEACON HOUSE REQUEST**

Beacon House still urgently require donations of sleeping bags, warm winter clothing, including hats, scarves, (new) men's underpants and socks. Please see Heather who will collect and deliver all items, which will be gratefully received.

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 19:00**

Terry Walker would like to start a Christian Meditation Group, part of World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)

Initial meeting Thursday 21 November 2019 St Peter & Paul Church Hall 7pm -8pm

For more information, Terry Walker 07375305460

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 during November

## **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 12.30**

All Junior Church and Sunbeams children are invited to attend a special Christmas party in the Church Hall.

Please do come along!

If you have any dietary requirements, please let Heather King know.

## **STAR MAKERS!**

**Wednesdays 13:30 – 15:00**

A very good start has been made to produce the stars which will be given away at 'Mersea Lights Up'. Anyone wishing to join our happy tea-drinking team is welcome to come along to 110 Oakwood Ave.

Any queries please call 383382

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Christmas Day – Church Hall**

We're very sorry to announce that there will be no Christmas lunch this year. If you know of anyone who will be spending the day alone on Christmas Day, please speak to Heather King or Val Bocking.

## **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**

### **Sunday next before Advent**

**Christ the King**

**Jerimiah 23, 1-6**

**Colossians 1, 11-20**

**Luke 23, 33-43**