

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:

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.

Contact details

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Office hours:

Mondays: 13:30-15:30

Tuesdays: 12:30-14:30

Wednesdays: 12:30-14:30

22nd 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 4

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth
pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

Our Readings

Advent 4

Isaiah 7.10-16

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-end

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NOTICES

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

DECEMBER

22nd - Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols – 18:30

24th - Family Carol Service – 15:30

BIG Sing Carol Service – 17:30

Midnight Holy Communion – 23:30

25th- Morning Praise with HC – 10:00

29th- Holy Communion – 08:00

Morning Praise – 09:30

Holy Communion – 11:00

30th - Funeral – Brian Jay – 13:00

JANUARY

4th - No CITM Breakfast

5th - Holy Communion – 08:00

Parish Breakfast – 08:45

Morning Praise – 09:30

Holy Communion – 11:00

Choral Evensong for Epiphany – 18:30

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 has started 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

REV CANON BERNARD LLOYD

Bernard wishes to thank all of those who came along and celebrated his 90th birthday and contributed to his offering. The sum of £344.00 was sent to Christian Aid.

THANK YOU'S!

Children's Society

Thank you to all who have donated to the Children's Society, a total of £1854.01 has been raised this year.

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.

PORCH PANTRY

Thank you so much for your donations. To help keep the Porch Pantry going, please consider donating via www.justgiving.com/campaign/merseaislandporchpantry

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Boxes of envelopes for 2020 are now available at the entrance to the Church.

Please note: Named boxes may now have a changed identity number.

This is due to the number of people having now switched to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), the Church have been able to halve the number of boxes ordered.

Many Thanks to everyone for your faithful giving. If you are able to make regular donations for the future, please do consider making them via PGS (*forms available in the Church*) as it does significantly reduce administration costs.

For more information, see Churchwarden or Alan Hammond 383383 alan@3stablemews.co.uk

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

Christmas 1 (29th Dec)

Isaiah 63.7-9

Hebrews 2.10-end

Matthew 2.13-end

Epiphany (5th Jan)

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12