



Welcome

to the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farncombe

Sunday 21st December – Fourth of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Baptism of Bailey Parkes
Readings	Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25
Hymns	634 541 Sheet 67 480
6.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols

Introit: Shower O heavens from above: and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that they may bring forth Salvation. (Isaiah 45)

Collect (Prayer for the Day): God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christmas Eve services have their own orders of service

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Eucharist
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Readings	Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14
Hymns	479 229 745 645 266

Introit: The Lord has said to me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you. (Psalm 2)

Collect (Prayer for the Day): Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday 28th December – First of Christmas/Holy Innocents

8.00am **Holy Eucharist**

10.00am **Parish Eucharist**

Readings 1Corinthians 1.26-29 Matthew 2.13-18

Hymns 486 427 641 521 700

Next:

Sunday Space: Sunday 4th January, 10am

Coffee Morning: Saturday 10th January, 10am

Messy Church: Saturday 10th January, 3pm

Compline: Sunday 11th January, 7.30pm

Forest Church: Sunday 25th January, 3pm

Prayer Suggestions

The World: The wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, & Congo; the Gaza ceasefire; recovery after floods around the Indian Ocean and the Jamaican hurricane

The Global Church: The Church of Canada, and its Archbishop Shane Parker

The Diocese: The Bible Society

The Deanery: Compton parish, and Sally Buddle the priest-in-charge

The Parish: Charities, charity shops and volunteers

Those who are sick or in need of prayer

Peter Wilson

Irene Malden

Those who have recently died

Stuart Martin

Anniversaries of death

Frances Dobbs

Please also pray for Bailey Parkes, being baptised here today, her family, friends and godparents

Within the Parish

Sunday	Bourne Road
Monday	Bowring House
Tuesday	Brackenlea
Wednesday	The Brambles
Thursday	Bramswell Road
Friday	Briar Patch
Saturday	Broad Acres

Church Calendar this week

- S 21 ADVENT 4; O Oriens
- M 22 O Rex Gentium
- T 23 O Emmanuel
- W 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- T 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- F 26 St Stephen, deacon, martyr; Octave of Christmas day 2
- S 27 St John the Evangelist; Octave of Christmas day 3
- S 28 CHRISTMAS 1; The Holy Innocents; Octave of Christmas day 4

This Week

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Monday 22nd	Organ practice	8.15am	Church
Tuesday 23rd	Slimming World	9.30am, 5.30 & 7pm	Church Room
	Midweek Eucharist	10.30am	Lady Chapel
Wednesday 24th	Organ practice	8.15am	Church
	CHRISTMAS EVE Crib Service	5.30pm	Church
	Midnight Mass of the Nativity	11.30pm	Church
Thursday 25th	Said Eucharist	8.00am	Church
	CHRISTMAS DAY Parish Eucharist	10.00am	Church
Saturday 27th	Organ practice	9.15am	Church

NOTICEBOARD—DATES & INFORMATION

- **Carols by Candlelight.** Huge thanks to the team for your hard work making Carols by Candlelight such a success – we had nearly 100 people present and all worked very well indeed.
- ‘The next **Hearing Aid session** will be on January the 8th, the second Thursday in the month. The first Thursday falls on New Year's Day which is a Bank Holiday’ – Sue
- The 1120 service didn't really work but in January we're trialling something different – a **board-games afternoon** for ‘families and others’ with tea and cake and a spiritual element. The first outing will be at 4pm on January 18th. Speak to Gertrud Sollars if you want to find out more.
- Also beginning on January 19th is the **Enquirers Course** ‘Treasure in the Field’ – the format is a meal, short video, and discussion. We have one taker but need a couple more! Do tell anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. That might even be you in which case speak to James!

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Rector—Rev'd James Rattue: 01483 860709

The Parish Office is being staffed on Mondays at the moment but calls and emails are always monitored and will be replied to as soon as possible: 01483 426353

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