



Welcome

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

Sunday 29th December – First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am	Holy Eucharist				
10.00am	Parish Eucharist				
Readings	Colossians 3.12-17		Luke 2.41-end		
Hymns	36	427	588	326	221

Introit: When peaceful silence lay over all, and night was in the midst of her swift course, from your royal throne O God, down from the heavens leapt your almighty Word. (Wisdom 18)

Collect (Prayer for the Day): Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday 5th January 2025 – Second Sunday of Christmastide

8.00am	Holy Eucharist				
10.00am	Sunday Space				
6.30pm	EPIPHANY – Sung Eucharist				
Readings	Colossians 3.12-17		Luke 2.41-end		
Hymns (EH)	47	51	48	Choir	49

Prayer Suggestions

- The World:** The wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, & Gaza
- The Global Church:** The Church of Uganda, and its Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba
- The Diocese:** Churchwardens and parish administrators
- The Deanery:** The parish of Compton, and the priest-in-charge Sally Buddle
- The Parish:** The Leisure Centre and local sports activities

Those who are sick or in need of prayer

Kelly Ray Brown Janet Greener

Those who have died recently

Ian Maxwell

Anniversaries of Death

Nellie Edwards John Tickner Phyllis Trower

Within the Parish

Sunday	Catteshall Road
Monday	Cherry Tree Lane
Tuesday	The Circle
Wednesday	Clover Lea
Thursday	Combe Road
Friday	Copse Side
Saturday	Cornfields

This Week

		Starts @
Monday 30th	Big Group Sing concert	7.30pm Church & Room
Tuesday 31st	Slimming World	8.30 & 10am Church Room
	Midweek Eucharist	10.30am Lady Chapel
Friday 3rd Jan	Organ practice	8.15am Church
Saturday 4th	Organ practice	9.15am Church
	Coffee Morning	10.00am Church Room

Next:

Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th January, 10am

Compline: Sunday 12th January, 7.30pm

Forest Church: Sunday 26th January, 3pm

Sunday Space: Sunday 5th January, 10am

Messy Church: Saturday 11th January, 3pm

NOTICEBOARD—DATES & INFORMATION

- As always, Alan Hammond will be glad to receive your **used stamps**, and postcards used or mint, for the charity collection – please leave them in the box in the Narthex.
- There's still time to take part in the **Enquirer's Course** for anyone interested in finding out more about faith in the New Year. 'Treasure in the Field' will be held from 7 – 8.30pm on five Monday evenings from January 13th and will include a simple meal each time. Experience shows that there's nothing like a personal invitation, so if you know anyone who might perhaps be on the edges of the Church and interested in finding out more about Christian life, do pass the details on and encourage them to contact James.
- **James is on leave** from Monday 30th to Friday 3rd. The church will only be open on Monday 10 – 5, Tuesday for the midweek service, and New Year's Day 11 – 4.
- **EPIPHANY** will be kept at the evening eucharist on Sunday 5th January. There will be incense at this service.

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- **Youth work course.** During November and December I attended the Launchpad youth work course run by the Diocese at Ladywell. This was intended to encourage churches who may have no youth work at the moment to think about starting something, and gave us some background information about faith development among young people and a variety of model approaches. Part of the *quid pro quo* for being given five nice meals free of charge is that I do actually have to come up with a plan for moving this forward. Whatever happens we will need some help so if that's an area of work you feel at all interested in do let me know. There will be an event at Church House on the evening of February 7th to wrap up the course and talk about next steps, and anyone is welcome – again, let me know if you'd like to attend. – *James*
- We have had our new **Fire Alarms** installed. The control panel is by the hall door. The alarms will (normally) be briefly tested on Monday morning (we are supposed to do this weekly). The alarms don't go through to the fire station and we know that candles won't set them off though they should be disabled when incense is used!

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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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