



Welcome

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

Sunday 22nd December – Last Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist				
10.00am	Parish Eucharist				
Readings	Hebrews 10.5-10		Luke 1.39-45		
Hymns	634	541	605	Sheet	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 – see separate service booklet

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Eucharist				
10.00am	Parish Eucharist				
Readings	Hebrews 1.1-4		John 1.1-14		
Hymns	479	597	745	645	266

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

Collect: 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 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

Prayer Suggestions

The World:	The wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, & Gaza
The Global Church:	The Episcopal Church of the USA, and its Presiding Bishop Sean W Rowe
The Diocese:	The Mission Enabling Department
The Deanery:	The parish of Chiddingfold, and Rachel Greene the incumbent
The Parish:	Carers and district nurses
Those who are sick or in need of prayer	
Kelly	Ray Brown

Those who have died recently

Ian Maxwell

Anniversaries of Death

Joan Hedges

Thomas Greenland

Peter Wilding

Gwyn Keen

Joyce Grabiec

Within the Parish

Sunday Briar Patch

Monday Broad Acres

Tuesday Brocks Close

Wednesday Broadwater Lane

Thursday Brookfield

Friday Catteshall Lane

Saturday Catteshall Hatch

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

This Week

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Monday 23rd	Big Group Sing concert	7.30pm	Church & Room
Tuesday 24th	Slimming World	8.30 & 10am	Church Room
	Midweek Eucharist	10.30am	Lady Chapel
Friday 27th	Organ practice	8.15am	Church
Saturday 28th	Organ practice	9.15am	Church

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.
- We're intending to run an **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.
- **The Church Office** is not being staffed this coming week. James is on leave from Monday 30th to Friday 3rd.
- There will be a short **Vestry Meeting** after the 10am service to elect a churchwarden to serve the remainder of the year 2024-2025.
- The PCC voted (by email) this week to support the application of **Farncombe Infants School** to join the Learning Partners Church Academy Trust. In some ways we would like our parish school to remain independent, but this is increasingly unfeasible for small infant schools given the management pressures and demands for special needs provision, and the ongoing expectation by Government that all schools will eventually move to academy status. Positively, academisation gives the school access to more resources and wider expertise, and smooths the current connection with Loseley Fields School which is also a member of LPCAT. There will continue to be a local governing body including the Rector and two Foundation Governors nominated by the PCC, and the Rector and Churchwardens remain the legal owners of the school site.

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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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