

**Collect.**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever.

**A reading from the book of The Wisdom of Solomon Solomon 6.12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

**Psalm : to be announced****A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.**

*1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

*Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed

their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

**Post Communion.**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to the wholeness of life; look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



*This is your news sheet: please let Barbara Blundell have notices (by Thursday morning) that you would like to share with our families here at Earnley, East Wittering & Almodington (Tel 670791 or email [barbs.blundell@btinternet.com](mailto:barbs.blundell@btinternet.com)).*

***REMINDER TO 'SIDESMEN'***: please ensure you tidy the pews after the service..... putting hassocks in place and books in order. Thank you for all you do!

**NOTICES ....**

**KING'S BOOKSHOP** has moved to Wittering Walk. Do come and see what we have to offer in the run-up to Christmas. Unfortunately, we don't have precise opening hours as I am the only person running the joint! But try your luck and take a detour up the Walk.

**BOOKS ON SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH** – Please put money in the wall safe.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDER.** We are running this event again this year to provide much needed provisions to Stone Pillow. Bags + leaflet at the back of the church The bags must be back in church by 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## DIARY DATES ....

**THE FUNERAL OF DOT LEAVER** will take place at 12.00 Noon on **Friday 17th November** at St.Peter's Church

**MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** at Weatherspoons, Chichester Gate (near cinema). Their guest this time will be Bishop Martin Warner. £5 for breakfast. **ALL MEN WELCOME!**

## THINKING AHEAD! ....

### ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Friday evening (8<sup>th</sup>) there will be 'Jazz in the Aisles'

Tickets £10 each NOW available from Maureen Crocket or Phyl Jeffery

And also at Greetings House

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER!**

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL INVITATION LETTERS AND POSTERS will be available at the back of the church soon**

### COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD

If you are giving cards to members of the congregation, please consider buying just one and placing it on the shelves at the back of the church. Any moneys saved, make a donation to church funds in the box available

### Services this Week

Morning and Evening prayer is said weekdays Tues to Fri at 9.00am and 5.30pm & Saturday at 9.00am

(1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 7.00pm Compline & Benediction)

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 7.00 pm – Said Eucharist  
Wednesday 10.00am – Said Eucharist  
Thursday 10.00am – Said Eucharist  
Friday 7.00pm – Sung Eucharist  
Saturday 9.30am – Said Eucharist

### Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

19<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent

8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley  
10.00am Sung Eucharist  
Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**CHOIR PRACTICE: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Thursday**

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON OUR OPEN CHURCH... JUST POP IN WHEN YOU ARE PASSING – THANKYOU!**

## The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

# Pews News.

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing. (All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

## 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent

**Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.**

**If you are a visitor to our church**, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of each pew, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

### Services today

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley  
10.00am SAID Eucharist  
10.45am Service at the Memorial

**HYMNS: 453, 413, 355, 519, 262**

*FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF RONALD WILTSHIRE*

### Intercessions

**The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:**

Michael Giles, Brenda Bousfield, Fr. Clifford, Tony Rushton, George

**From our families and friends we remember**

Josie Robertson, Clare Beamish, Lindsay Nugent, Leanne Chandler, Pauline Lyon, Chris Cumming, Jenny Mackintosh, Doug Errett, Sharon Elwood, Arthur Harvey and all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

**The Recently Departed**

Maurice Lodge, Penelope Johnston, Betty Standerwick, Fr. Harold Webb, Dot Leaver,

**Those whose years mind falls at this time**

Charles Stanley, John Burkett, Dorothy Downe, Alice Wilson, Yvie Bayley, George Phillips, George Winter, Bessie Wrein

**If you know of some one who is sick or has not been to church for a few weeks `and may welcome a visit please notify Fr. Steve or one of the Churchwardens.**