

Collect.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

(Isaiah 64.1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80: “God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.”**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

(1 Corinthians 1.3-9)

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

(Mark 13.24-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near,

at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Post Communion.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service. We ask this in his name Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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).

NOTICES

KWA MKONO CALENDARS for 2018 are now available to support this Tanzanian disabled children's charity at £7.00 each. Contact Michael Pettman 672696.

OLD POUND COINS: If you have old pound coins could you please **not** put them in the collection, but take them to your bank for exchanging. Thank you!

TRAIDCRAFT: Firstly last weeks Mystery Box Raffle raised £74.50 for Church Funds, my thanks to you and well done. Secondly, Today is your last pre-Christmas Traidcraft Items, Gifts as well as yummy, yummy good for your tummy items. Also a beautiful hand carved wood Nativity Set from Pekerti, Indonesia, is the Raffle prize – 58 tickets @ £1 each. Thanks you all. David

DIARY DATES

CAROL SINGING ROUND NURSING HOMES: on Wednesday 20th starting at ‘Seagulls’ 2.00pm

TEA AT THE CATHEDRAL: Our parish is being prayed for at all the services on **Thursday 21st**

December. As usual we are being offered tea in Cloisters Cafe at 4.00pm prior to the evening

service. Please note that it will be Evening Prayer (said) not choral evensong. There is a notice at the back of church for you to sign if you will be taking up the offer of tea, as they need to know the number they're catering for. The list will close on 17th December. **CRC**

CAROLS AT THE SHORE; Friday 22nd 7.45pm
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION!

There will be a joyful get together on Christmas Day from 2.00-4.00pm in the Church Room, Pound Road, West Wittering PO20 8AJ. Beetle Drive, festive buffet, all ages welcome. To find out more, please telephone 01243 514057 or email office@chichesterharbourchurches.org by Monday, December 11th

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WEEKEND!

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Friday 8th until Sunday 10th December

Friday evening (8th) there will be

'JAZZ IN THE AISLE'

Tickets £10 each NOW available from

Maureen Crocket or Phyl Jeffery

And also at Greetings House

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER!

*******EXTENSION LEADS PLEASE!*******

Please put them at the back of the church for
Wednesday morning

***JOLLY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED** *

*for the Christmas Tree Festival. Offers to Sarah Ingrey *

*or Barbara. Please mark them with your name *

CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Items urgently needed for the Fair:

Unwanted Gifts: for prizes

Bottles: for bottle stall

Tombola Prizes (*Good Quality*):

Cakes (*on the day*)

PLEASE HELP WITH THESE!

HELP NEEDED: After the 7.00pm service on
Tuesday to move furniture/clear the church

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD

If you are giving cards to members of the
congregation, please consider buying just one and
placing it on the shelf 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

(1st 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 CANCELLED

Friday CANCELLED

Saturday CANCELLED

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

10th December – Advent 2

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Christingle Service

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15

Mark 1:1-8

CHOIR PRACTICE: 2nd, 4th (5th) Thursday

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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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)

3rd December, 2017 **Advent Sunday**

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 Sung Eucharist

HYMNS: 32, 25, 24, 27, 36

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, Jackie & John Watson, Edward Pollecutt
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

Dot Leaver, Sylvia Golding, Kathy Halter, Susan Harding

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Alice Rumbelow, Gladys Pell, John Down, Sheila Chase,
Donald Jones, Richard Jeffery, George Leach,
Bernard Jacobs, Dennis Kirby, Kenneth Stephens

**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.**