

PEW NEWS

Sunday 30 November 2025

Advent Sunday

WELCOME

Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service. At this service there are activities and learning for primary school aged children in the Den. The President will call them forward when it is time to join the group.

NOTICES

It's cold!

We are very sorry that it is so cold in church. Our boilers are currently out of action and we are waiting for a part to come in. We will get them back up and running as soon as possible. There are blankets available at the back of church to help make you more comfortable.

Baptism today

We're delighted that Jesse Kobichukwura Emmanuel Jaydon Miriya Okafor is being baptised today. During the distribution of Holy Communion Jesse's father Moses will sing in thanksgiving for the gift of a son to him and Laraba.

Thank you to everyone

Who turned out to help and participate in North Camp Late Night Opening last Thursday and to everyone who helped set up the church for the Festival of Light, made lanterns and were part of the procession last night from school to church. Thanks especially to Daryl for all the work on the lanterns and to Angharad for arranging the singers.

Festival of Light – the church looks amazing!

The church will be open for the Festival today until 2.30pm and from 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There are also two seasonal concerts to enjoy – on Wednesday 3 December 7pm The Cecilia Singers and on Saturday 6 December 6pm Hampshire and Surrey Hills Male Voice Choir. All welcome.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 6 December 11am to 3pm

We'll be joined by St Mark's School this year. There will be plenty of activities, stalls and refreshments for all the family. See you there!

Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday 21 December 4pm

All those who would like to join the choir for this service are welcome. There will be a short rehearsal after the 10.30am service today and the next two Sundays. Please speak to Michael for more information.

Children's Society and Christingle Service- Christmas Eve 4pm

Please take a collecting box and fill with your spare change between now and our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. All welcome to help prepare the Christingles on Tuesday 23 December. Time to be confirmed but we expect it to take about an hour.

Church Open

Church is open on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. Come along to see the Festival of Light and have a coffee and chat with others. All Welcome. See you there.

Readings for next Sunday 7 December - Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

TODAY'S COLLECTS AND READINGS

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

New Testament Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus said, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal

together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion Collect

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
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.