

**The Parish Church of St Paul
Ansdell & Fairhaven**

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Prisons Week ~ 15th – 21st November
(More details on page 13.)

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A few words from your Reader ...

Dear Friends,

Our Harvest celebration was a great success and the church looked splendid with all the flowers and harvest displays. My thanks go out to all those who decorated the church, to those who attended our Harvest Services and to those who gave so generously of their time and money. We raised a magnificent total of £263.91 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, whilst also supplying our local foodbank with numerous bags of tinned and dried food. Any fresh food was taken to local rest homes.



We must also congratulate our youngsters for leading a second Harvest Service later in the week. They led the proceedings with confidence and clarity; and were a wonder to behold. Thank you to Sheila and friends for organising the whole event.

As we now leave behind the splendours of autumn, our thoughts turn towards the darker evenings and the month of November.

It is a month which begins with plenty of days set aside for remembering the past and looking forward with hope to the future. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are closely followed by Remembrance Sunday, for which we have a Service of Remembrance at 10:30am. These are all times when we pause to remember those who have walked this earth before us and whose deeds affected the lives of many.

Later in the month we have our Fellowship Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 14th November. So all wine connoisseurs will need to make sure that they buy their tickets early!

The weekend of the 28th/29th November is perhaps one of our busiest in a while! On the Saturday we will be holding our Christmas Fayre from 10:00am until 12 noon. It is a chance to meet together as a Parish and bring along lots of friends and neighbours. There will be stalls and refreshments; and plenty of

time to share in fellowship. The Church will also be open for visitors to explore the church building and to find out about the history and various features of the church.

The following day, Sunday 29th November, you are invited to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new church year at the Advent Songs of Praise Service at 10:30am. If you're looking for a quieter service of reflection, then maybe our second Healing Service at 4:00pm might fit your requirements.

All in all, November promises to be a busy month and I would encourage you to join us whenever you can. Spread the news to your family, friends and neighbours and let's make this month really special.

Yours in Christ

Janet K.



A Prayer for the Vacancy

Heavenly Father, you have called us together as members of your Church in this parish. Deepen our love for you and strengthen our fellowship one with another as we face this time of uncertainty and change. Keep us faithful in prayer and worship; and fill us with your vision and energy as we seek to bring new life to our community.



Strengthen and guide Alan and Sheila, the PCC and the Parish Representatives as they take the Parish forward; and speak into the hearts of all those whom you are calling to serve in this Parish, that they may hear your call and be obedient to your calling. This we ask in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hello everyone,

How nice it was to see so many of you at our September meeting after the summer break. Our speaker was Mrs Jean Pearson, the wife of the Bishop of Lancaster, who thoroughly engaged us all with the story of their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. She encouraged us to think about our 'journey with God' throughout our lives even if we cannot undertake a pilgrimage ourselves.

In 1986 – 2500 Christians made the pilgrimage.

In 2010 there were 270,000 pilgrims.

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Don't forget ladies to bring your scissors to our November meeting!

A reminder of our Fellowship Evening Wine Tasting on Saturday 14th November, ticket details should be in circulation by now.

I hope you have all given in your Christmas Lunch orders.

I close with the Pilgrim's prayer:

*Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our albergue on the Camino,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance we may arrive safe
and sound at the end of the Road
And enriched with grace and virtue
We return safely to our homes filled with joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Jean Lyon





St. Paul's Christmas Fayre / Church Open Morning



November 28th, 10:00 until 12:00

Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall:
Raffle, cake stalls, coffee/tea and mince pies!

Admission just £2

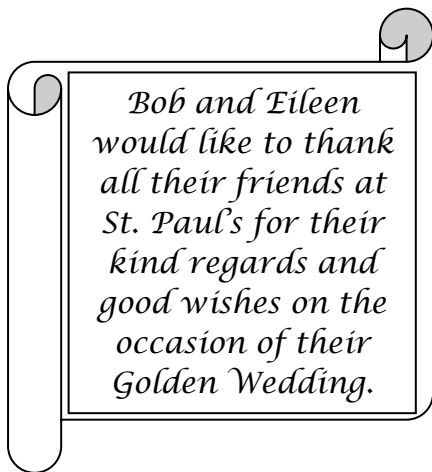
Church open morning:
Come and learn all about the church building
and its history from knowledgeable guides for free!

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Working in Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

PARISHIONER'S CORNER



*Bob and Eileen
would like to thank
all their friends at
St. Paul's for their
kind regards and
good wishes on the
occasion of their
Golden Wedding.*

Christmas Fayre & Church Open Morning



Saturday 28th November
10:00am – 12 noon.

If you have suitable raffle prizes
to donate, please let me have
them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sheila S.

Can You Help?

Hall Booking Secretary Required

Do you have good communication skills?

Are you a good organiser?

If you have answered 'Yes' to either of these questions then you may be just the person we need to become our Hall Booking Secretary.

This is an important role in the life of our Church because it helps to ensure a financial income from both regular and occasional hall hirers.

The bookings for the hall are now made via our website, over the telephone, by letter and by word of mouth, so it is important that:

- all bookings are co-ordinated and recorded on the hall calendar,
- keys are tracked; and
- all financial aspects are open and traceable.

If you're interested, please speak to one of the Wardens.

PCC Notes from the September & October Meetings

Quinquennial Report: An aerial inspection to be undertaken as soon as possible, all other work is in hand.

Charitable Giving: A comprehensive list of the charities supported by St. Paul's is to be made available at the back of Church and in the Fund Raising Shop.

Churches Together: The Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2016 will take place on Wednesday 20th January at St. Paul's.

Church Warden Appointments: The roles and responsibilities of the assistant wardens are to be clarified so that these roles will be recognised both inside and outside of the Parish.

Hall Bookings: Hall rates and enquiry forms are now available on the Church website.

Health & Safety: A comprehensive H&S report for the shop has been compiled and submitted to the PCC by the H&S Officer.

Christmas Services: Christingle ~ 2:30pm on Sunday 6th December
Carol Service ~ 6pm on Sunday 20th December. Carol Singing at retirement homes etc is to be organised and coordinated.

Safeguarding: The Diocesan Policy for Under 18's and Vulnerable Adults is now combined and adapted for St Paul's.

Recording of Services: There was a suggestion that relevant parts of the Sunday Service were recorded and a copy placed on the website or taken to the housebound. Permission would be needed from the Vicar and the Organist.

Christmas Fayre & Church Open Day: Saturday 28th November. Sheila Swindells to co-ordinate. Raffle prizes and help required.

Keith Turner Memorial Fund: After discussion with Mrs Muriel Turner, it was agreed that the money be used to provide a Bible for each child who was baptised at St. Paul's.

Shop Stock Sorting – suggestion made that once a month a group of volunteers meet at night to assist with stock rotation. Such an evening has already taken place.

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

"Songs of Praise"

This is a reminder that "Songs of Praise" for the beginning of Advent will be on 29th November. The deadline for submitting your hymn requests is Sunday 1st November.

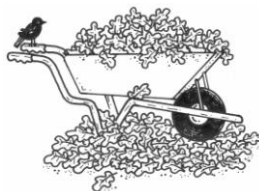


Linda



Feeling Energetic?

Your help may be needed to help to rake up leaves from the church and vicarage grounds. Please see Michele Briers if you are willing to assist.



Shop Volunteers

Do you have a few of hours a week to spare?

We are looking for more volunteers to work in
The Friends of St. Paul's Fundraising Shop.

The fundraising shop is an important part of Parish life and without it we would be digging deeper into our pockets for the finances needed to run this parish.

Whatever time you could spare would be gratefully received.

Please speak to Mrs Victoria Pallister on 01253 732253

READERS' ROTA – SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading: 1st:OT & Psalm, 2nd:NT</u>		<u>Name</u>
1st November All Saints' Day	1st	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Ps 24:1-6	Barbara Jackson
	2nd	Revelation 21:1-6a	Marian Wood
8th November Remembrance	1st	<i>Special Remembrance Day readings have been chosen.</i>	
	2nd		
15th November 2nd before Advent	1st	Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16	Richard Redcliffe
	2nd	Hebrews 10:11-25	Sheila Redcliffe
22nd November Christ the King	1st	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93	Eileen Russell
	2nd	Revelation 1:4b-8	Audrey Naylor
29th November Advent Sunday	1st	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10	Ken Pocock
	2nd	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Jo Pocock

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## **EVENING PRAYER ROTA – SUNDAY (4:00pm)**

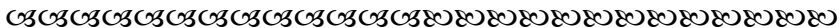
| <u><b>Date</b></u> | <u><b>Sunday</b></u> | <u><b>Said/Sung</b></u>                              | <u><b>Leader/Preacher</b></u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st November       | All Saints' Day      | Sung                                                 | Janet/Linda                   |
| 8th November       | Remembrance          | Said                                                 | Peter Swindells               |
| 15th November      | 2 before Advent      | Sung                                                 | Janet Kimber                  |
| 22nd November      | Christ the King      | Said                                                 | Janet Kimber                  |
| 29th November      | Advent Sunday        | <b>Healing Service</b> led by<br>Elizabeth O'Connor* |                               |

\* Elizabeth O'Connor is a Reader at St. Thomas's, St. Annes

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High Days and Holy Days in November 2015

- 1 **All Saints' Day** ~ the feast day of all the redeemed
- 2 **All Souls' Day** ~ a time of reckoning with the past
- 3 **Hubert (d.727AD)** ~ Bishop of Tongres-Maastricht
- 4 **Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)** ~ the un-ordained archbishop of Milan
- 5 **Kea** ~ an early Christian and a monk
- 6 **Illtud** ~ a gentle and learned abbot in a Glamorgan monastery.
- 6 **The Martyrs of Vietnam (d.1745-1862)** ~ During the first 200 years of Christianity in Vietnam/Indo-China, a staggering 100,000 Christians are believed to have been martyred for their faith.
- 10 **Leo the Great (d.461)** ~ deacon and Pope
- 10 **Justus (d.627)** – Archbishop of Canterbury, led the Church in troubled pagan times.
- 11 **Martin of Tours (316–397)** ~ monk bishop, who cut his cloak in half and gave half to a naked beggar at Amiens. Soon after, he had a dream in which Christ appeared to him, wearing the half of cloak, which Martin had given away.
- 13 **Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917)** – first saint of New York City
- 17 **Gregory of Tours (539 – 94)** ~ Deacon and Bishop
- 17 **Hilda (614 - 680)** ~ Founding Abbess of a Monastery at Whitby
- 25 **Catherine of Alexandria (4th century?)** ~ tortured, broken on a wheel and beheaded for refusing to marry the Emperor.
- 29 **Advent Sunday**
- 30 **Andrew (d. c.60)** ~ Apostle & patron saint of Scotland



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All Saints' Day and Remembrance Day in November naturally turn our thoughts to death and what lies beyond...

The Blessed Dead

They lie at rest, our blessed dead;
The dew drops cool above their head,
They knew not when fleet summer fled.

Together all, yet each alone;
Each laid at rest beneath his own
Smooth turf or white allotted stone.

When shall our slumber sink so deep,
And eyes that wept and eyes that weep
Weep not in the sufficient sleep?

God be with you, our great and small,
Our loves, our best-beloved of all,
Our own beyond the salt sea-wall

By Christina Rossetti 1830 -94



Prayer at Remembrance Time

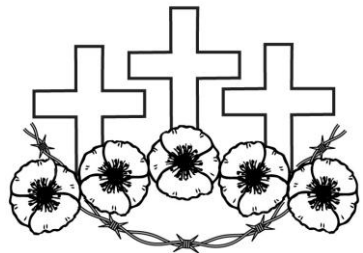
Loving Father,

When we watch the news or read the papers, we can feel overwhelmed by the tragedy of lives lost or affected by war or terrorism. And our Remembrance Day Services and anniversaries just seem to emphasize that continuing suffering.

Help us Lord, to switch our focus from what self-centred people do in their pursuit of power, to what you have done in Jesus, who gave his life so that the brokenness of creation might be restored to wholeness - and that we might have your peace in our hearts, even while the world rages about us. Help us to remember the important thing – to put our trust in Jesus, your Son.

In his name, we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Prisons Week ~ 15th – 21st November

Because of increasing concern 40 years ago for the welfare of prisoners in England and Wales, chaplains and other Christians started Prisoners' Week, to encourage prayer throughout the Christian community for people in prison.

This year Prisons Week, is attracting wide support across denominations. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams, is strongly behind it, observing that "one of the most serious aspects of being in prison can be the sense of isolation and even abandonment; and one of the most effective witnesses that can be given to prisoners is the assurance that they are not forgotten".

About 85,000 people are in 150 or so prisons in the UK and Northern Ireland. The vast majority of them (over 80,000) are men. A surprising number of innocent children are affected: in 2009, for instance, some 200,000 children in England and Wales had a parent in prison.

There is one Anglican chaplain in each prison in England and Wales, plus about 100 others from different denominations. Perhaps surprisingly, there are many Muslim chaplains, with figures ranging from 80 full-time equivalent (official 2013 figure) up to 400-450 full and part time now (publicspirit.org.uk). The prison population is 12% Muslim.

Christians wanting to get involved in Prisons Week through letter-writing would do best to consult Prison Fellowship, which has 130 local prayer groups and 1500 volunteers. They are easily tracked down on the internet. You can keep abreast of events in Prisons Week itself on Twitter by following @PrisonsWeek.

To go one step further and become an official prison visitor, you should contact the National Association of Official Prison Visitors, who say "the cumulative effect of regular, friendly and non-judgmental contact can, and often does, make a positive difference".

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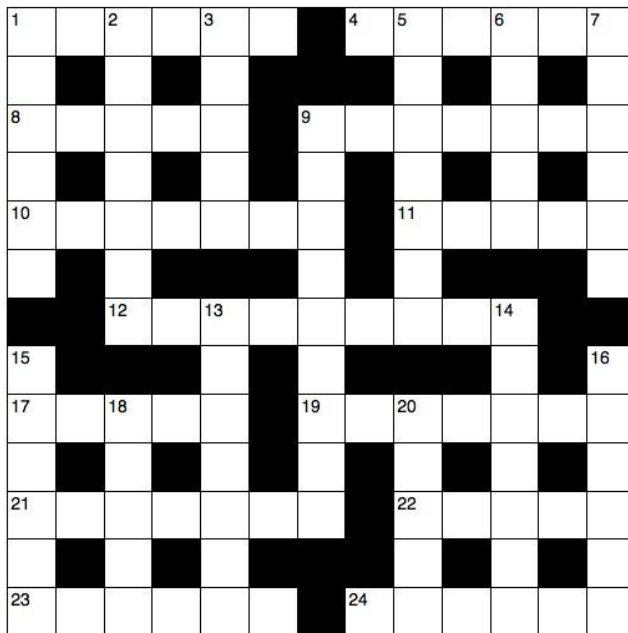


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# November 2015 Crossword



## Across

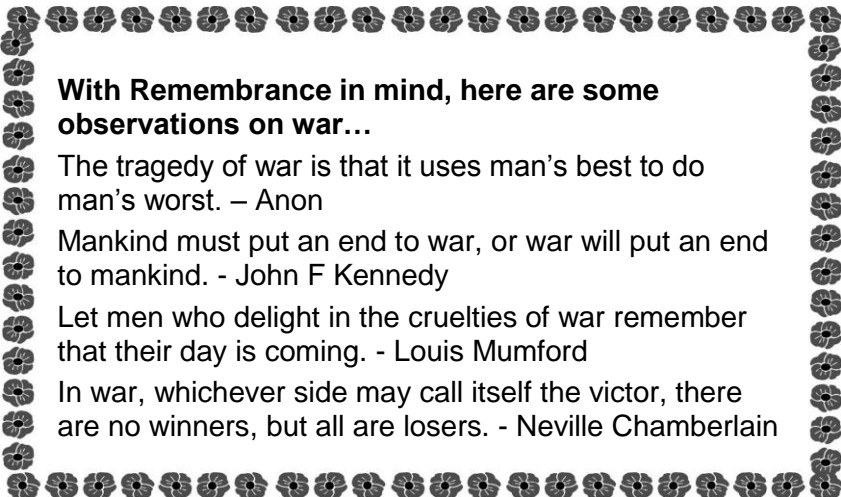
- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given —, he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)

- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as —, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 down Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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With Remembrance in mind, here are some observations on war...

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst. – Anon

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind. - John F Kennedy

Let men who delight in the cruelties of war remember that their day is coming. - Louis Mumford

In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers. - Neville Chamberlain

Time for a Smile



The New Minister

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

"... and don't forget we're coming into the Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

'I looked and behold a flying roll!'
(Zech 5:1 KJV)



Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2



Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

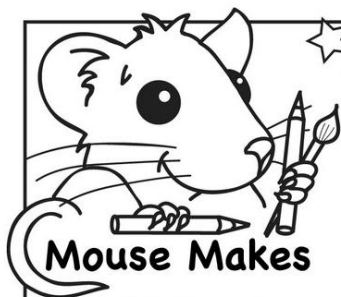


With proper ceremony, they laid it to rest with its ancestors.



On a repair shop door:

We can repair anything.
(Please knock hard for entry
– bell broken)

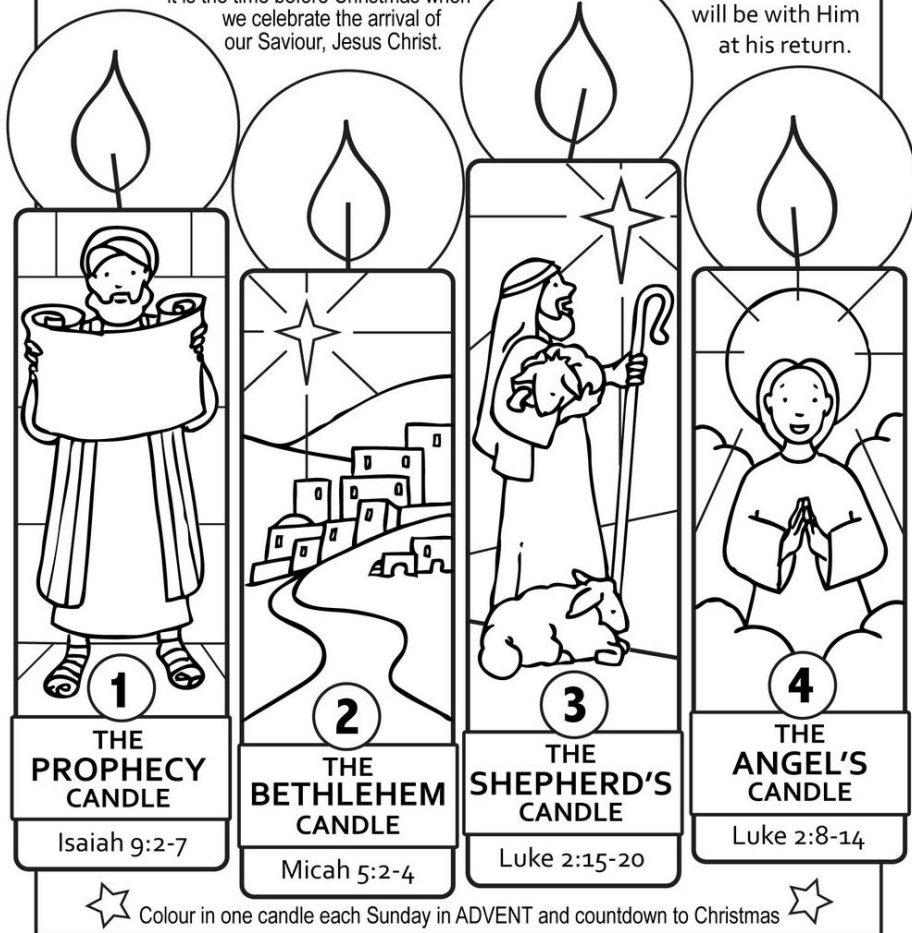


THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's**

candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Church Hall Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
4th Monday	2:15 - 4:15pm	Mothers' Union
	Evening	Zumba Class
Tuesday	6:00 – 8:15pm	Beavers & Cubs (Term-Time only)
	From 10:30am	Church Coffee Morning
Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00pm	Zumba Dancing
Thursday	6:15 – 7:30pm	Family Service
Friday	5:00 - 9:00pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides (Term-Time only)

Other Regular Church Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Where</u>
1st Saturday	8:00-9:00am	Prayer Breakfast	In the Shop

St. Paul's Fundraising Shop

(Woodlands Road)

Opening Hours

**Monday to Saturday
10:00am until 4:30pm.**



***Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please
contact Mrs Victoria Pallister on 01253 732253.***

Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul

Church Services

Sunday

8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
4:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday

10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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Thursday

6:15pm Thursday Service

(A service for the younger members of our church, including songs, Bible Stories, prayers and activities.)



(BCP ~Book of Common Prayer; CW ~ Common Worship)

'Parish Surgery' ~ *If you wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding; make a hall booking; or to discuss matters of concern, you are welcome to attend either of the following surgeries:*

Tuesday ~ 4:30-5:30pm at St. Paul's Fund Raising Shop

Wednesday ~ 9:00-9:30am at the Parish Office



Requests for Weddings, Baptisms, etc.

Anyone wishing to arrange a wedding or baptism or perhaps to make an appointment on another matter, please:

- visit our website and complete/submit the form available;
- attend one of our parish surgeries (listed above)
- speak to one of the churchwardens;
- ring or email the parish office;

All relevant contact details are provided elsewhere.

Please note that baptisms may be accommodated at any of our services with the main options being:

- during the Sunday morning 10.30 service;
- a separate family service at 12 noon on a Sunday; or
- at the Family Service on Thursday at 6.15pm.

Dates for Your Diary

November 2015

Monday 2nd November	<u>PCC Meeting</u> 7:00pm ~ in the Vicarage
Saturday 7th November	<u>Prayer Breakfast</u> 8:00am ~ in the Shop
Sunday 8th November	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u> 10:30am ~ Service of Remembrance
Saturday 14th November	<u>Wine Tasting Evening</u> 7:30pm ~ in the Church Hall
Monday 23rd November	<u>Mothers' Union Meeting</u> 2:15pm ~ in the Church Hall
Saturday 28th November	<u>Christmas Fayre & Church Open Day</u> 10am – 12noon (More details on p.6)
Sunday 29th November	<u>Advent Songs of Praise Service</u> 10:30am ~ in Church <u>Healing Service</u> 4:00pm ~ in the Lady Chapel



Advance Notices

Churches Together Advent Service
Wednesday 2nd December
7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church

Christingle Service ~ Sunday 6th December at 2:30pm
Carol Service ~ Sunday 20th December at 6:00pm.



ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER PNE



If you have an article for inclusion in the December PNE,
please make sure that I have it by **Sunday 15th November**

Thank you.

Janet Kimber



*For more information about our Weekly Services and Activities
please see pages 18 and 19*