

PEW NEWS

Sunday 16 November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent

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

Prayer Matters

If you would like the church family to pray for a loved one, please seek their permission to have them included on our prayer list. It is not necessary to print surnames. You may also wish to remember someone at their Years' Mind. For further information please speak to Dianna.

Church Open

Church is open on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. On the second and last Friday of each month there is Crafty Coffee – an opportunity to bring your handicrafts and work alongside others or just have a coffee and chat. All Welcome. See you there.

Lantern Making Workshop Saturday 22 November 10am

Enjoy making lanterns to be used in our Lantern Procession to start the Festival of Light. You'll need your own scissors or craft knife and any material you have at home that you would like to use, for example coloured paper or card, stickers, ribbons and so on. There will also be some materials provided and there will be plenty of refreshments. This workshop is suitable for children and adults. All welcome.

North Camp Late Night Opening Thursday 27 November

The churches have been asked to provide **Carol Singers** for this event. No rehearsals – just show up and bring Christmas cheer to our community. Please see Angharad for details.

Festival of Light Set Up 29 November from 10am to 1pm

Many hands make light work! The Planning Group would be very grateful to anyone who could give some time (even 30 minutes will be helpful) to help prepare the church for the Festival. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak to Daryl for more information.

Cecilia Singers Advent Concert 3 December 7pm and Hampshire and Surrey Hills Male Voice Choir 6 December 6pm

We're delighted to present two concerts during the Festival. Put the dates into your diaries.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 6 December from 11am to 3pm

We'll be joined by St Mark's School this year so do come along to support them and our church. There will be plenty of activities, stalls and refreshments for all the family. Volunteers required to help on the day. Please see Daryl for more information.

Readings for next Sunday 23 November - Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

TODAY'S COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Old Testament Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to

them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion Collect

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen