



# WELCOME!

## Notice Sheet 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Welcome to this week's notices. The Sunday Taize service takes place this Sunday instead of the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, replacing Choral Evensong. Advent Sunday is on the 28<sup>th</sup> November when our annual evening "Darkness to Light" service will take place at 6pm.

At our main services our welcoming team will be on hand in church to ensure we still have some social distancing, and to take your contact details for track and trace purposes. We are advising the wearing of face masks during the service. And as ever, take care, keep safe and have a good week.

### This week's services

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

8am: Holy Eucharist.

10am All Age Service

6.00 pm Taize Service

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11am:** Holy Eucharist

**Shine Sunday School** is open to all children from 0-11 year old and takes place on the second and fourth Sundays in the month. Please see Sarah's newsletter and children's Facebook page for details. Contact her at: [smdh.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:smdh.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com).

**Evening Prayer** continues to be said via Zoom on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5.30pm and in church on other evenings at 5.30pm.

### Lectio Divina - Meditation with Morning Prayer on Fridays 8am-8.40am

Takes place in St Mary de Haura with shared breakfast and discussion afterwards in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### Lectionary readings

**Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent:** Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14 Revelation 1. 4b-8 John 18. 33-37

**Advent Sunday:** Jeremiah 33. 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end Luke 21. 25-36

### The Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**PCC Meeting** The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall.

**Mini Christmas Fair** - £511.45 was raised last Saturday at the Farmers Market mini Christmas Fair, which is an amazing amount and grateful thanks to everyone involved. It was lovely to see so many people in church once again!

**Christmas Toy Appeal** There are many families who struggle to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Family Support Work reaches out to many of these families. Val Harper would be so grateful if you could donate a new toy for a child aged 5-13. She will be in church this Sunday, 21st November, or they can be dropped off at 10 Broad Reach, or the Parish Office. Or email her at [valerieharper1@sky.com](mailto:valerieharper1@sky.com) Toys will be collected on 1st December.

**Mini Disciples** has started on Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm in church, with Bible storytelling and songs for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers. All are welcome!

## Secondhand Bibles

If you have any bibles you no longer need that are modern versions and in good condition please feel free to leave them in St George's Chapel where people who come and sit often pick one up to read or take away. Thank you.

**Christmas Readings** As part of the preparations for Christmas we are planning to run three events at which short passages on the theme of Christmas are read aloud. Each event will last about an hour and a half and will take place on these dates and at these times and places:

At Val & Keith's home (Broad Reach, Shoreham) on Monday, 13th December at 7.00pm.

At Jenny Chapman's home (Ravensbourne Avenue, Shoreham) on Wednesday, 15th December, at 2.30pm. There is easy access at Jenny's, as well as ground floor facilities.

At Liz & Anthony Rathbone's home (Southdown Road, Shoreham) on Thursday, 16th December at 7.00pm.

The events are not Bible groups or prayer meetings, simply a chance to meet informally in convivial surroundings with light refreshments to hear some familiar passages. The dozen or so readings are a mixture of poems, prose and two passages from scripture. Some are light hearted. You don't have to read a passage to attend but if you would like to, we will give you a passage with plenty of time to prepare. If you would prefer to attend just to listen, you would be very welcome. These arrangements are made on the assumption that it will be safe to meet. As with all other church activities, we will monitor the situation closely. There is no charge for attending - though you must book a place-but you may, if you wish, make a donation to church funds. If you would like to attend, please let William Payne know by email ([William.Payne96@gmail.com](mailto:William.Payne96@gmail.com)) or phone (07702473569) by Friday, 19th November.

**Town Carol Service**- this year we will not be able to have the numbers in church on Christmas Eve that we usually do. So in agreement with Stuart, we will have two "Carols at St Mary" services on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm and 6.30 pm, and the Town Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm as usual. Tickets will be restricted to 200 for each service, with a **maximum of 4 tickets per household** for the services on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 2 **tickets per household** for the Town Carol Service. Ticket applications are now open to everyone and are available in church or by post (please include a s.a.e) to 69 Hammy Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6BJ and allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis as in the past. We ask that you only book for one of the services at present.

**And finally....**please do not hesitate to ring if it would help you to talk to someone: Canon Ann 01273 965303 / 07794 537598 email : [annwaizeneker@gmail.com](mailto:annwaizeneker@gmail.com) or Revd Liz: 01273 452535. We particularly want to hear from you if you are feeling a bit cut off – to make sure we keep you in the loop about what is happening at St Mary's and to just have a chat! And we welcome any prayer requests you may have. With our love and prayers, Ann

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## **Living in Love and Faith: Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage**

As you will be aware, the Church of England has embarked upon a significant debate in the last two years concerning the areas of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. This conversation has been expertly introduced to the Church for consideration through the process known as Living in Love and Faith. Many of these conversations remain largely in their infancy. With a lot of theological, missional and pastoral work ahead of us, regardless of any decisions General Synod may take in its coming quinquennium, we now want to take a snapshot of the range of perspectives and theological convictions held across the diocese.

Regardless of whether or not you have undertaken an LLF course, or engaged with the LLF material, we would like to invite you to participate in a short survey monkey questionnaire that will enable us to compile a brief paper that we will submit first to our diocesan synod for consideration and then to the national church. Every diocese in the Church of England is generating feedback for this national discussion. We would be very grateful to have your input into this process.

We understand that a simple survey cannot hope to give opportunity for the expression of every point of view. We are however hoping to gather a wide range of perspectives and we offer assurance that every perspective will be reflected.

The questionnaire will take around ten minutes to complete and is anonymous. Thank you very much indeed for taking part.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D5T8ZB5>