



The Parish of Penarth and Llandough
 Newsletter for Sunday 22 Nov 2020
Christ the King



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Sunday Services

9.15am Said Mass at Holy Nativity Rev Margaret Stark
 9.30am Said Mass at St Dochdwy's Rev Mark Jones
 10.45am Said Mass at St Augustine's Rev Mark Jones

Churches open for private prayer
 St Augustine's Wednesdays 10am-12pm
 St Dochdwy's Thursdays 10am-12pm.

(All Saints is open Tues & Thurs 10-12 for private prayer and also has a service on Fridays 11am)



Readings for Christ the King: Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95. 1-7a; Ephesians 1. 15-23; Matthew 25. 31-46

There are no Evensong or midweek services at this time. We are also unable to offer coffee after the service.

SERVICE SHEETS – please use those provided and return your sheet to the back at the end of the service.

If you cannot come to a service, there are still videos and live-streamed services to view:

Many services are available online – see the [Church in Wales website](#)

Morning & Evening Prayer with Fr Mark or Rev Ali are on Youtube and Facebook Mon-Thurs

FACEBOOK PAGE facebook.com/penllanparish/

Twitter twitter.com/penllanparish

Penarth Parish [YouTube](#)

All Saints: [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#)



Face coverings must be worn in church by everyone over 11 unless you have an exemption (some masks are available if you forget).

TRACK & TRACE FORMS for those attending services
 Please could you complete a form with your details and hand in at the back. Forms will be destroyed after 21 days.

INTERCESSIONS: For the sick and those in need: Findley Dawe, Jean Dowding, Kate & family, Graham Lewis, Brian Hill, Finley Beckett, Carol Fairbrother, Glenys Tyler, Claire Longfield, Carol Bailey, Barbara Craddock, Jan Toye, Danielle Kerby, Gloria Gill, James Garrett, Tony Martin-Jones, Dennis Lush, Michael Bridge

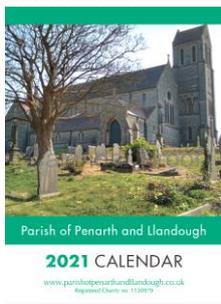
For the recently departed: David Michael James; Ruth Hallett

Next week's readings- Advent 1: Isaiah 64. 1-9; Psalm 80. 1-7, [17-19]; 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9; Mark 13. 24-37

Parish Notes Items to the Parish Office by Wednesday 12pm please

FUNDRAISING PARISH CALENDAR

Please put your name down for a parish calendar and help parish fundraising. It will be A4 size and priced at £7.50 with all profits going to Parish funds. If you'd like to order one, please put your name & details on the list in church, or call/email Rachel at the Office.



HOLY NATIVITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The tree has now arrived and is being decorated. Look out for it as you pass – it will be lit up from 28th November. Thanks to all who donated or gave sponsorship.



THANK YOU to Ann Lush who has raised another £105 for Parish Funds with cake sales!

ADVENT QUIET DAY Thurs 10th December To prepare for Advent in this far from usual year, the Quiet Day is still going ahead but will be held by Zoom. The format will be similar to normal with prayer and reflection at various points during the day, but in between times, you will be encouraged to find some quiet space either at home, or perhaps by going for a walk. Normally, we would pay for our lunch at the venue; this year instead, we ask for donations to go towards our £1K Homelessness challenge. If you would like to take part, please contact Rev Ali Reeves 029 2115 5203 alli.reeves@icloud.com or Alicia (All Saints Office 02920 703170 admin@allsaintспенarth.co.uk) to get the Zoom link.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Soon the planned giving envelopes will be prepared for next year. If you want to change the way you are currently giving eg to Gift Direct [the best way], bank standing order or monthly instead of weekly envelopes, please let me know by Sunday 22nd November. If someone wishes to join the planned giving scheme, please contact me. Viv Liles vivien.liles@ntlworld.com Tel 20712466.

GIFT AID RECORDER STILL NEEDED. Our Recorder is stepping down in December, so we urgently need a replacement. The Gift Aid Recorder's job involves entering figures on a ledger and verifying them with the GA Officer. It only takes about 20 mins a week plus a meeting once a quarter. Please contact Viv Liles 20712466 or the Parish Office if you can help.

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Letter from Father Mark - Friday 20 November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather for the feast of Christ the King, we become aware of how close we are to Christmas – and that it will, of necessity, be different this year. That doesn't necessarily mean worse - just different.

As pharmaceutical companies make proud claims for their runners in the vaccine race, and watch their share prices soar, we just need to remind ourselves that hype and actuality may, *just may*, be different - for some of these candidates. Whatever the long term judgement of posterity is on the first wave of vaccines (and even short-lived immunity is better than none at all!), we still need to observe the basics that have been drummed into us for a large part of 2020, for our own safety, and not let our guard down.

We would normally, of course, have gathered in a United Service on Christ the King – but as no church has the capacity to hold us all, whilst maintaining social distancing, that is out of the question this year, and we have individual communion services in each church instead.

Let me be quite upfront about this: some of the services we have grown to expect over the Advent/Christmas period may not take place this year, and if they do, they are likely to be slightly different. There's always someone who moans whenever there is change, so let me get my thoughts out there right now. This is not because I don't care: quite the opposite - I want participants at all services to be as safe as possible. It should also be borne in mind that the rules regarding Covid are not there to be waived just because we *want* something to be different: we have to follow the regulations, if we want to remain open at all. Failure to comply, failure to protect the people who have put their trust in us to do things safely, would result in serious repercussions for those responsible - and an end to permission to carry out Sunday and other services in the Covid period. So protecting the most vulnerable in our community, and protecting our long term interests, coincide - even though we *all* want things to return to normal.

The enormously successful Crib Service, where we've had very large numbers of children and their families coming to church over the past 5 years, like the Christmas Tree Festival, cannot take place this year. However, for that age group, I will re-tell the Nativity story for the children over YouTube, using the same successful format as used with various Pre-Schools over the years, and if volunteers come forward, we may be able to do something on a smaller scale too, within the restrictions.

It will be essential for Christmas services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to be ticketed this year. If you cannot get a ticket to the Christmas Eve service at your chosen church, as demand is likely to exceed supply, we will give you first refusal on a ticket for the Christmas morning Eucharist at Holy Nativity. There will be one service on the 27th December at St Augustine's: at the current moment in time, I don't think that will need ticketing, but if demand suddenly increases this year, for example, if travel restrictions are in place, or far more people are staying at home, then that situation may well change. Epiphany will be marked on Sunday, 3rd January, 2021 in individual churches. It is not *certain* at the moment that our normal joint celebrations with the Llandough Baptists on the 6th of January have been cancelled, but do watch this space for further information.

Further information will be sent out in the weeks to come. Stay safe!

God bless you all,

Fr Mark

GIVING TO THE PARISH

Planned Giving Envelopes: Place in collection plate, or send to St Augustine's Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth, CF64 1BX. Cheques should be made payable to *Parish of Penarth & Llandough*. It helps our recording system if you can include your envelopes.

Regular Payments – The Gift Direct scheme is the best way is to pay directly from your bank. You don't need to be a tax payer. Enrol online via the [Church in Wales website](#) or Rachel can send you a form to do it by post.

BACS or standing orders pay: *Parish of Penarth & Llandough*, sort code: 20-18-27 account no: 00682349

Card Payments – a card machine is available at St Augustine's.

PAYPAL – donate via our [website](#) or use the QR code

