

This week

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Services next Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter La Rocque
10.30am Holy Communion

Other Events

Gift Day Heartfelt thanks for all your gifts!
Our grand total currently stands at £3,700.

Surplus spectacles Since we began collecting, we have now collected 700 pairs for the Spektrek charity.

Charity Christmas cards

Available in the Matt Le Maistre room at £3 per pack.

Cause of the Quarter

We are supporting the **Jersey Alzheimer's Society**. Please consider giving to this cause in addition to your regular Church giving and complete a tax reclaim form for any donation larger than £50. Information about their work can be found at www.jerseyalzheimers.com

Rotas

Wendy was not able to complete the rota during the past week, so it will be published later this week.

Pray for.....

- ◇ Jill Le Maistre, Helen Oppenheimer, Jane Le Cocq and Berna Fontaine (fractured femur).
- ◇ The plans for a Toddlers group, starting in January.
- ◇ Those suffering bereavement at this time.
- ◇ Suzy Vivian as she takes up the role of our Church Administrator.
- ◇ The Grouville Community Support Group.
- ◇ Wendy taking an assembly at the school this week.
- ◇ Myfanwy as she sets off on a trek in Patagonia.

Church Prayer

Please use our own church prayer regularly:



God of new life and renewal,
Enable us, your people,
Encourage our invitation and welcome,
Energise our growth and serving.
Enlarge your Kingdom,
To the glory of your name.
Amen.



Grouville Church

people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!



19th November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent

Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

Leader	Mike Lange-Smith
Celebrant	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher	Eira Wykes
Server	Eira Wykes
Readers	Will Bailhache, Hilary Hardy Eira Wykes
Prayers	Jenny Gruchy
Welcomers	Will Bailhache, Hilary Hardy

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

9.30 Messy Sunday

**Grouville Church welcomes you
very warmly to Messy Sunday!**



Readings for the second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 (page 944)

“Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near.
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.’
Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished.
They will build houses but not live in them;
they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine.
The great day of the LORD is near – near and coming quickly.
Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,
a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.
I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD.
Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’S wrath.
In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”



This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (page 1188)

About times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety”, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**



Matthew 25.14-30 (page 994)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**