

Cause of the Quarter

Chosen Charities

Family Nursing & Home Care

You Matter (the new name for "Love Matters")

Open Doors (supporting the persecuted church)

The Brooke Hospital for Animals

Some information is on display at the back of the church along with envelopes for your donations.

2019 Charities

If you would like to suggest a particular charity that we might support next year, local or international, please speak to any member of the Church Committee.

Nativity Festival

You are welcome to add any further crib sets to those already on display, but, having no stewards on duty, please accept that we cannot promise their safety.

Please would you take some of our Christmas flyers and deliver them to homes near to yours. Thank you!

Nine Lessons and Carols 23rd December

If you would like to do one of the readings, Mike still needs a few more readers, so please let him know.

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Our knitted figures of Joseph and Mary would love to visit as many of our homes as possible during Advent! Use the booking form at the back of the church to say when you would like them to come to your home.

Christmas cards

Charity Christmas cards still available – £3 a pack.

Mission to Seafarers

Every ship coming into St Helier receives presents for its crew members, both male and female. An appeal for all forms of toiletries to help make up the parcels. Leave donations at the back of church for collection.

Pray for.....

◇ Please pray for Family Nursing and Home Care

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

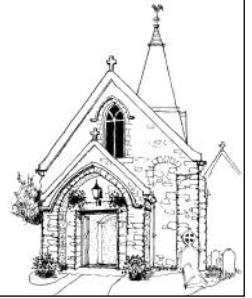
people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!



9 December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Services Today

9.30 Combined Service

Leader / Server	Wendy Lange-Smith
Celebrant / Preacher	Mike Lange-Smith
Readers	Liz Viney, Hilary Hardy, Ian Hardy
Prayers	Wendy Lange-Smith
Welcomers	Bob Hambly, Ian Bravery
Organist	Martina

5.00pm Christingle

Leader	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher	Wendy Lange-Smith
Readers	Grouville Guides
Welcomers	Hilary & Ian Hardy
Organist	Martina
Refreshments	Cindy & Simon Farrow

The Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

This week

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Services next Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Messy Sunday

Other Events

ROTAS

Suzy will assume you are available for any date in January unless you let her know by the end of today.

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4 (page 961)

“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Philippians 1.3-11 (page 178)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 3.1-6 (page 1029)

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God’s salvation.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ