

Dear Friends

I cannot believe we are on the cusp of entering Advent on our countdown to Christmas. This is a time of waiting, anticipation and planning.



During Advent, we think of all those who played an important part in the Christmas story - the shepherds, the Magi, Mary and Joseph, the angels, the inn keeper and so many others.

The central message of Christmas is that God is with us. We are not alone. He comes to bring his peace and his kingdom into our lives. This little baby born so long ago in Bethlehem is truly the One who has changed the course of human history beyond all others.

This Christmas as a church community we are profoundly grateful for the many good things we have in our lives, especially peace and safety. We are mindful and prayerful of those for whom this is not a reality.

We have a number of special season services to which we warmly invite your friends, families and neighbours.

As we journey through Advent and towards the Festival of Christmas, I wish you a joyful and peaceful season.

With love and prayers,

Adrian. Rector



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December flowers in church

Christmas Tree Festival

Trees and decorations opening Advent
November 30th-
until January 6th

Greeters

Nov 30 Brenda

Dec 7 Vivian

Dec 14 Debbie

Dec 21 Anne R

Dec 28 Brenda

Jan 4 Dorothy

Church events in December

Please note there are extra services and carols with St Peter's perhaps with easier times for you.

Food for thought...

Forest Church is part of the Guernsey Food Bank and there is a permanent blue bucket in the back pew for any donations you may like to give.

Christmas Tree Festival

“Christmas Tree Decorations from around the World”

Trees and decorations opening Advent Sunday

November 30th- until January 6th

Church open 10am - 5pm

Tuesday 2nd December, Knit and Natter

2-4.30 in church. Meet together with friends , some company and a cup of tea.

December 7th 3pm

Glee Singers Christmas Concert, free entry, retiring collection, refreshments.

Wednesday 10th December

Coffee morning 10.30-12.00

Come and join with friends and view the trees.



On November 9th at 11am, the church together with Parish representatives gathered at the Lych gate memorial for the reading of the names of those from the parish who died in the two world wars. This always includes Remembrance of others in more recent conflicts. A sad and moving service for those who helped to give us our freedom.

This was followed by the church service and the whole place was decorated with beautiful red poppies, most of them carefully hand knitted by members of the church.

There is also a nearly invisible representative of a soldier to remind us all of the unknown soldier,



Welcome to Forest Church at Christmas

We have been fortunate to have clergy to cover all our usual services this December. There are few retired and available priests now in Guernsey and those who have a parish in England have to manage three or four churches. The dean and Adrian and the churchwardens are trying to maintain Forest and we hope you will continue to support this lovely place.

*Saturday December 6th
5pm said communion BCP*

Sunday December 7th. 11.30am

Reader: Katie Blampied

Isaiah 11 v1-1
Romans 15 v4-13

Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

December 7th at 3pm Glee Singers Christmas Concert

*Saturday December 13th
5pm said communion BCP*

Sunday December 14th. 11.30am

Reader: Syd Bowsher

Isaiah 35 v1-10
James 5 v7-10

Prayers: Peter Gallienne

*Saturday December 20th
5pm said communion BCP*

Sunday December 21st. 11.30am

Reader: Debbie Dorey

Isaiah 7 v10-16
Romans 1 v1-7

Prayers: Katie Blampied

6pm Carol service at St Peter's

Wednesday December 24th

9pm Christmas Communion (Midnight Mass)

Reader: Linda Archard

Isaiah 9 v2-7
Titus 2 v11-14

Prayers: Debbie Dorey

Thursday December 25th. Christmas Day
10am St Peter's Communion
11.30am Forest Short Communion

Reader: Dorothy Freeman

Isaiah 52 v7-10
Hebrews 1 v1-4

Prayers: Nancy Smith

*Saturday December 27th
5pm said communion BCP*

Sunday December 28th 11.30am

Reader: Mark Freeman

Isaiah 63 v7-9
Hebrews 2 v10-end

Prayers: Wendy Doyle