



27 December 2020  
First of Christmas



**Welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time.**

**HANDS, FACE, SPACE.**

Under the Tier 4 requirements you are required to not join any other 'household' group or mingle with any person from another 'household' group while in the building. To help all present to do this we are asking that you leave promptly at the end of the service.

Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit of the building. Please wear a mask if you are able to.

Please respect others' distance.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms we would love you to visit **but not today**. We wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you when you are well again.

If you are unable to stand during the service it is quite alright to remain seated. Please indicate to a sidesperson if you would like Holy Communion brought to you where you are seated. Communion will be in one kind only. Please follow the arrows and be respectful of distancing.

We are happy for you to leave your service sheet in the basket on the table by the door as you leave. They will be put in quarantine and reused at a later date.

Please do take your pew sheet home with you and take one for a friend who may be unable to attend today.

**Sunday 27 December**

- 8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Linda Denness ,Reader: Sheila Fellows  
Intercessor: Elaine Beeby
- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Chris Brown, Intercessor: Jo Welton

**Wednesday 30 December**

- 10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's : Canon Paul Gully
- 7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Philippa Good

**Collect for First of Christmas**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 4.4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Luke 2.15-21**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Post Communion Prayer for First of Christmas**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Traidcraft** - Thank you to those who have bought things over the last few months. We have very little stock left now but can still offer: Ground Coffee £3.95; Demerara Sugar £1.65; Muscovado Sugar £1.50 (1 bag); Individual Apricot & Raisin bars 75p; Dark Chocolate £2.35 and White Divine Bars at £1 (4 bars). If you would like to buy any of these items please contact Jill on 92325868 or [jocollings12@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jocollings12@yahoo.co.uk) and she will arrange to get your purchases to you and collect payment. Many thanks.

**PCC news – volunteers wanted:** much of the work of the PCC is undertaken by 4 sub-committees and the membership of these sub-committees includes both PCC and non-PCC members. Could you serve on one of the sub-committees?

- **Fabric committee:** This is concerned with the maintenance and improvement of our church buildings and halls. It makes sure that the necessary quotes are obtained and that contractors are engaged to carry out the work required. Of particular priority at present is the report from the architect which has identified the work that needs doing in this 5-year period. This team is led by Chris Batstone.
- **Finance Committee:** This looks after the finances of the parish, including setting the budget for the year and making the books balance, hire charges for the halls and setting the remuneration of our employees, This team is led by Mark Emerton.
- **Worship, Spirituality and Discipleship committee:** this team helps the ministry team with advice on our worship, considers and recommends ways for us, individually and collectively, to deepen our spiritual life, and encourages us to think about what discipleship means and how we should respond to this calling. The team also chooses the hymns for our Sunday worship and is led by Sheena Day.
- **Communications Committee:** This is about maintaining and improving our communications in all forms, both internal and external. It includes the parish newsletter, website, social media presence, our screen shows, the welcome pack and information leaflets, noticeboards and press releases. This team is led by John Upton.

All of these committees would welcome additional members so if you think you can help with one of these, please speak to the relevant team leader, to Paul or Philippa. John Upton

### VACANCY:

**Aggies**, a forward looking Christian Charity, supporting the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families for over 140 years have a vacancy for an **OPERATIONS AND HR MANAGER** based in the Portsmouth Head Office. 32 hrs per week over 4 days £25,542. This exciting post calls for enthusiasm, excellent relationship skills and a Christian vocation.

For full recruitment pack visit [www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies). Closing date 31 January, Interviews 10 February.



### Next Sunday 3 January 2021 Epiphany

- 8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: The Revd Philippa Good
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good, Reader: Sheena Day, Intercessor: Jenny Gibbons
- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's, Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good, Reader: Rosemary Hadley, Intercessor Ann Howells

*The readings for 3 January are: Ephesians 3.1-12 and Matthew 2.1-12*

*I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul*

### For your prayers this week 27 December—2 January

- Lord we pray for peace among us: in our families, in our communities, in our nation, and throughout the world.
- For our Diocesan hospital and hospice chaplains, including Carol Gully at The Rowans
- For our local Police and Magistrates
- For residents of St Colman's Avenue and St George's Road
- For Solent Junior School
- For those who are ill
- For those who have died recently, including Michael Thayre, Raymond Passmore and Margaret Blakely
- Anniversaries: John Blatt, Marian Cowan, Alan Cox, Mike Dent, Dorrie Dillon, Kathleen Locke, Ted Nugee and Christine Rayner

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