



28 November 2021
1st of Advent

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

Responsible for one another ...

If you have COVID symptoms please come again when you have recovered.

Groups of seats and individual seats are arranged where possible. If not, ask for a card requesting the seat next to you to be left free.

There is no legal requirement to wear a face covering – although for others' benefit you may choose to do so. You may wish to wear a face covering when coming to receive communion. The President distributing the bread and wine will wear a face covering to protect you.

We will continue to share the peace by turning and/or waving to our neighbours.

Sunday 28 November

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully

9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection : The Revd Linda Denness: Reader: Maz Coles
Intercessor: Marina Horner

11.15am Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism at St Andrew's : Canon Paul Gully , Reader: Amanda Wells, Intercessor: Amber VP

Wednesday 1 December

10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully

7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection : Canon Paul Gully

Collect for 1st of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

5 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer for 1st of Advent

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Last Few Weeks: Don't forget to check out the books table in each church, where you will also find some CDs and DVDs. Help yourself to whatever you wish, but please leave a donation. The tables will be removed at the end of this month, so don't miss out. John and Linda

Posada: Mary and Joseph (and the donkey) will be visiting the Church of the Resurrection to celebrate Posada at the **12th Dec family service.**

Directly after the service there will be a light informal Brunch at the back of the Church serving: Vegan pancakes, Fruit salad. Yogurt, Bacon roll, Tea, Fruit juice

The travels of Mary and Joseph will not happen this year as there were too few places for them to stay. Hopefully, they will return another year to travel around the Parish. Elaine Beeby

Christmas Cards: Once again this year there will be the opportunity for those who would like to donate to Southern Domestic Abuse rather than send Christmas cards to their church friends. There will be a list at the back of both churches if you would like to sign up and an envelope for any donations. There will also be a board at the back of both churches if you wish to put up a card to everyone. Thank you. Sheena Day



Comfort and Joy 2021: this year Portsmouth Deanery is again working in partnership with The News, HIVE Portsmouth, the City Council and other community groups. We are encouraging everyone to share some love in Portsmouth this Christmas.

We are asking people to think about their neighbours and community – is there someone who could benefit from a seasonal gift and a greetings card to show that people care?

We are inviting everyone to write a Christmas card (or two) to send to a neighbour or someone in your street who you feel might be alone at Christmas

Then to give the most precious gift – the gift of choice – **Please make donation of a gift card or voucher** (In previous years we have suggested £5 cards) or send a cheque (payable to St Mary's Church) or cash then please send to St Mary's Vicarage, Fratton Road Portsmouth PO1 5PA by **Dec 18th – or hand in at St Mary's Church any morning between 9am & Noon.**

For more info email
portsmouthdeanery.admin@portsmouth.anglican.org

Portsmouth Festival Choir: Priceless Treasures Concert, Church of the Resurrection, Saturday 4 December 7.30, tickets on the door £10.

J S Bach's Jesu, priceless treasure plus an organ duet featuring Mark Dancer and Nicholas Glead.

Next Sunday 5 December 2nd of Advent

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: The Canon Paul Gully, Reader: John Upton
Intercessor: Geoff Wilson
11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Jo Welton, Intercessor: Chris Brown

The readings for 5 December are: Philippians 1.3-11 and Luke 3.1-6

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

For your prayers this week 28 November—4 December

- Christ Jesus, In great humility, You were born in human likeness. Help us to humble ourselves so that we may put others first.
- For our Diocesan Finance and Communications Team led by Lisa Streeter
- For our link Diocese of Ho in Ghana
- For residents of Havant Road and Highlands Road
- For Solent School
- For those who are ill
- For those who have died recently
- Anniversaries: May Ellaway, Harold Gingell, Wendy Goater and Michael Thayre

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