St Paul's
BRIGHTON



Sunday 29 November 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday	ST ANDREW, apostle & patron of Scotland
30 November	***Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am***
Tuesday	Weekday of Advent
1 December	***Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm***
Wednesday	Weekday of Advent
2 December	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
	Mass 11.30am
Thursday	St Francis Xavier, priest
3 December	***Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon***
Friday	St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church
4 December	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
	Mass 11.30am
Saturday	Weekday of Advent
5 December	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am
	Mass 11.30am
Sunday	**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
6 December	**Solemn Mass 11.00am**
	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85;
	2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Welcome to **St Paul's Church**, a parish in the Diocese of Chichester and affiliated to The Society under the patronage of St Wilfrid and St Hilda.

If you are on a gluten free diet, please inform one of the welcomers when you arrive.

Today's Mass setting is Casciolini *Missa Brevissima.*

The Mass is offered daily across our parish and our sister parish of St Bartholomew's, Ann Street. Confessions can be heard after any Mass. For enquiries about baptism, marriage or funerals, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

We rely on the generosity of those who come here to sustain our life. Please do give so that this may continue to be a place where the love of God is known and shared.

- You can make a donation using the collection plate during the Mass. If you pay Income Tax, please do fill out a yellow Gift Aid envelope for your donation, which enables us to increase the value of your donation by 25% without costing you anything.
- You can leave a donation in the box in the narthex.
- You can use the contactless machine in the narthex.
- You can scan the QR code to make your donation.
- You can make a bank transfer using these details:
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Please do take this booklet away with you to keep up-to-date with all that is happening here. Our fellowship continues after Mass with refreshments served in the Fishermen's Vestry.

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¶ *Before the Mass, we keep a prayerful atmosphere in church. We stand when the bell is rung.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN: NEH 14

THE advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon the road
His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son
Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.

Daughter of Zion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

On clouds of dazzling light,
As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite
With them in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away
Ere that dread hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
The new Man all put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity. Amen.

The Entrance Antiphon is sung by the choir.

THE GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest welcomes the faithful to the Mass and invites us to the Penitential Act.

A brief silence is observed as we call to mind our need for God's forgiveness, before we say:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

(striking their breast)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is omitted on Sundays during Advent.

THE COLLECT

We respond to the prayer:

Amen.

¶ *We sit to listen to the Scriptures.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80

We make the response to the Psalm:

Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

ADVENT PROSE

We make the response after each verse:

Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

¶ *We stand to hear Christ speak to us in the Gospel. The cantor sings and all repeat:*

Alleluia, Alleluia

The cantor sings a verse from scripture. Then all sing:

Alleluia

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *We sit to listen to the Priest expound the Scriptures.*

THE HOMILY

¶ *We stand to profess together the faith of all Christians.*

THE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father, before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God.
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven:

(we bow our heads for the next two lines as we recall God becoming man in Christ)

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into Heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

One of the following responses is used as we pray with the whole People of God:

Lord, in your mercy. *or:* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We are invited to ask for the prayers of the Saints, most chiefly for those of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

We respond to the concluding prayer:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken during the hymn as the Altar is prepared. Other ways of making your offering, including by using our contactless machine, are listed at the front of this booklet.

HYMN: NEH 9

LO! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture,
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

The Priest invites us to join with him in offering anew the sacrifice of Christ to the Father:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

We respond to the Prayer over the Offerings:

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and then the Sanctus & Benedictus are sung:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *We kneel as the Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer, the great prayer of the Church's thanksgiving.*

After the words of consecration, we make the acclamation:

The mystery of faith:
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

We respond to the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Amen.

¶ *We stand to pray as taught by Christ, who is now truly present on the Altar.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

During the Fraction the Agnus Dei is sung:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

¶ *We kneel as the Priest shows us Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Anyone who is baptised and receives Holy Communion in their home church may receive Communion here. Please come forward to the Altar rail to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. A full Communion is made as soon as we have received the Lord present in the Sacred Host. If receiving from the Chalice, please note that it is not permitted to intinct the Host into the Precious Blood. If you seek a blessing from the Priest, do bring this booklet with you as a sign to him of your intention.

During Communion, the Communion Antiphon is sung.

¶ *We stand to pray with thanksgiving.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All respond to the prayer:

Amen.

Notices may be given.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We respond to each bidding, making the Sign of the Cross as we are blessed:

Amen.

We respond to the words of the Dismissal as we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world:

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary…

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us. Hail Mary…

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion may we be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN: NEH 3

COME, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK:

LONG-TERM SICK: Sophie Layard, Steve Gregory, Matthew Charlesworth, Joseph Garcia, Sheila Garcia, Barbara Cundell, Rihanna Gibson, Marc Jarrold, Carol Milton, Rols Ham-Riche, John Cole, Wendy Spall, Mary Richards-Davies, Meg Knight, Manuel Imbroll, Evan Mizzi, Maria Gilson, Valerie Steadman, Ronaldo Griffoni

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

29 John Andrew, Harry Ansell
30 Cyril Wilson (name recorded on War Memorial)
1 Amy Clara Crowhurst, Edward Francis Wyatt, Elizabeth White, John Payne, Charles Croxton Smith, Edward Thorold Stuart Menteath (Priest), Malcolm Kemp, Neville Munford
2 Mary Emma Galgani, Matilda Antonia Barker, Elizabeth Unwin Staveley, Kathleen Louis Nicholas, Bertha Webb
3 Maria Hammond, Sister Lilian Mary CBVM
4 Clara Lawton, Mary Jones, Lord Benjamin Britten CH (Benefactor of St Paul's)
5 Fanny Brinton, Algernon Romaine Carpenter, Vincent Caister Major, Henry Frank Paine (sometime Churchwarden of St Paul's)

Names for inclusion here and in our prayers at Mass should be sent to the Parish Office.

INTENTIONS AT MASS

SUNDAY: The people of our parish
MONDAY: The people of Scotland
TUESDAY: The departed
WEDNESDAY: The Wagner Group
THURSDAY: Our deanery
FRIDAY: The King
SATURDAY: The sick

NOTICES

Brighton Consort

Today, at 7pm the Brighton Consort will be holding a concert at St Paul's 'VENI DOMINE! – A Cry in the Wilderness' Choral music for Advent. This is conducted by Greg Skidmore. Tickets are available through the website brightonconsort.org.uk or on the door.

St Paul's Parish Lunch

A three-course lunch including tea, coffee and chocolates is taking place at 1.00pm on Sunday 13 December £18 per person. Forms for the lunch are in the Narthex. Forms and full payment need to have been received by Victor, Michael or Mark Brownson in the Parish Office by Wednesday 2 December. Drinks will be available to purchase separately.

We Bop Christmas Concert

On Sunday 6 December, We Bop Choir are bringing some winter warmth and musical magic to St Paul's Church. Doors open at 4pm and music starts at 4.30pm. Enjoy distinctive arrangements of classic songs, including *The Power of Love*, *I Say a Little Prayer* and *All I Want for Christmas Is You*, accompanied by the wonderful pianist Tobias Velke. Brighten your Sunday afternoon with music, warmth and Christmas cheer from Brighton's all-women pop and soul choir. Your ticket includes a mince pie (or a slice of cake!), with wine and other beverages available to purchase. Tickets available in advance from www.wegottickets.com/webopchoir

Grand Christmas Draw

If you would like to make a prize donation to the raffle that will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 13 December, gift cards or tokens are preferred.

Please give all ticket counterfoils and monies to Susan Gale by Sunday 6 December.

Christmas: all are welcome!

Please make a note of our Christmas services here:

Wednesday 16 December, 7pm: Carol Service
Thursday 24 December, 6pm: Solemn Vigil Mass
Friday 25 December, 11am: Mass during the Day
Sunday 3 January, 6pm: Epiphany Carol Service (11am Solemn Mass as usual)

Christmas flowers

Please give any donations towards this year's Christmas flowers to Susan Gale.