

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St John's If you are new to the church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the welcomers. After the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please stay if you can.

Today's readings As we read the history of God's Chosen People we find that they go through periods of great hardship. Sometimes of their own making when they stray from the path God has set before them; other times when they are forced into periods of exile in foreign lands. These must have seemed to them like the end of the world. But, as in the passage from the book of Daniel we hear today, in these dark times there comes a message of hope and survival.

The last in our series of readings from the letter to the Hebrews also contains a message of great hope. While the high-priest in the Jerusalem Temple had to offer sacrifices daily for the forgiveness of his own sins and those of the people, Jesus, the new 'High Priest' made a perfect sacrifice once for all on the Cross of Calvary for the sins of all mankind. What hope that must give us as we journey through our lives on earth and into the eternal life of heaven

In the Gospel we hear Jesus's warnings of the 'end times', when 'heaven and earth will pass away'. There will, too, be an 'end time' for each one of us, so we must learn a lesson from the fig tree in the parable. Signs of illness or ageing remind us that our lives are finite. We hear so much about long-term health care, we are urged to make our wills, and other preparations for the future. But do we prepare ourselves spiritually, and ask that God will guide us to turn away from all that stands between ourselves and Him (we call that 'sin'), and between ourselves and other people (we call that 'reconciliation')?

Parish Bible Study All are welcome tomorrow (Monday), 3 pm in the café area in church, to study the scriptures for next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King:

Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelation 1: 5-8 St John 18: 33-37

The **Christmas Fair** is on Saturday 7th December. There is a list of stalls by the south door waiting for the names of volunteers, and another asking you to make a cake. They will be hurt if you ignore them! Items for the raffle, bottle stall and small gift stall will be gratefully received

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

17th November 2024

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Parish Mass (Hymns NEH 484, 464, 440, 385, 388) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 18th November 10.00 am Mass Disabled people
Feria

Tuesday 19th November 6.30 pm Mass Those seeking faith
Feria

Wednesday 20th November 11.00 am Mass The departed
Feria

Thursday 21st November 9.00 am Mass Thanksgiving for our baptism
Presentation of Our Lady

Friday 22nd November 10.30 am Mass at St Andrew's Musicians
St Cecilia

Saturday 23rd November 9.30 am Mass Devotion to Our Lady
Feria

Next Sunday: Mass at 8 am; Parish Mass at 10 am; Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6 pm

Please pray for:

Chester Charles Cottingham who will be baptised here today.

The sick: Wendy Oakeshott, Jack, Reg Parker, Ros Cole

The recently departed: Brenda Bennett

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

17 Alfred Lauderdale *priest*, Marjorie Clemens

18 Honor Bentley, Phyllis Clarke, Paul Wakelin *prest*

19 Frederick Liley, Frances Scott

20 Claude Harvey, Brian Grimshaw

21 Dora Walter

22 Charles Adams, Alfred Phillips, Edith Gray

23 Margaret Lamb, Rosemary Wesson