

THE PARISH OF GORING-BY-SEA

WELCOMES YOU TODAY



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

Church Notice Sheet

for the week commencing
Sunday, 17th December 2017
The Third Sunday of Advent

Our Parish Mission Focus for December
Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work
Assisting families within our Diocese through their food bank, toy bank,
and local support workers.

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Prayers and Readings for Sunday, 17th December 2017

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Gospel. The nature and mission of John the Baptist.

DATE	SUNG EUCHARIST	EVENSONG
17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-end p702 1Thessalonians 5: 16-24 p202 John 1: 6-8,19-28 p88	Service of Lessons and Carols
24th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	2Samuel 7: 1-11,16 p290 Romans 16: 25-end p161 Luke 1: 26-38 p54	Midnight Mass Isaiah 52: 7-10 p693 Hebrews 1: 1-4 p215 John 1: 1-14 p236
25th December Christmas Day	Isaiah 9: 2-7 p648 Titus 2: 11-14 p212 Luke 2: 15-21 p56	
31st December First Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 p702 Galatians 4: 4-7 p186 Luke 2: 15-21 p56	No Evensong

Church Services and Diary Dates

Weekly services

Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Family Eucharist	9.30 am
	Evensong	6.00 pm
Wednesday	Celtic Communion	6.30 pm
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00 am
Saturday	Parish Prayers	9.00 am

On the **first Sunday** of every month, Family Eucharist is at 10.00 am

On the **last Sunday** of every month, there is Family Eucharist at St Laurence's at 11.00 am

[All services as listed above, unless otherwise stated in the diary]

Regular Church Groups

Tuesdays	Bell-ringers	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Wednesdays	Smarties (Term time)	9.15 am - 11.00 am
Thursdays	Coffee Time	10.45 am - 11.45 am
	Music Group	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Fridays	Church cleaning	(1st and 3rd Fridays)
	Choir Practice	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

December Diary		
Sunday 17th	Service of Lessons and Carols	6:00 pm
Monday 18th	CTG Prayer Meeting St. Laurence's Church	2:30 pm
Saturday, 23rd	'Carols on the Green' - by Mulberry Shops	10:30 am
Sunday, 24th	Holy Communion	8:00 am
	Sung Eucharist	9:30 am
	Crib Service - St. Mary's	3:00pm
	Carol Service - St. Laurence's	6:00pm
	Midnight Mass - St. Mary's	11:30pm
Monday 25th Christmas Day	Holy Communion	8:00am
	Family Eucharist. Bring a present to show	10:00am
	Family Eucharist at St Laurence's	11:00am
Sunday 31st	No service at St. Laurence's No Evensong	
January Diary		
Thursday, 4th	PCC Planning Group	2:00 pm
Friday, 5th	Church cleaning	am

Notices

Christmas flowers: The decorating will happen all day Saturday 23rd. Any offers of help will be received with delight. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers please speak to me or Treasurer John Stovell. And if you have foliage please drop it into the porch. Lucinda (248505)

Of course Christmas can inspire sadness as well as fun. Therefore in recognition of this **the Memory Tree** has been created and is ready for you to add names of love ones lost. If you feel you would like to donate a small amount please pop it into the flower slot set in the wall.

"Goring Parish" 2018 Calendar - You are gently reminded that these wall calendars which have been especially designed by Allan Plumpton for Goring parish using his own sketches and paintings are still available [Price £5.00 each] at the back of the church. Only a very limited number now available! The pictures will also shortly start appearing as large posters on the notice board in the St Mary's car park."

Unfortunately, the Social Activities Committee is sad to announce that the Burns' Night event in January has been cancelled as several committee members are not available for the evening. **We need to attract more committee members and "friends" of the committee to make events viable.** If you are able to offer some time to this worthwhile church activity, please speak to Raye Mills W200143

Please note that **the Parish Office will be closed** from Friday, 22nd December until Tuesday, 2nd January. There will be no Pew Sheet for the week beginning Sunday, 31st December.

N.B: If you have a notice that you wish to place in the weekly Church Notice Sheet, please send or email it to the Parish Office **no later than 11.00 am on Wednesday morning. Many thanks.**

The deadline for the February/March edition of Goring Parish News is 2nd January, 2018.
Articles should be sent electronically to goringparishnews@outlook.com or if this is not possible in writing to the Parish Office.