Advent Sunday

29th November 2026

Welcome to our services today

THE PRIORY CHURCH

8.00am **Holy Communion BCP** *(Readings Page No: 47 in red prayer book)*
President: Rev'd James Robertson

10.00am **Sung Eucharist**
President: Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott
Preacher: Rev'd Richard Partridge
Choir: Chamber Choir
Hymns: 3, 5, 14, 9
Voluntary: **Johann Sebastian Bach** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'*
Setting: **Louis Vierne** *Messe Sollennelle*
Motet: **Francisco Guerrero** *Canite Tuba*
Voluntary: **Dietrich Buxtehude** *Praeludium in G minor*

6.30pm **Advent Darkness to Light Service**
Officiant: Rev'd Richard Partridge
Choir: Boys, Girls and Adults
Readings: ***Please see separate Order of Service***
Hymns and Music: ***Please see separate Order of Service***

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, JUMPERS

10.00am **Sung Eucharist** **President:** Rev'd Inglis Mayo

During this service there will be an opportunity to give towards the ministry, mission, maintenance, and music of the Priory Church. We depend on the generosity of everyone who comes to Priory, to help us preserve the building for future generations as a place of welcome, worship, and mission. Alternatively, you can make a donation using the QR code here with your smart phone.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30th November

9.30am	Eucharist	Rev'd Richard Partridge
12noon	Funeral	Rev'd Richard Partridge
2.30pm	Advent Bible Study in the Hewitt Room	Mr Nick Straw - BCM
3.00pm	Christmas Wreath Making in Room 8 Priory House **(Booking required)**	
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Tuesday 1st December

9.30am	Eucharist	Rev'd Richard Partridge
2.30pm	Advent Bible Study in Room 8 Priory House	Rev'd Richard Partridge
6.00pm	CLAC Event	
7.00pm	St George's Church Choir practice	

Wednesday 2nd December

11.00am	Eucharist with Hymns	Rev'd Richard Partridge
2.30pm	Advent Bible Study in Room 8 Priory House	Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott
7.30pm	Mediaeval Babes Concert	

Thursday 3rd December

10.00am	Holy Communion (St George's)	Rev'd Canon Graham Newton
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev'd Angela Newton
2.30pm	Advent Bible Study in Room 8 Priory House	Rev'd Canon Paul Harris
7.30pm	Boscombe Salvation Army Band with Timbrels and Junior Choir Christmas Festival	

Friday 4th December

12noon	Set up for The Priory School Christmas Fair
4pm-7pm	The Priory School Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December

12noon	Bournemouth Bach Choir Concert Rehearsal
7.30pm	G F Handel - Messiah sung by Bournemouth Bach Choir

Sunday 6th December

The Priory:

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	**President:** Rev'd Canon Paul Harris
10.00am	Sung Eucharist	**President:** Rev'd Canon Paul Harris **Preacher:** Rev'd John Staples
3.00pm	Christingle Service	**President:** Rev'd Richard Partridge

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-8

6.00pm	Choral Evensong	**Officiant:** Mr Will Howard - LLM

St George's:

9.30am	Sung Eucharist	**President:** Rev'd Richard Partridge

These services are in addition to the regular Morning Prayer at 8.30am (via Zoom) and Evening Prayer at 4pm (in The Priory) Monday to Thursday, to which all are welcome.

Christchurch Priory 10am Sung Eucharist (Readings also for the 9.30am Eucharist Service at St George's Church)

Readings

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

THE SECOND READING 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Collect for Today

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Parish Prayers

The sick or in distress: Jill, Alana, Tom, Rhoda, Tom, Cora, Brenda, Shirley, Georgina, Gill, Archie, Lisa, Peter, Jenny, Craig, Jean, Margaret, Cindy, Ivy, Kimberley, Hilary, Lyn, Myrtle.
The long-term sick: Brian, Stewart, Valerie, Merrilyn, Chrissy, Chris.
Those recently departed: Maggie Rees, Betty Mennell, Pip Marshall, Gerald Leech
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Margaret Beesley (1st), Bertha Piggott (2nd), Simon Freeman (3rd).

Parish Notices, News and Events

Advent Small Groups: I am very grateful to Canon Paul Harris who has written a course for our groups to follow during Advent entitled, "Advent Unwrapped." This week we will be starting this four-week course with four themes; Hope, Joy, Readiness, and Peace.
Monday 30th November at 2.30pm in the Hewitt Room with Mr Nick Straw
Tuesday 1st December at 2.30pm in Room 8 with Rev'd Richard Partridge
Wednesday 2nd December at 2.30pm in Room 8 with Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott
Thursday 3rd December at 2.30pm in Room 8 with Rev'd Canon Paul Harris

Advance Notice regarding the large Priory Car Park and free parking
Some of you will be aware that the larger Priory car park has been leased to BCP council for many years. The Parish, as part of the Priory House Trust, owns this car park. The PCC have decided not to renew the lease to the council and that we will manage this car park directly when the current lease expires on 28th November. We have decided to use Horizon parking for the day-to-day management of this car park, in the same way that we currently do, for the Priory Church car park. Users of the larger Priory car park will notice very little, if any, changes. The ways to pay for parking will continue, and new signage will appear with the new details required within the next few days.
Some members of staff and those who volunteer on a regular basis, have their car registration numbers entered on a "whitelist" meaning they do not need to use the tablet in Church when volunteering or attending Sunday and midweek services. This arrangement is for the Church car park ONLY and will NOT apply to the larger Priory car park. There will NOT be a facility for ANY of us to enter our car number plate when parking in the larger car park. We will all have to pay the fee to park there. I would also draw your attention to the fact that car park passes, previously accepted in the Priory car park when operated by BCP, will no longer be valid in this car park. We are looking at how this might be addressed moving forward.
I would also like to remind everyone that the facility to enter the registration number of our cars on the tablet should ONLY be used when volunteering in the Priory or attending Sunday and midweek services. It is not designed for us to use this when we go into town to the shops or for any other reason. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do feel free to contact us via the parish office.

Chocolates for Christmas
After our Parish Eucharist on Sunday 20 December Nick Straw will be offering small boxes of his home-made chocolates in Cloister Way, in exchange for a suggested donation of £5. All proceeds will go towards the funding of next year's choir tour to Paris.

Advent Lights: A couple of years ago I published a book of short daily readings and reflections for use during Advent. Many of you already have a copy, but if anyone is interested, I have a copy you can look at, and the book can be bought either directly from me or on Amazon, where it is also an e-book (look up Hannah Hoskin, Advent Lights). Many thanks, Hannah

Funeral details for the late Maggie Rees:
The Funeral Directors are Jolliffe's in Ferndown. The Funeral service will be at 11.30am on Friday 18th December, at the Church of the Transfiguration (her late father's church), Canford Cliffs, Poole. This will be followed by a light lunch. A cremation will follow after 2pm at Bournemouth Crematorium.

Social Media @ Christchurch Priory
I have recently taken on responsibility for our social media, and I'm really looking forward to helping raise the profile of Christchurch Priory.
My aim is to make us more visible, promote forthcoming events and, just as importantly, share the wonderful things happening within our Priory community. Feel free to contact me via the Parish Office, parishoffice@christchurchpriory.org

But I need your help to make this happen!
If you haven't already, please start by following us on Facebook and Instagram. Then, whenever you see one of our posts, please take a moment to **like and share it**.

It may seem like a small thing, but every like and share really does make a difference. The more engagement a post receives, the further it reaches, helping us spread the word to a much wider audience. Together, we can help attract more visitors, encourage new people to join our congregation and ensure that all the wonderful things happening at Christchurch Priory reach as many people as possible. Thank you so much for your support. Every like, share and follow is genuinely appreciated. Sally

Christmas Wreath Making Classes: Our wreath making classes this year are underway and the next classes are on **Monday 30th November 3pm and 7pm.** Room 8 becomes our workshop, and smaller classes will enable one-to-one professional tuition. All materials will be provided and refreshments will be served. Very positive feedback from last year showed we all had fun and some very beautiful wreaths were created!

Tickets for the events listed on the next page can be bought via our website https://www.christchurchpriory.org/services-and-events
or by calling our Box Office on 01202 143867. (Please note that some event tickets are sold directly through the event organiser).



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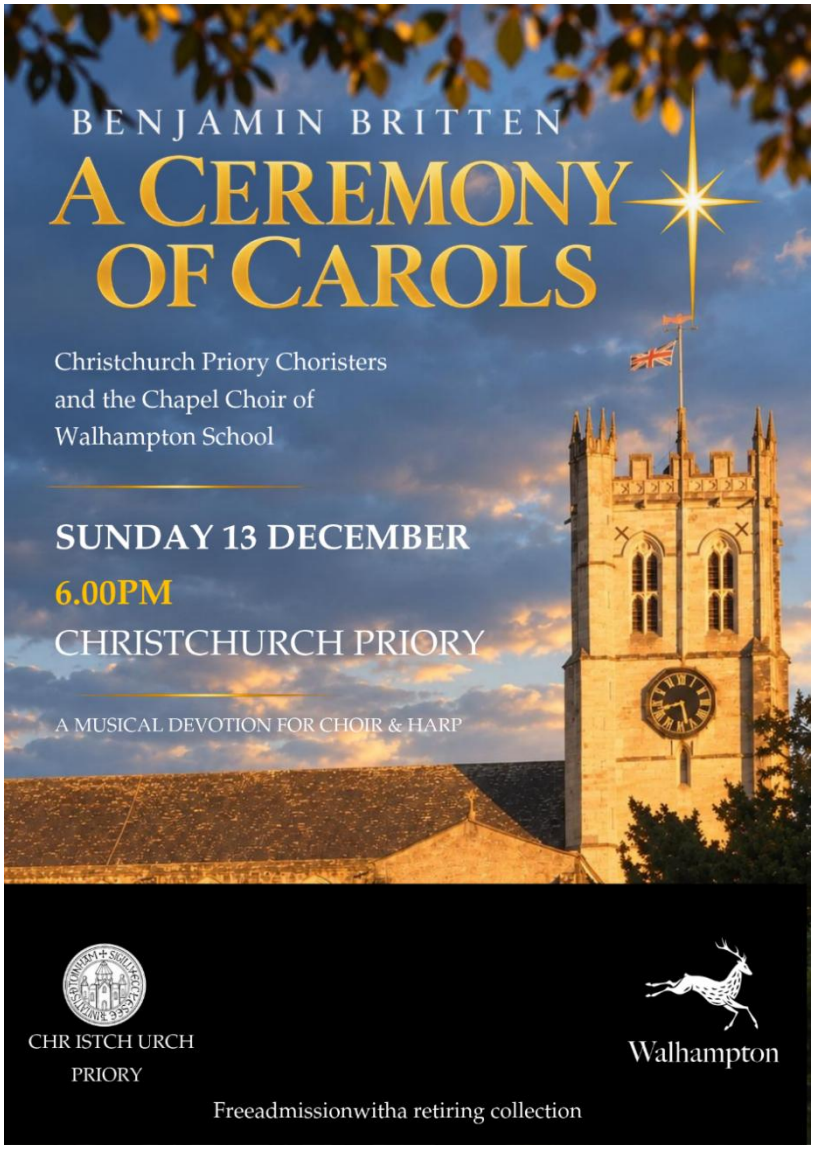
have received official notification from Lapland that this is happening!! Santa will be able to see 52 families on the day; with an allocated slot, and he will give a gift to each child. He will be with us between 10am and 6pm. Santa's grotto will be in room 7 in Priory House and before each family goes into see him, there will be a second room where children can do a drawing or write a letter to Santa with a dedicated post box available. Elves will be on hand to help you move between the two locations.

The cost will be £16 (for the first child) and up to a maximum of two other children in the group £10 each. To book your slot, please contact Santa's helper, Debs in the parish office on 01202 143859 (Monday to Friday of this coming week between 10am and 3pm). She will tell you the remaining availability and take payment. It is also the day of the Snowman performances in the Priory, so demand is going to be high. We are therefore offering this to members of the congregation first and then from Monday 30th November, we will open it up to the public with any remaining availability. Book now to avoid disappointment.



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