

# Storrington Parish Church

St. Mary's,  
Church Street



 **Faith, Hope and Love  
in the heart of Storrington**

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## NEWS SHEET

**26 November 2023**  
**Sunday Next before Advent**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Revd Rupert Toovey*

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Revd Rupert Toovey*  
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24;  
Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25: 31-end

*The Rector (the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow) will take Friday as her day off.*

**Rectory Office open this week on:**  
**Tues and Thurs – 10am - 1pm**  
**Tel: 01903 742888**

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

#### Monday, 27 November

7.00pm Storrington Slimmers

#### Tuesday, 28 November

9.30am Family Support Work drop-in centre at Village Hall (ends 11.15am)  
2.00pm Bellringing practice (ends approx. 6pm)

#### Wednesday, 29 November

2.00pm Holy Communion  
2.30pm Cafe in the Church –  
*see Notices*

#### Thursday, 30 November

##### ANDREW THE APOSTLE

10.00am Chemin Neuf Quiet Day at Storrington Priory  
5.30pm Late Night Shopping

#### Friday, 1 December

##### Charles de Foucauld, 1916

6.40pm Choir Practice in Church  
7.45pm Bellringing practice

#### Saturday, 2 December

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**An Emergency Fund** is being promoted by the Diocese of Jerusalem to help the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Northern Gaza. Please see the following link.  
<https://www.uspg.org.uk/stories/news/support-for-the-holy-land.php?fpclid=>

#### PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is the Rector – the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow (742888). Please contact Kathryn (or Viv at the Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings) if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

The Church is open every day for private prayer.

Regular Sunday Services in Church are at 8am and 10am.

The 10am Service is streamed live from the Church on Zoom -

(Contact Val Rice on valrice77@gmail.com for details)

**Evensong is on the first and second Sundays of the month ...**  
**6pm April to October**  
**4pm November to March**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

*For those who are in need in body, mind or spirit:*

**Rachel Martin; Paul Muller; Sue Taylor; Mike Patch; Georgina Toovey; Mavis Watts; Mary Taylor; Andy Johnson; Kate; Ray Hunt; Monica Walter; Jean Minter; Dai and Ann Somerville-Jones; Beryl Cook; Jeremy Keun; Jeremy and Susanne Carter; Edna Streeter; Allan and Annette Smith; Alun Jenkins.**

*For all those who have died recently ...*  
**Devina Ward.**

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



### KATHRYN'S RETIREMENT

Our Rector Kathryn has announced that she will be retiring and her last Sunday will be 18 February 2024.

## Cafe in the Church in November

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

Cafe in the Church takes place on one morning and one afternoon each month and another afternoon when there is a fifth Wednesday in the month.

**29 November**

**2.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**2.30pm Café in the Church**

### COFFEE / TEA AND BISCUITS

*All welcome to either or both - come and join us for a friendly cuppa with the clergy.*

### NEWCOMERS TO THIS CHURCH

If this is the first time you are visiting our Church please fill in your name and address on one of the pink cards (they are near the entrance door of the Church) and give it to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. We try to get to know new people as quickly as possible and make them feel at home among friends.

### HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE ROTA...

We need a few more volunteers to help serve coffee after the 10am Sunday service. If you would like to help us please contact Barbara Buchanan (741916).



## CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

**Sunday, 3 December 10 am**

Archdeacon Luke of Chichester will be with us at our 10am Family Service on Sunday, 3 December. Everyone is invited to bring presents for needy children which will be distributed through Family Support Work. FSW are suggesting any of the following would be much appreciated:

0-4 yrs – early years toys, simple jigsaws, cars, dolls, let's pretend toys, colouring books, crayons, picture books, Duplo;

5-8 yrs – cars, dolls, let's pretend toys, board games, colouring books and pens/pencils, simple craft kits, Lego, reading books and books for parents to read with them;

9-11 yrs – board games, colouring/activity books and pens/pencils, craft kits, science kits, Lego etc, outdoor games (footballs, etc).

All gifts please should be new and unwrapped so that FSW practitioners can select the most appropriate presents for their caseload children.

### NATIVITY-THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS

**5 cards in a pack - £3 per pack**

Available from Val Rice on Sundays at Church or Cafe in the Church. In aid of Church funds.

If you are unable to get to Church please contact Val ([valrice77@gmail.com](mailto:valrice77@gmail.com)).

### THOUGHT for the WEEK

*from Revd Jacquie Peal*

A copy is with this Notice Sheet, it is on the Church Noticeboard and Church website.

### Family Support Work Reverse Advent Calendar 2023

(between 1 and 25 November)

FSW are asking for various "shared treats" for families for Christmas (eg box of "Heroes" or "Celebrations"). Not expensive treats and NO selection boxes as this doesn't work for FSW families.

Please deliver offerings (no wrapping) to Viv at the Rectory Office on Tues or Thurs mornings (10am - 1pm). Last day – Tuesday, 28 November. Many thanks to everyone for supporting FSW.

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY



**3 December 2023 Advent 1**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Revd J Peal*

**10.00 am Family Communion and Children's Gift Service**  
*Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Ven Archdeacon Luke of Chichester*  
Isaiah 64: 1-9; Mark 13: 24-end

**4.00 pm Evensong** *the Rector*  
*(the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow)*  
Ps 44; Isaiah 2: 1-20; Matthew 21: 1-13  
*Readers: TBC*

# Sunday, 26 November 2023

## Sunday Next before Advent

### Opening Hymn

AM 683

Jerusalem the golden

### THE COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Wendy Cliffe

**Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24**

#### **God the True Shepherd**

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### SECOND READING

Richard Martin

**Ephesians 1: 15-end**

#### **Paul's Prayer**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what

is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Gradual Hymn

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies  
before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on  
singing:  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

And on that day, when my strength is  
failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending:  
ten thousand years, and then forever more.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

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Kingsway's Thankyou Music

### GOSPEL

the Revd Rupert Toovey

**Matthew 25: 31-end**

#### **The Judgement of the Nations**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the

least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alison Hammond

### Offertory Hymn

AM 563

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

### Music during Communion

From the rising of the sun ...

Frederick A Gore Ouseley

### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Final Hymn

AM 691

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### NOTICES



**F** Family  
**S** Support  
**W** Work  
THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN SINCE 1810

**FSW**

are based in  
Storrington Village Hall

**Tuesday mornings (9.30 – 11.15am)**  
**(10am - 12 noon in school holidays)**

as a drop-in centre for young families and older members of the community too.

Everyone is welcome.

**Please see list on Noticeboard at back of Church for needs of the FSW Foodbank.**

### CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

**First Tuesday of each month at 10am – 10.30am at Our Lady of England RC Church.** Next meeting on **Tuesday, 5 December 2023.** These meetings last for 30 minutes and Christians from many different churches in and around Storrington get together to pray for Storrington and the world. It is quite informal and everyone is most welcome.

### 3 HERALDS PARISH MAGAZINE

– **Early Deadline** – Please submit copy for **January 2024 issue** to Amanda Hislop ([3heralds@gmail.com](mailto:3heralds@gmail.com)) or Viv Stuart at the Rectory Office by **1 December** (early owing to Christmas break).

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

**Sunday, 10 December** at Old School  
Tickets £4 available from Louisa Austin in Church Street