Parish Church of St Peter, Jersey



Mass for Plough Sunday together with the Newsletter, Issue 42 10 Jan 2021

NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICES

- The doors to the church will be pinned open to reduce cross infection on door handles and for ventilation throughout each Mass.
- 2. Use the sanitizer on entering the church which you will find near the door. You are to leave by the other door and to use the sanitizer at that door before leaving.



- 3. Upon arrival, your names will be ticked off on the preprepared list which will have been drawn up showing that you have booked.
- **4.** In Church only sit in a seat which has a green tick. If you are coming as a couple please sit where you see 'two green tick seats' adjacent to each other. People coming singly should not occupy these spaces.
- **5.** The booklet for the service will be on the seat when you get there, please take it away with you at the end: it must not be used at the next service, as they are designed to be used only once, to reduce cross infection. Everything you need for the service will be in that booklet.
- **6.** At 0800 there are no hymns. At 1030 there will be no hymn singing but there will be music during the service: if you would like to hum along that will be fine!



7. When the service starts, please follow it in the 'one-use booklet'.

At the peace, please wave, do not shake hands or hug!

- 8. When it comes to receiving communion, this will be in one kind only, namely the bread, to reduce infection.
- **9.** The **Lectern side will come up first**, row by row, via the central aisle. The priest will stand on the Chancel Step: please put your hands out towards the priest and he will place the bread in your hands without touching them: after receiving it into your hands, turn sideways towards the side aisles to put the bread in your mouth and walk back to your seat via those side aisles, *not* up the central aisle. Again, this is to reduce cross infection.
- **10.** At the end of the service please leave by the other door.



- 11. The collection plates will be near the door: please put your collection into those plates. For those who have not been able to give during the last fourteen weeks, it is much hoped that you will make up for lost opportunities by giving generously, as a sign of your love for God.
- 12. It would be appreciated if you would talk to your friends *outside* the service not inside, so that there is no congestion inside as people leaving, which could lead to people unwittingly infecting others.
- 13. Though all of this might seem onerous, nevertheless if it is all observed then the services will not only be enjoyable, but also **be safe!**

GOOD NEWS ABOUT FILMING OF THE SERVICES: The 1030 Mass filmed and recorded for all those unable to be in Church, so that it can be viewed in peoples'

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homes. I hope people will therefore feel less isolated. Thanks to Rachel Sawyers we now have a You Tube Site called St Peter's Church Jersey. To view previous services please type in the words You Tube in your search engine and then type in St Peter's Church Jersey. [Don't forget the 'before the s]. No one will be filmed during Mass, other than the priest! We have changed the position of the camera to accommodate this, so that no one is filmed receiving communion.



+ The Order for Mass

The Priest welcomes the People & announces the hymn. At the moment, we are not allowed to sing, but please 'hum' to the music with closed mouths to lessen the spread of germs! Please **reflect on the words** of each hymn, as you do so.

Opening Hymn: 555 - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
 Praise Him in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.
- 4. Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging, Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging, Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace, Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
- 5. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding, Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding, Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night, Saints with His mercy surrounding.
- 6. Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

The Priest announces the Intention of this Mass and then says: 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**

Priest:

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

The Priest pronounces **The Absolution**:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Plough Sunday:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: for in your abundant care you have given us fertile land, rich soil, the seasons in their courses. You provide seed for sowing, water, light and warmth: to bring forth the miracle of growth. You give us skill to work the land, to prepare and nourish it, that it may be fruitful. Prosper the work of our hands, and provide abundant crops for your people to share, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

Isaiah 55.6-11

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (pause) This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The carol 'A spotless rose' (Herbert Howells) is now played on the cello and violin by David and Emma Davies, respectively, combining the two themes for today, of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ and our reliance on God's love for all things. Christ is the Spotless Rose 'springing' from the 'sweet root' of Mary, 'unfolding' for all to see, on a 'cold winter's night'. The words are here printed to aid you in meditation on these themes during the music.

A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through God's great love and might
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night '

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 6:24-34

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. ²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? [b] 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day. (pause) This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

[At the 0800 Mass only, here follows The Intercessions

These are not printed out, so enjoy listening to the prayers for loved ones and make these prayers your own to God. The prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of Blessed Mary and all the Saints, as we say: Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen]

At 1030 after the Sermon, the Mass continues as follows:

During the hymn, the priest turns in the Chancel to face the people, with his back to the Altar, on one side of the plough, whilst M Le Connetable, representing the People of the Parish, stands on the other side of the plough from the priest, (flanked on either side by Churchwardens and Almoners) facing the Altar.

Gradual Hymn: 447 - Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light, Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day.

The Priest introduces this part of the service with these words:

<u>Priest:</u> My brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day we come together to offer our accustomed worship to our Heavenly Father through this ceremony, to thank Him for all His love, and especially to ask Him in this traditional way, to bless a new year of work on the land, reminding us of our total dependence upon Him: may all this be done to His praise and glory.

Churchwarden(s): The plough is the symbol of work on the land.

Almoner(s): May the Lord preserve our going out and coming in.

<u>M Le Connetable</u>: Reverend Father, at the beginning of this new farming year, we ask you invoke God's blessing on all the work done on the land in this Parish of St Peter, of which the plough is a sign and symbol.

<u>Rector of St Peter:</u> This will I gladly do, with hearty prayer to Almighty God for His favour and goodness towards us.......

God speed the plough: the plough and the ploughman, the farm and the farmer, machine and beast and man. God speed the plough: in fair weather and foul, in success and disappointment, in rain and wind, in frost and sunshine, God speed the plough!

All shout loudly: God speed the plough!

The plough is now blessed by the Priest with Holy Water and prayer:

May St Peter our patron and all the Saints, continue in their prayers for us in this parish; And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon this plough and all it represents and upon all who plough and work the fields, that the people of this parish and island may be satisfied with food, from you our loving Father, through Jesus your Son, made manifest as the Christ in this season of Epiphany.

All shout loudly: AMEN!

The Peace is then exchanged in the following way:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

(then, when the priest asks you to do so, give each other a wave and a smile)

Hymn after the Peace: 705 - We plow the fields, and scatter

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. Refrain:

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food; no gifts have we to offer, for all thy love imparts, and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain:*

The Great Thanksgiving:

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 then says the Proper preface, at the climax of which, all join in by saying (at 0800) or humming (at 1030):

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

The priest begins the **Prayer of Consecration**, in the middle of which he says:

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

The priest then completes the prayer, at the end of which all say: Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and ever. Amen.

The Fraction:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread

The Sanctus:

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

The call to Holy Communion:

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

+All receive Communion in one kind only, namely the bread

Post Communion Carol: 536 - O worship the king

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might!
O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies, how tender! How firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to worship thee above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall all sing thy praise.

Post Communion Collect:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your love made manifest in Jesus the Christ your Son, witnessed in and by this sacred meal: may we love you all our days, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

'Thank-you prayer' after receiving Communion:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing:

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessingAmen

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Music ends the service-----

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Suzette Bradshaw; Dave; Elis; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Gerald Harrison; Pat Harrison; Jonathan Harvey; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jack Johns; Molly; Doreen Mauger; Stephan Mauger; John Le Riche; Riley. Also, please pray for all those who are ill with the coronavirus.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: all those who have died from the virus.

Daily Hope 0800 804 8044 — new Church of England **FREE** telephone line to hear hymns, daily prayers and reflections...do have a listen!

'Twelve Parishes of Christmas': 5 min Christmas presentations from each of the 12 Parishes starting 13 Dec......St Peter's is on 21 Dec

To see each video enter 'Twelve Parishes of Christmas-Jersey 2020' on YouTube.

COMING TO CHURCH – NEW RESTICTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT

- 1. Because of government requirements we are required to take the names and addresses of those attending any church service, for 'tracking and tracing' purposes.
- 2. Those people who are over 70 and/or in the vulnerable or severely vulnerable categories or with a pre-existing health conditions who wish to attend worship, should obtain medical advice before deciding to come to church.
- 3. We are restricted to the total number allowed to a service by the government, it now being a maximum of 20. It is vital therefore, during the current emergency, that you email or phone ahead. It would be awful to have to turn people away at the door if we go over 20.
 - 4 From now on because the number of seats is severely restricted by the Government to a mere 20 per service, you will, I'm afraid have to book a seat in advance for each and every service that you wish to attend. The seats will be given on a first come first served basis. Do book ahead.

You can book either by email at <u>rectorstpeter@outlook.com</u> or by a message on The Rectory answer phone on 481805. See `Easy Booking Form' on the last page of this.

5 Each Sunday in Advent (except 20 Dec) and then on Christmas Eve/Day (joined together), there are three services to choose from. If all the seats have gone for the service you want, perhaps you could consider asking for another one for that day. Until Christmas Day there will also be a Mass each Wednesday at 1000 which is another alternative to think about.

If you don't get a seat please watch the service on You Tube.

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'Give, as <u>H</u>e has given'

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IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE!

Many thanks to all those who have already sent cheques, in lieu of money, that would normally be put on the collection plate at services inside the church, as well as 'thank you' to all who have given in church. It is much appreciated. For those who have not yet donated, The Treasurer and I, plus the Church Officers, earnestly hope that you might now do so. The Church needs £692 per week, just to pay the Share to the Deanery of Jersey, let alone other bills.

Some of you have asked to give via Internet Banking: which is a convenient, quick and a safe way to give, from your own home. The

account to send it to is called:

'St. Peter's Parish Church Expenses Fund'. Sort: 60-12-03 A/C: 66609739 Please add your name to the Message, so we know who is donating what!

If you give £50 or over in one go and fill in a TAX CERTIFICATE FORM, the Church can claim back the Tax. Remember, the 'Parish Church of St Peter' is a Jersey Charity Commission REGISTERED CHARITY [JCC RC Number 312]

You may remember that sometime ago we had a letter from the Chairman of the Deanery Finance Committee, stating that 'by October', they will have exhausted all the reserves that they had, so cannot support individual churches.

As a priority, St Peters Parish Church is continuing to pay its Share allocation of £1,500 per month [which pays £18000 towards the Annual Share Allocation of £36,000] as requested to the Deanery of Jersey, being mindful of The Treasurer's comments in a previous Newsletter, that that is half the amount of £72,000 per annum, which is the starting point in the Share Allocation.

This money needs to be raised by us as a Church: it cannot be given by the Parish Authority: this is the same for all Church of England Parishes in Jersey. *If any of you have not yet given* towards the Gift Day, please seriously think about giving as soon as possible.

My thanks toll who have already given. I am delighted to say that with the money given through this appeal and tax refunds from this and also other sources,we now only have to find, by 31 Dec 2020, a remaining £637.50

Is there anyone, or are there a few people, out there, who could 'gift' or 'raise' this final amount please!? We will then have paid the full amount of £36,000!?

I know there were a number of individual cheques and direct payments into the Church Account at Christmas: as soon as I have the total from the Treasurer, I will let you know whether we reached the target amount of £36,000!

WAYS TO WORSHIP IN YOUR OWN HOME:

Because some will sadly not be able to get a seat in Church, now that the Government has reduced the number allowed to 20, I thought you might appreciate the information and the prayers listed on the next page:

SERVICES FROM THE PARISH CHURCH:

Go on the Church's You Tube Site, on which will be put the service for each Sunday will be placed on there sometime later on the Sunday or on the Monday. It will remain on the You Tube Site, the address of which is: St Peter's Church Jersey.

SUNDAYS Radio & TV:

0800 Each Sunday there is a Service on Radio Jersey linked in with the national UK radio.

1315 Songs of Praise though the time can vary (BBC 2, TV)

1500 As always, every week of the year on Radio 3 listen to the glories of Choral Evensong from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week which is a repeat from the previous Wednesday 1530 broadcast. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

WEDNESDAYS on Radio 3

1530 As always, every week of the year on Radio 3, listen to the glories of Choral Evensong from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week, repeated on the following Sunday at 1500. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

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CROSS, PALM CROSS especially at this time, CRUCIFIX, ICON

Use these as a focus for your prayers in your own home. Thank you for the many calls of appreciation about the Palm Crosses being sent to you at home.

PRAYERS DURING THE CURRENT VIRUS EPIDEMIC

I hope that you will find these prayers useful in your own prayer life at home. Prayer is at the heart of any Christian's life, just as much as it is at the heart of our communal life as the Body of Christ, which is The Church. These prayers have been specially produced by the Church of England, for use at the present time:

FOR ALL WHO WORRY:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ your taught us to love our neighbour,

and to care for those in need, as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and assure the isolated of our love and your love, we ask this for your name's sake. **Amen**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Merciful God, we entrust to your care those who are ill or in pain,

knowing that whenever danger threatens

your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR HOSPITAL STAFF, CARERS & MEDICAL RESEARCHERS:

Heavenly Father we ask you to give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strength them with your Spirit,

That through their work many will be restored to health, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEAM for Plough Sunday:

1030 - Almoner- CC; Welcomer- RP; Lector GG;

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Put the X's for the number of seats wanted please, for each service eg 3x

10 Jan	PLOUGH SUNDAY	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music & Plough Blessing
17	Epiphany 2	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music
24	Epiphany 3	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music
31	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music
07 Feb	2 nd before Lent	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music
14	Next Before Lent	0800 Mass;	1030 Mass with music
17	ASH WEDNESDAY	1000 Mass wi	ith music and the Imposition of Ashes
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