



# SERVICE NOTES

30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Today's worship service will be led by  
*Caroline Hibbs*

## HYMNS

1201	Longing for Light
645	To God of Abraham Praise
54	Bind Us Together
50	Be Still
758	When the Lord in Glory Comes

## READINGS

OT	2 Samuel 21:3–14
OT	Genesis 27: 1–10, 14–19, 21–26

# DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday:** Father God, on this 1st Sunday of Advent we look forward to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Guide and bless our preparations over the coming weeks that they may be acceptable to You.

**Monday:** Lord, yesterday was St. Andrew's Day when we remembered Your disciple known for bringing people to You, including Peter, his brother. Help me to live a life that will encourage others to come to You.

**Tuesday:** Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all goodness but I confess that there are times when I struggle to share my blessings. Please enable me to better share these gifts so that others may benefit from Your love.

**Wednesday:** Today's Scripture says "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." During this period of Advent remind us that there is goodness for the soul in seeking Him. Waiting is not wasted when our eyes stay focussed on the One we are waiting for.

**Thursday:** Lord, we pray for all those seeking to serve You in any capacity. Amidst any weariness and fatigue

remind them that hope does not rest on their abilities but on Your unfailing power and love.

**Friday:** Heavenly Father, at a time of great uncertainty throughout the world we pray for peace between all nations. Grant our political masters the desire, wisdom and means to pursue peaceful solutions that will result in their subjects enjoying a lifestyle more in keeping with Your will.

**Saturday:** Pray for all those recovering from national disasters across the globe which have destroyed lives, homes, roads and bridges. Ask God to comfort the grieving families, strengthen rescue teams and those providing shelter and hope to those displaced.

## FAMILY PRAYERS

This week we particularly pray for:

Gaynor Anderson-  
Easey, Rosina Bayley,  
and Valerie Berry

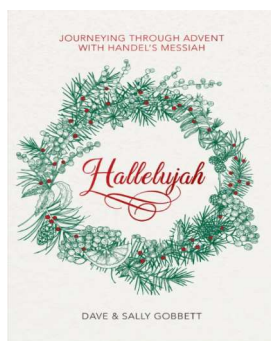




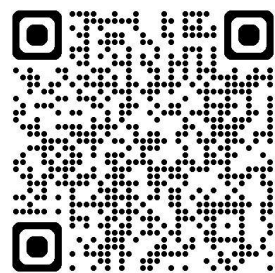
# NOTICES

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL READING

Today is the first Sunday of Advent so we be starting *Hallelujah! Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah*. Today's section will be the Preface and the Introduction.



The music album used for this book is 'Handel: Messiah' performed by the choral ensemble *The Sixteen*, and is available on YouTube at [youtu.be/SCEi5W6BZjQ?si=CtvyfdUvVgw0b7lR](https://youtu.be/SCEi5W6BZjQ?si=CtvyfdUvVgw0b7lR)



(a QR code is shown above), as well as Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Music and other sources.

Please let us know how you get on. Enjoy!

## BREAKFAST

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> we will serve church breakfast between 9:45 and 10:20. As usual, if you know anyone who would benefit from a free hot drink and a roll with no obligation to stay, please invite them along. *Outreach*



## PASTORAL NEWS

This week we were sad to learn that our friend and church member Malcolm Strudwick died early on Monday morning.

We pray for his wife Anita and the family. Lord, may they know your presence with them and find your comfort and peace. *Hilary Redman (Pastoral Secretary)*

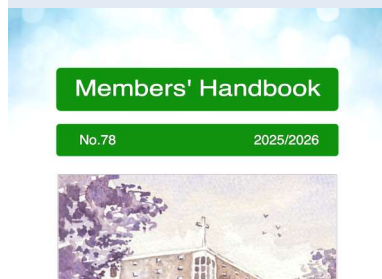
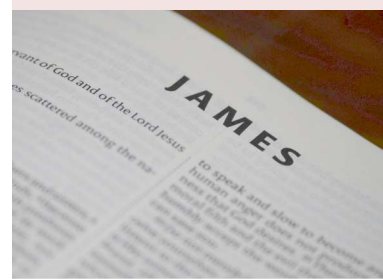
## BIBLE QUOTE

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. *Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)*

## HANDBOOK

Don't forget that A5 and A6 Handbooks are available to pick up from church, and can also be printed from the website

*Graham Redman*



# DIARY & MISC

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Led by Val Cooper (Communion)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Led by Caroline Hibbs (with Church Breakfast)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Service (19:00)
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight (19:00)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Led by Val Cooper
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity (16:00)
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service

NB: There will be no service on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	09:30	Mini Fishes
	14:00-16:00	Coffee & Cake
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30-11:15	Table Tennis
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	19:00	Bible Study
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Christingle Service
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-11:15	Table Tennis

## ...AND LATER

Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	14:15-16:00	Tuesday Fellowship
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Bible Study (in the Sanctuary)

## TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet on 9<sup>th</sup> December when Val Gill and her friends will be with us playing their Accordions. They make a wonderful sound. So come and listen. 2.15 to about 4 pm. We will meet in the Church. *Wilfred Rhodes*

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael and All Angels Church, South Street, Lancing. Around 25 trees decorated by local schools, businesses and community groups. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December open from 10:00-17:00 each day (from 12:00 noon on Sunday). Admission is free but donations are welcome. There will be the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree, take part in a Grand Christmas Draw and vote for your favourite Christmas Carols.

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### GORING URC

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