

This Week

Tues 20	10.00am Christmas Communion Park Lane
Wed 21	10.00am Holy Communion at St. Paul's. Morning tea.

House share available - large rooms, close to Milford beach and shops vegie patch. Please phone 489 5024.

Large furnished one bedroom flat for rent on the beach Castor Bay. \$300 a week. For more information see Mary on behalf of the owner.

It is with great pleasure we celebrate the 105th birthday of Olive Mason and the 86th (we think) birthday of Grace, Both women have been given cards.

Thank you to all who helped with Barbara's funeral and refreshments last Thursday. Her family were very grateful. Diana's eulogy to her mother will be available for people to read.

The children's play last Sunday was just a delight. Well done.

During this last month the parish has given out nearly 200 gifts. These include to the organists, mainly music attendees and the children, the J. team and Youth, teachers, Selwyn centre attendees and the opportunity shop workers. Today we remember those who do the flowers and help clear the sanctuary. Next year we will honour the counters and sides people. A big thank you to all who help in ministry in the church and community.

See the white board for a copy of the archbishops' Christmas letter. On Christmas Day we will have pieces of cake baked by Jim.

Today we will eat the Christmas pudding that we stirred up 5 weeks ago.

Janice and Bob Mortimer send their Christmas greetings.

Some are receiving cards and letters from the Ringmer church. You may like to put these on the white board.

Remember our senior parishioners having Christmas home communions this week.

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Sunday December 18th 2011

- Advent 4

ST PAUL'S

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion.

ALL HALLOWS

11.00am Holy Communion

Sentence: You heavens above rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up Isaiah 45: 8

Collects: God of all hope and joy, open out hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

2nd Lesson Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Luke 1: 26-38



Prayers

There are times, comforting One, when I feel puzzled by what I sense your Spirit is leading me to do. In those times, I feel afraid and very alone. Let me hear, in my heart, the message to “not be afraid” and the reminder that you are with me. **Amen.**

Gathered as the church of God in this place,
Let us pray together for the coming of the kingdom.

Lord of heaven, may the Church
be quiet enough to hear your voice,
humble enough to move your way,
and excited enough to spread the good news.

Silence
Living God:
let your kingdom come.

Lord of heaven, bless all who lead
with integrity and respect for others;
bless all in positions of authority
with humility and a sense of right;
may unjust practices be changed for good
and conflicts of great tension
be peacefully resolved.

Silence
Living God:
let your kingdom come.

Lord of heaven, make our homes
places of loving acceptance and developing faith;
teach us in all our friendships
to grow in generosity of spirit.

Bless all on holiday. Keep them safe.

Silence
Living God:
let your kingdom come.

Lord of heaven, give patience and courage
to all who have to wait,
when the waiting is long and painful;
bring healing to all who are wounded,
whether physically or emotionally,
and give them assurance of your presence.
We pray for Patrick, Don, Charles, Daphne, Tex, Rona, Doug,
Grace, Pam, Shirley, Eileen, Xavier, Margaret, Ivy and Ella.
And for residents and parishioners in Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park
Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent.

Silence
Living God:
let your kingdom come.

Lord of heaven, welcome into your eternity
those who have died to this life
and whose hope is in you.
At this festive time comfort those who mourn and
reach into their pain with your love.

Silence
Living God:
let your kingdom come.

Lord of heaven, we thank you
for your faithful promise to us,
fulfilled in the coming of Jesus.
We welcome his presence in our lives.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Readings for Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day*

1st Lesson *Isaiah 9: 2-7*

2nd Lesson *Titus 2: 11-14*

Gospel *Luke 2: 1-14*

Rostered 8:00am – Alastair Bury, Ian Turner.

9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss, Patrick Jackson,
Hilda Hutchinson, Karen Stubbs.