

## Faith in Sussex

The latest Diocesan magazine is now available – please take your free copy from the table by the door.

**Plastic milk bottle tops** are collected to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. Please wash and add them to the bin by the door. Please do not add any other kind of bottle top. Ron and Anne will be delivering a further 4.7kg to Chichester today! Thank you all!

## Raising money for church funds

We would welcome your support from your online shopping! Church funds can benefit from many well known retailers at no extra cost to you. Please sign up using the link below. Thank you!

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmbolney>

**Please note** we do not pass a collection bag round during the service but there is a plate by the door for your contributions. Please use a Gift Aid envelope where possible and complete your details on it.

## Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme (**PGS**) is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest problems of local church income – 'static' giving. Donations made through **PGS** use a Direct Debit which can be on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. The full donation, plus any associated Gift Aid is sent straight back to us here at St. Mary Magdalene.

**PGS** makes life easier for administration and improves our cashflow. This in turn frees up our energies to focus on other important church priorities and not be so worried about money.

**PGS** also gives an option for you to agree, in principle to increase your donation in line with inflation each year which in the long term, will make a huge difference to our church finances - just tick the box when you complete the application form. Please be reassured that if your circumstances change, it is easy to decline the increase when the annual inflationary letter arrives in advance of any change. You may already have been approached but if not to join the scheme please contact Tim for further information. Tel 881320 or [hutchingstjb@gmail.com](mailto:hutchingstjb@gmail.com)

**St Mary Magdalene Pew News**  
[www.stmarymagdalenebolney.org.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalenebolney.org.uk)

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**(Year B)**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Welcome to our worship today.  
Please stay for refreshment afterwards

**Readings:** Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-end; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

**Refrain for the Psalm: 'Show us your mercy, O Lord'**

**Response to intercessions:** Come, O come Emmanuel: **'Come and live with us'**

## Hymns today:

**I: SEE BELOW**

P: 128 Come, thou long expected Jesus (t. Cross of Jesus)

G: 481 O comfort my people (t. Stowey)

O: 691 Thy kingdom come, O God

R: 428 Love divine

## Introit and in place of Pre & Post Gospel Alleluia's

We shall set our sights on what is righteous,  
Ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Justice,  
We shall smooth the path, prepare the Lord's way,  
Ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Peace.

## Communion Music

135 Creator of the stars of night (Plainsong)

146 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

### **Lighting of Advent wreath**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,  
but in our days you speak through your Son,  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

### **Blessed be God for ever.**

God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of his coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us  
the good news of your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

### **Year of Prayer within our Diocese**

Please visit <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/yearofprayer> for more information. A Prayer Card for your personal use is available on the table by the door.

### **Services in the coming week**

Wednesday Said Eucharist at 10.00am at Cowfold  
Thursday Said Eucharist at 9.30am at Bolney  
Saturday Morning Prayer at 9am at Bolney

**Please note** that all Thursday Eucharists will now be at 9.30am.

### **Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end; Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians: 5: 16-24; Matthew 17: 10-13

### **Third Sunday of Advent 17<sup>th</sup> December**

8am Holy Communion (Said BCP) at Cowfold  
10am Breathing Space at Bolney  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols at Bolney

### **Christmas services**

Please see a separate leaflet or refer to our website. We will be celebrating Midnight Mass beginning at 11pm.

### **Intercessions**

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and in need within our families and community especially Fr Keith and Laura, Amelia and Maddie, Margaret Akeroyd, Hannah Buhler, Barney Barclay, Veronica Burgess, Gay Courtnage, Bob Ellis, Jessie Foote, Richard Ford, Joy Fitcher, John Higinbotham, Bobbie, Steffi Nunn, Jackie Clare Hunt, Nellie Lucas, Douglas and Eleanor Littlejohn, Doug Mills, Geoff Mills, Jon Perrott, Henry Rogers, Helen, Janet Samson, Dorothy Sheridan, Gina Ricci, Mike Vidler, and Brenda Watts.

**Young Pilgrims** – meet today at 9.30am in the vestry.

**FSW** basket for donations of non-perishable groceries. Your contributions are gratefully received for distribution around the diocese for those less fortunate than ourselves. They are regularly delivered to the collection point. It's time to contribute such items towards Christmas lunches – stuffings, cranberry sauce etc which will be much appreciated.

### **Church clean**

Thank you to everyone who helped clean yesterday – all much appreciated and great to have the church sparkling for Christmas!