

St Martin's in Herne with St Peter's Greenhill

Together we seek God. Together we seek to reveal God's love and grace to all.

Sunday December 9th 2018

A very warm welcome to our Services today.
Please stay for coffee after the 10.00 am service. Our crèche area welcomes all parents with babies and toddlers. Children's/Youth Groups are also open to all.

PLEASE TAKE THIS
LEAFLET HOME
WITH YOU

Today:

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 am Holy Communion
(Order 2)

10.00 am Holy Communion
*with Children's Groups and
Crèche*

1.30 pm Carols at Strode Park

3.00 pm Christingle Service

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray,
your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins
and wickedness we are grievously
hindered in running the race that
is set before us, your bountiful
grace and mercy may speedily
help and deliver us; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, to whom
with you and the Holy Spirit, be
honour and glory, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

TO OUR VISITORS: Please do not park on the old pub frontage, except in the first 2 spaces, which the church rents for its use for those in need. *Thank you.*

The church only functions thanks to the generosity of its members and others who give in response to God's gifts to them. There will be a collection during the third hymn at the 10.00 am Service. If you are a taxpayer, please use a Gift Aid envelope (*available at the ends of the pews or from the table by the entrance*).

If however you give through the church's regular giving scheme or are unable to give today, please just pass the basket on. *Thank you.*

See separate sheet for today's Bible Readings

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are unwell including:

Kenneth, Margaret, John, Christopher, Tim, Craig, Murray, Grace, Josh & his sister Grace, Samuel, Alex, Gwen, Jan, Ruth, Lillian, Baby Jack and their families.

We commit to God's eternal love those who have died and we pray for those who mourn the deaths of their loved ones.

Note: If you would like us to pray for anyone or have asked for prayers for someone and their names may now be removed from the list, please tell Revd Carol. *Thank you.*

TODAY'S PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK

Tues Dec 11 th	10.00 am Tuesday Toddlers @ Institute Hall
	10.00 am Community Café <i>(followed by Christmas Lunch for those who have pre-booked)</i> at Greenhill St Peter's
Wed Dec 12 th	9.00 am Morning Prayer
	10.00 am Holy Communion
	12.00 noon Funeral <i>(the late Graham Lewis)</i>
	8.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Thurs Dec 13 th	7.00 pm Choir Practice
Fri Dec 14 th	9.30 am Little Fishes at Greenhill St Peter's
Sat Dec 15 th	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm Christmas Messy Church + Christmas meal @ Greenhill St Peter's

Hymns at 10.00 am

- Opening:** (513) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Gradual: (399) Lo, he comes with clouds descending
Offertory: (428) Love divine, all loves excelling
Closing: (493) O Jesus, I have promised

Church Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of **Christmas Flowers**, we have between now and next Sunday (December 16th) to do so.

Thank you.

Charitable Giving at Christmas

Throughout the month of December, we are invited to make a donation to the work of the Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance, whose sterling efforts, hand-in-hand with the emergency services, make a vital difference. ***Please look out for the 'helicopter money box' on the table at the front of church! Thank you.***

COMMUNAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

***all proceeds will go to the work of
Catching Lives in Canterbury***

All are invited to sign the Church Communal Christmas Card, which can be found on a table in the Lady Chapel, in exchange for a donation to assist the work of Catching Lives (working for the homeless in Canterbury) and in place of exchanging Christmas cards with one another.

Thank you also for helping to save the planet!

**CHRISTMAS IN HERNE ST MARTIN'S &
ST PETER'S GREENHILL**

HELP!

For our Nativity in St Martin's on Christmas Eve we need some more children to commit for core parts and some more helpers to assist with costumes on the day. If you can assist, please let Sarah White or Revd Carol have your names.

Thank you.

NEXT WEEK:

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16th 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion *(Order 2)*

10.00 am Holy Communion
with Children's Groups and Crèche

*12.00 noon Thanksgiving for the
Gift of a Child*

6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight

KCC Community Warden:

Mandy Quy-Verlander can be contacted on 07969 584180, in case of need.

NOTICES for this sheet

..... if you have any items that you would like included in this notice sheet please e-mail or drop a note to Revd Carol by Tuesday evening at the latest.
Thank you.

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