

Collect.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully hear the prayers of your people who call upon you: And grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; We ask this through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ who is a live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever. Amen

A reading from the prophet Jonah. (Jonah 3:10-4:11)

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

PSALM 145: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. *Philippians 1.21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in

one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to

Matthew *Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So, they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' " "Because no one has hired us," they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' "The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So, when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Post Communion.

Almighty God you have taught us through your Son, that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 498 - Let us with a gladsome mind.**
- 557 - Praise to the holiest in the height.**
- 435 - Glorious things of thee are spoken.**
- 598 - There's a wideness in Gods mercy.**
- 429 - Forth in the peace of Christ we go.**

NOTICES

KNIT A POPPY - IT'S EASY !!

for details, pattern etc see Rosie Hills
Aim - to have 100s of poppies on display
on Remembrance Sunday.

100 CLUB RENEWALS SHORTLY - £20
per year to raise important funds.

NOTICES contd...

NO BOOK STALL THIS SUNDAY. From Christmas onward we will be discontinuing the Book Stall. So, please, no more book donations.

PHOTO'S REQUIRED. Photos taken during our events are required for Facebook and our website please. Forward a couple to Barbara, as and when, please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EARNLEY QUIZ REVIVAL

Save the date – **Saturday 26th September 2026**

East Wittering Village Hall

Doors open at 7 pm for 7:15 start

Bring your own drinks – snacks will be provided

Teams of 2-6 – form one ahead or on the night.

Places are limited, so get your tickets

at £10.00 each early from

Janet Aldridge 01243 670924 or after church.

HARVEST – 4th October. We will be collecting for the **Chichester Food Bank.**

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

(more information later)

Sunday 4th October: Harvest Lunch

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown

December 4th-6th: Christmas Tree Festival and Fair

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind

Demons, West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm

& 7pm to 8pm

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

WATCH FOR UPDATES

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

27th September 2026 - Trinity 17

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, & 25-32,

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 22: 23-32

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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The Parishes of Earnley with East

Wittering and Almodington

Pews News.

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<http://stanneseastwittering.org.uk/>

We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.

(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

20th September, 2026

Trinity 16

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C."

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(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall,

Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Ava Kirby,

Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Joan Whiteside,

Greg Brooke, Bob West and members of our

congregation who may be unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Sherline Smith,

Jules Pettitt, Ben, Jess and family, Kelly Saby,

Tula Hunt and her family, Robin Leney, Lizi Benjamin,

Ann & Jeff Parks, Pat & John Cox, Barbara Woodley,

Jon Hall, Hamish Ilton, Chris K, Helen Hocky, Vlasta

Reed. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest

homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and

all who have been recently bereaved

We also pray for Zach as he starts on his new

adventure at Chichester University

The Recently Departed

Patricia Hogg, June Mallinson, Colin King,

Matthew Kennewell

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Peter Giffin, Frank Hooton-Fox, Kathleen Wren,

Jean Cook, Brenda Lawson