

Collect.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Ezek 18:1-4&25-32

What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity and they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they have committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25: Remember your mercy, Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians
Philippians 2:1-

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of

death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father¹ went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 380 - At the name of Jesus.
- 163 - All hail the power of Jesus name.
- 391 - Blest are the pure in heart.
- 589 - The king of love my shepherd is.
- 612 - We have a gospel to proclaim.

NOTICES

100 CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW PLEASE
_ it is £20 for the year, with a chance to win your money back! This raises important funds so please support us. See Jan Coleman for details etc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GIRLS FOR COMPLETING THE SOLENT SWIM raising money for MND. If you have sponsored them, please see them with your money. Thank you!

THE BOOK STALL WILL BE DISCONTINUED AT CHRISTMAS: So, please, no more book donations.

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.**

ADVENT QUIET DAY – 12th December

An Advent Quiet Day is being planned – This will be a day to 'take a breath and be still your mind'.

More details later

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 & Fair

December 12th – ADVENT QUIET DAY

PHOTOS, IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE TO BARBARA

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)

4th October 2026 – Harvest Festival

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 12: 16-30

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Tel: 670791 or email barbs.blundell@btinternet.com).

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

Pews News.

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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)

27th September, 2026

Trinity 17

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."

Services today

(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, Simon Gray. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Patricia Hogg, June Mallinson, Colin King, Matthew Kennewell, Vlasta Reed

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Mary Norris, Madeline Boldry, Guy Wickenden, Niven Longland, Isabel Bricknell, Ronald Bullivant, Isabel Bricknell, Ronald Bullivant, Carryl West, Pam Errett, Ronald Bowles, Betty & Norrie Covel, Sheila Fitzmaurice