3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday) 1st November 2026

Collect.
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever.

A reading from the book of The Wisdom of Solomon *Solomon 6.12-16*
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

A Reading fromThessalonians.*1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 25.1-13*
Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post Communion.
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to the wholeness of life; look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

NOTICES

UPDATES ON OUR TIME IN INTERREGNUM
Church Opening: the church will be open every day as usual. However, these hours may vary from time to time. Closing will be around 3.30-4.00pm.
If there are warnings of storms, the church will remain closed for the safeguarding of the church and the people using it during the day.
If you have your own key, and the church is locked when you arrive, please ensure you lock the front doors when you leave, unless you have spoken to the Churchwardens.
The church will be locked following the 10.15am service on a Sunday.
Change to 8.00am service: The first Sunday of the month will be a Eucharist with BCP.
Other Sundays will be Morning Prayer.
Tuesday 7.00pm service: this will be cancelled for the interregnum. However, you will still see this noted on PNs but as CANCELLED. This is to hopefully ensure, when we have a new priest, that it will be reinstated.

VERY IMPORTANT: NOTICE TO ALL THOSE HOLDING A DBS CLEARANCE……. Please check your certificate and let Charlotte have the date of its expiry. Thank you.

GIVING MONTH……THERE IS A RED BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS: These funds will help to buy Tesco vouchers for school families who need a little help.

EARNLEY CHRISTMAS DRAW
Great prizes include £100,
Manicure at Tranquility ,
Hair cut at Creations Chichester,
Meat voucher from Tom Hoare and vintage port.
Tickets available from Pauline Norris 07748521183,
Janet Aldridge and members
of Earnley congregation.

MARMALADE, sorry sold out at present: Starting 1st of December marmalade will only be available during coffee in the hall on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please when you come to buy have money with you. MM

CHRISTMAS FAIR: donations of bottles and quality gifts appreciated please.

FR. STEVE'S NEW ADDRESS:
17 Downing Close
West Meads, Bognor Regis PO21 5QG

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE HOE DOWN AS THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS. THANKS!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST. PETER'S ECUMENICAL TAIZE SERVICE
Sunday 15th November at 4.00pm

ADVENT QUIET DAY – 12th December
An Advent Quiet Day is being planned – This will be a day to '***take a breath and still your mind'***.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY
(more information later)
Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown
TICKETS ON SALE
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	**7.00 CANCELLED**
WEDNESDAY	**10.00am Said Eucharist**

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday
(First Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)
15th November 2026 – 2nd Sunday beforeAdvent

8.00am	**Morning Prayer St. Anne's**
9.00am	**Eucharist Earnley**
10.00am	**Sung Eucharist St. Anne's**
Readings:	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18
	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
	Matthew 25: 14-30

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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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)

8th November 2026
3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

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.C"

Services today
(First Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am	**Morning Prayer St.Anne's**
9.00am	**Eucharist Earnley**
10.00am	**Said Eucharist St. Anne's**
10.45am	**War Memorial**

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, **Rose, Simon** Gray, **Rod** Willett. 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
Anthony Martin

Those whose years mind falls at this time
Maurice Holcombe, Cyril Redman, Charles Stanley, John Burkett, Frank Wicks, Dorothy Downe,