2nd Sunday before Advent 15th November 2026

A reading from the book of The Prophet Zephaniah
Zephaniah **1.7,12-18**
Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM 90: "O, bless are those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways"

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Matthew25.14-30
'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

HYMNS:
6 - New Every Morning is the Love
54 - I cannot tell
24 - Come, Thou long expected Jesus
537 - O God our help in ages past
607 - Thy Kingdom come, O God

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.

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.

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

NOTICES contd…..

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.

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

A REMINDER…….. Earnley church is rarely, if ever, locked. The door is normally open for meditation and private prayer each and every day throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
List at the back of the church for those wishing to put a tree in church for the Tree Festival

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ADVENT QUIET DAY
St Anne's **Saturday December 12th**. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen (Marmalade) for details.
Email maureen.warwick1@btinternet.com
or phone 01243 671 899

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

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)
22nd November 2026 – Christ the King

8.00am	**Morning Prayer St. Anne's**
9.00am	**Eucharist Earnley**
10.15am	**Sung Eucharist St. Anne's**
Readings:	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
	Ephesians 1: 15-23
	Matthew 25: 31-46

WE WELCOME FR. CHRIS FROM SIDLESHAM on **Sunday 22nd December**. He will be preaching and presiding, and also anointing.

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

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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)

15th November 2026
2nd Sunday before Advent

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

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8.00am	**Morning Prayer St.Anne's**
9.00am	**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, **Rose, Simon** Gray, **Rod** Willett, **Dee** Cooper, **Tina**. 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
Sheila Robbins, Alice Wilson, Yvie Bayley, George Phillips, George Winter, Bessie Wrein, Eileen Green, Joyce Hill,