Advent 1 **29th November 2026**

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 64.1–9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80: "God of hosts bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved."

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 1.3–9)

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (Mark 13.24–37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service. We ask this in his name Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMNS:

411 - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
563 - Rejoice the Lord is King
384 - Be still my Soul
Sheet - God forgave my sin
609 - To God be the Glory

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:
MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church
Resumes 11th January

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons, West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm & 7pm to 8pm
Resumes in Febuary

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon
FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
SEE UPDATED

NOTICES

GIVING MONTH……THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR THIS COLLECTION. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this important cause

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.

NOTICES contd….

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL URGENT HELP NEEDED!!!

***Please offer to help on the stalls at the Christmas Fair**
***Cakes needed on the day**
***Donations of bottles and quality gifts appreciated please.**
See Julie, Kate, Rosie, Pauline or Sue

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WEEKEND
FRIDAY 4th December
Tree Festival 10.00am—4.30pm
List at the back of the church for those wishing to put a tree in church for the Tree Festival
SATURDAY 5th December
*Festival open **10.00am – 4.30pm***
Christmas Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm
SUNDAY 6th December
8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at Earnley
10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's
*Festival open **11.30am – 4.00pm***
6.00pm Christingle
With a collection for The Children's Society and also produce for the Chichester Food Bank will be collected

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY
December 12th – 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

INTERREGNUM: If you have problems, grumbles, worries… chat with your Churchwardens, not just among yourselves. We are here for you all.

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY	**7.00 CANCELLED**
WEDNESDAY	**10.00am CANCELLED**

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(First Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)
6th December 2026 – Advent 2

8.00am	**BCP Eucharist St. Anne's**
9.00am	**Eucharist Earnley**
10.15am	**Sung Eucharist St. Anne's**
6.00pm	**CHRISTINGLE**
Readings:	Isaiah 40: 1-11
	2 Peter 3: 8-15
	Mark 1: 1-8

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)

29th November 2026
Advent 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**
10.15am	**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, 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
Sheila Robbins

Those whose years mind falls at this time
Ernest Cornish, Daisy Debnam, Graham Burnard, Alice Rumbelow, Gladys Pell, Ada Curry, John Down, Sheila Chase