



The United Benefice of Old Shoreham and Kingston Buci
The Churches of St Nicolas, St Julian and St Giles

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Newsletter

For Sunday 17 February 2019
3rd Sunday before Lent
Welcome to our worship



Children: Sunday School in the **Parish of Kingston Buci** meets on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month in the church hall at the beginning of the service and returns for communion. **Toy bags** are available in all churches as you come in at the door. Please feel free to make use of these facilities for your children.

Need a lift to Church? Please let us know

Large print service books are available. Please ask at the door.
There is an induction loop for those using a hearing aid.



From the Vicar

A few words of wisdom today. With thanks to Eileen Hill for submitting this poem from an anonymous source:

If We Only Knew

If we only knew that the smiles we see
Often hide the tears that would fain be free,
Would we not more tender and loving be,
If we only knew?

If we only knew that the words we say
Oft may drive the peace from some heart away,
Would we speak those words in the selfsame way,
If we only knew?

If we only knew that some weary heart
Has been burdened more by our thoughtless art,
Would we cause the tears from those eyes to start,
If we only knew?

If we only knew, as we onward go,
Many things that here we can never know,
For more patient love we would often show,
If we only knew.

God bless,
Fr James

Today's Worship

Collect

**Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this
world, our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found; 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.**

Readings

First Reading : Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for

surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings for 24th February 2nd before Lent

First Reading: Genesis 45.3-11,15

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

For your Prayers

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia.

Within our Diocese we pray for the Diocese of Chichester Academies Trust (DCAT): Mark Talbot CEO; Darren Carpenter, COO; Beruk Berhane, Sally Jane Poole, Tania Little; Gill Millnes; Josephine Izard and Mike Jackson.

Within our local community we pray for our brothers and sisters at Shoreham Baptist Church, Shoreham Methodist Church, St Peter’s RC Church and Free Church and for the residents of Norman Crescent, Woodview and The Street.

Those in need of our prayers specifically at this time: Pauline Packham, John Ramsden, Tania Jackson, Vanessa Thompson, Margaret Gilding, Christine Dickinson, Gerry Powell, , Ann Lawrence, Cherry Taylor, Wendy Tidy Diane Riley ,Halley , Hannah , Paula and Roddy Stevens, Joyce Thompson.

Those who have died recently: Winifred Webster.

Notices

Electoral Roll 2019: Please make sure you pick up an electoral roll form!

Every six years the electoral roll of each parish is completely renewed which means that if you have been on the electoral roll you will need to reapply for inclusion in this year's roll. Forms will be in church from this Sunday! Please see notices for the closing date in each of our churches! You can only hold office and vote at parish meetings if you are on the electoral roll.

Lent Reflections: Sign-up sheets will be in churches from this week. Please consider if you would like to take part this year. Reflections will be based on a Bible verse and should conclude with a short prayer. Maximum 300 words. For more information please speak to Fr James or Revd Pat.

Lent and Holy Week Leaflets: Lent leaflets will be available in all our churches from this Sunday. These list all our activities in Lent including Lent Courses, Lent Lunches, and Meditations on the Cross. Please take one home with you! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6 March with services at St Nicolas at 9.30am and St Giles at 7.30pm.

Joint PCC Meeting: Please note that there will be a joint PCC Meeting on Wednesday 20 February at 7pm. We will be meeting in St Julian's Hall.

Messy Church 23rd February, 3-5pm at St Giles' Church: This week we meet again for Messy Church. This month we will be worshipping, crafting and eating on the theme of "Together, we can make a difference" All ages welcome!!

World Day of Prayer: Our local service this year will be held on Friday March 1st at St. Giles' Church at 2.00 p.m. The service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and has the theme: 'Come-everything is ready!'

Everyone is most welcome and refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service.

"St Nicolas' redecoration. As many will have noticed the internal redecoration of St Nicolas' are tired with a number of areas of defective and falling plaster. We now have obtained permission to repair the plaster and to redecorate the whole of the interior of the Church. Hopefully this will take place shortly. The costs of these works is just over £25,500 of which we have obtained grants and donations to date of £16,114.36 leaving us with just of £9,000 to raise. Please help us to raise this sum. Details of how to make a donation are on display within the church or from the churchwardens. Please also consider holding a fundraising event to help us with this task. Thank you to everyone who has donated to date and to everyone who will be donating to this appeal. "

St Nicolas Choir Concert Saturday 2 March 7pm presented by the junior choir, with contributions by the adult choir. This will be a lively and enjoyable evening of music of a wide range of styles, with something for everyone. There will be a bar

and everyone is invited to share in refreshments made by the choirs. Admission free, with a retiring collection for the Friends of St Nicolas.

St Nicolas' Planned Giving: -

As many of you know you can give your weekly/monthly giving by various means including giving in the collection at a service, giving via monthly standing orders or by means of weekly blue envelopes. The envelopes run from the first week in April and each envelope is dated for that week and is personalised purely for you. The only person who knows which envelope belongs to which person is the Stewardship Secretary and this information is not divulged to anyone. If you would like to give your planned giving to the Church by this means please speak to Len Batten as soon as possible and a supply of envelopes will be given to you. Many thanks. Len Batten, Stewardship Secretary."

St Julian's church is open for visitors to enjoy this unique historic building and for quiet prayer and contemplation, every **Saturday and Sunday, from 10am until 4pm**. If you can help with opening and closing the church please contact Tina Robertson or write your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church. Thank you.

Our Benefice is now supporting **Shoreham Foodbank** with volunteers as well as donations. There are collection boxes in all three churches and if you'd like to donate the Foodbank is looking for:

Long Life Desserts, Tinned Meat, UHT Milk, Bottled Pasta & Cooking Sauces, Rice Pudding – tinned, Custard – tinned or carton, Mixed Puddings evaporated milk, jellies, 'fruit n jelly', semolina, or birds raspberry trifle etc, Tinned Fruit, Spaghetti – tinned, Ready Meals/Vegetarian, Instant Mash Potato, Dog/Cat Food, Rice, Instant Coffee, Spreads - such as jam, honey, marmalade etc. All items are collected and taken to the Foodbank regularly to ensure your donations reach those in need as quickly as possible. Thank you.

A message from Paul Comber at the Shoreham FoodBank:

Thank you for St Giles, St Julian's and St Nicolas' very generous support of Shoreham FoodBank; your total donations for the year have been a shade over 210kg, which is very gratefully appreciated.

Songs of Praise: Songs of Praise is now being transmitted at 1.15pm on Sundays. This is not a good time for many people, particularly those in Residential Homes. A petition has been opened asking the BBC to restore Songs of Praise to its original time. You can find the petition here: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/restore-songs-of-praise-to-it-s-original-time>

Shoreham Churches Together Lent Lecture: 26 March 7 for 7.30pm

This year we will be hearing from Dr Terry Biddington who is Dean of Spiritual Life at the University of Winchester. He will be speaking on "Building God's House in

Shoreham: Risk, Relationship and Reward” We will be meeting this year in **St Mary’s Parish Centre, 1 New Road.**

The next Week

Sunday	8.30am	St Nicolas	Eucharist	PA
17 February	9.45am	St Nicolas	Parish Service	PA
3rd before Lent	10am	St Giles	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School	JG
	6 pm	St Julian	Evening Prayer	BW
Monday 18 February	9am	St Nicolas	Prayers for Healing	
Tuesday 19 February				
Wednesday 20 February	9.30am 5.30-7pm 7pm	St Nicolas Parish Office St Julian’s Hall	Eucharist Clergy Surgery Joint PCC meeting	PA
Thursday 21 February	10am	St Julian	Holy Communion(BCP)	PA
Friday 22 February	9-11.30am 10am 11-11.30am 7.15pm	St Giles St Giles St Giles St Nicolas	Pop-up Coffee Eucharist Clergy Surgery Senior Choir	EH
Saturday 23 February	9am 3-5pm	St Nicolas St Giles	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
Sunday	8.30am	St Nicolas	Eucharist	JG
24 February	9.45am	St Nicolas	Family Eucharist	PA
2nd Before Lent	10am	St Julian	Parish Eucharist	JG

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