



Parish of Effingham and Fetcham
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit



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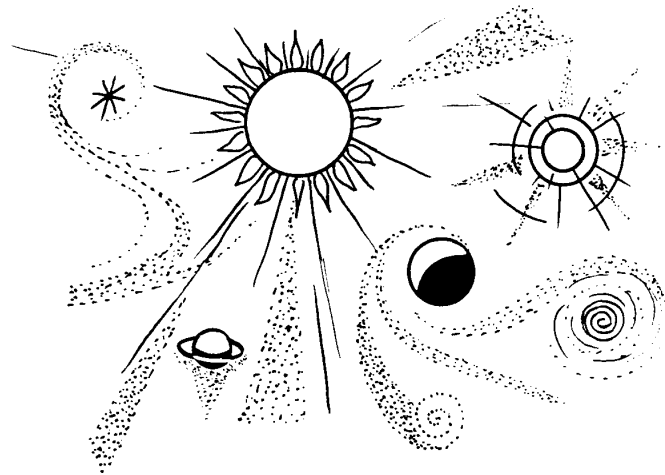
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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

First Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 2nd December



Today we begin the season of Advent, focusing on the coming of the Lord. Advent also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Rather paradoxically we begin the liturgical year at the end of the world, looking forwards to the second coming of Jesus. (We will start thinking about his first coming next weekend.)

When Jesus' second coming will happen we just don't know. Jesus is very clear that we don't know—and he's not telling us! "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority." (Acts 1:7) Maybe it won't be for a billion years; maybe it will be this afternoon.

But just suppose we did know when he would come again ... suppose it was next Sunday. How would you feel? How would it affect your life? For a start, you wouldn't have to do any Christmas shopping, and you could drop the plans to redecorate the bathroom! More seriously, what would you want to do? Maybe boost your prayer life, make a good confession, make contact with your loved-ones, make a special effort to do something good for those in need. Why those things? Because they are good; because they would please Jesus, who we love and believe in. So why not do them anyway, even if it turns out that Jesus doesn't come again next weekend, or even for millions of years.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Joseph Hughes RIP and Fr David Goddard RIP who died recently.

EXTRA MASS THIS WEEK: On **Saturday 8 December** at Our Lady of Sorrows there is a 10am Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fairtrade: There will be a sale of Fairtrade goods including some Christmas cards and advent calendars after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses this **Sunday 2 December**.

Parish Advent Talks: Fr Stephen will be talking about The Kingdom of God and New Evangelisation over the course of three weeks running from **Monday 3 December**, St Alphege Hall, Effingham, 7.30-9.00pm with a mid-way break for refreshments. (Offers of snacks, mince pies, cheese scones, etc will be most welcome).

The Word Who is Life – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Bishop Richard will unveil the Pastoral Plan to members of the Epsom Deanery at St Joseph's Church, Epsom on **Tuesday 4 December at 7.00pm**. Everybody is welcome to attend their local deanery meeting to hear the exciting vision for the future of the Diocese.

Christmas Charity Post (CCP): The 30p stamps (half the price of the normal post) are *now on sale* at 14 locations around the villages of Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham. Details of the locations are given on the notice in the church porch. *Please support your local charity and save yourself some money at the same time.*

The Passage: is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 28 November for one week to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. For more details, please contact Andrew Hollingsworth on 020 75921855 andrew.h@passage.org.uk <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/30366>

A Very Warm Thank You

Our daughter Kate, her husband Ben, and their children Josie and Alfie together with Jack and I would like to thank you all for your warm wishes to us on the death of our son and grandson, Ozzie. The number of Mass offerings, cards, phone calls, verbal good wishes and offers of help have been so numerous and deeply felt, they have supported us. There was a strong feeling of community.

The funeral was last Friday in a beautiful 8th century church - dedicated to Our Lady – in Sussex. It was a celebration of a wonderful young man's life. Four dear members of the Holy Spirit Choir came to lend support to the singing and the church was overflowing.

The support from our Parish of Effingham and Fetcham illustrated to us how much we have come together as a combined group. We are truly one Parish of Our Lady and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you again, to all of you.

Jack and Kit Oliver

Eucharistic Adoration: with Advent starting this week, this is an ideal time to start the Ecclesiastical Year with a commitment to attend one hour's weekly Eucharistic Adoration. When we started the extended period of Adoration some 18 months ago, we had 35 parishioners on our Tuesday and Thursday rotas. Unfortunately, several of the 35 have died, moved away from the Parish or feel unable to continue and we are now down to about 25 committed Parishioners. *If you can commit to coming to Adoration for just one hour out of the 168 hours that God gives you in each week and join the rotas on either Tuesday morning or Thursday morning or afternoon, please have a word with Michael or Mary Agius, email maryagius@gmail.com, telephone 01372 456545. Of course, you can drop in any time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed without joining the rotas, but it would be wonderful if you could make that powerful commitment.*



CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving: Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Parish Circulation Email: Our Parish has an email system for sharing information amongst us all. The emails only go to parishioners who have agreed for their email address to be held and only parish and Church information is sent. Email addresses are not shared without permission. The last email went out on 7 Nov 18 – if you did not get it you are not on the list. If you would like to join please contact Michaelpbray@btinternet.com

THIS MONTH

Reconciliation Services around the Deanery this Advent

- St Ann's and St John's (joint service at St Ann's, **Banstead**) Wednesday 12th December 7:30pm
- St Clement's **Ewell** Thursday 13th December 7:30pm.
- Our Lady & St Peter's **Leatherhead** Thursday 13th December 7:00pm.
- Our Lady of Sorrows **Effingham** Sunday 16th December 3:00pm.
- St Michael's **Ashted** Monday 17th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Epsom** Thursday 20th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Dorking** Sunday 23rd December 3:00pm

Horsley Choral Christmas Concert: Mozart Vesperae solemnes de Confessore with Christmas music and carols. **Sunday 9 December at 7.30pm** at St Andrew's Church in Cobham, Downside KT11 3EJ. Tickets £13 or £6 under 18s. To book 07768 573987 or 01372 457987. In aid of Medical Detection Dogs.

Wintershall Nativity Play: (12-16 December) at Wintershall near Bramley in Surrey. A 50-volunteer cast in biblical costumes, assisted by sheep, donkeys, horses and a sheepdog take the audience on foot from the chill open air into the atmospheric, candle-lit barn, as the story of how Jesus changed the world unfolds with songs and music and joyful carolling. See their website for details including opportunities to volunteer: www.wintershall-estate.com.

FORTHCOMING

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery on our Doorstep', Saturday 26 January, from 10am (coffee from 9.30am). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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| Marie Bliss | Janet Morgan |
| Liz Boughton | Jim Morgan |
| Christopher Brown | Jack Oliver |
| Alan Bryant | Kit Oliver |
| Amy Chapman | Maureen Power |
| Maggi Cooke | Maureen Rennison |
| Marian Cross | Patrick Rennison |
| Anne Cuffe | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Maureen Donoghue | Allison Roberts |
| John Donovan | Jean Rowlandson |
| Joan Doran | Yolande Sharpe |
| Mary Doran | Mary Skilton |
| Philippa Gibbons | Andrew Smith |
| Ros Kennedy | Eileen Tennant |
| Derek Knott | Michael Tomkins |
| Tessa Knott | Andrea Vaughan |
| Filomena Lionetti | Rose Wedlake |
| Joanna Mills | Alf Wiggins |



MASS TIMES

Saturday	01 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	02 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	Jane Vertannes – RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	03 Dec	09.15am	(HS)	Bice Vella - RIP
Tuesday	04 Dec	09.15am	(OLOS)	John Hassard - RIP
Wednesday	05 Dec	09.15am	(HS)	Gregory Farrelly - Wellbeing
Thursday	06 Dec	09.15pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Friday	07 Dec	06.00pm	(HS)	Mr & Mrs Beatty - RIP
Saturday	08 Dec	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	08 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Michael Connors - RIP
Sunday	09 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	Gerry Payne - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	04 Dec	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	06 Dec	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	08 Dec	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	02 Dec	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	03 Dec	09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of every month
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday Christmas Eve	24 Dec	06.00pm	Vigil Mass	(OLOS)
		08.30pm	<i>Carols before Mass</i>	(HS)
		09.00pm	Midnight Mass	(HS)
Tuesday Christmas Day	25 Dec	09.00am	Dawn Mass	(OLOS)
		10.30am	Family Mass	(HS)

HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham

OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 125. R.v3 Philipians 1:3-6. 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Newsletter items to the Parish Office by 10am Wednesday.