



Church of the
Good Shepherd

Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025



'A little child shall lead them.' Isaiah 11.6. Image by Revd Jess, see Bible Art below for commentary.

We celebrate the second Sunday of the Advent season in our preparations for Christmas. All are welcome to join us.

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7,18,19*
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12



Sea Lights meets in the hall this Sunday at 10am.

The group will be rehearsing a nativity for the Crib Service. New children are welcome.

Can you invite someone to our carol service this year?

A personal invite can be a great encouragement to attend church, and a carol service is always a joy. Plus, there's mulled wine to follow! Flyers are available this Sunday for you to share as an invitation. Who might you invite? Sunday 14th December, 6pm.

Family Christingle We are partnering with the Swiss Cottage pub this year and holding an outdoor Christingle at their lakeside, **Friday 12th December 6.30pm**. All welcome. Donations will be collected for the Children's Society.

Taizé for Healing Our service this Sunday focuses on Advent themes, with the opportunity to receive individual healing prayer at the close of the service for those who would like to receive this gift.



Healing Prayer is offered most Sundays after the 10am service in the side chapel.

FRIENDS will meet on Friday 19th December for chat and games, tea and cake 2-4pm. If you would like to find out more please ring Joy.tel 01273 462 584

Christmas Services

Friday 12th December 6.30pm

Family Christingle
at the *Swiss Cottage pub lakeside*

Sunday 14th December 6pm

Carol Service

Sunday 21st December 6pm

Quiet Christmas

Christmas Eve 4pm

Children's Crib Service

Christmas Eve 9pm

Bethlehem Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am

Family Communion



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Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach

Shoreham Beach Resident's Association Carols

Community Christmas Sing-along



Get into the Christmas spirit & join us for festive music outside The Waterside Inn.

Music from:
Shoreham Singers by Sea and Hangleton Harmonies.

**Thursday,
December 11th,
at 5.30pm.**

*Mulled wine
to purchase.*



Organised by Shoreham Beach
Residents' Association
ALL VERY WELCOME.



Carol singing Christmas market

Shoreham Churches Together has a slot to sing carols at the Christmas market **Saturday**

13th December, 11am - 11.30am. Come along and join the singing.

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THE DOCK

YOUTH CLUB

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4.00pm - 5.30pm

New Youth Group

The church is pleased to be offering a group for secondary school children next year. Thanks to Amy Coke for all her

work making this possible.

Bible Art (see image at top of newsletter)

Isaiah 1. 1-10 ... and a little child shall lead them This passage of wonderful hope and peace was written at a time when the Israelites had already seen the Northern Kingdom destroyed and were fearful of being attacked and their little children slaughtered. At the present time what does the lion stand for? Adults the little children know who assault them? Tyrants who attack them in Gaza, and Lebanon and Ukraine and Sudan? Armed or unarmed fanatics in Nigeria, the DRC, Myanmar, India, Pakistan and other places throughout the world? In this Advent time, isn't our prayer that all those who would attack little children should become like Christ so that a little child can take them and lead them by the hand without fear? Is there a particular aspect that the Lord is laying on your heart to pray for this Advent?

Revd Jess

And finally... the Christmas Fayre raised a tremendous total of **£3095.26**. Thank you to our hardworking volunteer team, and all who came. It was a lovely community occasion.



I work half-time and the days I am usually available are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning. I wish you all a blessed week, Revd Jane

Services this week

Sunday 7th December

8am – Holy Communion with Revd Jane and Sally.

10am – Parish Communion with Revd Jane and Sally.

This service will be live streamed onto our Facebook and You Tube channel.

You Tube page [CLICK HERE](#)

Church Facebook page [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note that we don't stream our all-age service on the first Sunday of the month.

6pm – Taizé for Healing

Tuesday 9th December

9.30am – Holy Communion with Revd Pat.

Wednesday 10th December

6pm – Celtic Evening Prayer on

Zoom [CLICK HERE](#) Meeting ID: 868 1252 3106 Passcode: 960274

Friday 12th December

8am – Meditation with Morning Prayer A benefice service at St Mary de Haura

6.30pm – Family Christingle at the Swiss Cottage Pub

Saturday 13th December

8am – Morning Meditation

– in the Good Shepherd and also on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81286470381>

Meeting ID: 812 8647 0381



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