

SERVICES at St Thomas à Becket

SUNDAYS

9.45am BCP Sung Eucharist
6.00pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

FORTHCOMING SUNDAYS

December 2 The First Sunday of Advent
December 9 The Second Sunday of Advent
December 16 The Third Sunday of Advent
December 23 The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 30 The First Sunday after Christmas

Weekdays and Saturdays

Daily: 7am BCP Eucharist
Thursdays: 7am & 10am BCP Eucharist
Daily: 6pm BCP Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY FEASTS & FESTIVALS

December 26 Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr – Eucharist 9am
December 27 John, Apostle & Evangelist – Eucharist 9am
December 28 The Holy Innocents – Eucharist 9am
December 29 Thomas Becket – Eucharist 9am

If you are visiting us, you are very welcome in our ancient and peaceful church, which has been a place of worship for centuries.
Donations are gratefully received towards the continual up keep of this historic building.

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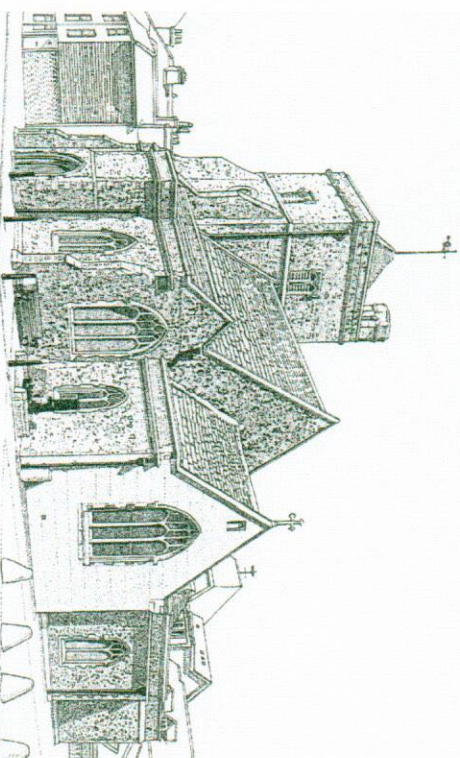
COFFEE at The Trading Post
Roasting Co. on Wednesday 5th
December 10.30-11.30am. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight BCP Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY
9.45am Parish BCP Communion

ST THOMAS à BECKET AT CLIFFE

PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2018



MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all.....

'Make me to understand the way of thy commandments.'

Psalm 119 v27



A traditional Anglican church, with all services from

The Book of Common Prayer.

Open Daily for worship, meditation, prayer and visits.

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COLLECTS

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect for The Second Sunday in Advent.



Dear Friends,

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR, CANON RICHARD

Last year in his Christmas Message the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote:

“... we like the Angels proclaim good news and, like the Shepherds, we receive good news. The good news is good news for all people, whatever their situation in life. It is good news for politicians and leaders but is also good news for the refugees and displaced persons who continue to flee from danger and seek safety and sanctuary. As St Gregory Nazianzen writes:

He who gives riches becomes poor, for he assumes the poverty of my flesh, that I may assume the richness of his Godhead. He that is full empties himself, for he exalts himself of his glory for a short while, that I may have a share in his fullness.

His message although written in 2017 is, in many ways, a timeless message. Each year we receive the good news with joy. The good news of the birth of the Son of God.

I hope you have a very peaceful Christmas knowing that whatever your situation, the Christ child who became the risen Christ is with you.

All good wishes, Richard

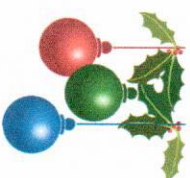
Please note – copies of Bishop Martin’s December letter for all parishes are at the back of the church for all to read.....

ITEMS for inclusion in the Parish News can be left in the envelope on the church notice board or emailed to news@st-thomas-lewes.org.uk the deadline for the January issue is 18 December.

DIARY DATES FOR 2018

CHRISTMAS FAIR – SAT 1 DECEMBER – 10am to 12.30 pm
This year we plan to have.....

- Stocking Fillers
- Chocolate Treats
- Tombola
- Cakes/Preserves
- Animal Game
- Raffle to name a few



All donations welcome – unwanted gifts, toiletries, scented candles and unused Christmas decorations would be much appreciated. Please bring them to the hall on the morning of the fair from 8.00am Thank you.



CAROLS AND MINCE PIES EVENING – Tuesday 18 December
At 7.00 pm in Cliffe Hall. All are welcome to come along and sing your favourite carols. We will be supporting The Children’s Society on the evening.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Saturday 22 December. Please could all flower arrangers meet at 9.30am onwards. Donations of flowers and foliage would be much appreciated and can be left at the back of the church on the morning.



We are sad to announce the death of Arthur Hammond on 18 November 2018. Arthur loved St. Thomas’ and had a long association with the Church. He attended worship regularly and played an active part in Parish life, formerly serving as Church Warden. He will be much missed.



We remember those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity and those of our readers unable to get to church.