

SERVICES at St Thomas à Becket

SUNDAYS

9.45am BCP Sung Eucharist

6.00pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

FORTHCOMING SUNDAYS

January 6	The Epiphany
January 13	Epiphany II (The Baptism of Christ)
January 20	Epiphany III
January 27	Epiphany IV

Weekdays and Saturdays

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

WEEKDAY FEASTS & FESTIVALS

January 1	The Circumcision of Christ
January 25	The Conversion of Paul

NEW VENUE!

COFFEE will be at the AQUA restaurant by the Premier Inn on Wednesday 2nd January 10.30-11.30am. All are welcome.

Daily Prayer. A reminder that Evening Prayer is said by Brother George each day in church at 6.00pm. It is a lovely way to round-off the day and everyone is welcome

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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ST THOMAS à BECKET AT CLIFFE

PARISH NEWS

JANUARY 2019



A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR to you all....



'In thee O Lord have I put my trust.'

Psalm 31:1

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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COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Collect for the First Sunday after The Epiphany.



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR, CANON RICHARD

Dear Friends,

No doubt you may have received many Christmas cards with the word peace in them. As Christians we believe in "The peace of God which passes all understanding". As we move into 2019 we are aware that our country is not at peace and faces an uncertain future and there are many divisions. Peace is a very precious and sometimes elusive state. Let us pray that all we meet may this New Year be filled with that peace of God which passes all understanding...

All good wishes for 2019 - *Richard*

CARING AND SHARING – OLINDA My Father's House continues to fulfil a vital role, as they are almost full with 14 boys aged from 6 to 17, often from very complex and vulnerable backgrounds. Please continue to pray for their growth, development and the workers working with them. Sadly Ian and Simea were recently robbed by masked men. They took jewellery, watches and £2000. Ian was not hurt, but this is a blow to their finances at an expensive time of the year. If you would like to help, there is a yellow donation box at the back of the church on Sunday mornings.

Some of us at the church receive daily scripture readings from the Bible Reading Fellowship at a very reasonable cost. If you would like to know more, please speak to Carole.

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 February issue is 18th January.

CHURCH NEWS

DIARY DATES FOR 2019



COFFEE MORNING – Wednesday 23 January in Cliffe Hall 10am-12pm (Cakes, Preserves & Raffle. **Proceeds in aid of church funds.**

A BIG THANK YOU to Miles Jenner who most generously donated £510 towards St Thomas' weathervane appeal, following his performance in October of 'If I catch Alphonso Tonight'. Miles' performance portraying the life of Billy Merson, a great artist of the Music Hall, was exemplary. Those of us who experienced this fascinating show felt very privileged and were treated to Nuptial Ale and Sussex Birdies.

CHRISTMAS FAIR The Fair made a total of £740.40 towards church funds. Many thanks to all who supported and worked towards this event. It was a great success. A steady flow of visitors and the high quality of cakes and gifts donated, helped us to achieve this amount. The total included a donation of £55 for the Children's Society.

PLEASE NOTE change of venue for coffee to Aqua on Wed. 2 January 2019

FLOWER ARRANGERS – The new Flower Rota will be at the back of the church. If you are able to help, please add your name against the appropriate dates. Thank you.



We are sad to announce the sudden death of Arthur Tapp, whose funeral was held on the 7th December. He attended worship regularly and had served as Churchwarden in the past. He will be much missed.



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