Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



Remembrance Sunday

The Third Sunday Before Advent

Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance

8th November

1030am

Welcome to Christ Church!

Whoever you are and wherever you are from, know you are very welcome to join us for our worship this morning.

The service proceeds without announcement or interruption – everything you need is in this booklet; notices & other information are in the accompanying 'Week Ahead' booklet.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the Altar from 10am, during which time we also offer Morning Prayer. All are welcome to join, using the books or booklets at the back of church.

Please be reverent & keep silence from 10am when Our Lord is exposed on the altar so as not to disrespect Him & allow others to pray

After the Mass, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.

THIS EVENING, ALL ARE WELCOME TO CHORAL EVENSONG AT 6PM

Children & families are very welcome here: there is a 'Children's Chapel' space with books and toys in the South Aisle, for young children and their parents to use at any point during Mass. Toilets are available at the back of church and in the crypt, accessed via the stairs at the end of the South Aisle.

DURING THE MASS

'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'

Please follow the directions to *sit, stand or kneel in italics* and join with the words in bold. Please remember that people are trying to pray before Mass, so keep silence as much as possible and don't disturb those at prayer.

Please also remember that the time after receiving Holy Communion is for quiet prayer and contemplation – not to have conversations.

AT HOLY COMMUNION

At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed and wish to receive the Sacrament, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle following the directions of the stewards.

Everyone is very welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head at the altar rail.

Holy Communion is offered at the communion rail in both forms. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue, (or if preferred on the hands). If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward.

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Christmas 2026

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

6PM

ADVENT CAROLS

by candlelight

A candlelit service of Scripture, carols and prayers, preparing for the coming of Christ.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

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Mass Setting – ***Dom Gregory Murray***

Please stand when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party

Entrance Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

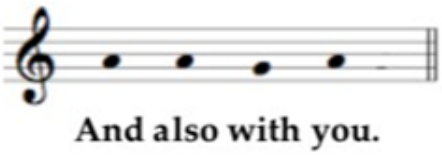
And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



The Lord be with you.



The Mass then continues with **The Penitential Rite** *as the Priest leads the people to prepare to confess to God with the Collect for Purity:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Priest invites the people to consider our sins in silence, before we confess them to the Lord saying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.

The Priest pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Choir lead **The Kyrie**

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,

The Choir lead **The Gloria**


Glo- ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, hea- ven-ly King, al- migh- ty God and
Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo- ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the
Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the
sin of the world, have mer- cy on us; you are sea-ted at the
right hand of the Fa- ther, re- ceive our pray'r. For you a-
lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord, you a-
lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi-rit
in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A- men.

The Priest sings the ***Collect:***

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wisdom 6.12-16 I Thessalonians 4:13-14 Matthew 25.1-13

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Book of Wisdom

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 70 vv.10-4 R/ O Lord, make haste to help me

1 O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.

3 Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.
4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

Second Reading A reading from the First Letter of to the Thessalonians

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**
Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please turn to face the Gospel, proclaimed from the midst of the people

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
Hear the Gospel (✠) of Our Lord Jesus Christ (✠) according to St Matthew (✠) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**
Please sit for the **Homily**
The homily is followed by a time of silent reflection, which is then followed by the **Act of Remembrance**

Act of Remembrance

Please stand and face the Memorial in the Chapel of Holy Souls

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict; Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

The Exhortation is recited:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. **We will remember them.**

The Last Post is sounded, then the Two Minute Silence is observed, concluded by the Reveille. The Kohima Epitaph is recited

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King

Wreathes are laid at the War Memorial, the Priest & Ministers return to the Sanctuary

Please remain standing for **The Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(*all bow*)

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing for the **Intercessions**
After each petition: Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**
As we pray for the dead: Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

After the final petition we entrust all our prayer and petitions to the unceasing prayers of the Saints in heaven, especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary who we greet saying: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

The Priest concludes the prayer, and all respond: **Amen**

The Peace
The Priest introduces the peace, then shares it with the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace
All share a sign of peace with those near them

Please then sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward for the preparation of the altar, as we sing ***the Offertory Hymn.***

During this hymn a collection is taken towards the costs of Christ Church's ministries – if you don't have cash, there is a contactless reader by the entrance or you can donate online here:

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

1. **O God, our help in ages past,**
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

2. **Under the shadow of thy throne**
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

3. **Before the hills in order stood,**
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4. **A thousand ages in thy sight**
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. **Time, like an ever-rolling stream,**
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6. **O God, our help in ages past,**
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God our almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Priest offers the Prayer over the Gifts, and all respond. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give Him thanks and praise

The Priest continues with the Opening (Preface) of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of which the choir leads the ***Sanctus***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as the Priest continues the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

He first invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine.
He then recalls the Lord's actions the night before He died.
A bell is rung as the Priest elevates the consecrated Host and Chalice.

He then says:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the end, all respond:



Please remain kneeling for **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

As the Priest breaks the bread, he says:
We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The choir lead the ***Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Please remain kneeling as the Priest shows the Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Before coming forward to receive Holy Communion, all pray together:
We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

As the Priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people begin to come forward. If you are confirmed and wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward via the main aisle, following the directions of the stewards.

All are welcome to come forward for a blessing:
if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered in both forms at the Communion Rail. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue (or, if preferred, on the hands.) If you don't wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.

Intinction (dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not permitted.

During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an **Anthem**
For the fallen – Douglas Guest

All then join in the ***Communion Hymn***

1. **Immortal love for ever full,**
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea!

2. **Our outward lips confess the name,**
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came
And comprehendeth love.

3. **We may not climb the heavenly steeps**
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown;

4. **But warm, sweet tender, even yet**
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

5. **The healing of his seamless dress**
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

6. **Through him the first fond prayers are said**
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

7. Alone, O Love ineffable,
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven.

As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed, all give thanks together with the
Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion:
Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

Please stand for the Priest to sing the ***Prayer after Communion***

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Please remain standing for **The Blessing and Dismissal**
Notices are in the Week Ahead booklet & on our website

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, let us go in the peace of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

As the Sanctuary party departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

As the procession approaches the Image of Our Lady, all turn to focus on the Blessed Virgin as the Priest leads the singing of **the Angelus**

The angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Behold the handmaid of the Lord **Be it unto me according to thy word**
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ

The Priest sings the collect, and all respond **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please join us after the Mass for refreshments at the back of church

THIS EVENING, WE OFFER CHORAL EVENSONG AT 6PM



Remembrance Sunday
8th November

1030am
Sung Mass

with Act of Remembrance &
Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial

6pm
Choral Evensong

There will also be an Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day at 11am on the 11th November at the Memorial Display & Flag on London Road

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