



ST. PATRICK'S PEWS NEWS

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The Fourth Sunday before Advent

4th November, 2018

This Week's Hymn Numbers

177, 67, 509, 172

The Week Ahead

- **Tuesday 6th November** – 11am Funeral of David Brown in church
- **Wednesday 7th November** – 9 am School Assembly
- **Thursday 8th November** – 6.15-7.15pm Remembrance Rehearsal
- **Thursday 8th November** – 7.30pm Messy Church Planning Meeting
- **Thursday 8th November** – 7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal
- **Saturday 10th November** – 1.30pm Wedding
- **Sunday 11th November** – 6am Piper outside St. Patrick's
- **Sunday 11th November** – 10.30am Remembrance Day Service

Prayer for the Week

This week's prayer was written by John Hunter

Make us ever eager, Lord, to share the good things that we have.

Grant us such a measure of your Spirit that we may find more joy in giving than in getting.

Make us ready to give cheerfully without grudging, secretly without praise, and in sincerity without looking for gratitude, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Shoebox Appeal

Would you like to help join in the world's largest children's Christmas project?

Val Sperrey & Vicki & Becca are organising shoe boxes to help needy children around the world.

Children receive a shoebox based on their need, regardless of their background or religion.

If you would like to help with either donated items or prefer to give a cash donation to help purchase items or pay towards transportation costs, please speak to Val.

Remembrance Sunday

As you are all aware it will be 100 years since the ending of World War 1 and to celebrate this across the whole country various churches will be welcoming a lone piper, Carl Gray, at 6am in the morning. All the pipers at the same time will then play 'The Battle O'er' so that an echo goes out across the whole country telling that the battle is indeed over. Please, I know that all of you will probably want to attend the 10.30 service – but it would be lovely if some of you would make the effort to **ALSO** attend this – I know it means getting out of bed early – but when we think of the sacrifice that those who fought and died made – surely we can get ourselves out of bed to part of something bigger. It will only last 3 minutes, so you can always go back to bed afterwards. Please can I ask you to show your support of this by making this sacrifice to come twice on that Sunday?

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Hamper

Our raffle tickets for the Christmas hamper are now on sale. We are also collecting for our Christmas Fayre, so please could you start to bring in luxury items for the hampers, chocolate for the chocolate tombola and bottles for the bottle stall. Promises of cakes (contact Barbara Philp 07734 228500) would be appreciated, as would offers of help on the day. Please save the date and come and support on Sunday 2nd December. Thank you.

Narthex and Food Bank

FOOD BANK: thank you for the small bags of sugar; they make life so much easier when making up Individual parcels for clients. Then we can save the larger sizes for the Family parcels.

Some Advent calendars came in this week- a startling reminder of how we move from Harvest Festival to Christmas in such a short time. This week the shortages were full fat milk (necessary for the children), sponge puddings (no nuts because of allergies, please) and even more small bags of sugar.

The Narthex's new Manager will start in a few weeks but in the meantime an urgent appeal has just gone out for a stair gate and a double pushchair; any offers please? With sincere thanks for your continued support – this is very much appreciated.

Linen Cleaning Rota: October – Philip and Mary Bowen

Brass Cleaning Rota: October – George and Margaret Hadler

Dates for your Diaries

- **Sunday 11th November** – 6am Carl Gray will be our piper outside St. Patrick's – this is to celebrate the 100th anniversary since the ending of World War 1. The sound of the pipes will echo across the whole country.
- **Sunday 11th November – 10.30am start** for the Remembrance Service
- **Sunday 2nd December** – 2pm – 4pm Christmas Fayre in Cheswick Green village hall
- **Sunday 16th December** – 6pm 9 Lessons and Carols Service

Collect at 8am Service

O God, our refuge and strength,
who art the author of all godliness;
be ready, we beseech thee,
to hear the devout prayers of thy Church;
and grant that those thing which we ask faithfully
we may obtain effectually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Collect at 10am Service

God of Glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation,
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist, you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for those in need

Please speak to Rev'd Julie regarding requests to be included in our prayer book.

Please pray for the departed

Harold James Morris
David John Brown
Enid Elizabeth Turner

Years Mind

If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the prayers, please contact Rev'd Julie.

Next Week's Readings for Remembrance Sunday

Micah 4:1-5
John 15:9-17