Prayer & Worship

Collect for the
2nd Sunday Before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Prayer

Please pray for Pastor Domitien and our friends in Burundi following recent devastating floods.

Those in need of our prayer:
Brian Forder, Claire, Connie,
Hilary Wakeman, Jenny Radnedge,
Jonathan, Richard,
Verner Pedersen.

Year's Mind:

Those who have died in the last 10 years:
John Brister, Richard Jarrold
Others whose name appears in our book of remembrance from earlier years:
May Shipton, Ellen Hall, Margot Paston, Gavin Alderson, Mary Bailey, Sally Bowes, Thomas Lydiate, George Thompson

Sunday 15th November
2nd Before Advent

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter

10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Annie Blyth
with sermon given by Annie Blyth

5.00pm Evensong
led by Catherine Waddams
with sermon given by Edward Carter

This Week

Tuesday 17th November
1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Annie Blyth

Wednesday 18th November
7.30am Communion
led by Edward Carter

1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Catherine Waddams

Thursday 19th November
1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Naomi Tuma

Sunday 22nd November
Christ The King

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Catherine Waddams

5.00pm Evensong
led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Gill Persicke

Mancroft News

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Graffiti Survey Group



The Mancroft Graffiti Survey Group are in the building!
We have a group of 15 keen and willing volunteers who are itching to get started on discovering and recording the graffiti in SPM, following a fascinating tour with Colin Howie around the graffiti in Norwich Cathedral.

Surveying in earnest won't begin until the new year, once Christmas cards, trees and events have finished, but the group met this week to try out the new LED lights, kindly bought by the PCC, and work out how we are going to carry out the survey to make absolutely sure that we don't miss anything.

So far, we have spotted some 'memorial inscriptions' - probably left by people who couldn't afford anything more elaborate and lots of initials.

Every wall, pillar and pew in the church will be carefully examined and all the graffiti will be photographed and recorded so we can create an archive of material.

It's especially good to have people new to Mancroft on the team as well as archive wizard Tom Townsend!

Speak to Alex Atherton.

Crib Service 2026



The annual Christmas Crib Service, preceded by a lantern parade from Hay Hill will be held on **Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm.**

Please contact Ruth if you would like to be involved - particularly in a non-acting way (lighting lanterns, handing out service sheets and so on).

rebirth@stpetermancroft.org.uk



Safeguarding Sunday



Safeguarding Sunday is marked nationally on **15th November** this year. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on what makes a church a safe and welcoming place, and to thank those who help us care for one another.

This year's theme, *Love Protects*, reminds us that everyone who comes here should be treated with dignity and respect, feel able to speak openly, and know that their concerns will be taken seriously. This matters for children, young people and adults alike, whatever their circumstances.

Safeguarding involves more than policies, checks and training. It also means listening carefully, noticing when something may be wrong and being willing to raise a concern. Small acts of attention can make a real difference: taking time to listen, respecting someone's boundaries, or asking for advice when a situation leaves us uneasy.

A friendly welcome is only the beginning. We want St Peter Mancroft to be a community where people can build trust, find support and feel confident that speaking up will be met with care.

Creating a safer church is a responsibility we all share. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong before asking for advice, and you are not expected to investigate it yourself.

Contact Gill:
safeguarding@stpetermancroft.org.uk

Armistice



At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month a short Act of Remembrance took place at the City War Memorial. Mancroft's Vicar, Canon Edward Carter, led the service, which was attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Norwich. Wreaths were then laid at the Church War Memorial, in the North Churchyard.

Thanks Harry



Twice a year the windows at the Octagon and at Chantry Hall are given a proper clean by Harry, seen here last Monday hard at work. Thank you Harry for looking after us so well!

Ministry Away from Mancroft

This Sunday morning Catherine Waddams, who is Lay Chair of the Deanery, is worshipping at St David's Church, Thorpe End, and Fiona Haworth is co-leading a gathering of the Iona Community this weekend, away from Norwich.



Notices and Forthcoming Events

Carols for a Cause

This December, St Peter Mancroft welcomes six fundraising Christmas carol services. Each is organised by the charity or its supporters, bringing people together to celebrate the season and raise funds for its work.

2 December : Big C
15 December : EDP Charity
16 December : Keeping Abreast
17 December : Red Balloon
18 December : EACH
19 December : MAP

Please look out for each organiser's publicity for service times and booking arrangements. We look forward to welcoming their supporters to Mancroft.

4Js Christmas Stall

The 4J's Christmas sale for EACH will be on **Sunday, November 22nd.** Contributions of items for the sale will be very welcome – Christmassy themed or gift ideas. Contributions can be given to Janis or another "J". We shall also have a table at the Bell-ringers coffee mornings on the following 3 Saturdays.

We look forward to your generous support.

Christian Meditation

The meditation group meets at 1.30pm downstairs in the Processional Way.

18 November

All are very welcome, especially anyone who has not tried this before. Why not come along?



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