Prayer & Worship

Collect for
1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

For Prayer

Please continue to 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:

Mary Warnes, Kenneth Smith, Barbara Miller, Ilona Riczi

Others whose name appears in our book of remembrance from earlier years:

Reginald Johnson, Leonard Youngs, Frank Platten, Sheila Payne, Ellen Bacon.

Sunday 29th November
1st of Advent

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter

10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Fiona Haworth

5.00pm Advent Carol Service
led by Edward Carter

This Week

Tuesday 1st December
1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Fiona Haworth

Wednesday 2nd December
7.30am Communion
led by Edward Carter

1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Annie Blyth

Thursday 3rd December
1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Andrew Parsons

Sunday 6th December
2nd of Advent

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Fiona Haworth

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

5.00pm Charities Carol Service
led by Edward Carter
with sermon given by Annie Blyth

Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich

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Those Advent Candles



This Sunday we light the first Advent candle.

Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, a colour that invites us to pause and prepare.

The pink candle, lit on the third Sunday, brings a note of joy as Christmas draws nearer.

Then on Christmas Day we light the white candle in the centre, celebrating the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

For now, we begin with one small flame and a little hope.

Denmark



Last weekend a group of four from Mancroft visited Denmark, guests of St Clement's Church in Randers. It followed a visit from Randers to Norwich last Autumn.

The trip included chances to see many of the Randers sights, and to share meals with members of the St Clement's congregation.

On the Sunday morning Mancroft's Vicar, Edward Carter, preached at the service, which was led by Pastor Birgith Nørlund Jensen of the Danish Lutheran Church.



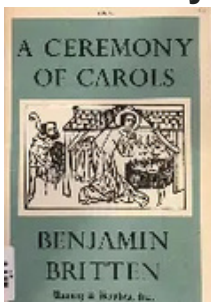
PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council met last Monday evening, to oversee the life of the church.

- The meeting began with some refreshments from Denmark, brought back by the group who had visited St Clement's Randers at the weekend.
- A budget for 2027 was discussed and approved, and charitable donations from the PCC to St Martin's Housing Trust, the Matthew Project, the John Aves Education Project, and the Christian Aid Gaza appeal (£600 to each) were agreed.
- Raymond Scott was approved as a new member of the Communion Assistants team.
- It was agreed that the church would add its name to the Just Peace Coalition Time to Act Campaign, and that individual members of the congregation would also be encouraged to consider doing this.
- There were also several other updates and reports, including on the Ministry Experience Scheme

Notices and Forthcoming Events

A Ceremony of Carols



St Cecilia's Singers
1.00pm, Saturday 5th December
Benjamin Britten's
A Ceremony of Carols
Directed by
Jody James

Zaytoun Sale

Pop into St Peter Mancroft on **Saturday 12th December, 10.45am to 3.15pm,** for fairly traded Zaytoun gifts supporting Palestinian farmers, from olive oil and dates to soaps and cookbooks.

There'll also be a second-hand book sale in aid of the two Palestinian organisations Fiona visited this year.

Christian Meditation

The meditation group will be meeting at 1.30pm downstairs in the Processional Way, on
Wednesday 2 December
Wednesday 23 December
All are very welcome, especially anyone who has not tried this before. Why not come along?

Burundi News



Please continue to pray for Domitien who has told us of severe flooding in Bujumbura, where he lives.

Our next zoom meeting is next **Tuesday 1st December at 3.30pm.**

Looking for a Strimmer



Does anyone have a strimmer they would be willing to lend us to cut the wild flower area? Please contact Fiona or Angela.

Volunteer Singers please...

City College Inclusive Learning Carol Service, 8th December at 10.30am

Volunteers wanted for a choir to sing at this informal, short service (around 30 minutes).

The service comprises of short readings, prayers and verses of well known carols.

Christmas jumpers are optional, but do wear them if you have them.

To find out more, please ask Fiona.









Advent Breakfasts



Invitation from Menscraft

MensCraft
Happier, healthier men & boys

Saturday 28 November, 10am - 2pm • 35 Bishopgate, Norwich • No need to book • Scan to learn more and to join our mailing list

Diary Dates

9th January at 10.30 am, Octagon
A Month in Palestine
Fiona Haworth will be repeating her talk in January for those who were unable to attend the previous sessions.

Don't miss this rare chance for a first-hand insight into life in Palestine today.

Mancroft Ringers' Coffee Shop



Join us for coffee, cake and good company!

SATURDAYS
28 November
5 & 12 December
2026
10.30 am – 12.30 pm
The Octagon
St Peter Mancroft

All proceeds support the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre

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