

The Church of the Good Shepherd is now open each day for  
**individual private prayer,**

We would ask **all our visitors** to follow the government's guidance for social distancing, hygiene and isolation. Remember to stay safe.

God bless

Rev. Chris Turner (01732) 882447



### Christmas Cards

Please drop Christmas cards for CoGS family members off at the **Vicarage** instead of the church. They will then be sorted and delivered to people's homes.



### CoGS Virtual Christmas Market

Find a gift for that special someone (or yourself!)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/714347989164002>



### Murray's Marmalade

There are 8 jars (370g) of 3 Fruits Marmalade - ingredients sweet oranges, grapefruit, lemons, sugar and water - available on a first come first served basis in return for a donation to the COGS.

Telephone Stuart Murray on 882859 to reserve a jar.

Donations may be made by texting to make a £5 donation- detailed on the front this sheet - or if making a larger donation a direct bank transfer to Church of the Good Shepherd Sort Code 40-02-39 Account Number 81189883 is more appropriate. If you pay UK Income Tax and can Gift Aid your donation please let me know and I will send you a form.



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN 1906—2020



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## 2nd Sunday of Advent — 6th December 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Communion - 6th December 2020 10:00am in church  
**Spaces are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions  
so please book**

This service can also be joined via Zoom  
See our Church Near You page for details

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/> .

### The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

### Prayer after communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

If you would like to support our work in the community you can now donate by text  
Text COGSGIVING 5 to 70085 to donate £5

Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text COGSGIVINGNOINFO 5 to 70085.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** *Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:*  
Judi Couldrey, Pat Head, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Shirley Bowman, Celia Smith, Alan Soames, Phyllis Hodge, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Gill Russell, Pam Jones, Gary Sullivan, Brenda Hewson, Linda Valance

**RIP:** Rosina Petrucci

*For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com*

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is

your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Psalm 85.1-2,8-13

Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

## SECOND READING

### 2 Peter 3.8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## GOSPEL READING

### Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'