Christmas Services.

Wednesday December 16th:

5.00pm St Nicholas Houghton, Community Carols accompanied by musicians from the Petworth Town Band. Parking in the farmyard adjacent to the Church. Refreshments after the service.

Sunday December 20th:

5.30pm at St Botolph's, Hardham. A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by festive refreshments.

Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th:

3.30pm at St John's Bury. A Crib Service for all the family. Children are welcome to come dressed as figures from the nativity story. (The service will last a little over half an hour)

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St John's, Bury.

Christmas Day Friday December 25th:

9.15am at St Botolph's, Hardham. Holy Communion.

10.30am at St Giles, Coldwaltham. The Parish Eucharist.

Sunday December 27th 10.30am. The feast of St John the Evangelist at St John's Bury. Said Holy Communion.

Christmas Concert. Saturday 19th December in St Mary's Church Petworth at 7.30pm. Petworth Town Band Christmas Concert. Tickets (£12) are available on the door or via the website. www.petworthtownband.com

The Parish Eucharist

St Botolph, Hardham

Sunday 29th November 2026

Advent Sunday



Welcome to the Eucharist this morning and especially to any who are visiting today. In this leaflet are the readings and hymn numbers for the service and the notices for this coming week. Everything else you need is in the service booklet and hymn book. ***The service begins on page 15.***

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Collect

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Hymns

Introit: 3 Come thou long expected Jesus
Gradual: 5 Hark a herald voice
Offertory: 12 On Jordan's bank
Communion: 294 Just as I am
Post Communion: 9 Lo he comes

Epistle

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' *Luke 21.25–36*

For those who are ill or in need: Guy Coleman, Rosemary Lock, Jenifer, Sue Middlemas, Mo Morris and Edward Holland.

RIP John West who has died recently.

Those whose years mind falls during this month. Sheila Miller, Mary Wheatley, Cliff Boxall, Gillian Keevil, Paula Atkins, Thomas Fox, Eric Greenslade.

Notices

Sunday December 6th 9.15am: St Botolph's Hardham. Eucharist with hymns. Book of Common Prayer.
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's Bury.

Sunday December 13th 10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Giles Coldwaltham.