



# **Town Church**

## **St Peter Port, Guernsey**



**Sung Eucharist**  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
5th December 2021

**Welcome** to Town Church. Whether you are a regular or occasional visitor, we are pleased to have you as part of our worshipping community today. We hope you enjoy the service. Please join us for tea or coffee at the end of the service in the South Aisle

**Bienvenue** dans notre église dédiée à Saint-Pierre, mais connue sous le nom de "Town Church". Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir à notre messe aujourd'hui. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez le service. Nous vous invitons à rester pour prendre le thé ou le café à la fin de la messe.

**Laipni lūdzam** St Peter Port baznīcā, ko sauc arī par Pilsētas baznīcu. Mēs priecājamies, ka esat izvēlēties (-usies) būt kopā ar mums šajā dievkalpojumā un ceram, ka Jums tas patiks. Lūdzam kopā ar mums iebaudīt tēju vai kafiju pēc dievkalpojuma.

**Willkommen** in unserer Kirche, die Sankt Petrus geweiht, aber als 'Stadtkirche' bekannt ist. Wir freuen uns, dass Sie sich entschlossen haben, an unserer Eucharistiefeier teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



#### **For Those with Hearing Difficulties**

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#### **Large Print Orders of Service**

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#### **Contactless Card payments**

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#### **Communion**

If you need communion bringing to you in your place, or require a gluten-free wafer, please ask one of the sidespersons before the service, who will be pleased to arrange this.

#### **Music**

The musical setting for the service is the Mass of the bread of life by Margaret Rizza, The Organist and director of The Town Church Choir is Stephen le Prevost

**President The Revd Matthew Barrett**

**Preacher: The Revd Peter Graysmith**

**Deacon: The Revd Jill Mabire**

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## ¶ The Gathering

*Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (196)*

**Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heav'n;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiv'n.**

**So when next he comes with glory,  
wrapping all the earth in fear,  
may he then, as our defender,  
on the clouds of heav'n appear.**

**Honour, glory, praise and blessing,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.**

Anonymous Latin  
Translated Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*All*

*Further words of welcome are said*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*All*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# Lighting of the Advent Candles

## Second Sunday of Advent - The Prophets

We light the second candle to remind us of God's great promise first told by the prophets of old.

*The first and second purple candles are lit*

Loving God, your prophets spoke out  
in the darkness of suffering and loss,  
of a light coming into the world.  
May we proclaim the light of Christ  
as we stand alongside the marginalised of your world,  
that they may find new strength and hope in you.

*All*

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ  
today and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*We sing the following hymn*

**Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness  
on that Day.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message; challenged, shaken,  
hearts awaken:  
God is near!**

Please sit or kneel

## Prayers of Penitence

**Deacon** When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**All** **Lord our God,**  
**in our sin we have avoided your call.**  
**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**  
**like the dew that goes away early.**  
**Have mercy on us;**  
**deliver us from judgement;**  
**bind up our wounds and revive us;**  
**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## The Kyrie

We remain seated to sing

*Largo* ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 69$ )

5 *mp*

9 *mf* Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

13 *p* Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*rall. al fine*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3.1-4

*A reading from prophet Malachi*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 126

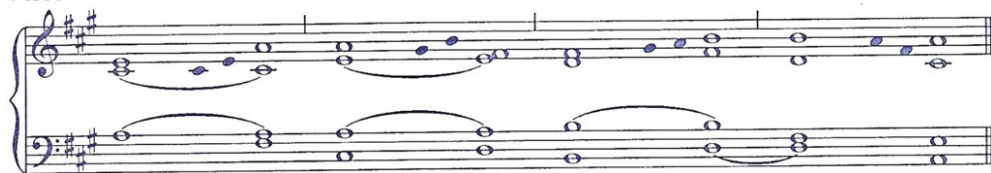
### Response

*cf. v. 4*

The Lord has done great things for us and we re-joiced.



### Verse



1 1 When the Lord restored the for | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth | filled with laughter  
and our tongue with | songs of joy.

2 3 Then said they among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great | things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore | we rejoiced.

5 Restore again our for | tunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds | of the desert.

3 6 Those who | sow in tears  
shall reap with | songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bear | ing the seed,  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bear | ing their sheaves with them.

## New Testament Reading

*Philippians 1.3-11*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 3.1-6

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader*

*All*      **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*All*      **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

*All*      **And also with you.**

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

*All, (sung)*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All, (sung)*      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Revd Peter Graysmith

## The Creed

*Please stand*

*All*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel. At the end of each bidding the  
following response is used*

Maranatha:

*All*

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*And at the end this ending is used.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.  
By your coming,  
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*Please stand*

*The president introduces the peace*

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the day spring from on high shall dawn upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn (73)

*during the following hymn a collection is taken,  
the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
if you wish to donate, but do not have cash;  
contactless card/phone payments can be made after the  
service, by the door.*

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

Richard Gillard (born 1953)

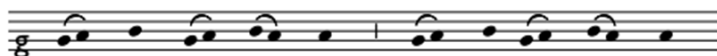
*The president receives the prayer cards which have been  
left in the church by visitors during the past week.*

We come to you, loving God seeking your grace,  
we offer to you the people  
of many different races, cultures and beliefs  
who have used this holy place in recent days.  
We bring before you the concern on their hearts,  
the thoughts in their heads  
and the situations for which they have prayed.  
And now we offer you our concerns  
that as we receive this sacrament  
your grace may lead us on the journey which is before us.  
In Christ's name we pray.

**Amen.**

*All*

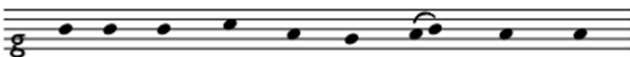
## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you *R.* and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. *R.* **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



*R.* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed be your name,  
Lord God of time and eternity,  
for you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have spoken through the mouths of holy prophets  
and remembered your covenant of old.  
You have prepared the way of salvation  
by raising up a mighty Saviour  
from the house of your servant David.  
Your Son Jesus took upon himself on the cross  
the cost of our sin, and through him you revealed  
the fullness of your promise of mercy.  
In his resurrection you gave us knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of our sins,  
that we might serve you without fear  
in holiness and righteousness all our days.  
And so with angels and archangels and all the company  
of heaven, we join the unending hymn.



Moderato ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 56$ )

*mf* *dim.* *rall.*

5 *a tempo* *mp*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might,

9 *cresc.* *f*

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est; ho -

13

san - - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est; ho -

17

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

21 *f* *dim.* *rall.*

25 *a tempo* *mp*

Bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he who comes in the name,

29 *cresc.*

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

33 *f*

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

37 *rit. al fine* *cresc.* *ff*

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please sit or kneel*

God of future and the past,  
you promised that all flesh shall see your salvation:  
show us the salvation you bring  
through the flesh and blood of your only Son.  
As your prophets heralded his saving glory,  
sanctify your church for his promised coming.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup  
that they may be for us  
the body and blood of Christ our Lord.

Who, at the supper with his disciples, took bread,  
gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
and gave it to them saying,  
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying, 'Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins,  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

*Deacon*      Great is the mystery of faith

*All*            **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Refining Spirit, you burn away all that does not endure  
your presence.

Reveal your mercy in the very crucible of your love.

Protect your children who are facing a crucible of trial  
or temptation or testing,

and, amidst the suffering of your children,  
reveal your eternal grace.

Refine and strengthen the hope of your church  
through every adversity and every danger.

Set the hearts of your people on fire

to seek your justice and share your mercy;

until your dawn from high breaks upon us,

and on the day of your coming we stand clothed

in the righteousness of your Son,

in the presence of the Father,

by the refining power of the Holy Spirit,

one God now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*A short silence is kept before we pray the Lord's Prayer  
in our first language whichever that may be.*

*Nous récitons le Notre Père dans notre langue maternelle.*

*Mēs lūdzam Tēvreizi katrs savā dzimtajā valodā.*

*Wir beten das Vaterunser in unserer Muttersprache.*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal,  
so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus  
taught us.

All	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven</b>	<i>Notre Père....</i>
	<b>hallowed be thy name;</b>	
	<b>thy kingdom come;</b>	<i>Vater Unser....</i>
	<b>thy will be done;</b>	
	<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<i>Mūsu Tēvs ....</i>
	<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>	
	<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<i>Padre Nuestro....</i>
	<b>as we forgive those</b>	
	<b>who trespass against us.</b>	<i>Pai Nosso....</i>
	<b>And lead us not into temptation;</b>	<i>Onze Vader....</i>
	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>	
	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>	<i>Ein Tad....</i>
	<b>the power and the glory,</b>	
	<b>for ever and ever.</b>	
	<b>Amen.</b>	<i>Ojcze Nasz....</i>

## Breaking of the Bread

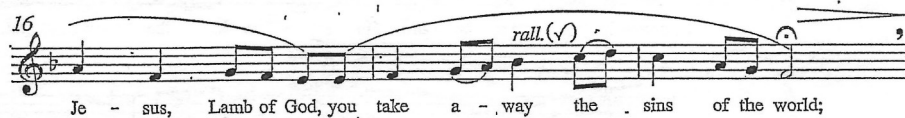
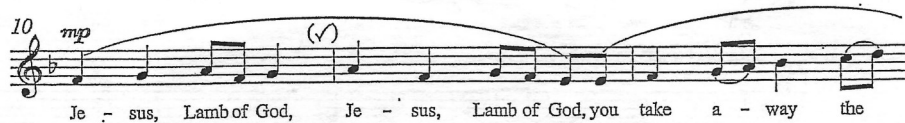
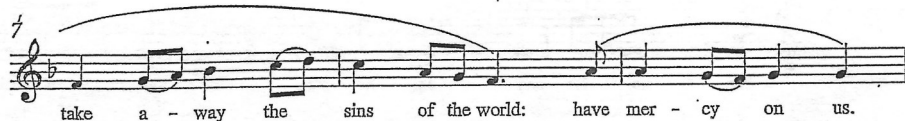
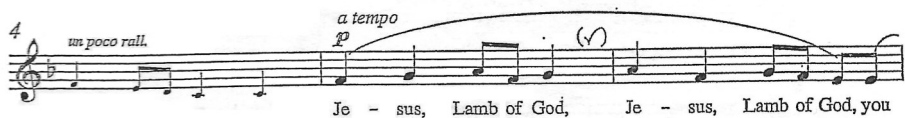
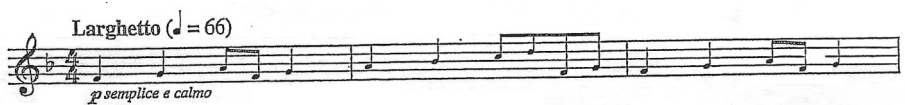
*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ

All **Though we are many we are one body,  
Because we all share in one bread.**

# Agnus Dei

We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.



## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the following invitation to communion*

Come, not because you are strong,  
but because you are weak.  
Come, not because any goodness  
of your own gives you any right to come,  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little,  
and would like to love him more.  
Come, not because I invite you,  
But because he invites you.  
Come.

*All those who wish to receive communion are welcome to receive communion here today. Communion will be received in one kind (bread only). If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing please come forward with everyone else and hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication of this wish. If you do not want to do either of these then please feel free to stay in your seat. Communion may be received kneeling or standing as is your preference.*

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Please keep a prayerful silence for the duration of Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.*

## **Communion Anthem**

*During Communion the Choir will sing:*

People look East - Trad.

## 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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*All*

**Faithful God,**  
**in baptism you have adopted us as your children,**  
**made us members of the body of Christ**  
**and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom**  
**we thank you that in this Eucharist**  
**you renew your promises within us,**  
**empower us by your Spirit**  
**to witness and to serve,**  
**and send us out as disciples of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*Notices are given*

## **Final Hymn (401)**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin,  
make straight the way for God within,  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thy hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.**

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)



## **The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*        **Amen.**

*Deacon*    As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*        **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

## **Organ Voluntary**

Fantasia in G minor - *J S Bach*

*Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle*

# COVID Guidelines

Please wear a facemask when entering the Church unless you are exempt from doing so.

Please sanitise hands on entry to the Church and respect the space around others, where possible.

Please carry out a Lateral Flow Test before attending services and events

Please do not come to the church if you have any COVID symptoms (however mild)

*Thank you for your cooperation  
in helping us all to stay safe  
Christmas*

## NOTICES

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

We will be once again having a Christmas Hamper Raffle. We require donations of non perishable food and drink items to go in the hampers. Please bring to church as soon as possible so we can get the hampers made up. Thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Thank you to everyone who has helped to set up the Christmas Tree Festival and to all the charities which are represented. Special thanks to Ruth for her tireless work in organising the whole festival.

### **New Year, New challenges, new helpers?**

If you would like to be more involved in helping to organise events and the day to day running of our busy church please make yourself known. Even if you can only give a small amount of time it will be much appreciated.

### **Donations**

If you would like to donate to the Town Church, donations can be made online to;



Town Church,  
Sort Code: 30-93-73  
Account: 07458933  
Ref: Donation

Alternatively you can scan this QR code on your phone to make a card payment. (just open your phone camera and point it at the code) then follow the instructions on your phone.

# What's on this week

**Charity Christmas Tree Festival until 3rd January 2022**

## **Monday 6th December**

10am-2pm Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders Coffee Morning

## **Tuesday 7th December**

5.30 pm States Carol Service

## **Wednesday 8th December**

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

## **Thursday 9th December**

1.10 pm Said Eucharist

6 - 9 pm Late Night Shopping -  
with music from Elizabeth College

## **Saturday 11th December**

10 am - 4 pm Refreshments served by the Trefoil Guild

## **Next Sunday - 12th December**

### **8 am Said Eucharist**

*The Revd Matthew Barrett*

### **11 am Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: The Revd Matthew Barrett*

### **6.30 pm Candlelit Choral Evensong**

*The Revd Matthew Barrett*



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