

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be

Father of goodness and love, hear
our prayer for the sick members of
our community and for all who are
in need. Amid mental and physical
suffering may they find
consolation in your healing
presence. Show your mercy as you
close wounds, cure illness, make
broken bodies whole and free
downcast spirits. May these special
people find lasting health and
deliverance, and so join us in
thanking you for all your gifts. We
ask this through the Lord Jesus
who healed those who believed.
Amen

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NEWS IN THE PEWS

Welcome

SUNDAY 22nd November 2020
Sunday next before Advent

Liturgical Year A



TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15—end
Matthew 25: 31—end

In your prayer especially
**Stephen & Julie, Julian and Troy, Gemma Peacock,
Donna Stepney, David Barnes, Kerry Dean, Ray Corver,
Suzi Novis, and Chris Ruane**

We pray too for the recently departed, especially **Connie
Brookes and Phyllis Day**, and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace and rise in

**The next service will hopefully be held at St
Peter's on 6th December when Father Martin
Morgan will take our Christingle. There will also
be an 8am Communion that morning.**

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We pray you will all stay safe and well during Lockdown 2. The services for this Sunday will be available online via Facebook, from St Mary's Newick.

BUILDING WORK: A site meeting was held on Tuesday when we were told the building work will overrun. There has been a problem ordering the glass for the meeting room/chapel amongst other things. However that area does not affect our use for services and so the builders have agreed to have the church clean and ready for our Sunday services from 6th December. Their finish date is now 22nd December but we hope we will be able to get in that weekend (19th/20th) to prepare for Christmas, i.e flowers. All that said, it is looking really amazing and it is exciting to see everything coming together. We cannot wait to get back. The good news is that the work on the organ is now completed apart from a final tune which will happen when the pipe covers come off and there is no more dust. Anthony reports that it sounds better than ever with wires reconnected that had not been used for ages.

It has been suggested we have a couple of stalls in church after the service on 13th December. We will sell any Christmas goods already made, and have a Pete's Pantry stall. This of course is yet to be confirmed, subject to Covid regulations but it would help church funds which are depleted this year as we haven't been able to hold events.

Do contact us if you or anyone you know needs support during this second lockdown. There are a number of people available to help with shopping etc or just being on the end of a phone with a willing ear.

PCC will meet on 24th November and will discuss how we plan our Christmas services . We will not know how many people we can accommodate at any one time, with social distancing, until we have set out for the service on 6th December. We may have to ask the congregation to book their places for Christmas or let us know they are coming. Usual numbers for the crib service and Christmas morning are around 100, but this will be too many sadly.

It is with much sadness that we learn of the death of two much loved Chailey residents, Connie Brookes and Phyllis Day. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this difficult time.

LOVE TO YOU ALL FROM YOUR
CHURCHWARDENS AND
PCC CHAIRMAN/TREASURER