

St Mary's Shackleford

1st Sunday of the month:

8am, Traditional language Holy Communion Service

4th Sunday of the month – Alternating with Peper Harow:

9.30am, Holy Communion Service

*We hope we have something for everyone! Come
and see....*

Parishes of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow

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Advent

*A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'*

cf John 1.23

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Thursley, Shackleford and
Peper Harow**

The Gathering

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome and Notices are given

Advent 1

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Services in the Parishes

St James, Elstead

1st Sunday of the month:

10am, Holy Communion Service

2nd Sunday of the month:

8am, Traditional language Holy Communion Service

10.30am, Informal Family Service with a worship band, craft and activities

4th Sunday of the month:

10am, Holy Communion Service

St Michael's and All Angles, Thursley

3rd Sunday of the month:

9.30am, Holy Communion Service

4th Sunday of the month:

8am, Holy Communion Service

St Nicholas, Peper Harow

3rd Sunday of the month:

8am, Traditional language Holy Communion Service

4th Sunday of the month – Alternating with Shackleford:

9.30am, Holy Communion Service

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 glo-
ry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

The first Advent Candle is lit

Advent Song (tune: The Holly and the Ivy)

All sing:

*The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring,
round the brightly burning candles
and the white and shining king.*

*O, one is for God's people
in every age and day,
we are watching for his coming,
we believe and we obey.*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.**

Confession

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.
cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

After a short silence

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Blessing and Sending Out

Hymn

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray

God of love,
Hear our prayer

Or

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words
our Saviour taught us

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The Collect

*The Collect is a short prayer that collects all our
thoughts, dreams and prayers before God.*

*A period of silent prayer is introduced with the words
'Let us Pray'*

*The Collect is said, and all respond
Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated

Reading/s

At the end of the reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

cf Isaiah 40.3-5

Alleluia.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Profession of Faith

**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,
he became incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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.**