

# St Mary's Church, Balcombe



The beating heart of Balcombe

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Third Sunday after Easter BCP)

## The Eucharist 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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| <b>TODAY</b>                | <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                |
|                             | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Parish Eucharist</b>                    |
| <b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Avon House Group</b>                    |
|                             | <b>7.45pm</b>  | <b>Evening House Groups</b>                |
| <b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Funeral of Howard Deck</b>              |
|                             | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Bell Ringing Practice</b>               |
| <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>  | <b>Choir Practice</b>                      |
| <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                |
|                             | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Parish Eucharist with Sunday School</b> |

**HOWARD DECK'S FUNERAL - TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 11.30AM**

### Monday House Groups

During term time on Monday mornings at 10.30am and evenings at 7.45pm.  
Contact Julia Wilson on 811304 or Julie Mitchell on 819262.

### Monthly morning House Group - The Wednesday Group

This group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 10am at Bridget Gosney's house, Twittens, Oldlands. The next dates are: 29th May, 26th June, 31st July. The study continues to be "Paul, his life and teachings". Please contact Lorna (819149) or Rosemary (400373) for further details or you would like a lift. All welcome

### **THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:**

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| Monday:    | Eph. 4: 1-16   | Thursday: | Eph. 5: 15-end |
| Tuesday:   | Eph. 4: 17-end | Friday:   | Eph. 6: 1-9    |
| Wednesday: | Eph. 5: 1-14   | Saturday: | Eph. 6: 10-end |

## **PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who live in:** Bramble Mead, Brantridge Lane and Bretts Orchard.

**All those who are sick, especially:**

**The departed, our own departed loved ones:**

**Those whose anniversaries occur during the week:**

### **Help for Pathfinders – Fridays in term-time**

Help required with our after-school, Sunday School style club at Balcombe School. 3pm – 4.30pm Fridays in term-time. Please contact Denise on 07500 467735 if you could help. Thank you.

### **Birchanger Gardens**

We had a wonderful afternoon at the beautiful Birchanger Garden last Saturday. Many thanks to all those who helped prior to, and on the day. We are very grateful to the Worrall family for being so welcoming and hosting this lovely occasion. We raised a fabulous total of £509.40.

### **Open the Book - a brief account**

Since Jan 2017, a small team from St Mary's has presented short dramatised Bible stories in the Primary School assembly roughly every two weeks. The material used is from the Open the Book scheme run by the Bible Society. Between them, the team make the props, assemble and store costumes, act, direct and narrate the stories, with many discovering hidden talents they had no idea they possessed! There are 11 of us, with usually 5-8 free to take part.

It is very well received in the school. The children love it. A few of them are chosen by the Headteacher each time to take part, which they do most enthusiastically!

The team always welcomes any new volunteers and also donations of costumes or props, but most importantly asks for your prayers for this very important work of outreach. Each session is listed in the activities of the week on the front of the service sheet. If you would like to come and watch any time, please let Lorna (819149) or Charles (811304) know.