



**ACTION**  
**St. Mary's**  
Supporting the Heart and  
Soul of our community

***SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017***  
***THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY***

*We welcome Fr. Jeremy Sykes*  
*Chaplain at Hurstpierpoint College*

**This Week at St Mary's:**

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>House Groups: 10.30am &amp; 7.45pm – see below</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.15am 'Open the Book' Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8pm Deanery Synod Meeting - Horsted Keynes</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30pm Locus Youth Group – Parish Room</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am Parish Eucharist (with Sunday School)</b>

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Luke 6: 6-11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Luke 6: 12-19</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 6: 20-26</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 3: 13-17</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 6: 39-42</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Luke 6: 43-end</b>

**Bible Groups**

Avon House – Mondays, 10.30am, (term time only)  
House Group – Mondays, 7.45pm, (term time only)  
Please call Charles and Julia Wilson 01444 811304

**Website: [www.stmarys-balcombe.org](http://www.stmarys-balcombe.org)**

## **READINGS AND PRAYERS**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 33: 7-11**

7. So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

### **New Testament Reading Romans 13: 8-end**

8Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' 10Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 11Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Holy Gospel Matthew 18: 15-20**

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 15'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## **Post Communion Collect**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who live in** High Street, Jobes, London Road.

**All those on our intercessions board.**

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

**The departed and our own departed loved ones**

**And those whose anniversaries occur during the week:**



**St. Mary's**

## **EVENTS AND NOTICES**

### **'Open the Book'**

For the past year, the St Mary's community has been leading the 'Open the Book' initiative at Balcombe School. The programme operates on a themed and dramatized three-year cycle of bible story telling. The plan is interactive, engaging and fun. The school very much appreciates the involvement and the children thoroughly enjoy the fortnightly assemblies.

If you would like to join the team (helping the children perform and narrating the stories – no acting skills needed!), please contact

Lorna Robinson on 01444 819149.

### **DECORATING ST MARY'S FOR HARVEST**

If you have any 'Harvesty' flowers, berries, fruit, vegetables and ornamental gourds to spare, for enhancing the decoration of St Mary's, the church team would be very happy to receive them in the church on the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am onwards.

**Harvest Festival will be celebrated at St Mary's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10am during the Family Service. After the service, we will celebrate Harvest with a light "Pot Luck" lunch. Please bring along a dish of finger food (sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls etc.) and these will be combined and arranged at the back of the church to make a "Bountiful Buffet" for all to enjoy.**

### **Mothers' Union Harvest Lunch**

Thurs 12th Oct at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will be raising money for the 'Eastbourne Contact Centre' and the 'Away From It All' caravan holidays. All will be very welcome to join us for a delicious lunch of homemade soup and apple crumble.  
Tickets are £6 from Lorna Robinson.

***FAMILY SUPPORT WORK HAVE PUT OUT AN URGENT REQUEST FOR TINNED FOOD, RICE AND CEREALS – PLEASE LEAVE IN THE FSW BOX TO THE LEFT OF THE DOOR INTO THE VESTRY. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT***