



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

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2017

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Tuesday 1st August
Sunday 6th August

This Week at St Mary's
7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice
8am Holy Communion
10am Family Service

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday	Matthew 13: 31-35
Tuesday	Matthew 13: 36-43
Wednesday	Matthew 13: 44-46
Thursday	Matthew 13: 47-53
Friday	Matthew 13: 54-end
Saturday	Matthew 14: 1-12

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

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READINGS AND PRAYERS

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading Romans 8: 26-end

26The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, 39nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

31Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' 33He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

44The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

The Post Communion Collect

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in:

All those on our intercessions board.

All those who are sick, especially:

The departed especially: our own departed loved ones

And those whose anniversaries occur during the week:

**PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BEHIND THE WELCOME
DESK FOR ITEMS OF LOST PROPERTY – AMONGST
OTHER THINGS, THERE ARE A FEW PAIRS OF GLASSES
AND A COUPLE OF UMBRELLAS!**



St. Mary's

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER EVENTS

PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY 13th AUGUST AT 12.30PM

The 2017 Parish BBQ is being held at the Balcombe Cricket Club, with this year being a special event as the Balcombe community says goodbye to Desmond and Pennie.

The Cricket Club will be running a bar, and there will be a Jazz Trio to help the afternoon go with a swing. There will be the usual BBQ too with tickets priced at £6 for adults and £3 for children (available from Threads or at Church). Or you can bring your own picnic. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please can you help the Parish BBQ boys by preparing a salad for 10 on Sunday 13th August? We need 5 x EACH of a potato, pasta, green, or coleslaw salad for 10 people. If so, please sign the sheet at the back of church! Many thanks

IRENE PYNER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Irene Pyner will take place on Wednesday 16th August at 2pm at St Mary's, including the dedication of items in the church given in her memory. Refreshments afterwards in church. All welcome.

CHURCH FLOWERS - COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone to take over this important role from Judy Hammans who has done a wonderful job, with her team, of arranging church flowers over the years. Please note that you don't have to be a flower arranger! If you can help, please call Judy on 811600 or call in at Bramble Hill House.

THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL CARE!

If you receive support already, knows someone who does or may need help in the future – including yourself – take time to complete a questionnaire sent out by WSCC. They can be found on the Welcome Desk. It takes about 5-10 minutes – fill it out at church and return to the Freepost envelope and they will be sent off after NEXT Sunday's service. Thank you!