



SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018
THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
(Twenty-Third after Trinity BCP)
We welcome Rev. Peter Irwin-Clark at 8am

TODAY	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am Family Service – All Saints
	6.00pm Evening Service for All Souls*
Mon 5th	10.30am Avon House Group
	7.45pm Evening House Groups
Tues 6th	10.15pm Open the Book Assembly - School
	7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 9th	6.30pm Youth Club – Parish Room
	7.00pm Choir Practice
Sunday 11th	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.50am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Monday House Groups

During term time on Mondays, in the morning at 10.30am and in the evening at 7.45pm. Contact Julia Wilson on 811304 or Julie Mitchell on 819262.

***ALL SOULS SERVICE – TONIGHT at 6pm**
St Mary's Balcombe

Please join us tonight when we remember loved ones at the All Souls Taizé Style Service which will include reflections, prayers, readings, hymns and Taizé music to celebrate the life of our departed loved ones. Names to be read out during the memorial service can be added to the list, prior to the service.

Everyone welcome

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READING FOR FAMILY SERVICE

Isaiah 35. vv1-9 New International Version (NIV)

Joy of the Redeemed

35 The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

3 Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;

4 say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution

he will come to save you.”

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6 Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

8 And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

9 No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday: Revelation 1 Thursday: Revelation 3: 1-13
Tuesday: Revelation 2: 1-11 Friday: Revelation 3: 14-end
Wednesday: Revelation 2 12-end Saturday: Revelation 4

PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in: High Street, Jobs and London Road.

All those who are sick, especially:

The departed and our own departed loved ones. Those whose anniversaries occur during the week:

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EVENTS AND NOTICES

Monthly morning House Group - The Wednesday Group

This group meets on the last Wednesday of the month, 10am at the house of Bridget Gosney, Twittens, Oldlands Avenue. At the next meeting we will be starting a new study entitled "Paul: His Life and Teaching". The next dates this term is Wed 28th Nov. Please contact Lorna (819149) or Rosemary (400373) for further details or if you would like a lift. All welcome.

St Mary's Autumn Clean

24th November 2017

9am – 12.30pm

Cleaning and tidying up outside the Church.
All welcome to come and help.
Please bring your own tools and equipment.
Refreshments provided.



Pack Up Your Troubles

Tony Perkins filmed the concert which took place in September for the History Society and has created a DVD.

Please contact Ali Cunningham (811370) if you would like one.

The cost is £5; proceeds to the Balcombe History Society

The Ardingly Senior School Choir

The Choir kindly came to perform in the Church on Monday 15th October. It was a beautiful concert with wonderful singing; there was no charge but generous donations of £163.55 were received, for which we are very grateful.

If you missed it, you still have a chance to hear them as they have created a CD of Christmas music; again, contact Ali if you would like one.

The cost is £10

A Prayer for the Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place:

Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that they may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy; to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son,

Jesus. Amen