



## SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter** (Common Worship)  
**The Sunday after Ascension Day** (Book of Common Prayer)

*We welcome Rev. Clay Knowles at 8am*

*Rev. John Morris at 10am*

**Hallelujah - Christ is Risen!**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Avon House Group</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>SCAAR Northern Division Bell-ringers</b>
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Evening House Groups</b>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Balcombe School Assembly</b>
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Bell Ringing Practice</b>
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Deanery Synod Meeting*</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Balcombe School Governors' Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Events Group</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist Pentecost Sunday - we welcome AD Fiona Windsor</b>

### **Daytime Bible Study House Group**

This is a daytime Bible Study House Group which meets on the last Wednesday morning of each month. The venue is Twittens, Oldlands Avenue, and the time **10.00am to 11.30am**. The next date is **Wed 30th May**. Anyone who wishes to join us will be very welcome. Please speak to Lorna Robinson or Rosemary Corder for any further details.

### **Monday Bible Study 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.

### **100 Club**

The numbers will be drawn during coffee after our Family Services. If you would like to join the 100 Club, there are a few spare spaces. Cost is £60 per year (£5 per month). Prizes each month £100, £50 and £25 - doubled in December. The 100 Club raises money for St Mary's Church. Please speak to Rosemary or the Churchwardens.

**\*Deanery Synod Meeting:** The speaker will be Revd. Jayne Prestwood, Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry, talking about lay vocation and ministry in the Diocese of Chichester. Venue: Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR, 7.45 for 8pm. ALL WELCOME

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### *The Collect*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 36: 24-28*

24 I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. 28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### *New Testament Reading Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end*

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 16 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – 17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### ***The Holy Gospel John 17: 6-19***

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 6‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

### ***The Post Communion Collect***

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS:**

**Monday: Acts 2: 37-end**

**Thursday: Luke 8 26-39**

**Tuesday: Luke 8: 1-15**

**Friday: Luke 8: 40-end**

**Wednesday: Luke 8: 16-25**

**Saturday: Luke 9: 1-17**

### **PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who live outside the parish but worship at St Mary’s**

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

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

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

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### EVENTS AND NOTICES

#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**PARISH BBQ IS ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
PARISH OUTING TO WINDSOR IS ON SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **THY KINGDOM COME**

**'Thy Kingdom Come' Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which invites Christians from around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come and know Jesus Christ. There will be a prayer installation in the Cathedral's north transept, with free entry, on **Pentecost Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> May) at 7pm, in the nave. The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, will be hosting a Beacon event for the Archbishops' Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.** There will be music, worship, prayer and stories of God at work throughout the Diocese.

#### **"The Heart of Things"**

**an exhibition of painting and sculpture by Paul Hobbs  
as part of Thy Kingdom Come. 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**St. Michael and All Angels Church, South Street, Lancing, BN15 8AJ.**

The exhibition will be open for four days (10-13 May) with Paul Hobbs in attendance, offering an opportunity for visitors to talk with an artist about his work. There will be opportunities for tours with the artist discussing the ideas in his work in an open and engaging way.

#### **MID SUSSEX BEACON EVENT – THY KINGDOM COME**

**An evening of prayer and worship joining with the global 'Thy Kingdom  
Come' prayer initiative  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

The King's Church Mid-Sussex, 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR  
For more information: email [info@tkc.org.uk](mailto:info@tkc.org.uk)