



SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2018
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

TODAY	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
Mon 4th	10.30am	Avon House Group
	7.45pm	Evening House Groups
Tues 5th	10.15am	Assembly – Balcombe School
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 8th	6.30pm	Locus Youth Club
	7.00pm	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Sunday 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist

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 27th June**. Anyone who wishes to join us will be very welcome. Please speak to Lorna Robinson or Rosemary Corder for any further details.

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.

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.

Beech wood table and 6 chairs available. Table has had minimal usage and chairs are unused. All are unassembled and ready for collection.

If interested, please speak to the Church Warden. A donation to St Mary's Church would be appreciated.

FAMILY SERVICE READING - DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF

Anna stuck a finger through the hole in her skirt. ‘How did that get there?’ she wondered. She would have run to her mother to have it mended, but her mother was on the other side of the house. And the house was full. Packed full. Jammed full. Chock-a-block full.

Why? Because Jesus was visiting.

The old man and woman standing in front of Anna shifted, and she squeezed into the hole between them. She could see better now.

Jesus was a lot like her father. They both taught people about God. They both prayed beautiful prayers. But Jesus could do something else. Something her father had never done. Jesus could make sick people well! No wonder the whole town had crowded into her house.

Suddenly something dropped on Anna’s head. Anna looked up. And there was another hole – a hole in the roof!

Anna stepped back. The hole got bigger. The crowd stepped back. And the hole got bigger still.

‘What’s going on up there?’ shouted Anna’s father. And, instead of an answer, a man dropped through the hole. A man lying on a mat with a rope at each corner. A poor, sick man who could not even move. His friends lowered him carefully to the floor, and Jesus gently laid a hand on his head.

‘My friend’ Jesus said, ‘the wrong things you have done are now forgiven.’

‘Wait just a minute!’ growled Anna’s father. ‘Wait just a minute. Only God can take away someone’s sins. Just who do you think you are?’

‘Oh dear’ thought Anna. Her father often got angry when he talked with people about God.

But Jesus wasn’t angry at all. ‘Which is easier?’ he said calmly. ‘To forgive a lame man’s sins, or to make him walk?’

It was all Anna could do not to giggle. ‘What a silly question’ she thought. ‘One is just as hard as the other.’

‘Well,’ Jesus continued. ‘To show you that God has given me the power to fix what is wrong in this man’s heart, I shall fix what is wrong with his legs.’

‘Stand up,’ Jesus ordered the man. ‘You can do it.’ And the man did!

What is more, he rolled up the mat, slung it over his shoulder and walked out through the front door.

His friends climbed down from the roof to join him. The crowd followed behind, cheering. But all Anna could do was stare up through that hole and smile.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday: Luke 12: 1-12

Tuesday: Luke 12: 13-21

Wednesday: Luke 12: 22-31

Thursday: Luke 12: 32-40

Friday: Luke 12: 41-48

Saturday: Luke 12: 49-end

PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in Combers, Crawley Lane, Deanland Road

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

SAVE THE DATES!

THE PARISH BBQ IS ON SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

ARDINGLY SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT ON MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

**OUR GOSPEL MUSIC DAY ON SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
(with Karen Gibson whose choir performed at the Royal Wedding)**

The Handlebards are presenting a performance of Romeo and Juliet, which is described as "seriously silly", on Saturday 16th June 2018 in the gardens of Cuckfield Park. In aid of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield. Tickets fohtcc@btinternet.com, or 01444 454298
Further information on The Handlebards from www.handlebards.com

PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES IN YOUR OLD KIT BAG AND SMILE, SMILE SMILE!

On **Sunday September 16th at 3pm**, Balcombe will have a chance to unite to remember and celebrate its role in World War One. Using the beautiful murals in the Victory Hall as our inspiration, we will have a chance to reflect on the events and join in the old war time favourite songs and hear afresh the part Balcombe played in the Great War. With contributions from Balcombe School, The Victory Players and St Mary's Choir, you will not want to miss this. So, dig out your old kit bag and join us at 3.00pm on September 16th in The Victory Hall. Tickets available from July.

WINDSOR AND ITS CASTLE

Join us on **Saturday 29th September 2018** travelling by coach from Balcombe to the interesting town of Windsor and its Castle. The Castle and St George's Chapel have been in the news recently for the Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle – see where it all happened! Have your own opportunity to experience the wonder of the largest and oldest continually inhabited castle which has witnessed so much of this country's history and pageantry having been home to 39 monarchs since William the Conqueror. Many of our former monarchs have been laid to rest in the chapel including King Henry VIII, King Charles I and the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret. The castle experienced a serious fire in 1992 and was lovingly and beautifully restored by traditional craftsmen – see the results for yourself. The town of Windsor is on the banks of the River Thames and has some lovely shops and places to find refreshment – there will be time to explore. Numbers are limited. Booking forms are available from Pennie Burton email: desmondandpennie@gmail.com or call 01323 840696. Don't delay!

BELL RINGING AT ST MARY'S

This year marks the hundredth anniversary of the ending of the First World War. The Government, the Army, Navy and RAF, and the Church, would like to mark the occasion by having the bells rung in all the nation's churches and cathedrals on November the eleventh. Anyone, from the age of eleven, who would like help the ringers at St Mary's (there's a shortage of ringers at the moment) please get in touch with Tower Captain, John Moore (01444 410507) for more information. Thanks.

Also, we have now ordered a new set of bell ropes for St Mary's, thanks to a very generous bequest from a relative of one of St Mary's ringers – Anne Anderson (these cost about a thousand pounds).