



**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**  
**THE TENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY**  
**We welcome Rev. Peter Irwin-Clark at 8am**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>10.00am Family Service</b>
	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>
<b>Tues 07<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>10.00am Parish Service*</b>

**\*10AM SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Please note that we will have a non-Eucharist service next Sunday at 10am led by Rosemary Corder and Charles Wilson. If you would like to take Holy Communion next Sunday, Rev. Clay Knowles will be conducting our Book of Common Prayer Service at 8am.

**Monday House Groups – Summer Break**

Monday House Groups will resume on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORK**

***FAMILY SUPPORT WORK ALWAYS NEED DONATIONS OF TINNED FOOD, RICE AND CEREALS – PLEASE LEAVE IN THE FSW BOX TO THE LEFT OF THE DOOR INTO THE VESTRY.***

*The Foodbank supports local families experiencing long-term financial difficulties caused by low income, bereavement, disability or mental or physical illness. FSW also provide food for those in financial crisis, in times such as benefit changes or disputes. Supporting families in this way contributes towards alleviating food poverty and also high levels of anxiety or stress.*

***FSW REQUIRE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR BALCOMBE. PLEASE CALL PAM TAYLOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED ON 01444 487467. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.***

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

## READING FOR FAMILY SERVICE

### THE MARVELLOUS PICNIC

It wasn't long before lots of people wanted to hear Jesus talk about God. And many more wanted him to make them well. So, they followed him everywhere. From town to town. From city to country. And all the way back again.

'We need a rest,' Jesus said to his friends, one day. So, they took a little boat trip across Lake Galilee, hoping to camp for a while in the hills beyond. But the people were so eager to see Jesus that they raced around the shoreline to meet him on the other side!

Jesus was tired. But when he turned and saw the people following him up the hill, he stopped. 'They're like sheep without a shepherd,' he said to his friends. 'They need someone to show them the way.'

So, he sat himself down – right then and there. And he started to teach.

'God loves you,' Jesus said. 'He knows what's best for you. The most amazing things can happen when you trust him.'

Jesus said a lot more than that. He taught all day, in fact. And, by then the people were hungry.

Phillip! Jesus called to one of his friends. 'Can you go out and buy some food for these people?'

Phillip just laughed. 'There are more than five thousand of them! It would take six months' pay to feed them all.'

Then Andrew, Peter's brother, spoke up. 'There's a boy here, Jesus, who has a little food. Five loaves of bread and a couple of fish. It's not much, but it's a start.'

'So it is,' grinned Jesus, and he rubbed his hands together as if he were about to go to work. 'Make the people sit down in little groups. Tell them we're going to have a picnic!'

Jesus' friends looked at Jesus. They looked at the boy's little lunch. They looked at the enormous crowd. Then they looked at each other and shrugged.

'All right,' they agreed. 'Whatever you say.'

Jesus smiled as he watched them go.

Then he bowed his head, thanked God for the food, and started breaking it into pieces. The friends returned and began to pass out the pieces. And, to their amazement, there was plenty for the first group, and the second group, and the third group, and then every group! Plenty for everyone. More than enough to go around. So much, in fact, that there were twelve baskets full of leftovers to take home!

The people patted their tummies. They struggled to their feet. They wiped the crumbs from their mouths. And some even burped!

But all Jesus' friends could do was stare.

'It's just as I told you' said Jesus. 'God can do the most amazing things. All we have to do is trust him.'

Then he smiled at his helpers, popped a chunk of bread into his mouth and started off for home.

#### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

**Monday: 1 John 3: 1-3**

**Tuesday: Acts 4: 1-12**

**Wednesday: Acts 4: 13-31**

**Thursday: Acts 4: 32-5: 11**

**Friday: Acts 5: 12-26**

**Saturday: Acts 5: 27-end**

## **PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who live in** Bramble Mead, Brantridge Lane and Bretts Orchard

**All those who are sick, especially:** Derek Hall, Christine Carter, Howard Deck, Harry Malthouse, Vincent Roberts, Terry Evans, Jean Tomlins, Ursula Malloch-Brown, Jean Knight, Marian Moore, Doreen Matthews, David Vickerstaff, Pat Hunter, Judy Hammans, Phyllis Stevens, Joan Dutton and Beryl Longley.

**The departed and our own departed loved ones, and those whose anniversaries fall this week,** John Porter, Geraldine Barrett, Jessica Hotten, Ellen Fairhall, Ida Foulsham, Dorothy Moore, Bertha Tribble, Charles Deck, Amy Ison, Yvonne Malthouse, Douglas Foxwell

## **St.Mary's**



### **EVENTS AND NOTICES**

#### **THE PARISH BBQ IS ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**Tickets for sale after the 10am service or email**

**balcombe.stmarys@gmail.com**

**£6 per person or family ticket £15 (2 adults & 2 children)**

**Price includes BBQ & a drink**

**Hurry.... places limited!**

**\*\*Sign up forms for salads & puddings on the welcome table\*\***

#### **ARDINGLY SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7PM**

#### **OUR GOSPEL MUSIC DAY ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**(with Karen Gibson, conductor of the award-winning Kingdom Choir, who recently performed at the Royal Wedding)**

**Mini-retreat opportunity** As part of the diocesan year of prayer Fr John Twisleton is heading up a group of local spiritual directors for a Week of Guided Prayer 16-22 September at St Richard, Haywards Heath. There's no charge and it will be open to anyone seeking to grow their spiritual and prayer life whether new to faith or having been a Christian for years. There'll be daily half-hour sessions with an experienced spiritual director with an invitation to follow a programme of guided prayer designed to meet your specific needs, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. To help planning people are invited to express their interest via this web link <https://weekofguidedprayer.weebly.com/> or by phoning Catherine Older 01825 740800.

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

On **Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**, 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 4.00pm on September 16<sup>th</sup> in The Victory Hall. Tickets £5.00 and available from Threads. Refreshments provided after the event.

**LAST CALL FOR THE LAST VILLAGE OUTING  
TO WINDSOR AND ITS CASTLE**

Join us on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – and will be again soon for the wedding of Princess Eugenie of York! Have your own opportunity to experience the wonder of the largest and oldest continually inhabited castle and the town of Windsor is on the banks of the River Thames. A larger coach has been booked due to demand and only a few spaces remain – last day for booking with your payment is **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Booking forms are available from Pennie Burton email: [desmondandpennie@gmail.com](mailto:desmondandpennie@gmail.com) or call 01323 840696. Don't delay!

**ANOTHER CHANCE TO ATTEND A QUIET DAY  
AT THE CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY**

**Saturday September 22nd 2018, 10am - 3pm**  
**Our Lady of England Priory, School Lane, Storrington, Pulborough RH20 4LN**  
**Cost £10 (bring your own lunch)**

An invitation to all members of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod to join together for a Day of Prayer and Reflection during this Year of Prayer. There are 65 places, to be allocated on a first come / first served basis. Please respond to Rachel Field by 12th September 2018 if you would like to attend.

There will be times of teaching, personal or guided prayer and silence in the Priory and its lovely grounds.

This Cuckfield Deanery Day will be run by members of the Chemin Neuf Community. The community is Catholic with an ecumenical vocation. It is rooted in both the Ignatian tradition and the experience of the Charismatic Renewal.

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