



SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**We welcome Rev. Clay Knowles at 8am and
Rev. Peter Irwin-Clark at 10am**

TODAY	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30am	Baptism –
Monday 9th	10.30am	Avon House Group
	7.45pm	Evening House Groups
Tuesday 10th	10.15am	Open the Book Assembly - School
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Friday 13th	7.00pm	NO Choir Practice
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

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.

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

READINGS AND PRAYERS

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

1All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. 2For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' 3So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. 4David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

9David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. 10And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 2And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – 4was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Holy Gospel Mark 6: 1-13

1Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. 2On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. 4Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Post Communion Collect

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday: Luke 20: 41-21: 4

Tuesday: Luke 21: 5-19

Wednesday: Luke 21: 20-28

Thursday: Luke 21: 29-end

Friday: Luke 22: 1-13

Saturday: Luke 22: 14-23

PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in Rowhill Lane, Stockcroft Road and Stumblemead.

All those who are sick, especially

The departed and our own departed loved ones:

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

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

On **Sunday September 16th 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 16th in The Victory Hall. Tickets £5.00 and available from Threads. Refreshments provided after the event.

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 – only a few places remaining!**

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**.

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).