



ACTION
St. Mary's
Supporting the Heart and
Soul of our community

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2017
FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL at 10am

We welcome Rev. David Knight at 8am

	This Week at St Mary's:
Today	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Harvest Festival Children's Choir Practice for Christmas (after service) 11.30am – 1.30pm Pot Luck Harvest Lunch 2.30pm Baptism of Theo Parker 6pm Evensong
Monday 2nd October	House Groups: 10.30am & 7.45pm – see below
Tuesday 3rd October	9.45am Balcombe School Harvest Festival
Tuesday 3rd October	7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 4th October	8pm PCC Meeting – in the church
Friday 6th October	7pm Choir Practice
Sunday 7th October	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday	Luke 9: 46-50
Tuesday	Luke 9: 51-56
Wednesday	Luke 9: 57-end
Thursday	Luke 10: 1-12
Friday	Luke 10: 13-16
Saturday	Luke 10: 17-24

Bible Groups

Avon House – Mondays, 10.30am, (term time only)
House Group – Mondays, 7.45pm, (term time only)
Please call Charles and Julia Wilson 01444 811304

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FAMILY SERVICE READING – TRUST IN GOD (Luke 12 v 16 – 21)

¹⁶ Then Jesus told them this parable: “There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. ¹⁷ He began to think to himself, ‘I don’t have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? ¹⁸ This is what I will do,’ he told himself; ‘I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. ¹⁹ Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?’”

²¹ And Jesus concluded, “This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God’s sight.”

²² Then Jesus said to the disciples, “And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. ²³ Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes. ²⁴ Look at the crows: they don’t plant seeds or gather a harvest; they don’t have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! ²⁵ Can any of you live a bit longer! by worrying about it? ²⁶ If you can’t manage even such a small thing, why worry about the other things? ²⁷ Look how the wild flowers grow: they don’t work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. ²⁸ It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won’t he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

²⁹ “So don’t be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. ³⁰ (For the pagans of this world are always concerned about all these things.) Your Father knows that you need these things.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

All those who are sick.

The departed and our own departed loved ones.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the week.



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EVENTS AND NOTICES

HARVEST

Many thanks for your Harvest food contributions. These will be distributed to the Easter Team in Crawley and Family Support Work.

Please join us for a light *"Pot Luck"* lunch after the 10am Harvest Festival Service.

Mothers' Union Harvest Lunch

Thurs 12th Oct at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will be raising money for the 'Eastbourne Contact Centre' and the 'Away From It All' caravan holidays. All will be very welcome to join us for a delicious lunch of homemade soup and apple crumble.
Tickets are £6 from Lorna Robinson.

'Open the Book'

For the past year, the St Mary's community has been leading the 'Open the Book' initiative at Balcombe School. The programme operates on a themed and dramatized three-year cycle of bible story telling. The plan is interactive, engaging and fun. The school very much appreciates the involvement and the children thoroughly enjoy the fortnightly assemblies. If you would like to join the team (helping the children perform and narrating the stories – no acting skills needed!), please contact Lorna Robinson on 01444 819149.

Dear Friends

Words cannot adequately express our thanks to everyone for being the main contributors to the last 8 years of our lives during our time in Balcombe. We shared in many highs and lows, difficult and challenging times, and mostly enjoyed a lot of fun together. We shall remember each and every one of you with great affection and when opportunity arises we shall enjoy making more memories with you in the future. The parish BBQ and our final service on 3rd September were perfect in every respect – we could not have asked for more! Your messages and cards, hospitality and gifts – were just so generous and left us rather speechless! There is no shortage of Harvey's for the time being! We are slowly settling into our new home, church and surroundings and think of you all with so many tangible mementos around us. The painting of Des by Michael Noble is very special and the dolls' house will get due attention when the real one is in order – it is beautiful!

We wish you all the very best for the future – you will be in our thoughts and prayers - and hope the flock will soon have a new shepherd – perhaps without a pack of collies with them!?
Desmond, Pennie and the Boys

**Royal British Legion Coffee Morning
Saturday 4th November at the Parish Room
Refreshments and raffle**

The Balcombe British Legion is one of the oldest in the country and numbers are declining, so do please come along to support us. Everyone is welcome.

Fire Extinguishers – Free!

Two Fire Extinguishers, one water, one powder, available FREE for the first person to ask Charles Wilson! One lady owner (St Mary). Available for inspection by the Vestry door. They will only work once, being 10 years old, so cannot be used in the church, but are still in perfect working order for e.g. once-only domestic use.

**ST MARY'S AUTUMN CLEAN – SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
9AM – 12.30PM**

Cleaning and tidying up outside the church - please bring your own tools

****Refreshments will be provided****