



**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
**We welcome Rev. Clay Knowles at 8am and**  
**Rev. Gordon Parry at 10am**

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| <b>TODAY</b>                | <b>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                 |
|                             | <b>10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School</b> |
|                             | <b>12noon Baptism</b>                              |
| <b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.30am Avon House Group</b>                    |
|                             | <b>2.00pm Funeral</b>                              |
|                             | <b>7.45pm Evening House Groups</b>                 |
| <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7.30pm Institution of Canon Keith Richards</b>  |
| <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.00am Monthly Morning House Group*</b>        |
| <b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>2.00pm World Day of Prayer – see notice**</b>   |
|                             | <b>7.00pm Choir Practice</b>                       |
| <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                 |
|                             | <b>10.00am Family Eucharist with Baptism</b>       |
|                             | <b>6pm Evensong</b>                                |

**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.

**\*Monthly Morning House Group - The Wednesday Group**

This group meets on the last Wednesday of the month, 10am at the house of Bridget Gosney, Twittens, Oldlands Avenue. We will be starting a new study entitled "Paul: His Life and Teaching". The next dates are Wednesdays 27<sup>th</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Lorna (819149) or Rosemary (400373) for further details or if you would like a lift. All welcome

**Church Cleaning**

We are looking for people to join the rota for cleaning the church or polishing the brass. This takes an hour or so once every couple of months - it will be less frequent if we have more people on the rota. Please speak to Ali Cunningham at church or email [ali.cunningham99@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.cunningham99@btinternet.com) if you can help. Thank you very much".

**EASTER LILIES**

**If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in remembrance of a loved one please give the name of your loved one and your donation to a Church warden.**

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

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The New Testament Reading Revelation 4**

1I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' 2At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! 3And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. 4Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. 5Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; 6and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. 8And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.'

9And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

11'You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created

### **The Holy Gospel Luke 8: 22-25**

22One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, 23and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. 24They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

### **The Post Communion Collect**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:**

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>John 19: 1-16</b>   | <b>Thursday:</b> | <b>John 20: 1-10</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>John 19: 17- 30</b> | <b>Friday:</b>   | <b>John 20: 11-18</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>John 19: 31-end</b> | <b>Saturday:</b> | <b>John 20: 19-end</b> |

### **PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who:** worship at St Mary's but live outside the Parish

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

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

**Those whose anniversaries occur during the week:**

### **St Mary's Lent course 2019 - Topic - Daring to See God Now**

Venue- St Mary's Church, Balcombe. Time 7.45pm

Dates:

Thursday 14th March – The Good News of God

Thursday 21st March – The Time is Now

Thursday 28th March – God is Present

Thursday 4th April – Change Your Mind

Thursday 11th April – Live It!

Everyone is welcome to join us at St Mary's for our Lent Course. It is a chance to reflect, discover, discuss and share our faith. Booklets are available from Rosemary Corder, cost £3.75.



## **EVENTS AND NOTICES**

### **Help for Pathfinders – Fridays in term-time**

Help required with our after-school Sunday School style club at Balcombe School. 3pm – 4.30pm Fridays in term-time. Please contact Denise if you think you could offer any amount of assistance on 07500 467735. Thank you.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 1st March**

“Come - Everything is ready!” The women of Slovenia have prepared this ecumenical service to be held globally on this day. Balcombe’s Service will be held at **2pm in the Parish Room on Friday 1st March**. All will be very welcome.

Further details from Margaret Williamson or Lorna Robinson

### **St Mary’s Spring Clean**

Saturday 30th March 2019

9am – 12.30pm

Cleaning inside and outside the Church.

All Welcome to come and help.

Please bring your own tools and equipment.

Refreshments provided.



### **SAVE THE DATE FOR BIRCHANGER GARDENS**

THE WORRALL FAMILY HAVE KINDLY INVITED US BACK TO BIRCHANGER GARDENS ON SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY. THIS IS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL EVENT, SO PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY.

### **Pack Up Your Troubles**

Tony Perkins filmed the concert which took place in September for the History Society and has created a DVD.

Please contact Ali Cunningham (811370) if you would like one.

The cost is £5; proceeds to the Balcombe History Society

### **The Ardingly Senior School Choir**

The Choir kindly came to perform in the Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. It was a beautiful concert with wonderful singing; there was no charge but generous donations of £163.55 were received, for which we are very grateful. If you missed it, you still have a chance to hear them as they have created a CD of Christmas music; again, contact Ali if you would like one.

The cost is £10