

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH**



# **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

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**Millstones and Milestones  
Richard Shenton**

# Welcome to our celebration on this Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Fr Paul  
Preacher: Bren Starnes  
Organist: Tony Hancock  
The First Reading: Andy Leese  
The Second Reading: Jacquie Walbridge  
Intercessions: Toni Hayes  
Setting: Pulborough Mass  
Ministers of Communion: David Hayes and Graham Allfrey

To keep our church **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.



We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.

**Thank you so much for supporting our church's ministry and mission**

***In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you***

*Do join us for refreshments after the service*

*Introductory organ music: – “Serenade”  
Derek Bourgeois..*

*From Fr Paul*

*On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May two new Authorised Lay Ministers will be commissioned to serve in our parish. They are Frances Hancock who extends her role in traditional church music continuing to work with Tony and the choir and Bren Starnes who is taking a part in the preaching ministry of our church. Both of them have written something personal to mark this; Frances having been a member of the church for many years and Bren having joined us relatively recently.*

### **From Bren Starnes**

I was brought up a Methodist, and gave my life to Christ at the age of seven. Ever since then, I have felt destined to serve in the Church. I have many years of leadership experience in both Education and the Church. I studied theology in London and graduated with distinction before beginning a successful two-phase career in schools, eventually becoming a Deputy Headteacher.

I am passionate about social justice, and although I acquired the NPQH (National Qualification for Headship), I felt 'guided' to explore prison work. This led me to teach GCSE English to male prisoners for almost 14 years. I now work part-time at Brinsbury College, teaching students with SEND.

I was part of a "founding trio" whom God called to begin a new charismatic church in the early 1980s, and I later became its leading elder. However, in later years, I came to realise that the same group had no room for my emerging inclusive views or my desire to go deeper with God—embracing reverence, mystery, and space to accept paradox and questions.

I experienced trauma throughout my childhood and undertook several years of in-depth counselling. Later, I trained extensively in counselling therapies myself and was awarded an advanced qualification in pastoral counselling.

Now in my 70s, I live with ongoing health issues which deplete my energy levels and, much to my frustration, sometimes limit my involvement in church life.

My husband, Tim, and I moved to Pulborough in 2020 during lockdown. By late 2022, we felt it was time to find a church. We found a very warm welcome at St Mary's, and I now call this church "home."

***From Frances Hancock***

I am delighted to being commissioned by Bishop Ruth on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May as an ALM with responsibility for assisting with music in our church. The course finished before Christmas, so I have been liaising with Tony and Fr Paul unofficially since then. This is something that I haven't done before, but I am enjoying the challenges of finding interesting and enjoyable pieces for the choir to sing in our post-Communion slot, both new music and items that we already have in our music library. In the run up to Easter, we sang mainly anthems, but we will also be using hymns and songs that fit the theme of the day's service. We are also looking at introducing a new congregational Mass setting to replace the one written by Dom Gregory Murray. Watch this space!  
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*Please stand when the bell is rung*

**Entrance Hymn: NEH 124**

***Chorus novae Jerusalem***

**Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), John Mason Neale (1818-1866),  
Robert Campbell (1814-1868)**

- 1      Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
         your sweetest notes employ,  
         the Paschal victory to hymn  
         in strains of holy joy.**
  
- 2      How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
         and crushed the serpent's head;  
         and brought with him, from death's domains  
         the long-imprisoned dead.**

- 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he has gone before.
- 4 Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
and at his footstool fall.
- 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.
- 6 All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia. Amen.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people  
to make an act of penitence*

## The Prayers of Penitence

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Gloria

**Glory to God in the Highest, and  
peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, Heav'nly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
Glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **The Collect for the Day**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please sit*

### **The First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive

the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **The Second Reading; 1 Peter 1.17-23**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 118  
Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)**

- 1 The Lord is risen indeed!  
now is his work performed;  
now is the mighty Captive freed,  
and death's strong castle stormed.**
  
- 2 The Lord is risen indeed;  
then hell has lost his prey;  
with him is risen the ransomed seed  
to reign in endless day.**
  
- 3 The Lord is risen indeed:  
he lives, to die no more;  
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,  
whose curse and shame he bore.**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 24. 13-35**

*The Alleluia is sung by the choir and then repeated by the congregation*



The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their

eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road,

and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven, was incarnate from  
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## **The Intercessions**

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us**

*The Intercessions conclude with the following*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Fr. Paul introduces the Peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

**The Offertory Hymn: NEH 296 (1<sup>st</sup> Tune)  
George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)**

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.**
  
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.**

- 3**      **Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
we in worship join with them.**
- 4**      **Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fulness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.**
- 5**      **Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified.**

Pray my dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the  
praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good  
of all his holy Church.**

*The Prayer over the gifts is said*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*Fr. Paul continues with the prayer*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith,  
**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

*Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer:*  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*



## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Breaking of the Bread

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body because we all  
share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**



## The Giving of Communion

*Fr. Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

*Please wait to be directed to communion.*

*Choir Hymn: O&N 18 "All I once held dear"  
by Graham Kendrick.*

1 *All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
spent and worthless now, compared to this.*

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you;  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness  
and I love you, Lord.*

2. *Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours;  
to possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.      Refrain*

3. *Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life  
and to know you in your sufferings;  
to become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.*

*Refrain*

**Post Communion Hymn: NEH 308  
St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74  
Tr James Woodford 1820-85**

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,  
who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,  
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.**
- 2 O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
who living bread to men doth here afford!  
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,  
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.**
- 3 Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
cleans us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;  
increase our faith and love, that we may know  
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.**
- 4 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,  
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to  
be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Notices are given out*

*Please stand*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

**Recessional Hymn: NEH 400 (Tune 420)  
Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024  
Based on the prayer of  
St Augustine of Hippo 354-430**

**1 Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine!  
My sun in risen splendour,  
my light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining,  
my dawn of heaven's day.**

- 2** Life of the souls that love him,  
may Christ be ours indeed!  
The living Bread from heaven  
on whom our spirits feed;  
who died for love of sinners  
to bear our guilty load,  
and make of life's journey  
a new Emmaus road.
- 3** Strength of the wills that serve him,  
may Christ be strength to me,  
who stilled the storm and tempest,  
who calmed the tossing sea;  
his Spirit's power to move me,  
his will to master mine,  
his cross to carry daily  
and conquer in his sign.
- 4** May it be ours to know him  
that we may truly love,  
and loving, fully serve him  
as serve the saints above;  
till in that home of glory  
with fadeless splendour bright,  
we serve in perfect freedom  
our Strength, our Life, our Light.

*Final Organ music: "Trumpet Tune No.6 in D"  
Paul Fey.*

**For your prayers this week**

*We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.*

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We also pray for Martin, our Bishop as he prepares for his retirement.*

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:  
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**

*The work of the Cathedral: Edward Dowler, The Dean; Earl Collins, The Chancellor; Vanessa Baron, Treasurer; the Vergers and staff.*

**We pray for those preparing for Baptism and or Confirmation,** especially those from our own congregation; Jessilyn, Jeremiel, Luna, and James and who are preparing for Baptism and confirmation the Wednesday. Michael will be confirmed at a later date,

*We pray for the work of SPLASH in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

**We pray for our nation and government:**

*For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

**We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in the Middle East,** praying especially for all world leaders and those who advise them.

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

***Those who are now in need of healing:***

*Patrick Carr, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Margaret Gregory, Kelvin Tatum, John Raynard, Maud and James and Helen Leeke*

***Those who are in need of on-going prayer:***

*Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim*

***Anniversary of death:*** *Nora Spain, Jonathan Wells*

***Village Prayers:*** *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live or work in Broomers Hill Lane, Mare Hill Road West Mare Lane, Kings Lane and Batts Lane*

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter Raffle in aid of Education West Africa. We are pleased to say that **£314** was raised which will go towards help in re-building schools in the Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone.

**UPDATING THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

**Today is the final day** to add your name to the Church Electoral Roll. The Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the PCC, beginning on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and ends today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

Forms to have your name included on the roll are available at the back of the church.

**Toni Hayes, Electoral Roll Officer**

**20<sup>th</sup> Monday: *Feria of Easter***

10am to 12noon The Hub meet in Pulborough Library  
3.15-4.30pm Kingfishers meet in school  
7.30pm Tower Bell ringing

**21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday: *St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith 1109***

10.30am Churches Together meet at 1 The Mews  
2pm Pulborough Community Volunteers' Forum at URC church  
4.30pm Confirmation Group meet in church

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: *Feria of Easter***

9.45am Morning Prayer  
**10.15am The Holy Eucharist**  
7pm Meeting Matthew group at 86 Glebelands  
**7pm Deanery Confirmation at St Andrews and St Cuthmans at Steyning**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: *St George-Martyr and Patron of England c304***

9.30am Morning Prayer  
7pm St Mary's School Governors Ethos and Worship group meet

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday: *Feria of Easter***

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday: *St Mark, The Evangelist***

9am to 12noon Pulborough Village Market  
10am to 3pm Study day at St. Mary's West Chiltington

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8am Service of the Word with Holy Communion – Said in the chapel**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: Acts 42-end 1 Peter 2. 19-end and John 10. 1-10

***Individual Prayer Ministry in the chapel***

## DEANERY CONFIRMATION

The Deanery confirmation will be on **this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm at St Andrew and St Cuthman, Steyning** celebrated by Bishop Ruth.

Do please support **Jessilyn, Jeremiel, Luna, and James** as they continue on their Christian journey

## INTRODUCING THE GOSPEL OF ST MATTHEW

Storrington Deanery Study Day **this Saturday 25 April 2026**

**10am – 3pm**

St Mary's Church, West Chiltington, RH20 2JW  
(Carpark bottom of Church Street)

led by Canon Dr Peter Sills

The Gospel of Matthew has a distinctive style and an orderly layout. It was written around AD70 for a Jewish Christian community, possibly in Antioch in ancient Syria, and although placed first in the New Testament,

## MEETING MATTHEW

The Meeting Matthew small group meet on Wednesday evenings. **We meet at 7pm at 86 Glebelands** and all are welcome at this informal and friendly gathering.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY....

### THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (ACM's)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11. 45am in church.** At these meetings there will be the election of two Churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod. **Please do consider taking on one of these roles.** Relevant application forms are available at the back of the church.

Please speak to Fr Paul for more information.

## **CLOSURE OF CHURCH HILL**

We understand that Church Hill in Pulborough will be closed for approximately **10 days from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**. Do please keep this in mind when coming to church leaving more time for your journey as local roads will be much busier.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May**

This year we are hoping to have the church open **on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 11am to 4pm and serving cream teas and a cake sale in aid of Christian Aid**. With so much unrest in many parts of the world, the funds raised by Christian Aid are so desperately needed. Please help us to make this fund-raising day a well-worth effort, by baking a cake, biscuits or savouries for sale. We will also need help on the day serving refreshments. More details to follow.

## **LEAFLET SPONSORING FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS**

Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one  
Do consider sponsoring one of the services.

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible, which helps us cover the cost of printing and paper

The dates we have for the next two months are:

Sundays in **May: 3<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost)**

Sundays in **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sundays in **July 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>**

Do contact Ann Kaiser ([ann.kaiser@live.co.uk](mailto:ann.kaiser@live.co.uk)) if you can help

## **EVENT FOR THE FRIENDS OF PULBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH BARN DANCE – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Tickets are selling well for the next 'Friends' event so do get yours soon. The evening is set in the beautiful Sullington Barn. Tickets are £20 to include a delicious ploughmans.

Please go to the 'Friends' website for more details and tickets.

[www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org](http://www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org)

## **ST. MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB**

The March draw for the St Mary's Bells 100 Club was made on Monday 13th April at the Chequers Hotel, Pulborough and the results were as follows:

1st Prize: £100 - number - 30 - Mr J Hurd  
2nd Prize: £50 - number - 53 - Mr M Carey  
3rd Prize: £10 - number - 74 - Mrs J Aylott  
4th Prize £10 - number - 4 - Mrs A Kaiser  
5th Prize: £10 - number - 10 - Mr A Hindman  
6th Prize: £10 - number - 84 - Mrs B Smith  
7th Prize: £10 - number - 13 - Mr A Hindman

The April draw will take place on Monday 4th May at 9.30 p.m. at Chequers Hotel, Pulborough.

### **St. Mary's Bells 100 Club - 2025 Lottery**

The 2025 lottery made a profit of **£2279.04**.

The proceeds have been donated to the PCC and requested that it be ring fenced and held in a restricted account to pay for future repairs to the tower bells and the fabric of St Mary's church in compliance with the 100 Club Lottery licence.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support the 100 Club.  
**Ian Cockburn- Treasurer**

**And finally....**

### **THE FSW FOOD HAMPER**

When you go shopping next please do remember the FSW hamper in the North Porch. At the moment the charity will be pleased to receive **Toiletries, Snacks, Cleaning products, Spreads and Jams**  
Thank you so much for your support.