

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, PULBOROUGH



TRINITY SUNDAY

26th May, 2024

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*We are very grateful that the service
leaflets today have been generously sponsored.*

**'Happy Birthday Auntie Alex!
Lots of love from Holly, Edward and Ellie.'**

Welcome to the Parish Eucharist on this Trinity Sunday

Celebrant: Fr Paul
Preacher: Fr Ian Edgar
Organist: Tony Hancock
The Reading: Bren Marks
The Intercessions: Vicky Smith
The Setting: The Pulborough Mass

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.

*If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the details on the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your service leaflet. We also have **contactless facilities** available by the organ at the back of the church. Thank you.*



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: "Gavotte"
Matthew Camidge.*

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 146
Reginald Herber (1783-1826)

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth
and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

The Prayers of Penitence

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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, Heavenly 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 and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: Romans 8. 12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 377
Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

- 1** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2** Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3** To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.
- 4** Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Gospel Reading: John 3. 1-17

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these

signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

**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 sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Intercessions may 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

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace:

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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 375 (Tune Coe Fen)
John Mason (c.1645-1694)**

- 1** How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

- 2** Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face:
they sing because thou art their Sun:
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.

- 3** Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

**4 How great a being Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.**

Pray my dear sisters and brothers 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

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine we ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

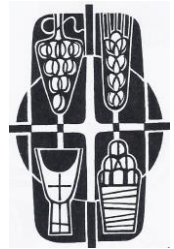
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

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

Fr Paul continues until the following is sung:

**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 said:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to which all respond: **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 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.**

*Choir Anthem:
"O most merciful" Hymn to the Holy Trinity"
Munster Gesangbuch 1677.*

**Communion Hymn: NEH 360
John Henry Newman (1801-1890)**

**1 Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

- 2 **And I trust and hope most fully
in that Manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**
- 3 **Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**
- 4 **And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**
- 5 **Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Please kneel or sit

The Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
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 and Banns of Marriage will now be given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

God the Father,
who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son,
bless you. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
bless you. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,
bless you. **Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God,
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: NEH 466
John Marriott (1780-1825), Thomas Raffles (1788-1863)**

- 1 Thou whose almighty word
 chaos and darkness heard,
 and took their flight;
 hear us, we humbly pray,
 and where the Gospel-day
 sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light.**

- 2 Thou, who didst come to bring
 on thy redeeming wing
 healing and sight,
 health to the sick in mind,
 sight to the inly blind,
 O now to all mankind
 let there be light.**

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
 life-giving, holy Dove,
 speed forth thy flight;
 move on the water's face,
 bearing the lamp of grace,
 and in earth's darkest place
 let there be light.**

- 4 Blessed and holy Three,
 glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might;
 boundless as ocean's tide
 rolling in fullest pride,
 through the earth far and wide
 let there be light.**

*Concluding Organ Music "Mr Theo Saunders his Trumpet Tune"
Antony Baldwin*

For your prayers this week
In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for:
The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:
John Preston, the Diocesan Secretary

*We pray for **our nation and government**, especially at this time for King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti and other troubled parts of the world.** We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

The Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian
Отче наш, що єси на небесах,
Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє.
Хай прийде Царство Твоє,
нехай буде воля Твоя
Як на небі, так і на землі
Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні.
І прости нам провини наші,
як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим.
І не введи нас у спокусу,
але визволи нас від лукавого.
Бо Твоє є Царство, і сила, і слава
навіки. Амінь

A Prayer for the Holy Land

**Loving God,
Praying for the Holy Land and its people,
praying for your deep peace,
praying that swords are turned to ploughshares,
we ask that your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven.
May those in power seek your heart.**

**May those suffering know your presence.
May those mourning be comforted.
May we, who watch at a distance,
be open to seeing with your eyes of compassion and
understanding
and know how to pray and respond justly, mercifully and
humbly.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

*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 in need of continued prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen and Peter Leeke, Ben, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, Trevor Higton, James McDonagh, Bill Bewley, Nick Reilly, Mandy, Phyllis Gabriel, Victoria and Mihaela, Sergio and Doug, Tim Johnson, Michael Thornley, Rebecca and family and Rosa Reeve

Pray to rest in peace: Peter Reeve

Anniversary of death: Mike Elliot, Peter Cooper, John Hunt, Denis Bryan

*Together with the other churches in the Village we **pray for all** who live and work in Rectory Lane, Potts Lane, St. Mary's Close, Rectory Close, Link Lane, Dennis Court, Moat Lane and The Moat*

Monday 27th: *Feria*
(Bank Holiday)
(St Mary's School Half term holiday)

Tuesday 28th: *Feria*

Wednesday: 29th *Feria*
10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

Thursday 30th: *Feria*
2pm Church Visiting Party from Midhurst U3A

Friday 31st: The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 1st: *St. Justin, Martyr at Rome c165*
10am to 12noon Church Working Party

Sunday 2nd CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
8am The Holy Eucharist – Said (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am 'ALL ARE WELCOME' Celebration
Readings: 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26 and John 6. 51-58

CHRISTIAN AID

Today is the last opportunity to give in an envelope for Christian Aid as we hope to send all donations off this coming week. Thank you so much for your support.

CHURCH WORKING PARTY- This Saturday.

Our churchyard is being judged on Wednesday 3rd July for Best Kept Churchyard award so we hope as many people can come **this Saturday between 10am and 12noon** so we can really make an impression of the area. Look forwards to seeing you!

PETER REEVE R.I.P.

Peter and Rosa were very much part of our congregation for many years and we now know that Peter's funeral will be on **Monday 3rd June at 2.30pm in Portsmouth Cathedral.**

We continue to keep Rosa in our prayers.

SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE 2024

Thank you so much for your support of this weekly scheme, it is much appreciated.

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

The dates we have are:

Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th June

Sunday 14th July

Sunday 4th or 11th August

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Your donations help us to offset the cost of printing and paper which is such a great help. Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK – FSW

Thank you so much for your continued support of this much needed local charity that supports local families and those in the wider diocese. The Food bank wish list for May include:

Ketchup, jam, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, long grain rice, cereal, squash tinned fruit, custard/ rice pudding.

At present they have sufficient: biscuits, tea, pasta and nappies.

Items can be left in the FSW food hamper in church or please contact **Alyson Heath on 01798 873795** who will be pleased to hear from you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...A Summer Concert on Tuesday 18th

June at 7.30pm in church. The Farlingtonic Choir directed by Jane Thomas, together with singers, dancers and instrumentalist from Farlington School. Retiring collection in aid of the Church Organ Fund. Refreshments provided.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES...PULBOROUGH & NUTBOURNE OPEN GARDENS. The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church are organizing 'Open Gardens' on **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June from 1pm to 5pm.** We will be serving cream teas at the Church and if you are able to help on either day, please let Ann K know. All details of the event can be found on the 'Friends' website <https://www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org/>

EDUCATION WEST AFRICA – Lent Appeal

£1,500 was raised by the Lent Appeal.

This money will go to repairing the well at SLC Kenema Primary School so all children will have access to fresh clean water. (This is the school that has a link with St Mary's Primary School.) It will help towards maintaining the education secretary's motorbike so he can get around and support schools in the provinces of Bo Diocese. The rest will go towards building a school for SLC Bopani as they currently do not have a building. I will be giving a talk and update at **The Pulborough Society on Wednesday July 3rd 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** Non-members very welcome. Thank you everyone for your generous support. **Alyson**

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

ELECTION OF A NEW DIOCESAN SYNOD

In the Church of England the model of government is "the bishop in Synod" which means that the Diocese is governed by the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of representatives of clergy and laity elected by the deanery synods thus forming the Diocesan Synod.

In Chichester (as in all dioceses) the Synod consists of three Houses, a House of Bishops consisting of the Diocesan Bishop and the Bishops of Lewes and Horsham; a House of Clergy with members elected from each deanery together with ex officio members consisting of the cathedral dean, the archdeacons and clergy elected to the General Synod; and a House of Laity consisting of lay members elected from each deanery plus those laity elected to the General Synod.

The Synod usually meets twice per year in May and November with business ranging from social questions affecting the Diocese, theological issues, financial matters and future Diocesan strategy.

Any lay person who is an actual communicant and whose name is on an electoral roll in the deanery is eligible to stand for election; they do not have to be a member of the deanery synod to be nominated but their name must be proposed and seconded by two members of the deanery synod.

Laity are asked to give serious consideration as to whether they should stand for election for this important Diocesan work.

**Our current Deanery representatives are:
Alyson Heath, Susan Scholefield and Rob Aylott**