PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



PENTECOST SUNDAY

19th May, 2024

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

The leaflets today have been generously sponsored.

"Remembering Mimi, our beloved mother and grandmother."

Susan and Jon

Welcome to the Parish Eucharist on this Pentecost Sunday

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

The Setting: Thorne

The Reading: Andy Leese

The Intercessions: Austen Hindman

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.



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Do join us for refreshments after the service.

Opening organ music: "Komm Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist J.S.Bach

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 137

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434) translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

- 1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness becomes mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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

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

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

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, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God, in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest. Amen

The Collect for the Day

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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: Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 431 Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

1 O thou who camest from above The pure celestial fire to impart, Kindle a flame of sacred love On the mean altar of my heart!

- There let it for thy glory burn
 With inextinguishable blaze,
 And trembling to its source return,
 In humble prayer and fervent praise.
- Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
 To work, and speak, and think for thee;
 Still let me guard the holy fire,
 And still stir up thy gift in me.
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
 My acts of faith and love repeat,
 Till death thy endless mercies seal,
 And make the sacrifice complete.

The Gospel Reading: John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15

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.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go

away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

The 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 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 Prayers of Intercession

Fr Paul introduces:

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Fr Paul concludes:

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Please stand

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 142 (Tune 401) Michael Hewlett 1916 - 2000

- 1 Sing to him in whom creation
 Found its shape and origin;
 Spirit, moving on the waters,
 Troubled by the God within;
 Source of breath to all things breathing,
 Life in whom all lives begin.
- 2 Sing to God, the close companion Of our inmost thoughts and ways; Who, in showing us his wonders, Is himself the power to gaze; And his will, to those who listen, By a still small voice conveys.
- 3 Holy men, both priest and prophet, Caught his accents, spoke his word; His the truth behind the wisdoms Which as yet know not our Lord; He the love of God eternal, Which in Christ was seen and heard.
- 4 Tell of how the ascended Jesus
 Armed a people for his own;
 How a hundred men and women
 Turned the known world upside down,
 To its dark and furthest corners
 By the Wind of Whitsun blown.
- 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
 On our lives descend in might;
 Let thy flame break out within us,
 Fire our hearts and clear our sight,
 Till, white-hot in thy possession,
 We, too, set the world alight.

6 Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
Praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord:
Through thy Voice which speaks within us
We thy creatures own thee Lord.

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

Lord of all and source of our joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus 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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit upon Martin our Bishop, Ruth and Will his suffragans and on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Dunstan, St. Richard, St. Wilfrid and all your saints may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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.

Choir anthem "Come Holy Ghost" Eric Thiman.

Communion Hymn: NEH 342 (Tune 178) Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me glows with the holy divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 will now be given out

Fr Paul moves to the Easter Candle

The Blessing of Light

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.

Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.

Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.

With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love.

Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known.

Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Pulborough, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

The Conclusion

The Lord be with you. and also with you.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit,

who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen**

May the Spirit,

who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen**

May the Spirit, who set the church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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

The Recessional Hymn: O&N 666 Damian Lundy (1940-1997)

- The Spirit lives to set us free,
 walk, walk in the light.
 He binds us all in unity,
 walk, walk in the light.
 Walk in the light, walk in the light,
 walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord
- Jesus promised life to all,
 walk, walk in the light.
 The dead were wakened by his call,
 walk, walk in the light.

- He died in pain on Calvary,
 walk, walk in the light,
 to save the lost like you and me,
 walk, walk in the light.
- We know his death was not the end,
 walk, walk in the light.
 He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
 walk, walk in the light.
- 5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light.
 The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.

 Chorus
- 6 The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light.
 His light will shine for all to see walk, walk in the light.

 Chorus



Concluding organ music: Toccata in G Theodore Dubois.

'Let's Celebrate'. **For Pentecost**! A short, non-Eucharistic service especially for families and their children **this afternoon**, starting at **3.30pm** with tea and cake with the service at 4pm. Vicky Smith one of our ALM's leading the afternoon. All ages welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

For your prayers this week

In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for: The Anglican Church of Canada

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: The Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazlewood and Nicky Still his PA

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: Ken Green and Peter Reeve

Anniversary of death: Marina Barnes, Christine Thomas, Denis Pepper, Ella Booker, Patricia Ives, René Kaiser, Derek Smorthwaite

Together with the other churches in the Village we **pray for all** who live and work in Stane Street (from the railway bridge northwards) Sopers Cottages, Stane Street Close, Riverside, Harwood Close, Bridge Close, Masons Way, Codmore Hill, Oddstones, Sinclair Drive and Corden Place

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 20th: St Alcuin of York, Teacher 804 10am – 12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library 3.15pm to 4.15pm Kingfishers at St. Mary's School 7.30pm Tower Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 21st: Feria 9.30am Morning Prayer 7pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wednesday 22nd: Feria
9.45am Morning Prayer
10.15 am The Holy Eucharist
700pm for 7.30pm Fairtrade AGM and presentation at
Pulborough Village Hall

Thursday 23rd: Feria
9.30am Morning Prayer
10-11.30am Ladybirds
7pm Choir Practice
8.30pm Bat & Moth evening with Christine Lindsay

Friday 24th: Feria
11.30am Don and Pamela Griffin R.I.P. Burial of Ashes
12noon The Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Handbell ringing practice

Saturday 25th: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historia 735 9am to 12noon Pulborough Village Market at Village Hall

Sunday 26th: TRINITY SUNDAY 8am The Holy Eucharist – Said 10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Preacher: Fr Ian Edgar

Readings: Acts 2. 1-21 and John 20. 19-23

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET

This Saturday in Pulborough Village Hall **from 9am to 12noon.** A good social morning with local foods and crafts. The market café serves delicious, cooked breakfasts to start your morning off well. Look forward to seeing you there.

FAIRTRADE WEST SUSSEX

The local group are delighted to be hosting in Pulborough Village Hall on **Wednesday 22nd May**, the Fairtrade West Sussex AGM to mark 20 years of Fairtrade campaigning in the village.

We will be serving free Fairtrade wine & nibbles, tea, coffee and biscuits and everyone attending will be given a free ticket for a Fairtrade Hamper Raffle.

There will be talks by two inspiring local businesswomen: Sarah Payne, founder of Cocoa Loco and Fritha Vincent of Secret Project. Stalls selling Sarah & Fritha's products, as well as other Fairtrade food and craft items, will be open from 7 - 7.30 while refreshments are served and at the end of the evening.

Tickets are free but booking is essential. Please email liz.sollom@btinternet.com

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

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.

CHRISTIAN AID CAKE SALE

Thank you so much to all who brought cakes for the sale last Sunday, we are pleased to say that £171. 00 was raised. Once all the Christian Aid envelopes are in we will give you a grand total for this very worthy charity. Many thanks for your support!

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, 11th or 18th 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 DIARIES...PULBOROUGH & NUTBOURNE OPEN GARDENS. The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church are organizing 'Open Gardens' on **Saturday 15**th **and Sunday 16**th **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/**

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

NATURE DATES/NOTES FROM CHRISTINE LINDSAY

First of the monthly Bat/Moth evenings is this **Thursday 23rd May** at 8.30p.m. outside the church

ST MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB

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

1st Prize: £100 - number 66 - Mrs P Williams 2nd Prize: £50 - number 70 - Mr T Martin

3rd Prize: £10 - number 100 - Mrs S Cockburn 4th Prize: £10 - number 71 - Mrs A Heath 5th Prize: £10 - number 15 - Miss M Cornford

6th Prize: £10 - number 54 - Mr M Comyn 7th Prize: £10 – number 90 - Mr C Savage

The May draw will take place on Monday 3rd June at 9.30 p.m. at the Chequers Hotel, Pulborough.