

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St John's If you are new to the church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the welcomers. After the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please stay if you can.

Today's readings In the Old Testament reading today the prophet Ezekiel tells of his calling from God: he is to speak in God's name to God's people. But he is warned that although the people may not take notice, he must be faithful and persevere.

In the 2nd reading it is of perseverance that St Paul writes as well. God has given him the gifts he needs to carry out his work of mission, but some difficulty he has to live with (we don't know what it is) has taught him that his true strength is in the Lord.

'Familiarity breeds contempt' - it may be Chaucer who first used the phrase we still understand only too well. The Gospel today tells how those who lived in Jesus's home town and who had known him for so long could not accept him as God's messenger. Now, as then, God uses ordinary people and events to reveal himself - even to us, if we will see and hear.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard at the **Summer Fair** yesterday. Lots to do on the day - and a great deal of preparation behind the scenes in the days leading up to it. So good to work together - just as important as the financial result (final total will be revealed next week).

Parish Bible Study All are welcome tomorrow (Monday), 3 pm in the café area in church, to study the scriptures for next Sunday:

Amos 7: 12-15 Ephesians 1: 3-14 St Mark 6: 7-13

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

7th July 2024

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am **Parish Mass** (Hymns CHE 301, 390, 568, 598, 108) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer and Benediction**

Monday 8 th July <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am Mass	The bereaved
Tuesday 9 th July <i>Feria</i>	6.30 pm Mass	Church officers
Wednesday 10 th July <i>Feria</i>	11.00 am Mass	Vocations to ordained ministry
Thursday 11 th July <i>St Benedict</i>	9.00 am Mass	Members of religious orders
Friday 12 th July <i>Feria</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>at St Andrew's</i>	Penitence
Saturday 13 th July <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass	Walsingham

Please pray for: Wendy Oakeshott, Stewart Parker, Jack, Reg Parker, Ros Cole, Alan Caperon

Please pray for the recently departed:

And for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 7 Wilfred Spicer, Eileen Croom
- 8 Clare Pandelis
- 9 Marion Smith, Laurence Oakeshott
- 10 Mary Nunn, Donald Scott, Marcus Riggs *priest*
- 11 Robert Maybey, Frank Jarrett
- 12 Robert Runcie *bishop*, Jean Mansbridge
- 13 Winifred Bradbury, Beatrice Lovesay, Jean Dickson