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WORSHIP

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| Sundays | Mass | 8.00am |
| | PARISH SUNG MASS | 10.00am |
| | Evening Prayer and Benediction | 6.00pm |
| Weekday Mass | Monday | 10.00am |
| | Tuesday | 6.30pm |
| | Wednesday | 11.00am |
| | Thursday | 9.00am |
| | Saturday | 9.30am |

A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

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| Front Cover:- St. Gregory the Great, depicted writing with the help of the Holy Spirit. |
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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

4th August

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ephesians 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35

11th August

1 Kings 19:4-8

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

18th August

Proverbs 9:1-6

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

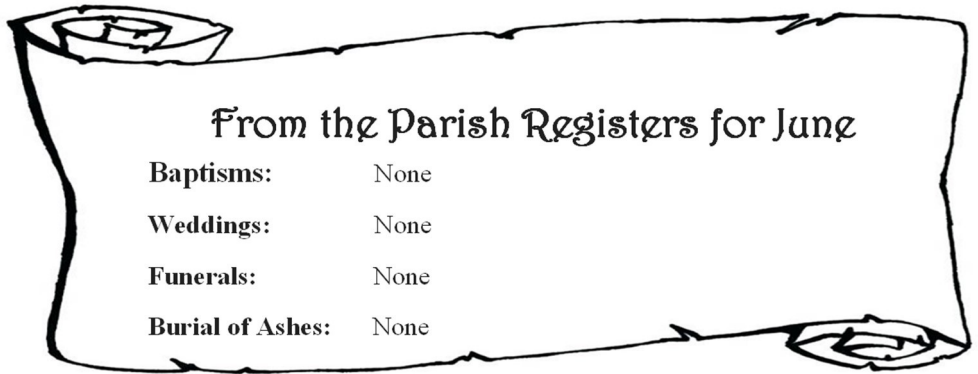
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

25th August

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69



Monthly Statistics for June

| Date | Communicants | Attendance | Home Communicants |
|------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| 2nd | 34 | 44 | 12 |
| 9th | 37 | 47 | 12 |
| 16th | 34 | 44 | 3 |
| 23rd | 32 | 39 | 2 |
| 30th | 33 | 42 | 4 |

This Is Our Faith

Bishop Martin has asked all the churches in the diocese to take part in this initiative. This is his invitation:

“2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the move of Christian mission in this diocese from Selsey to Chichester. This gives us an opportunity to say something about who we are as the inheritors in the 21st century of this great momentum of Christian witness and faith.

Please encourage all the people you serve to respond to **four questions** about what their faith means to them, in whatever way they wish. We would prefer succinct authenticity to a lengthy sermon! The deadline for responses is 30th September 2024.

There is also an invitation to send us photographs that illustrate the diversity of our diocesan life and context.

This will be a record of what our Church is like today: we hope and pray that it will also encourage us to look to the future with hope and confidence in the abiding purposes of God’s plan for salvation and glory for his children.”

+Martin

Copies of the questionnaire are on the table near the south door of the church. As part of the record of church life in the diocese, there is also an invitation to send photographs which show various aspects of life in the parishes: worship; life events (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, etc); activities related to mission and social gatherings; and church buildings and their history. If you have photographs you can share, please liaise with Martyn.

The Churchwardens



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August



Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart. Lk. 2:19

SUNG MASS 11.00 am

St. JOHN'S SUMMER FAIR

Following weeks of the General Election campaign, it was nice to have a time of fun and enjoyment at our summer fair on Saturday July 6th. There were a good number of stalls which included several craft stalls, a fashion accessories stall, a cake stall, a book stall and a tombola. Of course there was also our traditional raffle with the tickets sold by Gina Lambert.

Some very nice refreshments were on sale, and it was great too, that CBK Designs had a stall, because it is always good for us to welcome enterprises from the wider community to our church events.

Although the number of people who came was lower than the Christmas Fair, there were many visitors who joined members of the congregation at the fair. It was clear that everyone had a great time buying different things from the stalls and winning some amazing prizes.

Overall it was brilliant that £850 was raised at the Summer Fair for church funds. We are grateful to everyone who helped, and especially to Rosemary Stock and Dorothy Smith for all their hard work.

We are also grateful to the following local shops and businesses who displayed posters to advertise the Summer Fair:

Alexander's Jewellers
The Co-op, Goring Road
Bay Tree Café
Foot Steps
Goring Carpets
Goring Hardware Stores
Michelle's (Hairdressers)
Tesco Express, Goring Road

We look forward now to our next church fair at Christmas.

Martin Lloyd



CHURCH FLOWERS

Don't forget that you need to fill in the list at the North Door to arrange and pay for your special flower bouquets for those dear departed relatives and friends whom you miss. I need your help to prepare something astonishing! **Lyn**

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please collect all colours of milk bottle tops for basic tools and wheelchairs in poorer areas of the world.....

There is a glass jar on the table by the South door of the Church for the tops you have collected.

Thank you.

Sharron

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



**A lamp burns daily at Our Lady of Walsingham,
the lamp is lit for special prayer intentions.**

If you would like the lamp lit for a special occasion, anniversary, a departed loved one or any other request, please add the request to the list by the North door and place a donation of £3 in the candle box.

NOTICES FROM St. JOHN'S

Do come to join us for Sunday Mass at 8am or 10am. If you are new to St. John's please introduce yourself to a sides person or a member of the clergy. The Peace will be carried out remotely, but there will now be an opportunity to receive sacrament of both kinds, at each Mass, for those who wish to.

Please stay for refreshments after the 10am Sunday Mass. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the back of the church and on the first Sunday of each month the 100 Club winners will be drawn.

Thank You to all who support our 100 Club at St. John's, which raises vital funds for our church. If you would like to join please see Lyn. To be included in the 2024 draw, you need to Join NOW! (See also Page 16)

Please remember that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn Gough! Even when there is no specific occasion to celebrate, we must have some flowers!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event later in the year, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Parish Bible Study happens on Mondays, but please watch the pew sheet for times and locations.

The Summer Fair was again very successful and brought in 850 pounds. (See also Page 7)

Note that Friday Mass is 10-30am at St Andrews, unless a special Mass is held at St. John's (See Page 20)

Ed.

Random Act of Kindness

Thank you to the Arrow Taxi driver who brought Rosemary to church one Sunday and asked that the £5 fare be donated to the church.

Thank you!

Rosemary

St John Vianney - the Curé d'Ar

'God's power is made perfect in weakness' wrote St Paul. Hearing that, who can say that God does not have a sense of humour? It would seem that he could not have chosen a much weaker weapon 'to confound the strong' than Jean-Baptiste Mary Vianney. Born in 1786 at Dardilly, a village not far from Lyons in south-eastern France, no-one could have predicted that he would one day be a priest who had become so famous that his time spent in the confessional from two in the morning, or earlier, until nine at night, would not be enough for him to hear the confessions of all the penitents who flocked to him.

At one time it seemed very unlikely that he would ever realise his wish to be a priest. One obstacle after another presented itself. During the French Revolution, the danger involved in such an ambition made his parents unwilling for him even to think about it. When liberty was again granted to the Church they withdrew their opposition, but his lack of education and his slowness in learning seemed to make it impossible that he would ever make any real progress in his studies.

So he made a vow to go on foot to pray at the tomb of St John Francis Regis. His prayers were answered, and he now made such progress that his tutor was astonished. However, his lack of formal education and what one biographer calls his 'backwardness' proved serious obstacles to his vocation. However, the Vicar-General (almost the equivalent of an archdeacon), hearing of his holiness and deep spiritual wisdom, said, "Very well, I will receive him: divine grace will do the rest." He was ordained priest in 1815 and three years later became the parish priest of Ars.

His biographer says that there was nothing obviously attractive about him. He was short, awkward, and shy; and of the way he spoke it has been said that 'he was provincial to vulgarity; his pronunciation was akin to that of the peasant class from which he sprang,' and that he was a frequent offender 'against grammar and syntax, not to speak of literary taste, of which he did not so much as possess the rudiments'.

Yet his holiness of life, his tireless work, prayers and penances, brought about a complete reformation in his parish. Bad language, drunkenness and quarrelling ceased. Men and women were to be found praying in the church at two or three o'clock in the morning, and again at night after a hard day's work, while on Sundays there was scarcely room for the numbers who attended Mass.

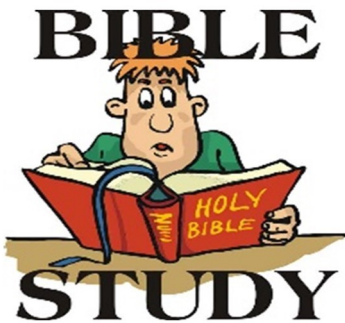
A holy and truly saintly man, a model for parish priests someone who devoted himself and all his energies to serving God in the way he believed so passionately he had called him. But alongside all of that he was also someone who had a sense of humour. He said to one very talkative woman who had told him the same story many times: 'In which month do you speak least? It must be the month of February, because it has three days less in it than any other.'

St John Vianney's feast day is 4th August. This year, as that date is a Sunday, we don't observe his feast - but make a point of using it as an opportunity to pray especially for whoever God is calling to be our parish priest here.

Fr. Roger

St. John's & St. Andrew's Bible Study

We have a growing number of people from both churches joining our weekly Bible Study sessions where we study the readings which will be used at Mass on the Sunday following the Bible Study.



We meet during term time on Monday afternoons at 3.00pm in St. John's Lady chapel.

See the pew sheet!

We finish at 4pm with a cuppa. Everyone is welcome!

Deacon Rachel

Cuppa and Chat with Deacon Rachel

What's your name and where do you come from?

Susan Clarke, sometimes known as 'Sue or Susie' in her family was born in 1952 into an Army family, and like so many Army families had many homes. She lived in Bradford, London, Salisbury Godalming and the most exotic Singapore! Having thought she would train as a teacher Susan decided to train Cartography and worked as a draftsman for some time. She worked at Guildford Borough Council for some time, and it was in Guildford that Susan and Dennis met. When they moved to Worthing Susan volunteered in the Mind Charity shop on Goring Road.



Dennis Clarke was born in Blackpool in 1950 and describes himself as 'a miracle baby'! He studied History at Hull University after which he trained as a librarian in Liverpool. This wasn't for him and ended up working in the financial dimensions of an engineering department. After this Dennis worked for SPCK – a group running Christian Bookshops around the country - part-time for 20 years. He moved from the North-west to Surbiton, Kingston on Thames and then to Guildford. Dennis' Mum moved to Worthing and lived in Clifton Road, and eventually Dennis and Susan decided to move from Guildford, to help care for her and they lived his Mum's before buying their own home.

What's your favourite food, drink, piece of music, tv programme and book?

Their favourite – it was a unanimous response – curry. Susan's favourite drink is water (there seems to be a theme here!) and Dennis' is Harvey's Old Ale. Sue likes to listen to Elgar, Mozart and Albinoni and Dennis enjoys listening to Lark Ascending and they both have a taste for John Bon Jovi. When it comes to television they enjoy watching documentaries and Inspector Maigret (both in English and in French!). With regards to their favourite books Susan often returns to the Shepherds Calendar by John Clare, a poem for each month of the year, a book she dips into time and again. The book which Dennis likes to return to is John Brunner's *The Squares of the City* (1965) which

'transposes the moves of a 1892 chess game between Wilhelm Steinitz (1836-1900) and Mikhail Chigorin (1850-1905) onto a near future landscape of political intrigue'

What are your interests?

Susan enjoys doing cross stitch. And they share an interest in reading. They both enjoy watching the Tour de France and Sumo wrestling! And Dennis particularly enjoys Rugby League.

What's your most memorable holiday?

One of Susan's most memorable holidays was a trip to Istanbul with friends on the Magic Bus and a holiday to Rhodes. And Dennis' two trips, one to Moscow to see the Lunar Space Station and a forty-eight hour round trip to Cologne – he thinks not to be repeated!! Two memorable holidays they have shared have been to Marazion which is east of Penzance. Whilst there they went to a play at the Minack Theatre, an outdoor theatre which has breath-taking views of the sea.

What's your earliest memory of church?

Susan recalls a time when she was four or five walking down the aisle of the Congregational Church carrying a basket of **violets** and her Father dressed as a shepherd beside her. Dennis was brought up in the Roman Catholic church and being immersed in the liturgical ritual and calendar was enriching. He also remembers being prepared for his First Communion at quite a young age. During their younger years and after they married, they went to other churches: both Methodist and Church of England. Dennis' spiritual life has been influenced by the teachings and example of St Francis of Assisi and is now a Companion of the Society.

What drew you to St John's?

Dennis and Susan don't live in the parish (on the wrong side of one of the boundary roads). But, as their day to day lives take them in the direction of the Goring Road shops they were drawn to St John's.

Thank you, Dennis and Susan, for sharing the edited highlights of your individual stories and your life together.

Deacon Rachel

‘The Lord loves a cheerful giver’ *Said St. Paul.*

Why not give some time once a month. There are lots of little jobs to do, come and join us!

THE HOLY DUSTERS!



5th August
Church Cleaning
10-30am onward. But check
with Kim



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Even just a Few minutes.

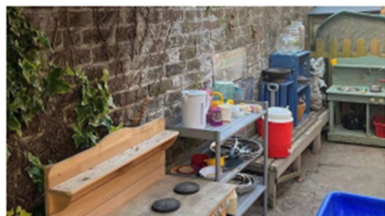
First Monday of the month is usually our morning.

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Every little bit helps!

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AUGUST DIARY EVENTS

| | | |
|-----|---------|--|
| Fri | 2nd-4th | Walsingham Weekend Pilgrimage |
| Sun | 4th | 10am Mass - 18th Sunday of the Year 100 Club Draw |
| Mon | 5th | 10-30am onwards, Church Cleaning |
| Tue | 6th | 6-30pm - Transfiguration of the Lord |
| Sun | 11th | 10am Mass - 19th Sunday of the Year |
| Thu | 15th | 11am - Assumption of the BVM Last Day for Magazine Articles |
| Sun | 18th | 10am Mass - 20th Sunday of the Year |
| Sun | 25th | 10am Mass - 21st Sunday of the Year |
| Mon | 26th | Summer Bank Holiday |

EARLY WARNING :- SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
ARCHDEACON LUKE VISITS ST. JOHN'S

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick to be remembered at each mass need constant updating. If anyone has asked for a person to be on the current list, can you please let the Vicar know how they are, so we can either :-

1. Continue to pray for them,
2. Transfer them to the Parish Prayer Group, who pray daily for those needing long term prayer support, or
3. Take them off, if they have recovered, on the understanding that they can be returned to either list as their condition requires.

Thank you.

Deacon Rachel



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WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

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| SUNDAY EAGLES (age 3 – 10) | Sundays @ 10 am. (<i>See page 22</i>) Dave Guiel W 340221 |
| ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL (2-5) | Mon - Fri 8-30am - 2-30pm (Hall) Term time only Jude 07708 830733 preschooladmin@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk |
| SOCIAL GROUP | The Churchwardens (<i>See Page 3</i>) |

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| PARISH ARCHIVIST | (<i>To be Confirmed</i>) |
| WALSINGHAM CELL | (<i>To be Confirmed</i>) |
| WEEKEND PILGRIMAGES | Ian Grevatt (<i>See Below</i>) |
| CBS (Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) Ward Secretary, Mr. Ian Grevatt, Churchwarden, St Andrew the Apostle, Clifton Road. E-mail at ijgrevatt@gmail.com . | |

MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

INTENTIONS

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|----|----|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Th | S. Alphonsus Liguori | 9am | Christian Teachers |
| 2 | F | Feria (Special Service) | 9am | Pilgrims to Walsingham |
| 3 | Sa | Feria | 9-30am | Devotion to Our Lady |
| 4 | Su | 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8am | The Parish |
| | | | 10am | |
| 5 | M | Feria | 10am | The World's Poor |
| 6 | Tu | The Transfiguration of the Lord | 6-30pm | Holiness |
| 7 | W | Feria | 11am | Confidence in Prayer |
| 8 | Th | S. Dominic | 9am | Preachers |
| 9 | F | S. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (10-30am Mass at St Andrews) | 10-30am | The Countries of Europe |
| 10 | Sa | S. Lawrence | 9-30am | Deacons |
| 11 | Su | 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8am | The Parish |
| | | | 10am | |
| 12 | M | Feria (Monthly Requiem Mass) | 10am | The Departed |
| 13 | Tu | Feria | 6-30pm | Children |
| 14 | W | S. Maximilian Kolbe | 11am | Faithful Witness to Christ |
| 15 | Th | The Assumption of Our Lady | 9-30am | Devotion to Our Lady |
| 16 | F | Feria (10-30am Mass at St. Andrews) | 10-30am | God's Blessing on Family Life |
| 17 | Sa | Feria (Walsingham Cell Mass) | 9-30am | Walsingham |
| 18 | Su | 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8am | The Parish |
| | | | 10am | |
| 19 | M | Feria | 10am | Vocations to Ordained Ministry |
| 20 | Tu | S. Bernard | 6-30pm | Faithfulness in Prayer |
| 21 | W | Feria | 11am | The Unemployed |
| 22 | Th | Our Lady, Queen and Mother | 9am | Thanksgiving |
| 23 | F | Feria (10-30am Mass at St. Andrews) | 10-30am | Christian Love |
| 24 | Sa | S. Bartholomew | 9-30am | Bishop Martin |
| 25 | Su | 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8am | The Parish |
| | | | 10am | |
| 26 | M | Feria | 10am | The Sick |
| 27 | Tu | S. Monica | 6-30pm | Mothers |
| 28 | W | S. Augustine | 11am | Theologians |
| 29 | Th | The Beheading of St. John the Baptist | 9am | Persecuted Christians |
| 30 | F | Feria (10-30am Mass at St. Andrews) | 10-30am | Courage in Our Faith |
| 31 | Sa | S. Aidan | 9-30am | The Spread of the Gospel in Britain |

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Ed.

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