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WORSHIP

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.

Front Cover:- Our Lady of Carmel from Chile - A Tribute for her Day of July 16th.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

7th July
Ezekiel 2:2-5

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

14th July
Amos 7:12-15

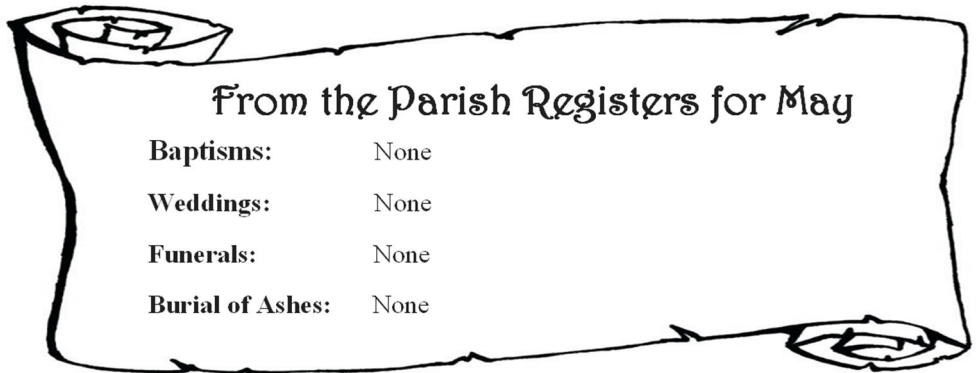
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

21th July
Jeremiah 23:1-6

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

28th July
2 Kings 4:42-44

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15



Monthly Statistics for May

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
5th	44	54	9
12th	35	40	2
19th	38	50	8
26th	35	41	3

Welcome To St. John the Divine!

As you all know we've had the APCM and everything went pretty smoothly considering it was our first without Fr Tim (in post). Everyone has remained in their posts to try and keep a bit of consistency for the year ahead and the interregnum.

The bad news is, and as I said at the APCM, the church and hall need a lot of work doing to them. The finances are quite good but there isn't enough to carry out all the jobs that need doing, so we are trying to prioritise the essential work against what we can afford but also getting the work done in the right order.

Dorothy is working with some local traders to get the drains around the church fixed, to combat the damp inside, the south door is/has been brought back to life (so we can still close it in the winter) and I've been working with the PreSchool to fix as many things as possible in and around the hall.

We are carrying out many smaller tasks ourselves, one of the smaller tasks is looking after the church grounds, clearing weeds, trimming bushes picking up litter etc.

I will be arranging a Saturday morning working party very soon, watch out for it in the notices in the pew sheet.

If you have any skills to offer and would like to help please let Dorothy or myself know.

Martyn





June 2024

The children have been taking on the huge responsibility of planting and caring for different plants indoors and outdoors while at preschool! They have been discussing what plants need to grow, comparing how the plants grow and of course they had to use their detection skills to work out who had been munching some of the plants!

With the very kind donations received from Tesco, the children and pre-school team created a lovely growing area where the children transferred established sunflowers and planted onions and pumpkins to see what would happen. Sadly, within one week, the sunflowers had completely disappeared! The onions are growing very well indeed, and the pumpkins are still hiding from us!

When asked what the children thought had happened to the sunflowers that were lovingly planted the children have a few different ideas...

"Maybe it's caterpillars eating them...they have big eyes...and big legs and they eat and eat" – MW

"Maybe it's slugs and snails eating the leaves" – LH

"It must be a mouse eating all the lettuces" -CR



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Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August

The Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is open to all young people aged between 11 and 18. The total cost per pilgrim is £230, which includes transport, all main meals and T-shirt*.

If you have any questions, contact: Vicky Townsend (victoriaell@standrewwesttarring.co.uk).

Please download the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage booking form to complete and return using the options and instructions on the form. Booking form at chichester.anglian.org/pilgrimage

Where is [Walsingham](#) and how to get there?

The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is in the parish of Walsingham, the North of Norfolk.

The address is:
The Shrine Office
2 Common Place
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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.

We have the opportunity to go to Walsingham from Friday August 2nd to Sunday August 4th. If you would like to go, please talk to Deacon Rachel.

Note that Friday Mass is 10-30 at St Andrews.

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'S SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 6TH JULY

10AM – 2PM



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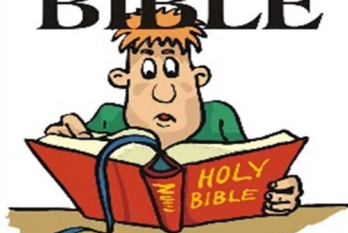
ALL WELCOME — JOIN THE FUN!



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.

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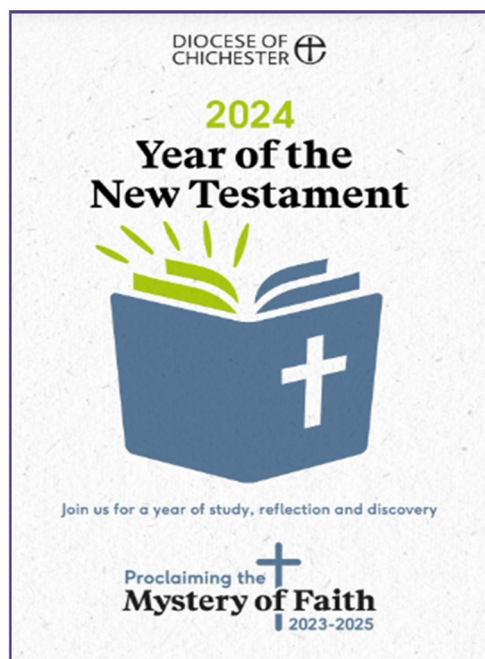
STUDY

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?

Sheila Hillary born in 1937 near Tunbridge Wells and the first of four children. Memories of early years are shadowed by events of the war, especially living in an area which was in 'bomb alley'! She remembers two things: her mum saying 'if the siren goes off when you are out, go to the nearest house, they will look after you until the 'all clear' has been given; her mum receiving a telegram telling her that her brother died in active duty – her mum's shock and tears are etched in her memory.



At 16 Sheila went to work in a convalescent home for children, valuable experience when she began her Registered Nurse training in Brighton. Sheila married and had four children and also offered fostering for newborn babies who were to be adopted. When asked, wasn't it hard to say goodbye to the babies, Sheila admitted although she missed them she was thankful for the privilege of providing love and stability for these little ones in the first weeks of their lives. Sheila also worked in nursing homes during her nursing career – the last being Pentlands.

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

Sheila likes most food, admitted to having a sweet tooth! But was clear she didn't care for pasta! Her favourite drink is water, loves it – always has a glass nearby. Sheila really enjoys musicals especially ones written by Andrew Lloyd Webber. She has quite wide taste in music so long as it's before the 60's. When it comes to the television, Sheila enjoys watching documentaries and had enjoyed the various programmes about D Day. However, television comes second to reading especially books by Stephanie Laurens.

What are your hobbies?

Reading without a doubt! Sheila said with a smile, that it was reading that had got her through the pandemic. She'll take herself off to bed early so that she can get on with her book!!

What's your most memorable holiday?

Sheila particularly enjoyed her holidays in the States with Roy and members of the family. Travelling in a car and staying in motels, she remembered sharing this huge room with her fellow travellers. She recalled buying a fridge for the car to keep water cool especially in the hotter regions they visited.

One memorable day out was a trip to the Ritz for afternoon tea. There she was in all her finery and as she looked around there were others dressed up but was amazed by how many people were dressed casually!!

What's your earliest memory of church?

Sheila was confirmed in her local church, St Thomas', Southborough, they didn't receive Holy Communion at the Confirmation, instead the following Sunday they had to get up for the 6am Holy Communion service (she didn't habitually go to that service!).

What drew you to St John's?

Sheila lived close to St John's as her children were growing up so she brought them along to Sunday School, which gave them a good grounding in the faith. She remembers with warmth and thankfulness the love and kindness shown to her after Roy died, and she now shares that same love and welcome to visitors to St John's.



Thank you Sheila for sharing some of your story!

Deacon Rachel

ARTICLES AND IDEAS!



St. John's Magazine needs articles to publish about any aspect of life!

Have you seen a situation we can all have a giggle about or even be inspired by? Please put pen to paper and the old Editor will help.

‘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!



1st July
Church Cleaning
10-30am onward. But check
with Kim



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Even just a Few minutes.

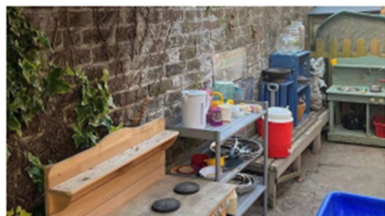
First Monday of the month is usually our morning.

Please come and join us and help keep our church clean
Every little bit helps!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone wishes to have the name of a departed loved one entered in the Parish's Book of Remembrance, situated in the Requiem Chapel, application Forms are available from the Parish Office.
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Monthly Draw on the First Sunday of the Month

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Only £12 for the year. £5 Prizes!

Big Extra prizes at Christmas

June Winners :- To be confirmed next month.

Since the start of the 100 club in 2012 a profit of £3885 has been donated to church funds.



JULY DIARY EVENTS

Mon	1st	10-30am onwards, Church Cleaning
Thu	4th	General Election at St. John's 10-30am Mass at St. Andrews
Sat	6th	Mass 8-30, Summer Fair 10am-2pm
Sun	7th	10am Mass - 14th Sunday of the Year
Sun	14th	10am Mass - 15th Sunday of the Year
Mon	15th	Last Day for Magazine Articles
Tue	16th	6-30pm - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass with Archdeacon Luke
Sun	21st	10am Mass - 16th Sunday of the Year
Sun	28th	10am Mass - 17th Sunday of the Year

**EARLY WARNING : - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH**

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

Saint Thomas

Imagine you are sitting in church looking at the news letter and notice that 3rd July is St Thomas's feast day. You turn to your neighbour and ask 'What do you know about Thomas?' The reply you will probably get is 'One of the apostles, the one who doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead'. That is about one quarter of what St John tells us about him in his Gospel.

There is a verse in the long account of the raising of Lazarus that suggests that Thomas was a very courageous man. 2 days passed after Jesus found out that Lazarus was ill before he said to his disciples 'Let us go to him'. 'Too dangerous' they said. Bethany, where Lazarus lived, is very close to Jerusalem. 'It's not long since the Jews there wanted to stone you - you can't think of going back?' Thomas disagreed. 'Let us go, and die with him' - let us go with Jesus even if that means risking our lives too. Courage there.

And something else in his character: he was quite outspoken. When I conducted a lot of funerals I often found myself reading what happened when Jesus spoke about leaving his friends. 'I'm going to prepare a place for you' he says. And 'you know the way to the place where I am going'. Thomas interrupts: 'No. We don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Thomas - courageous, curious, direct; doubting yes, but only for a while. In the same way that he spoke out when the others hesitated before going with Jesus to visit Lazarus, and then voiced what the others were no doubt thinking when Jesus warned of his own death and promised them a place close to him for all eternity, so it was Thomas who, seeing the Risen Lord, made the great act of *faith* for which we should really remember him: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas - the doubter no longer. Thomas - who shows his courage yet again as he says in front of his friends what he now believes and will continue to proclaim for the rest of his life.

Hasty judgements of other people - aren't we all guilty of that from time to time. Thomas the Doubter? Or Thomas the Man of Courageous Faith? Let what we know of him be a warning!

Fr. Roger

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

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>)

OTHER CONTACTS

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PARISH ARCHIVIST	(<i>To be Confirmed</i>)
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WEEKEND PILGRIMAGES	Ian Grevatt (<i>See Below</i>)
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MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

INTENTIONS

1	M	Feria	10am	Faithfulness in Discipleship
2	Tu	Feria	6-30pm	Confidence in our Faith
3	W	S. Thomas	11am	Bishops
4	Th	Feria (Election - Mass at S. Andrews)	10-30am	Election Candidates
5	F	Feria (Mass at S. Andrews)	10-30am	Compassion
6	Sa	Feria (Early to Miss the Fair)	8-30am	Devotion to Our Lady
7	Su	14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
8	M	Feria	10am	The Bereaved
9	Tu	Feria	6-30pm	Church Officers
10	W	Feria	11am	Vocations to Ordained Ministry
11	Th	S. Benedict	9am	Members of Religious Orders
12	F	Feria (Mass at S. Andrews)	10-30am	Penitence
13	Sa	Feria (Walsingham Cell Mass)	9-30am	Walsingham
14	Su	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
15	M	S. Bonaventure	10am	Theologians
16	Tu	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	6-30pm	The PCC
17	W	Feria	11am	St. John's Preschool
18	Th	Feria	9am	The Sick
19	F	Feria (Mass at S. Andrews)	10-30am	Those Who Care for the Sick
20	Sa	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	9-30am	The Departed
21	Su	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
22	M	S. Mary Magdalene	10am	Christian Joy
23	Tu	S. Bridget	6-30pm	Europe
24	W	Feria	11am	Evangelists
25	Th	S. James the Great	9am	Pilgrims
26	F	S. Joachim and S. Anne (Mass at S. Andrews)	10-30am	Parents
27	Sa	Feria	9-30am	Those Who are Hostile to the Faith
28	Su	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
29	M	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	10am	Relief Organisations
30	Tu	Feria	6-30pm	Peace
31	W	S. Ignatius Loyola	11am	Vocations to the Religious Life

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Ed.

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Would you be able to save your used stamps to help us raise much needed funds? There must be some in the bin at Christmas. Pass to me or I can collect. See our web site at www.wadars.co.uk

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