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

Morning Prayers are performed around 30 minutes before the Main Mass each day.

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

Front Cover:- The New High Altar Crucifix in Memory of Joseph Downes.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

5th May Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

12th May Acts 1:15-17,20-26

19th May Acts 2:1-11

26th May *Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*
 6th Sunday of Easter

 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17

7th Sunday of Easter1 John 4:11-16John 1

John 17:11-19

PentecostGalatians 5:16-25John 15:24

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

The Most Holy TrinityRomans 8:14-17Mathematical Mathematical Mathemati

Matthew 28:16-20



Monthly Statistics for March

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
3rd	38	48	0
10th	38	49	7
17th	45	55	2
24th	46	50	4
31st	52	64	1



Dear brothers and sisters at St. John's and St. Andrews,

As I write my final letter for the parish magazine, my heart is filled with gratitude and nostalgia. Serving as your Parish Priest has been a profound blessing, an honour and a journey of faith that I will for ever cherish.

Together we have weathered storms such as the Covid Pandemic, and we have also celebrated triumphs. We have prayed together, celebrated the Sacraments together, laughed together, and grown together as a community united in Jesus Christ. Through your unwavering support, love and dedication, we have witnessed the transformative power of faith in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

As I prepare to embark on a new chapter of my journey in retirement, I am filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead, but I will always carry a piece of our parish in my heart. I am confident that the strong foundation of faith and love we have built together will continue to flourish under new leadership. I urge you to worship regularly in church and to strive for holiness in all aspects of your lives. I urge these two wonderful parishes to work together as much as possible. I urge you to reach out to those in need and to be beacons of light and love in our community, reflecting the love of Christ to the World.

And finally, as I bid farewell, please know that you will remain in my prayers always.

May our Lord continue to bless and guide each one of you abundantly. In the words of a lovely hymn, we used to sing at my school:

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; may the Shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again.

Love, Joy, and Peace to you all.

Fr. Tim







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 Walsingham NR22 6EE



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 the10am 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.

For various reasons, the arrangements to go to Walsingham in July had to be cancelled. We have approached the Shrine staff, and now have the opportunity to go to Walsingham from Friday August 2nd to Sunday August 4th. If you would like to go, please sign the list by the South door or talk to Deacon Rachel. See also page 12 for more details. **Ed.**

PCC Minutes - 11th March 2024

The Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting:

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held to ratify a decision to purchase a Crucifix for the High Altar in memory of Joseph Downes. All in agreement. Signed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising: The message on the Office telephone has been altered giving details for hall bookings.

Treasurers Report: The Annual Report and Financial Reports were approved by the PCC and will now be sent to the independent examiner. St. John's Charity ended 2023 with a £6,500 surplus. Numbers are beginning to go up at preschool and further staff may be needed, but the Governor situation is fragile. Dorothy Smith was elected as the Vice Chair of the PCC

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2024: Attendance at Stations of the Cross and Lent lunches has been very good. We are supporting Turning Tides charity for the homeless in Worthing throughout Lent. There will be a Childrens workshop on Good Friday.

Fabric Report: A Calligrapher is coming to put Fr Tim's name on the board. The person renovating the Church Doors has been delayed due to the weather. She will give an idea when she can start.

Decoration: There are streaks on wall arch where water came down. Dorothy took photo and sent to loss adjuster asking them to consider repairing the damage. They have now agreed to redecorate affected area.

Church Roof: Repairs agreed at last PCC not yet done, but soon will be. **Church Hall roof:** Martyn will action second quote.

The Northeast corner of the Church had become very untidy and was being used a dumping area. The area has been opened and tidied in readiness for the new carpet to be laid in the church. The Requiem Altar has been moved, the blue curtain removed, and the crucifix fixed to the wall. The memorial book will be returned to its original position and the chest containing sacristy items will be placed against the North wall. A new bell rope is being sourced.

Thanks to Sandy Shanks for washing all the Hall curtains which look great. **Social and Fundraising:** The Summer Fare will be on Saturday 6th July 2024. **Deanery Synod:** There are vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives. This needs to be on the agenda for the APCM and people need to be approached to see if they are willing to stand.

Safeguarding: One further DBS check has been done for Preschool.

Hall Committee: Girl guides to use hall at weekends for camping for younger children. A Foster parent agency is also using the hall.

Vicars Report & interregnum: This will be Fr Tim's last PCC. During the Vacancy the parish will be looked after by Fr. Roger Caswell and Deacon Rachel. Diocesan staff will also visit. It will be important for St. John's and St. Andrews to work together during the vacancy. **Date of Next Meeting:** 26th May 2024 after the APCM. 10

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!

Dcn Rachel

Good News in the Community



Here at St John's we are working hard to recover from water ingress following a storm on September 18th last year. The roof is in much better shape now to stand another storm, thanks to NPH Bennett Roofing here in Worthing. We have been well served to engage this delightful team to sort out our problems aloft and the final side of the roof was completed today.

As I left the church, I saw one of the team, was fixing our notice board back into place. It had been blown down during a blustery winter day earlier this year. I was so touched by this kindness and care in the community, I simply had to write a line to share it.

We say a big thank you to the team member of NPH Bennett for having our board back in place and I can tell you all that our hearts are warmed by such actions.

Dorothy

Walsingham Pilgrim 2024

The Pilgrimage is booked from 2nd to 4th of August 2024 and the initial booking form will be in church early January. At this point we only need to know if you intend to make the Pilgrimage and your contact details, so please complete the form by the required date.

Once we have an approximate number, we can then start to get prices for the various costs such as transport etc so that we can give you a total cost for the pilgrimage. Already we have had notification from the Shrine of an increase in their costs, but we hope to keep the cost to you about the same as last year – with a bit of luck.

In early April we shall send out a Booking Form to each Pilgrim, which we will require completion and then returned with a £30 non-refundable deposit. We then have to send our official booking to the Shrine in early May with our deposit.

We know for certain that for the past three years of joint pilgrimages between our two churches, these have been really happy, fulfilling and memorable times, and we are sure that 2024 will be just as enjoyable. If you have never been to Walsingham or perhaps it has been a few years since you last visited, why not give it a try this year, we can assure you, you won't be disappointed.

If you would like any further information or have any concerns, please see Fr Tim or Deacon Rachel

Please note the revised dates above!

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Good Friday Children's Activities

As usual we ran a children's workshop on Good Friday this year with Deacon Rachel. The theme of the morning was using our hands. Hopefully you have all seen the cross in church by the Easter Garden which is covered in paper hands which the children decorated on the Easter theme.

We then came into Church and were taken around the Stations of the Cross by Deacon Rachel and she talked about the importance and significance of hands at the various Stations.

Refreshments of hot cross buns and a drink followed and the children were very happy to use their hands to help them! Gillian had prepared a very clever donut tomb, which consisted of lots of icing, a biscuit and a donut. The children loved making those. Next it was Kate and Harry's turn to introduce their activity, which was making a cross with quick dry clay. We had a variety of crosses, with each child putting their own ideas to their cross. I introduced making a simple flower from a lolly stick, card, wool and a button. The children concentrated hard and made some very good flowers. Then they put it in a small pot that had been planted up with soil and sunflower seeds.

The morning finished with Deacon Rachel explaining how you can use your hand to pray, one finger at a time. A song concluded the morning and the children left happy with their various activities and a small Easter Egg.





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. The cost is £15 per entry.

Hello there!



The children at St John's Preschool in Worthing wanted to share what they have been getting up to and ask if you might be able to support them with their new project. With the arrival of spring, the children have been planting seeds that were kindly donated by a neighbour. The children have also been organising an area in the garden ready to turn into a lovely growing area where we hope to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers!

Our plans for our little garden are to increase the biodiversity! Currently there are slugs, snails, worms, ants, and woodlouse in our garden. We hope to encourage butterflies, birds, and bees to visit us next term!

We wondered if you might be willing to donate some bits to the preschool in support of their new explorations. We are reaching out to seek the following donations for our non-profit preschool for the current and future children to use:

- soil
- beans
- · seeds and plants
- little human gardening tools
- little human garden brooms
- garden accessories such as wind mobiles
- bird houses and bird feeders
- bird food (but absolutely no nuts!)
- bug boxes/houses

Thank you so much for your time. We hope to hear from you soon.

St John's Preschool preschooladmin@stiohnwestworthing.org.uk 077088 30733









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Monthly Draw on the First Sunday of the Month To join please contact Lyn Gough, 07880 796619 Only £12 for the year. £5 Prizes! Subscriptions are due NOW

for 2024

April Winners :- Margaret Borbone, Maggie Biggs, Peter Jack, Gillian Almond and Gena Lambert.

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



MAY DIARY EVENTS

Thu	2nd	Local Elections at St John's 10-30am Mass at St. Andrews for St Athanasius
Sun	5th	10am Mass - 6th Sunday of Easter 100 Club Draw
Thu	9th	11am - The Ascension of the Lord
Mon	13th	10-30am onwards, Church Cleaning
Sun	12th	10am Mass - 7th Sunday of Easter
Wed	15th	Last Day for Magazine Articles
Sun	19th	10am Mass - Pentecost
Sun	26th	10am Mass - The Most Holy Trinity

EARLY WARNING : - CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY JUNE 2ND

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.

Fr. Tim

May

May is Mary's month, and I Muse at that and wonder why.

That's how the 19th century English poet and priest Gerard Manley Hopkins begins his poem *The May Magnificat*. The answer he arrives at is that just as May is the month when we see in nature new life and growth, so we honour Mary as the one who bore the one (her Son) who has won new life for us - the new life of heaven. And we ask her prayers that we, like her, may grow - in love for the Son she loved so well.

At the very end of May we keep the Feast of the Visitation, when we remember Mary's journey to share with her cousin Elizabeth the good news of the impending birth of her Son. There is a legend about Mary's journey which goes like this:

As Mary was returning from her visit to Elizabeth she had to pass through a forest of thorns that for seven years had borne no leaves. For a moment she hesitated to go on in the fading twilight. But then she thought of the Son of the Almighty in her womb, and of Joseph who was waiting for her. So she stepped forward into the dark thicket which was suddenly bathed in golden light, and as she bore the Babe through the forest, so the thorns brought forth roses.

In the legend Mary confronts the thorns of the forest, just as she would be faithful as she stood by the cross as her Son (who had worn a crown of thorns) suffered and died. And she would know the joy of his resurrection when the world was indeed bathed in light, and the wounds in her Son's body became the glorious sign of his victory.

Maybe there is encouragement for us in the legend and the example of Mary. If there are times when we are confronted with great pain or sorrow, or with a seemingly insoluble problem, Mary's example gives us the courage to go forward, in the strength her Son Jesus brings, believing that even the darkest moment can be transformed into a time of hope, even a time when we may grow in our faith in our Risen and Glorious Lord.

Fr. Roger

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

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

OTHER CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE	Thurs 10am - 12noon W 537813 office@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk	
FLOWERS & 100 CLUB	Lyn Gough	07880 796619
THE GUILD OF ALL SOULS & CHANTRY BOOK	Dcn Rachel Bennett	07810 350098
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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 MAY

				INTENTIONS
1	W	S. Joseph the Worker	11am	God's Blessing on
		1		Human Work
2	Th	S. Athanasius (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	
3	F	S. Philip and S. James	10-30am	
	-	(Mass at St. Andrews)		
4	Sa	The English Martyrs	9-30am	The Church in England
5		6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	The Parish
			10am	
6	М	In Eastertide	10am	Courage to Live the
				Christian Life
7	Tu	In Eastertide	6-30pm	Prisoners of Conscience
8		In Eastertide	11am	Thanksgiving
9		The Ascension of the Lord	11am	The Parish
		(Sung Mass)		
10	F	In Eastertide (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	Persecuted Christians
11	Sa	In Eastertide		Our Witness to Christ
12		7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	The Parish
			10am	
13	Μ	In Eastertide	10am	Confidence
14	Tu	S. Matthias	6-30pm	Bishop Martin
15	W	In Eastertide		The Lonely
16	Th	In Eastertide	9pm	Church Unity
17	F	In Eastertide (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	The Reverent Use
				of Creation
18		In Eastertide (Walsingham Cell Mass)		
19	Su	PENTECOST		The Parish
			10am	
20		Mary, Mother of the Church		Devotion to Our Lady
21		Feria		St. John's Preschool
22		Feria	11am	Humility
23	Th	Our Lord Jesus Christ,	9am	Thanksgiving
		Eternal High Priest		
24	F	Feria (Mass at St. Andrews)		
25	Sa	S. Bede	9 - 30am	Members of Religious
			-	Orders
26	Su	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8am	The Parish
~ 7			10am	
27	Μ	S. Augustine of Canterbury	10am	The Spread of the Gospel
20	T	р. :	C 20	in England
28		Feria		All Victims of War
29		Feria (Monthly Requiem)		The Departed
30		Feria	9am	The Sick
31	F	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 - 30am	God's Blessing on
		(Mass at St. Andrews)		Family Life

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If not an official Eagles meeting, parents/carers must accompany and supervise. Thank you for helping !

Ed.

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