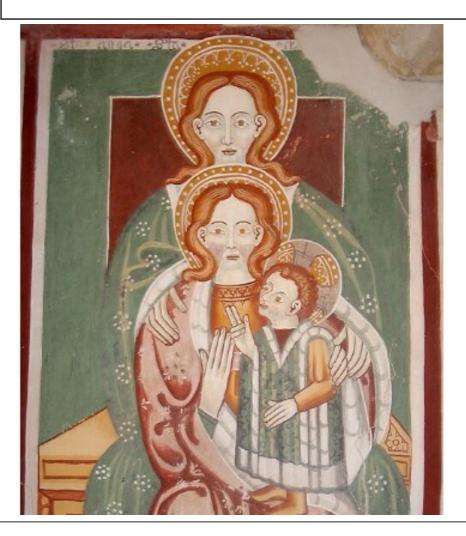
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	Wednesday	11.00am
	Thursday	9.00am
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A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Front Cover:- An Anonymous 16th Century Fresco in Vercelli, Italy for S. Anne on the 25th.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

6th July *Isaiah 66:10-14c*

13th July15th SUNDAY INDeuteronomy 30:10-14Colossians 1:15-20

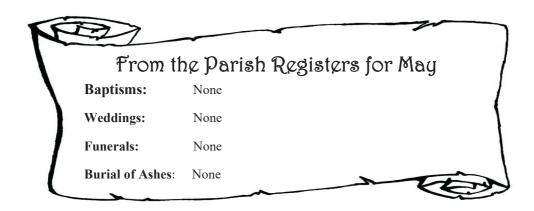
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEColossians 1:24-28Luke 10:38-42

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEColossians 2:12-14Luke 11:1-13



Monthly Statistics for May

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
4th	44	51	6
11th	35	42	7
18th	38	47	1
25th	30	35	2

The July Message Finding Light in Everyday Moments

In the midst of our busy lives, it's easy to rush past the quiet gifts that each day offers. The warmth of morning sunlight, a kind word from a friend, or that peaceful moment when we finally sit down at the end of the day—these simple experiences often hold more meaning than we realise. Our faith reminds us that God's presence isn't limited to church walls or formal worship, but flows through the ordinary moments of our daily routines. When we take time to notice these small graces, we begin to see how the sacred touches every part of our lives.

Learning to recognise these everyday blessings can make a real difference in how we navigate both good times and challenges. A shared meal with family becomes deeper communion, giving someone a hand feels like true worship, and even our difficulties can become opportunities for growth and stronger faith. As a parish community, we can support each other in staying alert to these daily encounters with grace. Sometimes the most meaningful conversations happen when we share how we've noticed God working in the ordinary moments of our week, reminding each other that we're never truly alone in our journey.

Consider how you feel after reading the article above and hold on to that feeling.

The buzz in the news over the last year or so has been AI (artificial intelligence). While AI is artificial it's not actually intelligent, it just very knowledgeable, which as you are aware isn't the same thing. However what would you think if I told you the two paragraphs above were completely written by AI? Would it change the way you 'feel' about it, would you even reject it knowing it wasn't written by a person? Is the sentiment right? For someone in full time work with many other responsibilities I do need to remind myself of the small wins in life.

The Wardens!

Prayer and Love

The primary social message of Christianity is best conveyed in prayer; prayer is more powerful than preaching. We express our love for God by praying to Him; we express our love of other human beings by praying for them. When we pray to God, we improve our relationship with Him, and feel closer to Him. When we pray for other people we may, as Christians believe, be giving them spiritual support. We certainly improve our own attitude towards them. Anyone who has ever prayed for a supposed enemy knows that the sense of hostility melts like a snowman on a summer day. The central function of all the Christian churches is prayer; that is a way of binding human beings together by the power of love.

Those are not the words of a famous theologian, or of a spiritual 'guru', but a quotation from an article by a religious affairs correspondent in a newspaper - perhaps not the first place you would naturally look for words of wisdom! Aware of the many forces which assail the practice and teaching of Christian faith these days, its subject was 'the re-conversion of England'. And how right the writer is when he says that that process must begin with a realisation on the part of every practising Christian that prayer must be the foundation of their lives and the springboard of their every action.

Prayer is an expression of love, the writer says; and, arguably, the overriding reason why the Church expanded, spread, flourished in its early years was that Christians in community were notable for the love they had for each other; they stood out from the crowd; and as a result they attracted others into the community of faith.

In the last of his *Four Quartets* T S Eliot describes the church at Little Gidding where, in the 17th century, Nicholas Ferrar and his family kept a regular pattern of prayer. Eliot says:

You are not here to verify, Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity Or carry report. You are here to kneel Where prayer has been valid.

The first thing I notice when I visit a church I haven't been into before isn't anything significant about its architecture or its furnishings, it's how it feels - and I'm not talking here about temperature. If the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there you can feel it even before you have seen the tabernacle or aumbry with its curtain and light. And by the way it feels you can tell whether it is a church that is prayed in. It is not unusual for visitors to comment about St John's that 'there is a special atmosphere' about the church. And I reply, 'Yes, because it is a church that is prayed in.' But it could be prayed in more!! Read again the words of the newspaper columnist: *The central function of all the Christian churches is prayer; that is a way of binding human beings together by the power of love.*

Day by day there is the opportunity to join with others here in the prayer offered by the Church, in this expression of love. To follow the example, and to join a long procession of. people who have prayed here as the Mass has been offered faithfully day after day, year after year.

Those to whom we look for leadership, and especially our bishops, need our prayers. Our brothers and sisters (those we know and love, those unknown, and those we find hard to get on with) need our prayers. Those who have turned away from Christ and those who have never come to faith need our prayers. And we ourselves *need* to pray - for God has created us to live in a relationship of love with him, a love which finds its first and ultimate expression in the prayer of thanksgiving and adoration we must offer each day.

Make the most of the opportunity that is offered as the Eucharist is celebrated here each day; join in prayer with others and express your love for God and for your brothers and sisters. And so build up this community as one of love - love that will attract others into it.

The second half of the year begins on 1^{st} July: so a 'new half-year resolution' - to consider the ways in which *you* might pray more regularly, and offer prayer support to your brothers and sisters, in a place where, to quote T S Eliot, 'prayer has been valid'.

Fr. Roger

This is a special Year of Faith as Chichester Cathedral reaches its 950th birthday and the Nicene Creed reaches its 1700th!!

Remember to look at the website celebratingfaith.co.uk to see all the events taking place to honour and celebrate this occasion .

Ed



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 Red, Blue, Green and Clear milk bottle tops for the charity Chestnut Tree House......

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

Thank you.

Sharron

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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 £5 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 (See Page 16). Please remember also that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event in 2025, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Special Anniversaries will be celebrated in 2025. The Diocese and Cathedral are 950 years old, but also it will be 1700 years since the arrival of the Nicene Creed. See the scheduled events at celebratingfaith.co.uk

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





The Meaningful Symbols of the Logo of our Year of Faith 2025. It refers to us Christians too. Have you looked?

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.











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No! This is deeper, more profound. It is the endless urgent call of a being so numinous, so holy, yet so humble. "The Lord is his name".

Yes, I had a difficult night. Waking, sleeping, weird dreams and emotions. I felt drained by Sunday morning. Mmm – go to the Holy Eucharist, just assist! Take things quietly. Really!! Says the Lord!! I have called you you are mine, my priest. You will preside at my Holy Eucharist this first day. My sheep must be fed. You will do it in my strength.

I Was met at the church door by Canon Rachel. "The priest is not well. **You** will have to do it! "The Churchwarden and Sacristan will guide you through the Mass."

Well! I suppose I have celebrated the Holy Eucharist many 100s of times. But this Order of service is different. Yet the essence is the same.

Lord, your beloved people were fed – the sheep of your pasture. I also was fed. Once more, I had to learn. When the Lord wants something done, the Holy Spirit takes over. "Have Faith in God my heart"

The moral of this event :-

"Trust in the Lord and forget not all his benefits"

Fr. George



ORGAN RECITAL & AFTERNOON TEA

Date : Saturday 19th July at 3pm

Venue: St. John's Church

Tickets: Minimum donation £5

Organist: David Gammie Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon



Cuppa and Chat with Deacon Rachel

In 2026 Malcolm and Anita Strudwick will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They met in Worthing and were married at St Mary's Goring when Anita was 20 and Malcolm 18. They have two children. Their son lives in their family home in Bruce Avenue, and their daughter lives next door. Their family has now grown to include four grandchildren.



Anita was born in 1945 in Worthing and grew up in Maybridge with her two sisters. Sadly, one of her sisters died very soon after she was born. After she left school she worked for Lacey's, a printing company in Worthing.

Malcolm was born in 1947 in Elm Grove, Worthing. He and his two brothers and sister were the third generation to live in the house (a well -established family you might say). The family were regular members of the congregation at St John's and his father was Verger for nearly 40 years. There is a plaque in the pulpit in memory of him and his service to the parish. Malcolm recalled his early years as a server, beginning as a 'boat boy'. Later on he joined the choir, where he became head chorister. Anita says even now he is always singing as he potters around their home.

From a very young age Malcolm had wanted to be a blacksmith, but when the time came for him to apply for an apprenticeship the only blacksmith in Worthing had just taken on a new boy. Sadly, he had to look elsewhere for a job. So he worked with cars, and became adept as a panel beater. However, he never really felt fulfilled in his work.

Malcolm was asked to help with the Scouts and this became a lasting interest for 40 years. He was so disappointed when he had to finally give up. He remembers the last time he went camping with them and described how difficult it was to stand up having secured all the guy ropes!

It was soon after their 25th Wedding Anniversary that Malcolm, whilst on a scout camp, heard about Anita's stroke. They speak warmly of the way she was treated at the Atkinson Morley and Worthing Hospitals. It was a privilege for them to be able to raise funds for both hospitals in recognition of all their kindness, care and compassion.

Soon after her stroke Fr Keith encouraged Anita to be prepared for Confirmation and she was confirmed by Bishop Eric. They regularly attended St John's together until recently. When Malcolm had to give up the car they now receive holy communion regularly at home. He is now to be seen 'racing' up and down Goring Road and along the sea front on his scooter. And still to St John's on some Sunday mornings.

Malcolm and Anita's favourites:

Food – Anita's favourite is Fish and Chips and Malcolm's is a good roast dinner.

Drink – In her younger years Anita enjoyed a Whiskey Mac but now she sticks to her cranberry juice. Malcolm's is a lager! In fact, their daughter had just bought him a presentation pack of two bottles and a glass of an Italian lager!

Book – Anita used to enjoy reading but finds it a struggle now and Malcolm is not so keen on reading.

TV – Loose Women is Anita's favourite programme and Malcolm watches Nature programmes. As someone whose hobby was photography he marvels at the patience of cameramen who wait for hours/ days for just the right shot.

Music – They both like 50's and 60's music and can often be heard singing along to their favourite songs, although Anita says that she can't sing!

Hobbies – Over the years Malcolm has done quite a lot of watercolour painting, gardening and photography. Often when I visit, he is sitting at the table either building Lego or making pictures with beads.

Holidays – Anita and Malcolm have been on a few Mediterranean cruises and were fascinated by places such as Pisa and Rome especially. More recently their son-in-law has accompanied Malcolm on short breaks to Scotland, York, and the Isle of Wight. Meanwhile Anita's sister comes to stay with her for a mini break.

Thank you both for sharing your laughter, love and life together with me.

Deacon Rachel

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JULY DIARY EVENTS

Sun	6th	10am Mass - 14th Sunday of the Year 11am 100 Club Draw
Wed	9th	Pilgrimage to Chichester to Mark the 950th Anniversary No Service at St. John's
Sun	13th	10am Mass - 15th Sunday of the Year
Tue	15th	Last day for Magazine Articles
Sat	19th	3pm Organ Recital at St. John's See Page 13 for more details
Sun	20th	10am Mass - 16th Sunday of the Year
Fri	25th to 27th	Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Sun	27th	10am Mass - 17th Sunday of the Year

EARLY WARNING : - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6TH THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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 me 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

The Parishes of St Andrew the Apostle and St John the Divine Chichester Pilgrimage 2025

Our Special Pilgrimage to mark the 950th year of Chichester Cathedral and the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed will be held on Wednesday 9th July

To Register interest Please fill in the form at the South Door.

For further information and guidance, please talk to Deacon Rachel.



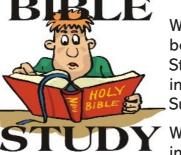
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Caroline

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See the pew sheet!

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

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

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WEEKEND PILGRIMAGES CBS (Confraternity of the Blessed Grevatt, St Andrew the Apostle, C ijgrevatt@gmail.com.	Ian Grevatt (<i>See Below</i>) I Sacrament) Ward Secretary, Mr. Ian Clifton Road. E-mail at		

MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

INTENTIONS

1	Tu	Feria	7pm	The Diocese
2		Feria	11am	Children
3	Th	S. Thomas	9am	Our Bishops
4		Feria (Mass at St. Andrew's)		
5		Feria		Renewal
6		14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		The Parish
			10am	
7	Μ	Feria	10am	Obedience
		Feria		The Sick
9		Feria	1	The Cathedral and its
				Ministry
10	Th	Feria	9am	The Spread of the Gospel
11	F	S. Benedict (Mass at S. Amdrew's)	10-30am	
		Feria (Walsingham Cell Mass)		
		15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMÉ	8am	The Parish
_			10am	
14	М	Feria	10am	Those Who Are
				Oppressed
15	Tu	S. Bonaventure	6-30pm	
		Our Lady of Mount Carmel	11am	Devotion to Our Lady
17		Feria (Monthly Requiem Mass)		The Departed
18	F	Feria (Mass at St Andrew's)		
19	Sa	Feria	9-30am	
20	Su	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
21	Μ	Feria	10am	Humility
22	Tu	S. Mary Magdalene	6-30pm	Christian Joy
		S. Bridget		The Countries of Europe
24		Feria		Bible Study
25	F	S. James the Great		Bishop Martin
		(Mass at St Andrew's)		1
26	Sa	S. Joachim and S. Anne	9-30am	Pilgrims to Walsingham
27	Su	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		The Parish
			10am	
28	Μ	Feria	10am	Faithfulness
29	Tu	S. Martha	6-30pm	Christian Relief
			I	Organisations
30	W	Feria	11am	Holiness
31	Th	S. Ignatius Loyola	9am	Vocations to the Religious
				Life

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