



**The Parish Church of St. Peter  
West Blatchington**  
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**24th March 2019**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**

Mass Setting: New English Folk Mass

Hymns: 337; 333; 445; 386\*; 385 (\* denotes from yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Eucharist with Celebrant Father John Joyce

Please join us for refreshments in the Community Centre after the service.

☞ **The Collect** - Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **First Reading - Isaiah 55. 1-9** — Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

☞ **Psalm Response** - 'My soul is athirst for you as in a dry and thirsty land.'

☞ **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13** - I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might

not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

☞ **Gospel Reading - Luke 13. 1-9**

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***For our prayers:***

***The Anglican Communion:*** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and Bishop of Hong Kong Island

**Our Diocese:** Church buildings and Pastoral Reorganisation Team

**Our Parish:** especially those who live in Court Farm Road and for the Gardening Team

***The sick and those in any kind of need:*** Alex, Chris, Margaret Steer, LC, Laurence Jeffery, Wendy Colyer, Marion Langton, Ann O'Neil, Daphne Button, Sophie, Fr Keith Wood, Daphne Bridle, Ray Batchelor, David Keeling, Father Daniel, Zoe Smith and family.

***Those in need of continual prayer:*** Cathy Carter, Jackie Wood, Linda Wallis, Will Newman, Georgina Watts, Christine Browning, Isabel Batchelor, George Bennett, Peter Chapman, Margaret Dolle.

**We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed:** Roy Light, May Parry **and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember:** Derick Ward-Lund 24th, Denis Miles 27th, Joshua Conway, Rosemary Wheeler 28th, Norman Wilson 29th

## Pew News

**St Peter's Pastoral Care Group** - Our Pastoral Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter. Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home? Please contact, in the first instance, Carol Gander on 01273 555414.

**Friday Coffee Mornings** - They will now be held on the first Friday of every month only. Sign up sheet at the back of Church if you are able to help. Please come along and join us for conversation and friendship between 10.30am and 12pm.

**Charity of the Month** - We are supporting the Allsorts Dog Rescue as our charity for March. Information on the charity, together with donation boxes, are at the back of Church, should you wish to contribute.

**Lent Course** - Father Daniel is off sick at the moment, however the lent courses will continue this week as planned with Jonathan Cooke leading the Tuesday evening course and William Holden the Wednesday morning, but it will be in Church. Please support them.

**Film Night** - We are showing 'Miracles from Heaven' on the big screen in the Community Centre on Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm. Admittance is £5 per person and includes a hot drink and biscuits. Pay on the door. Bring your hankies!!

**Family Disco** - With our very own Xavier Glineur as DJ. Saturday 6th April at 5pm. Entrance is £3 per person. Tuck shop available.

**Parish Newsletters** - The Easter newsletters are printed and ready to be delivered to every household in our Parish. If you are able to take a bundle or two for delivery before Friday 5th April, we would be extremely grateful. They are an excellent form of outreach and advise everyone of what is happening in our Parish. Thank you.

**Wanted** - our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held on Sunday 28th April after the 10am Eucharist. We are looking for a new Churchwarden to work alongside Jonathan Cooke and for some new PCC members. Are you interested? Please see Jonathan Cooke or William Holden for more details.

**This Week at St Peter's**

**Sunday 24th March**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)**

(Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-9, Corinthians 10. 1-13, Luke 13. 1-9)

**Monday 25th**

16.30 Junior Choir

**Tuesday 26th**

**19.30 Evening Prayer**

20.15 PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 27th**

**10.00 Morning Prayer**

11.00 Lent Group in Church

12.00-14.00 Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank at St George's

**Thursday 28th**

10.30 Ladies Group coffee morning at Doreen's home

**Saturday 30th**

19.30 Film Night in the Community Centre

**Sunday 31st March**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**10.00 Family Eucharist with Uniformed Groups**

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7, Luke 2. 33-35)