



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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**31st March 2019
Mothering Sunday**

Mass Setting: Soli Mass

Hymns: 27*; 211*; 34*; 404*; 299*; (* denotes from yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Family Eucharist with Uniformed Groups
and with Celebrant Father John Joyce

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

☞ **The Collect** - God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 - 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7** — Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy. And he is the God of all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that we can comfort others when they have trouble. We can comfort them with the same comfort that God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ. In the same way, much comfort comes to us through Christ. If we have troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we have comfort, then you also have comfort. This helps you to accept patiently the same sufferings that we have. Our hope for you is strong. We know that you share in our sufferings. So we know that you also share in the comfort we receive.

☞ **Gospel Reading - Luke 2. 33-35** - And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean and Bishop of the Seychelles

Our Diocese: Diocesan Communications Officer: Lisa Williamson

Our Parish: especially those who live in Downland Drive and for the Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank

The sick and those in any kind of need: Alex, Chris, 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, Margaret Steer, Christine Browning, Isabel Batchelor, George Bennett, Peter Chapman, Margaret Dolle.

We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed: Roy Light and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember: Margaret Bunting, Jen Dommen, Edna Lomax 1st, Elizabeth Goatcher, Mike Lancaster 2nd, Evelyn Probert 3rd, Frank Preston 4th, Andrew De Silva 5th, Valerie Stening, Derrick Hawkey 6th

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.

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.

Agape - This year we are invited to celebrate Agape with our friends at St Georges Church on Monday 15th April at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Sign up sheet at the back Church if you would like to attend.

Messy Church - We regret that we no longer have someone to organise Messy Church so the session planned for the 7th April has been cancelled. We are working on a way forward and if you feel you are able to help in any way, please see Mandy Gander. Thank you.

Keynotes - The April edition has been printed and ready for collection at the back of Church.

This Week at St Peter's

Sunday 31st March
Mothering Sunday

10.00 Family Eucharist with Uniformed Groups (No Sunday School)
(Readings: 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7, Luke 2. 33-35)

Monday 1st April

16.30 Junior Choir

Tuesday 2nd

19.30 Evening Prayer
20.00 Lent Group in Church

Wednesday 3rd

10.00 Morning Prayer
11.00 Lent Group in Church
12.00-14.00 Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank at St George's

Friday 5th

10.30 Coffee morning drop in

Saturday 6th

17.00 Family disco in the Community Centre

Sunday 7th
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00 Parish Eucharist (No Sunday School)
(Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21, Philippians 3. 4b-14, John 12. 1-8)