



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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7th April 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Setting:

Hymns: (* denotes from yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Eucharist with Celebrant Father David Ingledew
Please join us for refreshments in the Community Centre after the service.

☞ **The Collect** - Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43. 16-21** — Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

☞ **Second Reading - Philippians 3.4b-14** - Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

☞ **Gospel Reading - John 12. 1-8** - Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: The Church of of Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke-Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

Our Diocese: Children and Youth Workers

Our Parish: especially those who live in Downland Crescent and Chartfield and for the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and their leaders

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: and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember: Kathleen Butterwith 7th, Keith Loadsman, Percy Newcombe 8th, Dave Duncan 10th, John Casemore 11th, Arthur Norman 13th

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 April. 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.

Parish Newsletters - There are still several Parish Newsletters left that need delivering to all the households in our Parish. Thank you to those of you that have already delivered a batch. If you can all help to deliver another bundle, we would be extremely grateful. They have all the Easter services on them and are an excellent form of outreach. Many thanks.

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.

Lunchtime Concert - Our next free lunchtime concert is on Friday 12th April at 1.10pm in Church. We are delighted to welcome back the Amity Singers. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you can join us.

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.

Year End Accounts and Activities Booklet - They have been printed and are ready for collection at the back of Church. They are to be read before the APCM

on Sunday 18th April to which everyone is welcome to attend and will be chaired by William Holden.

Palm Sunday - Next Sunday the 14th April, please meet in the Community Centre at 9.45am for the blessing of the crosses before we process into Church together.

This Week at St Peter's

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)

Tuesday 9th

19.30 Evening Prayer

20.00 Lent Group in Church

Wednesday 10th

10.00 Morning Prayer

11.00 Lent Group in Church

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

Thursday 11th

10.30 Ladies Group - Lancing College tour followed by refreshments

Friday 12th

13.10 Lunchtime Concert - The Amity Singers

Sunday 14th **Palm Sunday**

10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)

(Readings: Isaiah 50. 4-9a, Philippians 2. 5-11, Luke 22. 13-23.end)