



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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12th May 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: The New People's Mass

Hymns: 107; 217*; 276; 120*; 103; (*denotes from the yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Eucharist with Celebrant Father Timothy Gage

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

☞ **The Collect** - Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **First Reading -Acts 9. 36-43**— Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

☞ **Psalm Response** - 'The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.'

☞ **Second Reading - Revelation 7. 9-17** - After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white,

and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

✠ **Gospel Reading - John 10. 22-30**—At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

✠ **Post Communion Prayer** - Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: for the Anglican Church Korea, The Most Revd Moses Nagiun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon

Our Diocese: the Diocesan Secretary, Gabrielle Higgins

Our Parish: especially those who live in Frant Road and Findon Close and for the Servers

The sick and those in any kind of need: Alex, Chris, LC, Laurence Jeffery, Wendy Colyer, Marion Langton, Ann O’Neil, Daphne Button, Sophie, Daphne Bridle, Rae Batchelor, David Keeling, Father Daniel, Zoe Smith and family, Shirley Axten, Jan, Roger.

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: Howard Barratt and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember: Kostas Gianakoudakis, Sheleagh Brown 13th, Robbie Robinson, Charles Butterwith, Joanna Keeling 14th, Grev Redford 15th, Linda Shewan 16th, Joan Shotter, Dorothy Freeman 17th

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 Off The Fence as our charity for May. Information on the charity, together with donation boxes, are at the back of Church, should you wish to contribute.

Church Opening - We will once again be opening our doors on Sunday afternoons between 3.30pm & 5.00pm for the Summer. A sign up sheet is at the back of Church if you are able to help man the Church. Your support would be much appreciated.

Lunchtime Concert - Our next free concert is on Saturday 18th May at 1.10pm in Church. We are delighted to welcome Kane Taylor, guitarist. It will be his first performance at St Peter's. We hope you can join us.

Messy Church - Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 19th May at 4pm in our Community Centre. All welcome! There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church if you are able to help provide some food. Thank you.

Rogation Sunday - We will be 'beating the bounds' again this year on Sunday 26th May, starting at 2pm outside Church. It will be a lovely walk around our Parish, followed by afternoon tea in the Community Centre. All welcome, including dogs. Hope you can join us.

St Peter's Library - I would like to set up a Library at the back of Church for borrowing Books and DVDs. If anyone has a small bookcase that they no longer need and would be happy for us to use it in Church, please let Mandy Gander know. Many thanks.

This Week at St Peter's

Sunday 12th
Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 Parish Eucharist (with Sunday School)

(Readings: Acts 9. 36-43, Revelation 7. 9-17, John 10. 22-30)

Tuesday 14th

19.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th

10.00 Morning Prayer

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

Saturday 18th

13.10 Free lunchtime Concert in Church - Kane Taylor

Sunday 19th
Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 Parish Eucharist (No Sunday School)

(Readings: Acts 11. 1-18, Revelation 21. 1-6, John 13. 31-35)

16.00 Messy Church