



**The Parish Church of St. Peter  
West Blatchington**  
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**19th May 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Mass Setting: Trinity Mass

Hymns: 113; 255; anthem; 114; 424; (\*denotes from the 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** - Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **First Reading -Acts 11. 1-18**— Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

☞ **Psalm Response** – ‘Praise the Lord from the heav'ns and praise him in the heights.’

☞ **Second Reading - Revelation 21. 1-6** -Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

☞ **Gospel Reading - John 13. 31-35**—When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

***For our prayers:***

***The Anglican Communion:*** for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, The Most Revd George Takeli - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia

***Our Diocese:*** the Governance Team; Zoe Smith, Anne-Marie Mizler and Chris Wallace-Tarry

***Our Parish:*** especially those who live in Goldstone Crescent and Goldstone Close and for the Sidespeople

***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: and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember:** Ernest Sharp 19th, Gerry Johnson, Patrick Reilly 20th, John Goldsmith, Reginald Watts 24th

### **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.

**Messy Church** - We are delighted that Messy Church will be on this afternoon at 4pm in our Community Centre. Thank you to those who have stepped forward to help. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Summer Fair** - Our Summer Fair this year will be held on Saturday 8th June from 11.30am until 2.30pm. Entrance is 20p. We hope to see you there.

**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.

**Confirmation Service** - Please keep our four candidates in your prayers who are undertaking Confirmation classes at the moment. Xavier, Bethany, Franchesca & Izzy. They will be confirmed at a service on Sunday 30th June at 4pm here at St Peter's with Bishop Richard Jackson as celebrant. We hope to see you all at the service.

### **This Week at St Peter's**

#### **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**

#### **Tuesday 21st**

**19.30 Evening Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 22nd**

**10.00 Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Thursday 23rd**

12.00 Ladies Group - Lunch at Cafe Rouge (Brighton Marina)

#### **Sunday 26th** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 Parish Eucharist (No Sunday School)**

(Readings: Acts 16. 9-15, Revelation 21. 10, 22-22.5, John 14. 22-29)

14.00 Rogation Sunday - Beating of the Bounds Walk from Church

