



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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26th May 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: St Thomas Mass

Hymns: 331*; 13*; anthem; 493; (*denotes from the 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** - God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 - Acts 16. 9-15**— During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

☞ **Psalm Response** - 'Let all the peoples praise you, O God.'

☞ **Second Reading - Revelation 21. 10, 22 - 22.5**— And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are

written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

☞ **Gospel Reading - John 14. 23-29**— Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: All members of the Anglican Communion around the world. For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby and all primates and bishops.

Our Diocese: for the Administration Team: Sweena Weller, Manager; Jonathan Dorman, Alan Bates and Wendy Harding

Our Parish: especially those who live in Goldstone Court and Goldstone Way and for the Study groups

The sick and those in any kind of need: Shirley Axton, Daphne Bridle, Wendy Colyer, Fr. Daniel, Zoe Smith and Family, Jan and Roger, Audrey Scarborough, Shirley Peters.

Those in need of continual prayer: Alex, Chris, Marion Langton, LC, Daphne Button, Jacky Wood, Will Newman, Margaret Steer, George Bennett, Isabel Batchelor

We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed: and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember: Christina Jones, Olive Crawshaw, Veronica Morris 27th, Eileen Skidmore 28th, Vic Hart, Cynthia Hannington 29th, Gladys Pounds 30th, Winifred Steer 31st

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.

Rogation Sunday - We will be 'beating the bounds' again today, 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 any appropriate books or DVDs that you would like to share, please pass them to Mandy Gander. Thank you.

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.

Translation of the anthem - Christ has risen today to comfort humankind. He endured death yesterday and suffered instead of peoples. Therefore with this sweet melody let us give thanks to God. Let us praise the Holy Trinity and bless the Lord.

This Week at St Peter's

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. 23-29)

14.00 Rogation Sunday - Beating of the Bounds Walk from Church

Tuesday 28th

19.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29th

10.00 Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 2nd June
Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.00 Family Eucharist (No Sunday School)

(Readings: Acts 16. 16-34, John 17. 20-26)