



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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2nd June 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: Soli Mass

Hymns: 91*; 418*; anthem; 283*; 232*; (*denotes from the yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Family Eucharist with Celebrant Father Bill Meyer

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

☞ **The Collect** - O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **First Reading - Acts 16. 16-34**—One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to

all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

✞ **Gospel Reading - John 17. 20-26**— ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

✞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, The Most Revd Francisco Moreno - Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de México and Bishop of Northern Mexico

Our Diocese: for the Archdeaconry Warden of Readers: Louis Wilson (Brighton and Lewes) and Alan Weaver (Hastings)

Our Parish: especially those who live in Hangleton Road and for the Sunday School

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, Audrey Scarborough.

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: Doris Goldsmith 2nd, John Bailey 3rd, Brian Gander, Karen Hunter-Flack 5th, Ivan de Wey Peters, John Pound, Sheila Whiteley 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 Off The Fence as our charity for June. 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.

Summer Fair - Our Summer Fair this year will be held on Saturday 8th June from 11.30am until 2.30pm. Entrance is 20p. Advance Grand draw raffle tickets will be on sale after Church today. We hope to have your support.

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.

Free Concert - Our next concert is on Saturday 15th June at 2pm in Church. We are delighted to welcome back The Acabellas. Refreshments will be provided.

AED Training - A short familiarisation talk on our new automated external defibrillator (AED) will be held after the Sunday service today (lasting 15-20 mins), to give anyone the confidence in its use. Please stay if you are able. Thank you.

Translation of anthem - This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia.

This Week at St Peter's

Sunday 2nd June **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

10.00 Family Eucharist (No Sunday School)
(Readings: Acts 16. 16-34, John 17. 20-26)

Tuesday 4th

19.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 5th

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

Saturday 8th June

11.30 Summer Fair

Sunday 9th June **Pentecost**

10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)
(Readings: Acts 2. 1-21, Romans 8. 14-17, John 14. 8-17, 25-27)

