



**The Parish Church of St. Peter  
West Blatchington**  
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**7th July 2019**  
**Third Sunday after Trinity**

Mass Setting: Soli Mass

Hymns: 27\*; 35\*; anthem; 228\*; 311\*; 255\*; (\*denotes from the yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Family Eucharist with Uniformed Groups.

Celebrant Reverend Erika Howard

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

☞ **The Collect** - Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 - 2 Kings 5. 1-14** - Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man to his master. He had much honour because the Lord had used him to give victory to Aram. He was a mighty and brave man. But he had a harmful skin disease. The Arameans had gone out to steal from the Israelites. And they had taken a little girl as a captive from Israel. This little girl served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master would meet the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would heal Naaman of his disease." Naaman went to the king. He told him what the girl from Israel had said. The king of Aram said, "Go now. And I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left and took about 750 pounds of silver. He also took about 150 pounds of gold and ten changes of clothes with him. He brought the letter to the king of Israel. It read, "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. I'm sending him so you can heal him of his skin disease." The king of Israel read the letter. Then he tore his clothes to show how upset he was. He said, "I'm not God! I can't kill and make alive again! Why does this man send someone with a harmful skin disease for me to heal? You can see that the king of Aram is trying to start trouble with me!" Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes. So he sent a message to the king. It said, "Why have you become so upset that you tore your clothes? Let Naaman come to me. Then he will know there is a prophet in Israel!" So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha's house. And he stood outside the door. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman. The messenger said, "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed, and you will be clean." Naaman became angry and left. He said, "I

thought Elisha would surely come out and stand before me. I thought he would call on the name of the Lord his God. I thought he would wave his hand over the place and heal the disease! Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, are better than all the waters of Israel! Why can't I wash in them and become clean?" So Naaman went away very angry. But Naaman's servants came near and talked to him. They said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? Doesn't it make more sense just to do it? After all, he only told you, 'Wash, and you will be clean.'" So Naaman went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times. He did just as Elisha had said. Then Naaman's skin became new again. It was like the skin of a little boy. And Naaman was clean!

☞ **Gospel Reading - Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20**

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

***For our prayers:***

***The Anglican Communion:*** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. The Most Revd Allan Migi - Archbishop of Papua New Guinea

***Our Diocese:*** All workplace Chaplains: Industrial, Fire, Police, Ambulance, Coastguard, Airport.

***Our Parish:*** especially those who live in Meadway Crescent Close and for the choir and Denes our organist

***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, Eleanor Rogers.

***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:** Bobby Gledsdale, Hilda Rutherford, Father Michael Porteous 7th, Jack Harris, Peter Elliott 9th, Dorothy Chisholm 10th, June Cooke, Cecil Jones 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 Hospice at Home as our charity for July. 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.

**Favourite Hymns** - There are some separate fliers for you to list your top 3 favourite hymns. Please place them in the basket at the back of Church. We will choose at least one of the hymns to be sung at the Sunday services. Thank you.

**St Peter's Library** - We now have a library at the back of Church. Please help yourself to any books or DVDs you would like to borrow and return them for someone else to enjoy. It is a little empty at the moment, so if you have any appropriate books or DVDs you are happy to lend, please place them on the shelves. Many thanks.

**A Date for your Diaries** - Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm. We will have our Social and Fundraising Planning Meeting. Venue yet to be decided. Please put the date in your diary and come along to the meeting with some new ideas and suggestions as to what events we could have in 2020. Thank you.

**Free Lunchtime Concert** - We are delighted to welcome back Freddie Hand on Friday 19th July at 1.10pm. The concert will be in Church with refreshments served afterwards. Not to be missed!

**Tuesday Evening Eucharist** - We are delighted to welcome back Father Keith Perkington who will celebrate the Eucharist with us on Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm in Church. Please join us if you are able.

**Sea Sunday** - Next Sunday the 14th July is Sea Sunday. The collection taken that day will go to the Mission of Seafarers. Information sheets on this charity are at the back of Church for you to take away.

**Sacristan** - We are now in desperate need of at least 2 people to join our team, with training starting now and joining the team from January. The job entails setting up the Church ready for the Sunday service. It takes a maximum of 1 hour once a month and can be done on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Please see either Mandy or Keith if you can help. Thank you.

**Lay Minister** - Please pray for Rosemary Backshall who will be commissioned today as a Lay Minister. Many congratulations Rosemary.

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

#### **Sunday 7th July** **The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00 Family Eucharist with Uniformed Group (No Sunday School)**  
(Readings: 2 Kings 5. 1-14, Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20)

#### **Tuesday 9th**

**19.30 Evening Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 10th**

**10.00 Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Thursday 11th**

10.30 Ladies Group coffee morning at Iris's home

#### **Sunday 14th July** **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)**  
(Readings: Amos 7. 7-17, Colossians 1. 1-14, Luke 10. 25-37)

