



**The Parish Church of St. Peter  
West Blatchington**  
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**18th August 2019**  
**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Mass Setting: The New People's Mass

Hymns: 431; 408; 138\*; 496; (\*denotes from the yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Parish Eucharist with celebrant Reverend Paul Rampton  
Please join us for refreshments in the Community Centre after the service.

☞ **The Collect** - Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 - Isaiah 5. 1-7** - Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

☞ **Psalm Response** - 'Show the light out your countenance, and we shall be saved.'

☞ **Second Reading - Hebrews 11. 29 - 12.2** - By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered

kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

✠ **Gospel Reading - Luke 12. 49-56** - 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

✠ **Post Communion Prayer** - Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***For our prayers:***

***The Anglican Communion:*** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

***Our Diocese:*** All retired clergy and their spouses and for clergy widows and widowers; for Jonathan Prichard, the Retired Clergy and widow(er)s Officer

***Our Parish:*** especially those who live in Queen Alexandra Avenue and for the Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank

***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, Isabel Batchelor

**We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed: and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember:** Violet Wilkes 19th and Barbara Hotchkiss 22nd

### **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 August. Information on the charity, together with donation boxes, are at the back of Church, should you wish to contribute. For every £1 collected, the Church will double the money to send to the charity.

**Church Opening** - Our doors are now open 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.

**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.

**Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride** - The event will take place this year on Saturday 14th September, between 9am and 5pm. Information on the event together with sponsorship forms are at the back of Church if you would like to take part. You can cycle or walk and may start and finish at any Church, visiting as many or as few as you like. Money raised will be split between St Peter's and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust.

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

**Sunday 18th August**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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

(Readings: Isaiah 5. 1-7, Hebrews 11. 29-12.2, Luke 12. 49-56)

**Wednesday 21st**

**10.00 Morning Prayer**

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

**Sunday 25th August**  
**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

(Readings: Jeremiah 1. 4-10, Hebrews 12. 18-29, Luke 13. 10-17)