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WORSHIP

Sundays	Mass	8.00am
	PARISH SUNG MASS	10.00am
	Evening Prayer and Benediction	6.00pm
Weekday Mass	Monday	10.00am
	Tuesday	6.30pm
	Wednesday	11.00am
	Thursday	9.00am
	Saturday	9.30am

Morning Prayers are performed around 30 minutes before the Main Mass each day.

A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Front Cover:- Saint Stanislaus. 1036 to 1079. In tribute for his day on April 11th.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

7th April

Acts 4:32-35

2nd Sunday of Easter

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

14th April

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

3rd Sunday of Easter

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

21st April

Acts 4:8-12

4th Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

28th April

Acts 9:26-31

5th Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



Monthly Statistics for February

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
4th	39	47	1
11th	36	47	4
18th	36	45	0
25th	44	55	3



My dear brother and sisters,

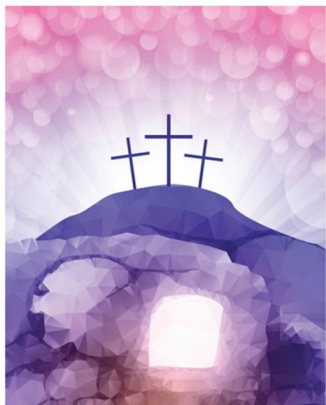
Over the course of my ministry, I have had the care of numerous churchyards. As someone who knows about the maintenance of churchyards and tombs, if I were to find a grave open and the body gone, I would assume that the body had been taken.

Mary Magdalen, Peter and John drew that same conclusion when they arrived at the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning. Mary said, “They have taken the body of my Lord, and I don’t know where they have put him.” After all dead bodies don’t just get up and walk away. So, what are we to make of this wondrous event? How are we to understand the mystery it sets before us?

Easter is the season when we celebrate that Jesus was willing to die for love of us but, was not willing to stay dead. By rising he has shattered the hold that death had over all of us. Death could not keep him down. If we are joined to him, neither can it keep us down either. Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams put it well when he said this about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

“We are standing in the middle of a second ‘Big Bang,’ a tumultuous surge of divine energy as fiery and intense as the very beginning of the universe.” What a claim that is!

In the year 30 when our Lord rose from the dead there were no mobile telephones, Emails, websites, and the postal system used



was at best “sketchy”. Bearing in mind these things it is unthinkable that the death and resurrection could have been preached to the four corners of the globe as the living Gospel by a handful of unlettered fishermen, unless these men had been so completely and utterly changed by an earth-shattering event and by a living faith. People such as Peter, who only three days before the resurrection had denied he ever knew Jesus,

could not have faced the might of the Roman Empire unless what they had experienced was so true that nothing could shake their belief.

There can be no logical explanation for the empty tomb, except that the churches faith in the bodily resurrection of Jesus is completely true, and humanity’s last and greatest enemy - death, has been shattered once and for all. Jesus faced death in the eye without any pain relief and thus cut death down to size taking the sting out of death. Today heaven is wedded to earth. Rejoice and be glad because this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We are an “Easter people” and Alleluia is our song!

Love, Joy, and Peace to you all this Eastertide.

Fr. Tim



Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August

The Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is open to all young people aged between 11 and 18. The total cost per pilgrim is £230, which includes transport, all main meals and T-shirt*.

If you have any questions, contact: Vicky Townsend (victoriaell@standrewwesttarring.co.uk).

Please download the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage booking form to complete and return using the options and instructions on the form. Booking form at chichester.anglian.org/pilgrimage

Where is [Walsingham](#) and how to get there?

The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is in the parish of Walsingham, the North of Norfolk.

The address is:
The Shrine Office
2 Common Place
Walsingham
NR22 6EE





CHURCH FLOWERS

Don't forget that you need to fill in the list at the North Door to arrange and pay for your special flower bouquets for those dear departed relatives and friends whom you miss. I need your help to prepare something astonishing!

Lyn

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Please collect all colours of milk bottle tops for basic tools and wheelchairs in poorer areas of the world.....

There is a glass jar on the table by the South door of the Church for the tops you have collected.

Thank you.

Sharron

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



**A lamp burns daily at Our Lady of Walsingham,
the lamp is lit for special prayer intentions.**

If you would like the lamp lit for a special occasion, anniversary, a departed loved one or any other request, please add the request to the list by the North door and place a donation of £3 in the candle box.

NOTICES FROM St. JOHN'S

Do come to join us for Sunday Mass at 8am or 10am. If you are new to St. John's please introduce yourself to a sides person or a member of the clergy. The Peace will be carried out remotely, but there will now be an opportunity to receive sacrament of both kinds, at each Mass, for those who wish to.

Please stay for refreshments after the 10am Sunday Mass. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the back of the church and on the first Sunday of each month the 100 Club winners will be drawn.

Thank You to all who support our 100 Club at St. John's, which raises vital funds for our church. If you would like to join please see Lyn. To be included in the 2024 draw, you need to Join NOW! (See also Page 16)

Please remember that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn Gough! Even when there is no specific occasion to celebrate, we must have some flowers!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event later in the year, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Parish Bible Study happens on Mondays, but please watch the pew sheet for times and locations.

For various reasons, the arrangements to go to Walsingham in July had to be cancelled. We have approached the Shrine staff, and now have the opportunity to go to Walsingham from Friday August 2nd to Sunday August 4th. If you would like to go, please sign the list by the South door or talk to Deacon Rachel. See also page 12 for more details.

Ed.

MEMORIES OF HELMSLEY!

During the second World War, my father was Vicar of Helmsley in Yorkshire. He had tried to join the navy as a chaplain, but they said he had flat feet, so he did ‘fire watching’ at night and occasional ‘bomb disposal’. He also looked after the many war widows and their children. We had 6000 troops based in the woods in Duncombe Park, where I went to school, and I often got a lift up to the school in a tank or a bren-gun carrier. I loved talking to the soldiers – Americans, Canadians – and the odd prisoner of war who used to work on the farms.

One day Winston Churchill arrived to inspect the troops. He was smoking a cigar, as usual, and he gave us his famous Victory sign. We schoolgirls all stood by the school waving our flags and cheering.

We had an enormous Vicarage, it had its own Chapel and farm building, stables and fields, and a huge greenhouse. We had an Army Colonel billeted with us and two evacuees from the big city. The Colonel was supported by his batman, batman’s wife, his own wife and baby and a nanny. There were also a lady who did the cleaning, another who did the washing and the garden boy (known as Our Sid) who was also our head chorister.

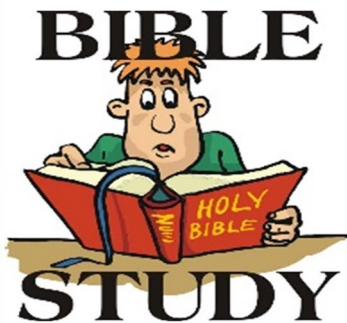
The two evacuees had never seen the countryside before. They came to Church with us and on their first Sunday at Mass when the procession came up the aisle with my father at the back, in charge, the little boy said ‘Look, there’s yer Dad!’ in a loud voice. Everybody laughed! They didn’t like eating with us, so my mother let them join the others in the kitchen. The maid and the garden boy ate there too. Our Sid also looked after my father and slept in a room by the front door so that he could answer it if there were night callers.

One day, the parents of the evacuees turned up and said they didn’t like their children eating in the kitchen so they took the children home in a huff, back to the city bombs!!!!

Mary-Rose

St. John's & St. Andrew's Bible Study

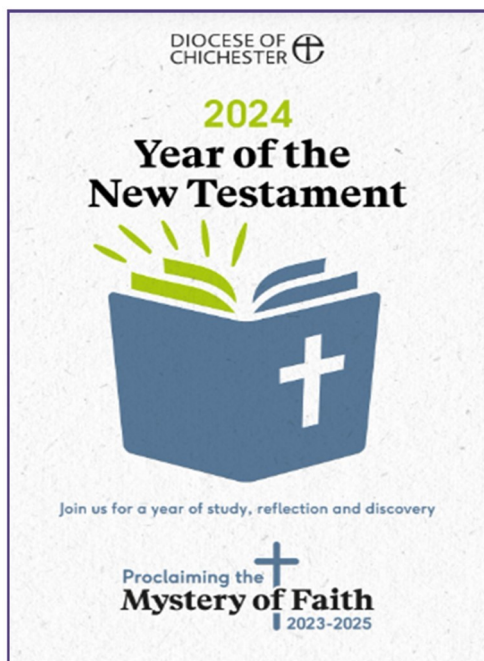
We have a growing number of people from both churches joining our weekly Bible Study sessions when we study the readings which will be used at Mass on the Sunday following the Bible Study.



We meet during term time on Monday afternoons at 3.00pm in St. John's Lady chapel.

We finish at 4pm with a cuppa. Everyone is welcome!

Fr. Tim



Walsingham Pilgrim 2024

The Pilgrimage is booked from 2nd to 4th of August 2024 and the initial booking form will be in church early January. At this point we only need to know if you intend to make the Pilgrimage and your contact details, so please complete the form by the required date.

Once we have an approximate number, we can then start to get prices for the various costs such as transport etc so that we can give you a total cost for the pilgrimage. Already we have had notification from the Shrine of an increase in their costs, but we hope to keep the cost to you about the same as last year – with a bit of luck.

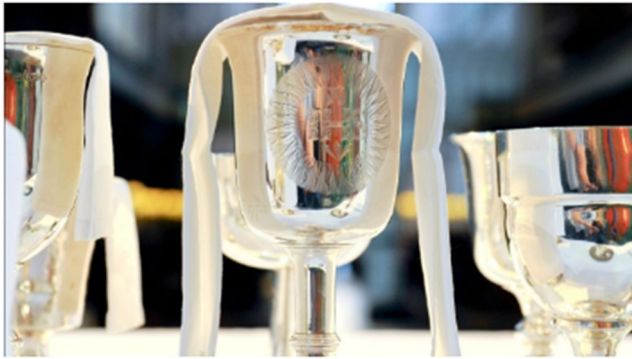
In early April we shall send out a Booking Form to each Pilgrim, which we will require completion and then returned with a £30 non-refundable deposit. We then have to send our official booking to the Shrine in early May with our deposit.

We know for certain that for the past three years of joint pilgrimages between our two churches, these have been really happy, fulfilling and memorable times, and we are sure that 2024 will be just as enjoyable. If you have never been to Walsingham or perhaps it has been a few years since you last visited, why not give it a try this year, we can assure you, you won't be disappointed.

If you would like any further information or have any concerns, please see Fr Tim or Deacon Rachel

Ian

Please note the revised dates above!



Is God calling you?

Is God calling you to ordained ministry?
Saturday 20 April is a day for anyone who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The day will help you think, talk and pray through this question. Partners are welcome to attend. From 10:30 - 15:30 at St Nicholas' Church. Church Street Brighton and Hove BN1 3LJ Book at [www.](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

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ARTICLES AND IDEAS!



St. John's Magazine needs articles to publish about any aspect of life!

Have you seen a situation we can all have a giggle about or even be inspired by? Please put pen to paper and the old Editor will help.

‘The Lord loves a cheerful giver’ *Said St. Paul.*

Why not give some time once a month. There are lots of little jobs to do, come and join us!

THE HOLY DUSTERS!



8th April
Church Cleaning
10-30am onward. But check
with Kim



PLEASE COME TO HELP
Even just a Few minutes.

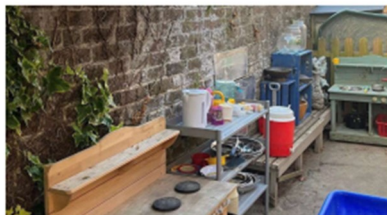
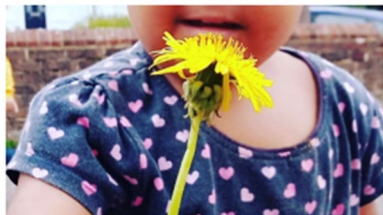
First Monday of the month is usually our morning.

Please come and join us and help keep our church clean
Every little bit helps!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone wishes to have the name of a departed loved one entered in the Parish's Book of Remembrance, situated in the Requiem Chapel, application Forms are available from the Parish Office. The cost is £15 per entry.



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APRIL DIARY EVENTS

Mon	1st	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Sun	7th	10am Mass - 2nd Sunday of Easter 100 Club Draw
Mon	8th	10am Mass - The Annunciation 10-30am onwards, Church Cleaning
Sun	14th	10am Mass - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Mon	15th	Last Day for Magazine Articles
Sun	21st	10am Mass - 4th Sunday of Easter
Tue	23rd	6-30pm Mass - St George's Day
Sun	28th	10am Mass - 5th Sunday of Easter

EARLY WARNING : - FRIDAY MAY 3RD

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10-30AM MASS AT SAINT ANDREWS

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick to be remembered at each mass need constant updating. If anyone has asked for a person to be on the current list, can you please let the Vicar know how they are, so we can either :-

1. Continue to pray for them,
2. Transfer them to the Parish Prayer Group, who pray daily for those needing long term prayer support, or
3. Take them off, if they have recovered, on the understanding that they can be returned to either list as their condition requires.

Thank you.

Fr. Tim

Listening is Believing

*What a frightening invitation, to become mother of such a child
a child of infinite promise.
One can imagine the sudden clutch of fear
the puzzlement
the anxiety about the future.
Surely he doesn't mean me?*

The beginning of a meditation on the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary, the event we celebrate as the Lord's Annunciation, and keep this year on the 8th of April, as its usual date (25th March) came during Holy Week. Fear, puzzlement, anxiety - but Mary reacted like that because she had done something first - Mary had listened.

Forgive me for stating the obvious. But listening is something many of us are not good at. If we are fortunate and both ears work perfectly, sometimes we hear reasonably accurately - sometimes we partly hear - or sometimes we think we hear - what is said. But hearing is one thing; listening is quite another matter. Really to *listen* takes us beyond the words that are spoken, into the world of emotion, into the sphere of communication which sometimes does not need words, and sometimes needs more than words.

Nowhere do we see that more clearly than in the Gospel accounts of the Lord's Resurrection. In the way St Matthew tells us the women who went to the tomb very early on Easter Day listened to what an angel said - and their deep sorrow was turned into great joy. In the way St Luke tells how the disciples on the road to Emmaus listened as Jesus explained the scriptures to them - and as they listened their hearts, which had been burdened with disappointment, burned with excitement. In the way St John tells how Mary of Magdala listened as one she took to be the gardener spoke her name and something in that voice opened her eyes to recognise him as the Risen Lord.

As we hear again the familiar accounts of the Lord's Resurrection, and as we keep the Feast of the Annunciation, let us hear how each of those who were intimately involved in those mysterious encounters listened. And hearing how they listened, let us then hear them speak - inspiring and moving words of faith, obedience and trust.

Maybe, we can learn something from their example in our relationship with the Lord - who still speaks, if only we would *listen*.

Fr. Roger

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY EAGLES (age 3 – 10)	Sundays @ 10 am. See page 22 Dave Guiel W 340221
ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL (2-5) Term time only	Mon - Fri 8-30am - 2-30pm (Hall) Jude 07708 830733 preschooladmin@stjohnwestworthing .org.uk
SOCIAL GROUP	The Churchwardens (See Page 3)

OTHER CONTACTS

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THE GUILD OF ALL SOULS & CHANTRY BOOK	Dcn Rachel Bennett 07810 350098
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	The Churchwardens
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PARISH ARCHIVIST	(To be Confirmed)
WALSINGHAM CELL	(To be Confirmed)
WEEKEND PILGRIMAGES	Ian Grevatt (See Below)
CBS (Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) Ward Secretary, Mr. Ian Grevatt, Churchwarden, St Andrew the Apostle, Clifton Road. E-mail at ijgrevatt@gmail.com .	

MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

		<u>INTENTIONS</u>
1	M Easter Monday	10am New Members of Church
2	Tu Easter Tuesday	6-30pm Survivors of Abuse
3	W Easter Wednesday	11am Vocations
4	Th Easter Thursday	9am Refugees
5	F Easter Friday (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am The Right Use of the Media
6	Sa Easter Saturday	9-30am Justice and Peace in the World
7	Su 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	8am The Parish 10am
8	M THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10am Expectant Mothers
9	Tu Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter	6-30pm Peace in Ukraine
10	W Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter	11am Peace in Gaza
11	Th S. Stanislaus	9am Those Who Suffer Persecution
12	F Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am Prisoners and their Families
13	Sa Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter	9-30am Victims of Trafficking
14	Su 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am The Parish 10am
15	M Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter	10am The Peace of Jerusalem
16	Tu Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter	6-30pm The Sick and their Carers
17	W Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter	11am Seafarers
18	Th Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter	9am Students and Teachers
19	F Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am The Reverent Use of Creation
20	Sa Saturday of the 3rd Week of Easter (Walsingham Cell Mass)	9-30am The Shrines of Walsingham
21	Su 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am The Parish 10am
22	M Monday of the 4th Week of Easter	10am Young People
23	Tu S. GEORGE	6-30pm The Conversion of England
24	W Wednesday of the 4th Week of Easter	11am St. John's Preschool
25	Th S. Mark	9am Journalists
26	F Friday of the 4th Week of Easter (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am The NHS
27	Sa Saturday of the 4th Week of Easter	9-30am Church Unity
28	Su 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am The Parish 10am
29	M S. Catherine of Siena	10am Peace in Europe
30	Tu Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter	6-30pm All Victims of War

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Ed.

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Would you be able to save your used stamps to help us raise much needed funds? There must be some in the bin at Christmas. Pass to me or I can collect. See our web site at www.wadars.co.uk

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