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WORSHIP

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

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

Front Cover:- Jesus Rides Over the Palm Fronds on Palm Sunday.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

6th April 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

13th April PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 19:28-40

20th April EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

27th April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 John 20:19-31

From the Parish Registers for February

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Funerals: February 18th 2025, Susannah Busby.

Burial of Ashes: None

Monthly Statistics for February

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
2nd	40	49	15
9th	38	43	8
16th	40	48	2
23rd	38	43	0

The April Message

Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only light.
Sun of righteousness arise
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high be near
Day star in my heart appear

A beautiful hymn, all three verses. The writer of this hymn, John Wesley, may have drawn inspiration from the seasons of the sky, day and night. Night skies can be very beautiful, and the day star appears just before dawn, announcing the new day is arriving. With the glory of a clear blue Spring sky, after the gloom of

Winter, everyone seems to go about their day with a much lighter heart.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see.
Till Thy inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

How often do we wake to gloom or cold rain, that does not cheer the heart. Yet for the people of God, we have another source of light. The Treadmill of life can seem a joyless return for many. Wesley knew this was so, but he also knew another source of cheer and light, Thy mercy's beams. Lord have mercy, Christ have

mercy, Lord have mercy. Impart The inward light upon us especially during this season of insecurity through change imposed upon us during interregnum, until it is over; glad our eyes and warm our hearts.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Wesley shows the way to pray for that perfect day in this last verse; a way to the true light. The gloom caused by sin and regret; our lack of faith and trust; our belief "Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief". More and more Thyself display; hopefully within ourselves but, perhaps more so, seeing Christ displayed more

and more in others. The perfect day has to be seeing Jesus face to face.

Happy Easter From the Wardens!

Time

Time - it's a funny thing. Sometimes there doesn't seem to be enough of it; sometimes it drags. Granny used to say it goes more quickly as you get older - I didn't believe her then, but now I think she was right. And even on a day when I think I won't have time to do everything I need to get done, somehow time stretches and there is enough of it after all.

Soldiers mark time by standing still; time never does. We watch the seconds, minutes, hours ticking by and can do nothing to stop them. The year divides neatly up into four periods of time: the Winter quarter has ended; Spring began on 21st March. Very soon after Spring begins the clocks change; and my body clock has to change too. We say that when the clocks change in the Spring we 'lose' an hour. But of course we don't. All we lose is an hour's sleep - and that takes a few days to get used to. Never mind, we get the hour back when the clocks change the other way in the Autumn!

Time is at a premium for the Christian as we follow the Lord through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Listing the times when we are asked to come together to keep the week we call Holy Week takes up a whole page in this edition of the magazine. We are asked to sacrifice an amount of time, a considerable amount of time. But it is wonderful time; it is time the Lord asks of us.

You will remember that he asked some of his closest friends for some time - just a small amount of time. Time to do what? Not to indulge in any strenuous activity, not to do a particular job. Time simply to be with him, to keep company with him as he spent time in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane after they had shared a final meal together.

The trouble was they were tired; they couldn't keep awake; they couldn't use the time - just a small amount of time - in the way the Lord asked them.

If we keep Holy Week in the way the Lord asks of us we too will be tired. And yet, strangely some might think, the tiredness seems to melt away as we reach the climax of the holy days the Lord asks us to observe. And as the bells ring out in the great liturgy of Holy Saturday night as the Easter Vigil moves forward into the First Mass of Easter, the joy of Christ who is alive lifts the tiredness which has accumulated in the previous days.

Keep Holy Week faithfully. Make the effort. Put up with the tiredness, the physical and emotional tiredness that comes to those who keep Holy Week in the way the Lord asks. And know such great joy as we celebrate Christ's victory over the power of sin and death, and the gift he has given to us of eternal life with him in heaven - where (rejoice!) time and its constraints and limitations will be no more.

Fr. Roger



The Logo of our Year of Faith 2025.

Remember to look at the website mentioned on page 10 to see the events taking place!









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!

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please collect Red, Blue, Green and Clear milk bottle tops for the charity Chestnut Tree House.......

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 (See Page 16). Please remember also that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event in 2025, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Special Anniversaries will be celebrated in 2025. The Diocese and Cathedral are 950 years old, but also it will be 1700 years since the arrival of the Nicene Creed. See the scheduled events at celebrating faith.co.uk

Note that Friday Mass is 10-30am at St Andrews, unless a special Mass is held at St. John's (See Page 20!).





2025 Year of Faith

Full details of all that is taking place in 2025 to celebrate the anniversaries which are happening are being made known as plans are finalised.

There is a designated website to bookmark. Key information about Youth Pilgrimages for this Year of Faith will soon be available at :- celebratingfaith.co.uk.

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.

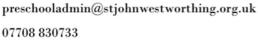
















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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Blessing and Procession of Palms and
Parish Mass

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Holy Hour

Monday 14th April 10.00 am Mass

Tuesday 15th April 6.30 pm Mass

Wednesday 16th April 11.00 am Mass

Thursday 17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Watch until 10 pm

Friday 18th April GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 am Children's Workshop 2.00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19th April HOLY SATURDAY 8.00 pm Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY 8.00 am Mass 10.00 am Parish Mass 6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Parishes of St Andrew the Apostle and St John the Divine Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025

Our Pilgrimage this year will be Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July

To Register interest Please fill in a form at the South Door.

A non-returnable deposit of £10 is needed, with the form.

At this stage, only contact information is required :Your Name
Home Address
E-mail and
Preferred Telephone Number.

To obtain further information and guidance, please talk to Ian Grevatt or Deacon Rachel.

New Books

The version of the bible we use at Mass has changed, as you may have noticed on Sundays since the beginning of Advent. Now a new edition of the Weekday Missal, containing (as its name suggests!) the readings for Mass every weekday of the year, will be published during this month of April. We need to have some available in the Lady Chapel for those who read at weekday Masses, and those who attend. These days books don't come cheaply! The new Missals will be £50 each, and we need 6 to replace the ones which will become redundant. If you feel able to make a contribution towards the cost, please have a quiet word with Fr Roger.

Thank you.

Cuppa and Chat with Deacon Rachel ~ Lois Watson



Lois Watson was born in St Richard's Hospital, Chichester in 1946. Her father was the Rector of St George's Whyke and her mother was a Home Economics teacher. Lois was later joined by her brother David, and they lived in the large rectory with Granny (her dad's mother) and Aunty Prue (his sister). Granny was bedbound due to a heart condition and

Lois remembers spending hours lying next to her listening to stories about her dad's childhood. It's no surprise that Lois's early memories of church focus around the life and worship of St George's, where she was baptised when she was just one month old. She remembers attending Christmas Parties for clergy children at the Bishop's Palace. She was confirmed by Bishop Bell in 1957 who was a frequent visitor at the Rectory.

She went to Whyke Infants' school which was just over the road from the Rectory and then moved to the Central school which was on the other side of Chichester. She would walk there and back with her friends twice a day. Her reward for passing the 11+ was a bike, which she proudly rode to Chichester Girls' Grammar school, picking up friends on the way. One distinct memory is when she walked into the kitchen at home and found her parents chatting quietly. She was soon to discover that they were moving to Hertfordshire where her dad was going to serve as Chaplain and Classics teacher at St Margaret's school. So, Lois finished off her school education in Hertfordshire.

After school she trained at a private secretarial college off Bond Street where she flourished. She had a job at the Metal Box offices in Baker Street and shared a flat with her friend and really enjoyed living in London.

When her parents returned to Sussex where her father was Vicar of Boxgrove and Tangmere, Lois decided to go with them to Sussex. One of her claims to fame is that she was working for the Probationary Service which was in the Court House when the Rolling Stones were in court

With Mel, her first husband, they moved first to Birmingham, then Cardiff and eventually returned to Sussex. They lived in the Vicarage for a while and then moved to Tangmere with James and Christopher their sons.

When she and Mel divorced Lois moved to Rustington to work for an accountancy firm in Worthing, then Rustington. She was with that company for 20 years. Before leaving she had taken on the role of Practice Manager and HR which she really enjoyed. Her final post was in Bognor with an organisation running private children's homes which was rewarding. Alongside employment Lois found time to volunteer with the Samaritans as a listener for about 20 years, which was an honour and privilege.

Lois met Dave in 1992, and they moved into their home in 1994 along with some of their children. Initially, she went to St Andrew's Tarring, which is close to her home and then to St John's in 1996 which had been her Godmother's spiritual home. She was so warmly welcomed that she never looked back. Lois continues to use her administrative and secretarial skills in the parish office, which is greatly appreciated.

Lois's favourites:

Food – There is no contest here. If in France it would be a bowl of langoustines, a glass of muscadet, followed by fresh fruit preferably cherries. At home, roast chicken dinner and all the trimmings.

Drink – White wine, a glass of whiskey and a G&T after church on Sunday.

Book - Crime fiction

Music – doesn't play a big part in Lois's life, but she remembers, as a child, hiding under the bedcovers reading the English Hymnal, she loved the long words! She remembers fondly attending a Beatles Christmas Concert when she was in London.

TV – She enjoys watching quiz programmes, crime dramas and keeping up with current affairs.

Holidays – Lois and Dave had a caravan for many years and toured round Europe and the UK. One memorable holiday was around Ireland and northern and southern Ireland, the scenery was breathtaking! France has always played an important part in her life from childhood Her parents had a holiday home there and her brother had some land which was used by all the family for camping and caravaning. Sadly, they have had to give up the caravan.

Thank you, Lois, for sharing some of your life story with us. I am sure there is still much more to hear!

Deacon Rachel

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March Winners:- 71 Mike Chatfield, 77 Steve Burke, 44 Caroline Burke, 1 Lois Watson, 32 Sheila Hillary.

Since the start of the 100 club in 2012 a profit of over£3885 has been donated to church funds.



APRIL DIARY EVENTS

Tue	1st	April Fools Day!
Wed	2nd	11am - Stations of the Cross, Mass and Lent Lunch
Sat	5th	Odd Jobs around the Church!
Sun	6th	10am Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent
Wed	9th	11am - Stations of the Cross, Mass and Lent Lunch
Tue	15th	Last day for Magazine Articles
Sun	13th	10am Mass - Palm Sunday
Thu	17th	Maundy Thursday. 7-30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	18th	Good Friday. 10am Children's Workshop 2pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat	19th	Holy Saturday. 8pm Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Sun	20th	10am Mass - Easter Sunday
Mon	21st	Easter Monday - Bank Holiday
Sun	27th	10am Mass - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 me 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.

Deacon Rachel

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 6th April 2025.

"Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll" forms will be in church in January. If you are eligible please complete a form and return it to Dorothy as I am away for the whole of January, and Dorothy will hand them over to me on my return when a new electoral roll will be formed.

Margaret Borbone

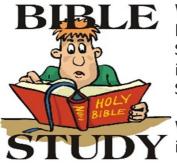


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Caroline

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

We meet on Monday afternoons at 3.00pm in St. John's Church.

See the pew sheet!

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

Deacon Rachel

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY EAGLES (age 3 – 10) Sundays @ 10 am. (See page 22)

Dave Guiel W 340221

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SOCIAL GROUP The Churchwardens

(See Page 3)

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CBS (Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) Ward Secretary, Mr. Ian

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MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

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	_			INTENTIONS
1		Lent Feria	6-30pm	The Disabled
2		Lent Feria (Stations and Mass)		The Sick
3		Lent Feria (Monthly Requiem Mass)		The Departed
4		Lent Feria (Mass at St. Andrew's)	10 -3 0am	The Lapsed
5		Lant Feria (Walsingham Cell Mass)	9 -3 0am	Walsingham
6	Su	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	8am	The Parish
			10am	
7		Lent Feria	10am	Victims of Injustice
8		Lent Feria	6-30pm	Faithfulness to the Gospel
9	W	Lent Feria (Stations and Mass)	11am	Faithfulness in
				Discipleship
10	Th	Lent Feria	9am	Trust
11	F	Lent Feria (Mass at St. Andrew's)	10-30am	The Lonely and Isolated
12	Sa	Lent Feria	9 -3 0am	Those Who are Hostile to
				the Faith
13	Su	PALM SUNDAY	8am	The Parish
			10am	
14	M	Monday of Holy Week	10am	Faith
15	Tu	Tuesday of Holy Week	6-30pm	Норе
16		Wednesday of Holy Week		Love
17	Th	MAUNDÝ THURSDAY	7-30pm	Christian Service
		Mass of the Lord's Supper	•	
18	\mathbf{F}	GOOD FRIDAY		Thanksgiving
		Children's Workshop	10am	
		Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	2pm	
19		HOLY SATURDAY	8pm	Peace
20	Su	EASTER SUNDAY	8am	The Parish
			10am	
21		Easter Monday	10am	The Recently Baptised
22		Easter Tuesday	6-30pm	The Bereaved
23		Easter Wednesday	11am	The Spread of the Gospel
24	Th	Easter Thursday	9am	Children
25	F	Easter Friday (Mass at St. Andrew's)	10 - 30am	Christian Joy
26		Easter Saturday		The Unity of the Church
27	Su	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am	The Parish
			10am	
28	M		10am	England
29		S. Catherine of Siena	6-30pm	Christian Writers
30	W	In Eastertide	11am	Persecuted Christians

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Ed.

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