

Sue's News

I know it seems we only had an APCM recently and that's because we did.

Due to COVID we postponed the APCM to October 20 but traditionally we have to hold the APCM April time and so the date for the APCM this year will be Wednesday 21 April 21 at 7pm in the Church.

At the APCM we elect Church Wardens and PCC members.

In St Mary's we operate the 3 year rule which means tenure is 3 years at which point you come off the PCC but you can be voted back on if you wish to stand again. This means we will have potentially 4 vacancies

If you are interested in standing for PCC you must be on the electoral roll and you must find someone to propose and second you and these people must also be on the electoral roll.

There will be forms available in Church for you to complete but exceptionally and for this year only. you can also email me but you must include your full name and address and the full names and addresses of your proposer and seconder. If you have any questions about this please email me.

Re the Electoral Roll this is not an update year so if you are already on the roll you do not need to complete a new form. If you wish to join please let me know-you have to be a regular attender and/or live in the parish to qualify.If you are not sure if you are already on the roll just email me and I will check.

Finally, due to COVID there will be limited places available for the APCM so you must let me know if you are planning to attend

I apologise for all the rules and forward planning etc but lets Pray that next year things will be different

Sue, Val and David

THANK YOU to the Flower Guild and all who helped provide flowers for Easter, and to Val for the posies on Mothering Sunday.

Congratulations to the school on their Red Nose efforts!

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Reflection; 2.00-3.00p.m

Easter Sunday 9.45 a.m

Service with Holy Communion

Pevensey and Westham School News

We have now welcomed all our pupils back to school. Thanks to the Rainbow Wishes charity based in Eastbourne, all our children were met by a new friend on their first day back. They all had a teddy waiting for them when they arrived in the morning.<https://www.rainbowwishes.co.uk/>

We have been busy thinking of others this month and joined the country in raising money for Red Nose Day. The children dressed in non-uniform for the day and wore Red Nose Day merchandise. We managed to raise £413.51 for Comic Relief and had a great day .

During this term we have been thinking about Road Safety and taking care on the roads. This is especially important for us with the busy high street at the start and the end of the day. Our Early Years children were all shown how to cross the road safely by our very own Di Lollypop!

All the children, staff and governors of the school wish you all a fantastic Easter.

Luke Paramor

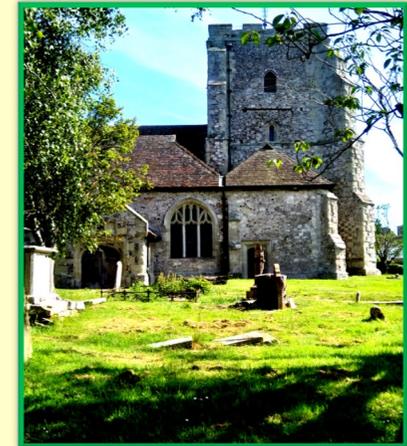
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ST MARY'S CHURCH WESTHAM APRIL 2021



From this month's readings:

As (the women) entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed,

"Don't be alarmed" he said. "You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16::5,6

Services for April

April 2nd Good Friday

2.00-3.00p.m Reflection

Sunday 4th Easter Day*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings; Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

[Psalm 118](#); [1,2: 14-24](#)

1 Cor 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 or

Mark 16:1-8

Sunday 11th *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 [Psalm 133](#)

[1 John 1.1-2.2](#) John 20:19-end

Readings for Evensong

Isaiah 26:1-9.19 [Psalm 143:1-11](#)

Luke 24:1-12

Sunday 18th: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings Acts 3:12-19 [Psalm 4](#)

1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36b-48

Sunday 25th *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 [Psalm 23](#)

I John 3: 16-end John 10: 11-18

*** please be aware that things may change and make sure you let Sue Davies know if you plan to attend**



HAPPY EASTER

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

From thoughts in church before the recent lockdown

If stones could talk

For almost a thousand years I have been standing in the village of Westham. My walls are strong, my pillars are stalwart, my windows are beautiful. The bells ring out from my tower with a call to worship and prayer. I am a centre of peace and quiet, and have been throughout the centuries. I am your village church. I am here for the people of Westham and have been a sanctuary during many hard times.

I watched over the village during the Black Death; I saw the ravages of The Great Plague of 1665; a century ago I witnessed the distress caused by the Spanish 'flu. Now here I stand while Covid-19 rages.

At the moment my doors are mostly closed for protection and prevention, but here I am. You see me when you exercise your dog; when you walk or run to the castle, or cycle through the village, or go to school, or visit the shop. And when you see me just take a moment of quiet and maybe offer a prayer.

And when this is over, I will still be here - a place for worship and prayer; a refuge of peace and quiet and healing and my doors will be open to welcome you.

For Prayer, Thanksgiving and Praise

Good Friday

“Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This the power of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath - We stand forgiven at the cross”

Easter Day

“See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce Christ is risen. See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice. Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!”

Lord as we near the end of Lent help us to focus on all that Easter means. The hope, sacrifice, and love that you sent into the world. Lord help us to continue our lent promises and keep up afterwards all those that helped us to grow in our Christian lives.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Father we bring before you all those in our world who suffer from injustice, hunger, malice and evil, we cry out to you for justice, bread, forgiveness and deliverance for all.. Almighty God, from whom all thought of truth and peace proceed, bring, we pray, to the hearts of all in authority, the true love of peace. Guide them with your wisdom so that the nations of the earth may be filled with the knowledge of your love, especially through this time of the pandemic.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father Within our prayers we bring to you

Family and friends who need your healing touch and comfort in their grief

Family and friends who are struggling with problems of day to day living in this pandemic

May we all know your presence and peace sustaining and strengthening us

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.