

*Hastings Old Town Parish of St. Clements and All Saints*  
*One Modern Parish -Two Medieval Churches*  
**PEWS NEWS**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Pews News for 5th Sunday of Lent.  
Passion Sunday**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

**Celebrant: Reverend Paul Hunt**

**Preacher: Dr Pat Lock**

**Priest-in-Charge (part time)**

**The Reverend Paul Hunt BA, MA, MTh.**  
07818273282.

**Reader:** Dr Pat Lock Tel 754264.

**Honorary Assistant Priests:**

Brother Aelred Partridge OC.  
The Reverend Canon Keith Pound 428330.

**Authorised Lay Ministers:**

Sandra Bentall 721874.  
Natalie Broomfield-Hill 715693.  
Keith Leech 716576.

**Director of Music.**

Malcolm Lock 07801068156.

**Churchwardens:**

Gareth Bendon 436934;  
Judy Cubison 457194;  
Pat Lock 754264;  
Ann Wing 420499.

**Safeguarding Officer:**

Pat Lock (as above).

**Parish Administrator** Jean Donaldson.

**Tel: (431635 in the Corona Virus outbreak).**

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**All Saints:**

**[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4953/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4953/)**

**St Clements:**

**[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4957/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4957/)**

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**Please remember in your prayers those ill at home or in Hospital, especially:**

The residents and staff of the Laurels nursing home, Phillip Arnold, Sandra Bentall, Harri Boorman, Antony Clayton, Fr. Robert Featherstone, Alan Hardman, Clive Morris, June Smith, Rosemary Smith, David and Denise Wotton.

**THE YEARS MIND.**

Steve Weatherall, Richard White, Frank Hayward, Stan Bentall, Eileen Featherstone, Ella Marshall.

**PRAYING ROUND THE PARISH.**

All who live, work and worship in the Old Town Parish.

The Annual Parish Church Meetings: These will be held on Wednesday, 12th May starting at 7.30 p.m. (Venue tbc).

Safeguarding Officer: Pat Lock will be standing down as Safeguarding Officer and Vice-Chairman of the PCC at the 2021 APCM and as churchwarden at the 2022 APCM (assuming she is elected at this year's meeting for one further year). This is not phased retirement but to enable Pat to concentrate upon her ministerial role as Reader! We therefore need a new Safeguarding Officer. Please consider whether this might be a role for you and you can chat to Pat or Paul about it with no obligation to buy, as they say in the best shops.

Attendances in March: 7<sup>th</sup> March - 37 (collection including envelopes: £334.60), 14<sup>th</sup> March - 38 (collection: £104)

Crypt Repairs: The crypt is currently being cleared of unwanted items in preparation for the provision of storage space necessitated by the move of the parish office. Work on the windows to make it damp proof will cost £2,160 including VAT. The parish finances are looking increasingly stretched, not helped by the loss of income from hall bookings, fund raising and collections in church. We would not be a going concern without the extraordinary generosity of a small number of church members, one of whom has already pledged £500 towards the cost. The parable of the Widow's Mite is of distinct relevance here with its call for sacrificial generosity from us all.

Book Sale: Carol Ridge and Laurence Homewood are kindly organising a weekly book sale (starting next Sunday, 28th). So please bring any unwanted paperback books in good condition to church and leave them by the food bank basket near the west door. Thank you in advance!

Organ Concerts: Malcolm Lock has arranged the 2021 season which we very much hope will be able to ahead. Details may be found on the All Saints' Website.

For Whom the Bell tolls: There will be one minute's national silence this coming Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) at 12 noon to remember everyone who has died of Covid-19 since the first lockdown twelve months ago. At 12.01 a bell will be tolled in both of our churches to mark this occasion. Paris Nolan will be ringing at St Clement's and Rosemary Smith and Sue Wells at All Saints.

Fancy That! The parish share (then known as the parish quota) was £60 in 1939 and we managed to pay most of it. This is the equivalent of just over £4,000 in today's money. The full parish share in the Diocese of Chichester

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for 2021 is £74,300 (for parishes with a full-time priest)  
and we have been asked for £28,632 which is the "cost"  
of having our part-time priest. (Full disclosure: Paul  
receives £7,000 gross p.a.)