



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
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WEST TARRING

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Dear Tarring Parishioner,

As October approaches fast it's hard to believe that I have been in post as Rector for two years already. It has been a joy & privilege to serve this community & to meet so many of you either in church or out & about in the parish. I always enjoy meeting & getting to know people, do say hi if you see me!

This part of the year is a busy time in church with several important services & of course the run up to Christmas.

I would like to invite you to a range of special services & events but of course we meet every Sunday morning at 8am & 10am all year round so there is no need to wait for a special occasion.

- ❑ 13/09 10am **Coffee Morning** in church in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust
- ❑ 04/10 10am-4pm **Open Day** – Tower & general church tours
 - Tower tours are always popular & places are limited, we are suggesting a donation of £10 per adult to climb the ancient stone staircase, see the bells & come out on the top of the tower for a look around.
- ❑ 05/10 10am **Harvest Festival** with collection of food donations
- ❑ 05/10 4pm **Pet Blessing Service**. All creatures great & small are welcome!
- ❑ 12/10 6pm **Choral Evensong**. A very special, musical evening service from 1662.
- ❑ 26/10 6pm Eucharist with **prayers & anointing for healing** & wholeness
- ❑ 01/11 3pm **All Souls remembrance service**

Our annual remembrance service for all the departed. Everyone is welcome to come & remember your loved ones whether they died recently or a long time ago. To have a name read out in the service please email us.
- ❑ 01/11 4pm **Night of Lights**. Lighting lamps of remembrance in the churchyard

After the All Souls service there will be a chance to light a 50hr memorial candle & place it in the church yard. Sponsor a candle in memory of a loved one & we can light it for you or you can come & light it & place it yourself. A lovely community event lighting up our beautiful churchyard (inside the church if the weather is too bad)
- ❑ 09/11 10am **Remembrance Sunday**. Annual remembrance service with laying of wreaths.
- ❑ 30/11 6pm Darkness to Light (**Advent carols** with candlelit procession)
- ❑ 07/12 2pm **Christingle**
- ❑ 12/12 - 14/12 **Christmas Tree Festival**
- ❑ 14/12 2pm **Pop-up Nativity** (for Children). Children are invited to dress up & join in!
- ❑ 21/12 6pm Tarring Parish **Carol Service**. Traditional Christmas carols, readings & prayers
- ❑ 24/12 2pm **Crib Service**. Timeless retelling of the Christmas Story
- ❑ 24/12 11pm **Midnight Mass**
- ❑ 25/12 8am + 10am **Christmas Day Services**

These are just the highlights! There's a lot going on but at the heart of everything we want to be a place where God's love becomes real & becomes known in the world & in our lives. It's not always easy & we all get it wrong sometimes but it's an adventure of hope & trust, constant forgiveness & renewal.

I hope to see you soon, do be in touch if there's anything that your parish church can help you with.

Fr Steven



Night of Lights

St Andrew's Churchyard 1st Nov 2025

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31st October has become famous as Halloween, heavily influenced by American media especially in recent years..

For many centuries November 1st has been kept around the world as All Souls Day (All Hallows in old English) as a day to remember all the departed, both those we knew and now miss and our ancestors who went long before us. Halloween is an abbreviation of All Hallows Eve.

On the 1st of November we will remember our departed loved ones and ancestors in two ways. At 3pm there will be an All Souls service in church, a quiet and reflective memorial service open to all.

At 4pm we will go outside into the churchyard (weather permitting) and light hundreds of memorial lanterns. The churchyard will be transformed into a living memorial full of lights, shining in the darkness. In some countries, particularly in the East of Europe this is a well established tradition that sees thousands of lanterns lit each year.

We will provide the lanterns, they burn for 50 hours and they are weather resistant with a vented lid. Lanterns can be in memory of a particular person or in general Memoriam.

To sponsor a lantern, we suggest a donation of £5.

You can come and light it and place it yourself or you can let us know the name and we will light it for you.

It would help us to know in advance how many lanterns we need but we will also have plenty available on the day

Night of Lights 2025

Name

Number of lanterns
sponsored

Names to be
remembered

Please return this information to church or the parish office, you can use the postbox outside the North door but please don't post cash.

For bank transfers please use these details:

- Account name ST ANDREWS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
- Sort code: 20-98-74
- Account No: 20690376

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