



Sunday 3rd May 2026
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<p>Collect</p>	<p>Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.</p>
<p>Post Communion</p>	<p>Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.</p>

***** What's on *****

Please note there is no morning prayer, parish prayer, or Monday Rocks this week as it is a Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 5th May	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>1.15 – 2.15 pm Miss you group (church)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 6th May	<i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122: 1-5, John 15:1-8</i> <i>3.30 pm FSW after school club (church hall)</i> <i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry (church hall)</i>
Friday 8th May	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Readings: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21</i>

Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays)

Private Prayer: The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week between 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Prayer Time (PPT) will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 am, (following Morning Prayer). Parish Prayer Time lasts about 40 mins and usually starts with a shared scripture passage or words of encouragement to lead us into prayer for the Parish, the world and individuals who have requested our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Wendy Turner, Tracy Howman, Rosemary Colwell, Isla, Gordon and Bridget Dustan, Anne Springham, Keith Worrall, Penny Godwin, Anna Waterman, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Anne Foster, Peter Watson, Steve, Jenny Harris, Margaret Sutcliffe

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon, if you wish a name to be kept on after next week, please let us know.

RIP: Joy Down (15/04/2026)
*Joy's funeral will be held at H D Tribe Broadwater Chapel on Thursday
7th May at 10.30 am.*
Judith Woods

Years Mind: Pleasance Hutchinson (2006), Barbara Butcher (2012), Terence John (2022), Audrey Tilling (2023), Pauline Standen (2024), Grahame Lindsey (2021), Monica Heald (2014), Christine Driver (2024), Joyce Deeks (2006), WG Sinclair Snow (1996), Flora Andrews (1994), Abraham Keet (2016), Pansy Peters (2021)

Christian Aid Week 10th to 16th May

Just a reminder that the following events are taking place during Christian Aid Week. **Friday 15th May:** there is a soup lunch from 12.00 to 1.30 pm at the Methodist Church coffee lounge. No booking – donations appreciated. On the same day there is a street collection in The Street from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Offers of help to collect for one hour or 30 minute slots are very welcome. On **Sunday 10th May** there will be envelopes in church, so please bring cash or cheques. If you wish to donate on-line information is printed on the envelope. For further information, or if you would like to volunteer, please speak to Christine Roberts or Rosemary McLachlan. Thank you

As you are probably aware the Bishop of Chichester is retiring soon. A consultation is underway. You are invited to have your say about the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop (the Bishop for East and West Sussex.) The link is this: <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/> In terms of current issues, from my perspective- Chichester Diocese has never had a Diocesan Bishop who ordains women to the Priesthood. I would dearly like this to change, and hope that you may feel able to write this on the form. Our Bishops have also always been against using prayers to bless for those in same sex relationships. The PCC in this Parish has agreed that we will do so as soon as we are able, so you may want to mention this too. But for me, the main thing is that the new Bishop will know their clergy and their people and is able to be a true pastor who can rejoice and mourn with us and is visible in the parishes supporting and caring and understanding the needs of the whole communities of which we are a part. A sense of humour would be good too!

Natalie

Rhubarb - we hope that you all enjoyed your crumbles! Thank you so much for your generous donations for the church allotment totalling £40.70. Hopefully more rhubarb in May.

Julie

Have you been a member of the Mothers' Union? If so, do join some of us who will be travelling by train to St John's Church, Preston, Brighton on the morning of Saturday, May 9th for the Spring Meeting. We will be celebrating 150 years since Mary Sumner founded the M.U. Please contact Pam Brooks for details.

Social Events – we have a couple more social and fundraising events planned for this year (bbq in July and a Barn Dance in October). But we will be finishing the year off with a pantomime...! Oh yes we will! This will require rehearsals, and in the next few weeks we will be holding auditions, so this is your chance to have a think about whether you'd make a good Dame, or a wicked king; a principle boy or leading lady. There will also be opportunities to be in the chorus, or a shepherd, a wise guy or even a donkey! More details will follow but please feel free to have a chat with me if you have any questions in the meantime.

Sarah (on behalf of the Social and Fundraising Group)

Pantry: Your early church pantry went well this week. We have just received another delivery of frozen venison mince from The Country Food Trust. This is a wonderful initiative where deer that are culled in Sussex, as part of ecological land management, get processed and used to help charities with food poverty solutions. Our pantry users will be delighted. Our pantry volunteers met this week to review the feedback from our recent surveys at the church pantry and the Georgian Gardens pantry. The meeting was followed by Dementia awareness training from Alzheimer's UK delivered to church volunteers who are pastoral visitors, people who go into care homes as well as pantry volunteers. If you are interested in seeing the slides from the pantry meeting, please let us know and we will email you a copy. If you would like to help us restock this week, we are short of milk, squash, cereals, jam/spreads and biscuits. As always, thank you your wonderful support.

The Pantry Team

APCM – will be held on the 17th May, following the 10.00 am service. This year we will need to elect two church wardens, four PCC members and up to five Deanery representatives. If you would like to know more, please speak with any member of the PCC. We will also be looking for someone to take over the Electoral Role Officer from Catherine Gleadow. Catherine will be happy to have someone shadow her for the next year and then take over properly after that. Please speak with Catherine to find out what this entails.

Sarah Collins – PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Revision

The revised list of names on the Roll will be available in church from 4th May before being presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Enquiries to Electoral Roll Officer: Catherine Gleadow.

07790 291144 or catherinegleadow@yahoo.com)

3-wheel walker: Is anyone in need of a folding tri-walker, purple with carry bag, before this is donated to Charity? If so, please contact Julian Masters (details in Church Directory.)

Generosity A huge thank you to everyone who supports the church by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS); it relieves the finance team of a lot of work claiming back the gift aid and ensures the church has a regular income for all its vital work and daily expenses. If you would like to give to the church regularly, details of the



Parish Giving Scheme which enables the church to budget for the future are below: Ring PGS confidentially on 0333 002 1271 or go to <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/home/> to activate regular giving. There are also forms at the back of the church or ask in the office for further information. Our parish code is 101010024.

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

There will be a presentation by Natalie on the 30th May during the 10.00 am service to explain how the church can benefit by people joining and using easy fundraising. Look out for the posters and flyers. Thank you in advance.

The Generosity group



Mission Matters

Pray for South Sudan and our CMS Mission Partner Nicci Maxwell in Juba According to BBC News Africa the situation in South Sudan is worsening. **'Aid agencies say they are at breaking point. Lifesaving programmes are shutting down and more families are being displaced. The risk of cholera and famine is rising. Now there are calls for the international community to step in and push for real peace in South Sudan'**

Using Links (Act 4 You) (Project), gifts can be made to the account 'Supporting Child Health in South Sudan', account number 3209

If you have any problems you can contact Links for assistance by phone 01903 778515 or hello@links.charity

Fake News, Scams and Lies: The Need for Truth

Join Churches Together in Rustington and East Preston for this year's seminar, exploring truth in an age of fake news, deception and scams. Speaker James Mildred (Christian Action, Research and Education) will reflect on these challenges and what the Christian faith offers in response. The event is on **Sunday 7th June, 6.00 – 8.00 pm**, here. Admission is free, but booking is requested. Reserve your place via **Eventbrite**: <https://TheNeedforTruth.eventbrite.co.uk> or email ctrep2025@proton.me. All are warmly welcome.

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service – Chichester Cathedral Saturday 9th May @ 3.00 pm

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to have a child.

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Saying Goodbye is a division of Mariposa International.

***This weeks news sheet is sponsored by Bernard Standen
in memory of his dear wife Pauline
who died two years ago today, 3rd May.***

If you would like to sponsor the Church Notice sheet, to remember or recognise a special event or anniversary please contact the church office.

If you would like to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament, in memory of someone, or for a special event or anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Material for **Sunday 10th May 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 7th May 2026** and be sent to sarahlouisegc@gmail.com Please note the change of address for the time being as I am having technical issues with outlook!

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