



Sunday 10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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<p>Collect</p>	<p>God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p>
<p>Post Communion</p>	<p>God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.</p>

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

Monday 11th May	<i>10.30 am Uknitty club (church)</i> <i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 12th May	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 13th May	<i>8.30 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>8.30 – 10.00 am Pantry (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Acts 17:15:22-18:1, Psalm 146:1-2, 11-end;</i> <i>John 16:11-15</i> <i>3.00 pm Funeral of Judith Woods</i> <i>7.00 pm WAFFLE (church hall)</i>
Thursday 14th May Ascension Day	<i>6.00 pm Ascension Day service</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt. Preacher: Faye Faithful</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end</i>
Friday 15th May	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 16th May	<i>10.30 am Footsteps walk</i>
Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt. Preacher: Pam Lewis</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt. Preacher: Pam Lewis</i> <i>Readings: Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11</i> <i>12.00 noon APCM (church)</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, Peter Watson, Steve, Jenny Harris

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon.

RIP: Judith Woods. Margaret Sutcliffe.

Years Mind: Nellie Phillips (2012), Audrey Winsor (2022), Mabs Steere (2014), Eric Greenhalgh (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 noon 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

Uknitty Club, our good causes knitting and crochet group, is meeting in the church on Monday morning (11th) from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. If you like to knit, crochet and chat, please come and join us. And, as from Monday, Uknitty Club will be meeting fortnightly with crochet tuition by Faye happening at the second session - so Uknitty Club will now be meeting on the second and fourth Monday of the month with the option of crochet tuition on the fourth. Just show up on the day or contact Faye with any questions. A big "thank you" to everyone who has already donated unwanted yarn and t-shirts and please do continue to donate yarn (of any kind and amount) and t-shirts in the Uknitty Club trug on the pew at the back of the church.

Pantry: A busy start for our first church pantry in May. We had 73 households collecting food. We held the money coaching course and had Citizens Advice with us meeting people in the church. If you are able to help with a donation to the pantry, we are short of milk, tuna, soup, sweetcorn and rice pudding. Thank you for your kindness.

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 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

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)

Great Big Green Week Book Swap

To celebrate Great Big Green Week, the Eco Team is hosting a Book Swap in the South Room on Sunday 14th June with the theme 'Let's Swap for Good'. Bring one lovely book you have enjoyed to the South Room between 9.00 am and 10.00 am and you will receive a token.

Our Sunday Rocks children will help display the books during their session. At after church coffee time, return with your token and choose a book to take home, give as a gift, or donate to charity. Everyone who brings a book must take a book - so every story finds a new home!

Let's swap for Good!

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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.

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.parishgiving.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

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

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

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FSW - Many of you will know that we support the charity Family Support Work. Here are their stats. for March:

- 230 visits to families
- 558 phone calls/remote support to 230 parents and 182 children
- 604 supported meetings with other agencies
- 43 group sessions, 363 adults and 238 children supported
- 85 food deliveries made
- 53 volunteers gave their time
- 556 volunteer hours

Thank you also to those from our congregation who give up their time to volunteer for the charity.

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 17th May 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 13th 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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