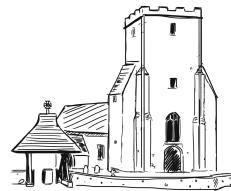


08 May 2022:  
**Fourth Sunday of  
Easter**  
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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston  
**St Mary the Virgin**  
**NOTICE SHEET**



Today's **hymns** are from the BLUE book (HON): 310; 32; 661; 574; 681; 462.

The **chalice** is being restored to everybody at communion. Taking the chalice remains your choice. There is to be no "intinction" - ie dipping the wafer in the wine.

Pauline McLelland writes: St. Mary's Drama raised £47.25 during their rehearsals for their play, "**Melons at the Parsonage**" with their coffee and tea donations, which will go a long way to boosting the St. Mary's coffee fund. Thank you very much to the Group, it was a fun and social time rehearsing the production. The performance will be repeated at the East Preston Festival. The date in the Festival Programme is wrong, it is on the **9 & 10 June** in the Church, and again at the Arundel Festival in August.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is at 12.05pm on **Sun 22 May** and which we need to elect **FOUR** people to the **PCC** and **TWO** as **Deanery Synod** reps. Could this be you? Please have a word with Rev Emma.

Mon 9 May is the next **Welcome Café** - in the Spire Room from 10am - 12noon. Do drop in have a brew and a natter - all welcome!

Some other Diary Dates:

Thur **12 May** 10am Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion followed by refreshments

**15-21 May** Christian Aid week

Thur **26 May** 10am Mass for Ascension Day

Sun **5 June** 6pm Evensong for the Platinum Jubilee

Thur **16 June** 10am & 7pm Mass for Corpus Christi

Sat **10 Sep** 1pm Memorial Service for Doug Medhurst in church (retiring collection for RNLI)

There will be a trial of '**All Age Worship**' on the third Sunday of May, June and July at 10am. This is not a 'Family service', it is instead an opportunity for all ages to worship together.

There will be a meeting for all **Little Angels**' volunteers on Fri **13 May** at **9am**. **Please note the change of time**. This is for existing volunteers & those who might be interested in volunteering.

The church collection for **Christian Aid Week** will take place on Sun **15 May**. There's also a Walking Challenge - 20,000 Steps over the 7 days of Christian Aid week (equivalent to 2 km a day). For more details, contact John Harbidge or Rev'd Emma.

The next amazing **St Mary's Music Nights** are on Fri 27 and Sat 28 May - for the red hot tickets (at the bargain price of £5) call the hotline on 784 206

Pentecost (**5 June**) is the birthday of the church, and will also mark the 're-birth' of the choir at St Mary's! If you're a member of the choir, or might like to be, from Sun **5 June** the choir will meet together in church each Sunday morning at **9:15am** to practise the hymns etc for the day. For more details, speak to Daniel or Rev'd Emma

Carol Cogman writes: **Le Café Français is back!** Don't miss visiting us for coffee and homemade patisserie in Festival week. We will be in the Warren Room on Thursday 9th May, 10.00am till midday. You will be warmly welcomed by 'le patron'!

Carol Cogman writes: **How well do you know Langmeads?** (the large field next to the Church) Why not spend a few minutes, or longer, relaxing & soaking up the natural environment during Festival week. Free **Guide and Map** available from the Box Offices (and at the back of the Church).

There will be a service of **Confirmation** at St Peter & St Paul's, Rustington on Sun **17 July**. If you have not been confirmed & would like to know more, please contact Rev Emma.

**Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially:** Adrian; Mo; Alison; David; Chris; Ron Stait; Gordon; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Vicky Martin; baby Luke Wells; Ness; Joan; Joan Smith; June Robbins.

**We remember those who've died recently:** Eric Parkin; Jill Morrison;

**and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** Sister Freda of the Cross; Walter Etherington; Winifred Mary Egan; Constance Drury; Charles Norris; Margaret Gale; Guy Murphy; Frederick Samuel Bluck; Clifford George Wakefield (Digger); Ivy Richards.

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Fr Andrew is taking Study Leave until 12 August, and so will not be around - during this time Rev Emma will be in charge of all parish matters.

**Readings for next Sunday:** (15 May: Easter 5): Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**A reading from the book of Acts:**

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.\* She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

<sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'

<sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**A reading from the book of Revelation:**

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup>I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**A reading from the gospel according to St John:**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,\* tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.\* <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.'

**Post Communion:**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.