

PewNews

Sunday 17th May 2026
Sunday after Ascension Day



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hove

From the Vicar – This week sees the annual Parochial Church Meeting – my second at All Saints. We will have a chance to reflect on all that has happened at All Saints over the past 12 months. (The answer is a lot!) Much of it is wonderful, some of it is challenging, and very little of it is dull... Part of the challenge is continuing to develop the wonderful things at a time when resources – people and money – are stretched. It's one of the joys of growing as a church, that we need to change how we do things and adapt. We are also challenged by the buildings that we inhabit. Not just the church – Grade 1 listed, and on the 'at risk' register, but also the hall, the Parish room, office, kitchen and flat.

This week in addition to PewNews you will have received a paper from Tony, our treasurer. This puts in terms those of us who are not accountants can understand the current financial health of All Saints. I hope that this week will give all of us a sense of life at All Saints, in all its diversity and complexity. There is much here to celebrate. There are also nettles to grasp and problems to grapple, but these nettles and problems are there because we are trying to be a place where all are welcome, where life is evident, and busy and very rarely dull! *Fr Catriona.*

New to All Saints? Welcome if this is your first visit to All Saints. To find out more about us please speak to one of the clergy or one of the welcome team (wearing badges). Do stay for tea or coffee after the service. We look forward to meeting you.

Donating - No cash? Tap to donate! You can donate by debit or credit card. Choose from the three donation amounts and tap your card on the reader located at the welcome desk, or else you can scan the QR code on the back of this PewNews.

Gift Aid Add value to your donation - If you're a UK taxpayer and don't have a planned giving envelope, please place your donation in a white envelope (available from the welcomers). Remember to fill in your details completely or we cannot claim Gift Aid (a further 25%) on your donation.

Regular Giving Our preferred method of regular giving is via the following link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hove-all-saints-hove/>.

Services this week:

Tues-Thurs 9.00 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 12.30pm - Said Mass

Wednesday - 9.30am - Said Mass

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Parish Notices

Annual Meeting This year's annual meeting will be on **Sunday 17th May** after the 10.00 am Mass. This is a chance for all of us to hear about different parts of life at All Saints, and to ask questions about the year ahead. Accounts will be presented, and officers of the Church will be elected.

We will have a few copies of the annual report available on the day, but will limit this number to save on printing.

Christian Aid Week This week sees the culmination of Christian Aid week. There are envelopes at the back of Church, for those who would like to contribute to this annual fundraising week, which supports vital projects across the world. More details about the work that Christian Aid does can be found on their website [Christian Aid - UK charity fighting global poverty - Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/)

Baptism & Confirmation at Pentecost, 24th May

We are thrilled that +Will is joining us on Sunday 24th May at 10.00 am. Please come along to celebrate with the candidates. If you are someone who bakes and you feel inspired to bake, then please would you let Stephanie know what you could bring, so we don't end up with 50,000 lemon drizzle cakes. *Fr Catriona.*

Compline is back. If you are new to faith this service and the content beforehand is designed for you. We meet at 7.00 pm for hot chocolate/other hot drink. Over the next couple of months, we will be thinking about 'The Lord's Prayer' – a foundational prayer in the Christian faith. We finish with compline at 8.00 pm. The remaining dates are: 28th May; 11th and 25th June; 9th July.

Lunchtime Concerts Our 2026 lunchtime concert series starts on Thursday 4th June and runs through every Thursday 1 - 2pm until 27th August, with a refreshing mix of classical and jazz concerts. The list of performers can be found on our website [Lunchtime Concerts | All Saints Hove](#)

The first concert will be on the 4th June and will be given by our new director of music, Nelson Wong, who will perform music for flute and for organ.

There is a suggested £5 donation to attend the concerts, and One Bread Cafe will be open so you can enjoy a coffee or lunch before or after the concert.

All Saints' Font update As many of you will know, the font in the Church has been out of action for several years, because we are unable to confirm the safety of the mechanism which allows the heavy lid to be lifted and raised. I am delighted to say that we have finally received faculty permission to remove the font lid, which will be placed on display in the corner behind the font. A new, less elaborate and much lighter lid will be carved, and we will once more be able to use the font. We now know that the font will not be ready for the Feast of Pentecost. Whilst this is disappointing, we are pleased to have another reason for a celebration at All Saints. We will have a clearer idea of the finishing date in the next few weeks, and will keep you posted.

Have your say in the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester - click [here](#) for our online consultation form. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. Please do share widely in your churches. We welcome responses from individuals of all ages, parishes and schools.

Flowers beautifully displayed in the Spirit Chapel have been kindly donated by Janet and Bill in loving memory of Betty and Howard Vickery.

Prayer Request Forms Prayer request forms are available for those who would like prayer for themselves, or someone they know. These ensure we have the explicit consent of those we name in PewNews and help us check people's progress. Please ask the wardens for a card and return it to a warden, priest, or the office. *Fr Catriona*

For our Prayers Those who are sick: Fleur Boxell; Sue Bonner; Tara Robins; Linda; Trish Abela; Kevin Hill; Judy Greenfield; Linda Clarke and Margaret Forbes; John Hatworth, Sue TB, Jane Stone; Liz Ruane; Christopher; Robert Pendlebury; and for church members receiving home Communion. For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; Arthur Evans, (*Pr*); Michael Overington.



Today's Mass – Sunday after Ascension Day



OPENING HYMN – Christ is the King! 165

MASS SETTING – *Festive Eucharist* Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

THE COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1. 6-14

GRADUAL HYMN – The head that once was crowned with thorns, 172

GOSPEL SENTENCE – ‘I will not leave you orphaned: I am coming to you.’

John 14. 18

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel of St John

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

John 17. 1-11

OFFERTORY HYMN – Rejoice, the Lord is King, 563



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ANTHEM - ‘*O God the King of glory*’ H. Purcell (1659-95)

COMMUNION HYMN – *The Lord ascendeth up on high, 173*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Eternal God,
giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN – All hail the power of Jesu’s name, 163 OMIT * VERSES

