

# Storrington Parish Church

St. Mary's,  
Church Street



*Faith, Hope and Love  
in the heart of Storrington*

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Registered Charity No. 1164989

## NEWS SHEET

**5 May 2024 Sixth of Easter  
Rogation Sunday**

**8.00am Holy Communion BCP**  
*the Revd Ian Edgar*

**10.00am Family Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Revd Jacquie Peal*  
Acts 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17

**6.00pm Evensong** *Michael Taylor*  
Ps 46; Song of Solomon 4: 16-5: 2;  
Revelation 3: 14-end  
*Readers: Andrew Hammock / Lueen Francis*

**Rectory Office open this week on:**  
**Tues & Thurs – 10am - 1pm**  
**Tel: 01903 742888**

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**Monday, 6 May** *Bank Holiday*  
*No Storrington Slimmers*

**Tuesday, 7 May**

9.30am Family Support Work drop-  
in centre at Village Hall  
(ends 11.15am)

10.00 am Inter-Church prayers at RC  
Church (side chapel) – see Notices

2.00 pm SPACE in Old School –  
see Notices

2.00pm Bellringing practice  
(ends approx. 6pm)

**Wednesday, 8 May**

*Julian of Norwich, c.1417*

10.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Cafe in the Church –  
see Notices

**Thursday, 9 May ASCENSION DAY**

7.00pm Ascension Day Eucharist  
*the Revds John & Jacquie Peal*

**Friday, 10 May**

6.40pm Choir Practice in Church  
7.45pm Bellringing practice

**Saturday, 11 May**

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**Monday, 13 May**  
**Chichester Cathedral at 11.30am**  
Celebration Eucharist for the  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of  
Women to the Priesthood  
*All are welcome to attend*

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

The Church is open every day for  
private prayer.

Regular Sunday Services in  
Church are at 8am and 10am.

The 10am Service is streamed live  
from the Church on Zoom -

(Contact Val Rice on

valrice77@gmail.com for details)

**Evensong is on the first and second  
Sundays of the month ...**

**6pm April to October  
4pm November to March**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

For those who are in need in body, mind or  
spirit:

**Rachel Martin; Paul Muller; Sue  
Taylor; Georgina Toovey; Mavis  
Watts; Mary Taylor; Andy Johnson;  
Kate; Monica Walter; Dai and Ann  
Somerville-Jones; Jeremy Keun;  
Jeremy Carter; Allan and Annette  
Smith; Maddy Parkin; Jonathan  
Aburrow.**

For all those who have died recently ...

**John Bell.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
light perpetual shine upon them.

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## Cafe in the Church in May

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

**8 May**

**10am Holy Communion  
10.30am Café in the Church**

**22 and 29 May**

**2pm Holy Communion  
2.30pm Café in the Church**

**COFFEE AND BISCUITS ... BRING & BUY**

**All welcome to either or both - please  
come and join us for a friendly cuppa  
with the clergy.**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month  
2pm - 4pm at the Old School**

**Come and join our SPACE**

Everyone very welcome (men and women,  
any age or ability). For more information  
contact Barbara on 741236.

**NEXT MEETING ON TUES, 7 MAY**

### PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact  
is the Churchwarden – Christine Tuson  
(01903 905932). Please contact Christine if  
you would like to arrange for someone on  
the team to either speak to you or visit you.

## VESTRY MEETING and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

were held in Church on

**Sunday, 28 April 2024 at 11.45am**

Christine Tuson and Michael Taylor were  
elected as Churchwardens.

**Deanery Synod** representatives are  
automatically PCC members and they  
are Gwen Fisher, Sonia Fox, Christine  
Tuson, Hilary Fritche, Jackie Lee.

**The following are elected members of  
the Parochial Church Council:**

Stephen Bloxham (Safeguarding Officer);  
Barbara Buchanan; Susanne Carter;  
Dennis Cowdrey; Simon Emerson;  
Martyn Freeman; Rosemary Humphreys  
(Electoral Roll Officer); Alison Miles; Jane  
Porter; David Rice (Hon Treasurer); John  
Taylor. The Revd John Peal was co-  
opted to PCC until a Rector is appointed  
Licensed clergy are members *ex officio*.

Marj Mitchell (Hon PCC Minutes Secretary);

## PLANT SALE

in Storrington Rectory Garden  
in aid of funds for our Church

**Sunday, 19 May**

**2.30pm – 4.30pm**

*If you are a gardener please grow on  
some seeds or plants that can be sold*

*Please donate any gardening tools,  
books or sundries*

*Volunteers needed to bake cakes  
and help with stalls*

*If you can help please contact*

*Viv Stuart at the Rectory Office*

*(vivienstuart44@googlemail.com)  
or Christine Tuson (ctuson@lineone.net)*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**12 – 18 May 2024**

We are not having an official Christian Aid  
Week collection this year but if you would  
like to make a donation please pick up a  
donation envelope from the back of Church  
or go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk).

### THOUGHT for the WEEK

*from Revd Jacquie Peal*

A copy is with this Notice Sheet, it is on the  
Church Noticeboard and Church website.

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**12 May 2024**  
**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

**8.00am Holy Communion BCP**  
*the Revd David Porter*

**10.00am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Revd David Porter*  
Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5: 9-13;  
John 17: 6-19

**6.00pm Evensong**  
*Archdeacon Luke*  
Ps 47: 1-12; Isaiah 61; Luke 4: 14-21  
*Readers: TBC*

**Sunday, 5 May 2024**  
**Sixth of Easter**  
**Rogation Sunday**

**Opening Hymn** AM 537  
 For the beauty of the earth

**THE COLLECT**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Richard Martin  
**Acts 10: 44-end**

**Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**Gradual Hymn** AM 534  
 As water to the thirsty

**GOSPEL** the Revd Jacquie Peal  
**John 15: 9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
 Rosemary Humphreys

**Offertory Hymn** AM 544  
 Love is his word, love is his way

**Music during Communion**  
 Look at the world ... Rutter

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

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. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn** AM 546  
 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

**NOTICES**

**Banns of Marriage:**  
 Harry Madgwick and Lily Frost

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**NEWCOMERS TO THIS CHURCH**

If this is the first time you are visiting our Church please fill in your name and address on one of the pink cards (they are near the entrance door of the Church) and give it to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. We try to get to know new people as quickly as possible and make them feel at home among friends.

**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON**  
**INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS**  
**First Tuesday of each month at 10am**  
**– 10.30am at Our Lady of England RC Church.** Next meeting on **Tuesday, 7 May 2024**, but please check with Revd Charles Hadley (740787). These meetings last for 30 minutes and Christians from many different churches in and around Storrington get together to pray for Storrington and the world. It is quite informal and everyone is most welcome.

**Sacred Space**  
**Saturday, 11 May 2024**  
 at Micklegate, Nuthurst, Nr. Horsham  
 A day led by the Rev'd Steve Gurr to explore what we understand by 'sacred space', how it benefits our own spiritual journey and how it may benefit those we journey alongside. £80. Please email Steve at [ss.gurr@gmail.com](mailto:ss.gurr@gmail.com) for more details.

**QUIET DAY**  
 at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN  
**Thursday, 16 May 10am-4pm**  
 led by The Chemin Neuf Community  
 Speaker: The Rev Canon Paul Seaman,  
 Rector of Pulborough and  
 Rural Dean of Storrington Deanery  
 A day with a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch.  
 Enquiries or Registration :  
[storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

**Concheeta is moving to Horsham**  
 She would still like to come to St Mary's on Sundays but she can only get a bus as far as Washington. If anyone can offer Concheeta a lift from Washington to Storrington in time for the 10am Service please contact Viv Stuart (07814 248579). Thank you very much.

**Family Support Work**  
 THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN SINCE 1850  
**FSW**  
 are based in  
 Storrington Village Hall  
**Tuesday mornings (9.30 – 11.15am)**  
**(10am - 12 noon in school holidays)**  
 as a drop-in centre for young families and older members of the community too.  
 Everyone is welcome.

**We have lost our food and goods supply for our mums in Storrington at the moment and so we will be grateful for any donations of ...**

**KETCHUP; JAM; CEREAL;  
 SQUASH; TINNED FRUIT;  
 CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING;  
 LONG GRAIN RICE;  
 TINNED TOMATOES;  
 TINNED VEGETABLES;  
 TINNED POTATOES**

**NOT CURRENTLY NEEDED:  
 BISCUITS; TEA; PASTA & NAPPIES**

Please take any food donations to the Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings (10am – 1pm), or deliver to the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings. Do not leave them in the Church.

*Thank you so much for all the recent contributions. They are really appreciated.*

**Saturday, 22 June**  
**St Alban Pilgrimage**

A grand day out to St Albans by executive coach from Storrington.

This special festival commemorates the first Christian martyr on British soil, the Roman soldier, Alban, who was killed for harbouring and offering hospitality to a Christian priest, Amphilbalus.

The story is acted out using giant puppets in procession through the streets of St Albans. There will be a Festal Eucharist at 12 Noon with Pilgrimage Preacher: The Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The day concludes with Festal Evensong at 4pm with a grand procession with red roses to the Shrine of St Alban in the cathedral.

Coach trip return is £25 per person. Departing Rectory Road, Storrington, at 08.30am and returning at 7.00pm. **Please fill the form in at the back of church by 12 May if you are interested in going.**  
 Stephen Bloxham

*The Churches of Storrington invite you to*  
**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB**  
**Sunday, 12 May at 1pm**  
**at the Old School, Storrington**  
 Tickets £4 available from  
 Louisa Austin in Church Street

**ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH DISTRICT**  
 Storrington Library  
 Car Park  
 Bank Holiday Mondays,  
**6 May & 27 May**  
**8 am – 12 noon**

