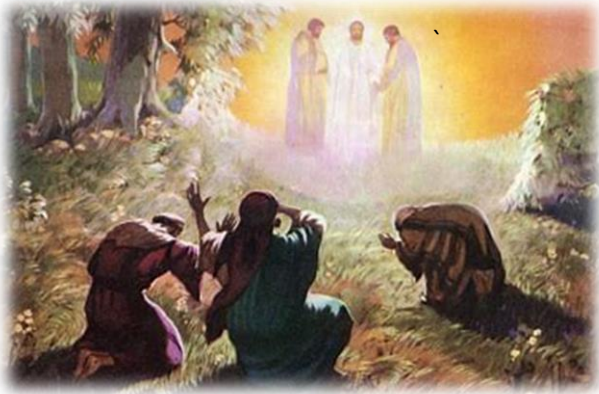


The Parish Church of



Sunday 11th February 2024
Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 11th February	<i>8.30am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev James Spanner, Preacher: Gill Renny</i>
Sunday next before Lent	<i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President: Rev James Spanner, Preacher: Gill Renny</i> <i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9</i>
Collect	Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Post Communion	Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Tuesday 13th February	<i>6.00 – 8.00 pm Mardi Gras Social Event (bring your tickets with you!)</i>
Wednesday 14th February	<i>8.30 – 10.00 am Pantry</i> <i>10.00 am Coffee Break (Church Hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes President & Preacher Rev Laura Darrall</i> <i>2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Psalm 51:1-18, John 8:1-11</i> <i>6 pm Holy Communion with hymns & imposition of ashes President: Rev Natalie Loveless, Preacher: Rev Laura Darrall</i>
Thursday 15th February	<i>10.30 – 12.00 noon Holiday Gathering (Church)</i>
Friday 16th February	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 17th February	<i>10.00 – 12.00 noon Quiet Morning (Church)</i>

<p>Sunday 18th February</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>8.30am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President: Rev Laura Darrall, Preacher: Rev Natalie Loveless</p> <p>10.00 am Sung Eucharist President: Rev Laura Darrall, Preacher: Rev Natalie Loveless</p> <p>Readings: 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15</p> <p>3.00 pm Memorial Service (followed by tea and cake)</p>
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Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Morning Prayer – 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: Penny Godwin, Steve, Sarah England, Martyn Ross, Jenny Silver, Abigail Brass, Graham Lawrence, Gillian, John Harris, Christine, David Turner, Pat Brooks. Margaret Powell.

Years Mind: Roland Hogben (1998), Edwin Healey (2023), Pat Venus (2006), Anthony Hopkins (2023), David Argles (2007), Betty Breward (2020), Canon Tony Chanter (2021)

RIP: Oliver Lane, Betty Lawrence. Irene Marlow.



Sale! This morning there will be a jigsaw puzzle sale (in the hall during coffee) - all proceeds to the general running of the church. Prices are - £1 for children's puzzles, £2 for a 500 puzzle and £3 for a 1000 puzzle

Alteration of Service times: On Ash Wednesday (14th February) services will be at 11.00 am and the **earlier time of 6.00 pm.**

The **Memorial Service** on 18th February will now be in the afternoon at **3.00 pm.**

And further on in the year, the Barn Dance will now be on the **12th October**, so please change the date in your Church calendar.

Mardi Gras Social Event – Tuesday 13th February; 6.00 – 8.00 pm. This is an evening of celebration. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Colours are gold, green and purple – so if you want to, please come dressed in those colours! There will be a prize for the best dressed/costume! Tickets include a special draw, so **PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKETS** with you! There will also be a raffle. To close the night, we will be turning from the jollity of Mardi Gras, and looking at the solemnity of Lent, stripping away the green and gold, leaving the purple colours of Lent.

The Social and Fundraising Group

Quiet Morning – Saturday 17th February; 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Following the journeys we took through Advent and Epiphany, we will be thinking about our own faith journey; who has helped or inspired you on your way? As well as time for personal reflection and time to just be with God, there will be some craft stations on offer as well as hand massages from Sarah. It is beneficial to come for the whole time, but if that's not possible, please do feel free to come for a little while. It might be useful to bring a notebook/paper and a pen for this session, and if you would like to listen to your own music, please bring headphones. For more information, please speak with Brenda or Sarah.

Brenda Meakins and Sarah Collins

Lent Course – Exploring the music of the world's major faiths; starting on **Wednesday 21st February**, for five weeks: 28th February, 6th, 13th and 20th March. Times are 2.00 – 3.30 pm, in Church. All are welcome.

Churches Together in Rustington Lent Course

"The Grace of God"

The sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 am - 11.30 am with refreshments served at the end.

24th February - St Mary's, East Preston - Speaker Rosemary Clarke

2nd March - St Andrew's, URC - Speaker Desmond Bellew

9th March - Methodist Church - Speaker TBC (St Josephs)

16th March - St Peter & St Paul - Speaker Andrew Perry

23rd March - St Joseph's - Speaker Natalie Loveless & Laura Darrall

The APCM may be a few months away still, (14th May), but those of you who write reports for this, please let me have them any time from now! It is 2023 on which you're asked to report, so while that year is still fresh in your mind and before 2024 gets fully underway, get your report written and submitted. Thank you to those of you who have already got your reports in to me and to the rest of you... thank you in advance!

Sarah Collins – PCC Secretary

Easy Fundraising

If you haven't already signed up to Easy Fundraising, please do. And get your families and friends to as well! If you're struggling please speak to one of the church wardens.

Hall car park – during work in the car park, please ensure that spaces are available for those with mobility difficulties and be **extra vigilant when entering/exiting the Car Park**. Thank you very much.

Christopher Simmance 07770 225325

Pantry: The hall was booked, so this week we opened up the church to our Pantry users. Many of them came along and enjoyed coffee and cake and spending time with Rev Natalie. If you are able to help us restock our cupboard, we are short of tinned tomatoes, spaghetti, sweet corn, tinned fruit and squash. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Pantry Team

The Book of Remembrance is going to the calligrapher from 30th January until the 23rd February, so it will be won't be in church during this time.

The Church Hall planter - with many thanks to our friends and Waffle who sponsored our Planter throughout 2023. Please let me know if you or your Group would like to sponsor during 2024 as we need to replenish our now depleted reserves to keep the Planter filled with seasonal flowers. If you would like to sponsor for a special event I do need advance notification of the date so that I can plan the planting and colour co-ordinate it if necessary. Thank you so much.

Julie Churcher

Footsteps Walk – new date is Saturday 24th February 2024

Please meet at the no 9 bus stop at Roundstone/Haskins

(The bus leaves Rustington shops at 9.55 am and arrives ta 10.17 am.

The walk starts at 10.30 am and is four- five miles with no stiles but a steepish climb up Highdown Hill. More details email Carol on paulcornfoot114@btinternet.com

New Testament in a Nutshell. You are invited to a "Walk through the New Testament", at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bognor Regis, PO22 9QE. Saturday 24th February (2.00 – 5.00 pm) and Saturday 2nd March (2.00 - 4.30 pm). Please see poster in the church for more details.

Half Marathon - on the 7th April I will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon to raise money for Tommys - the charity completing vital research into miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth. **On Sunday 25th February** there will be a selection of sweet and savoury bakes available for a donation. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Charlotte Webb

FSW: Please join us on Saturday 9th March at 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at St Margaret's Church for an evening of a fantastic array of entertainment to help raise vital funds for Family Support Work. FSW supports children and families through difficult times in their lives including low income and poverty; mental or physical ill health; disability; learning difficulties; school non-attendance and exclusion; bereavement; family break-up and domestic abuse. Tickets cost £5 each which includes entry, refreshments and nibbles, tickets can be purchased in advance via this link <https://stmargaretsangmering.churchsuite.com/events/lxbfqzjg> Please contact leanne@angmering.org.uk for more information or to book tickets.

Supporting our church! Thank you so much for your donations! When giving cash please do use a gift aid envelope (available at the back of church) if you pay tax; or consider regular giving which will help us to budget for the future. To join the Parish Giving Scheme or to change your giving ring 0333 002 1271 or go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> Here you can activate an online account or contact the office for a form. Our Parish code is 101010024.

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

There is also an opportunity to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament; if you would like to sponsor this, in memory of someone, please contact the Church office.

Material for the notice sheet for **Sunday 18th February 2024** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 14th February 2024**.

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