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Collect	<p>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.</p>
Post Communion	<p>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.</p>

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

Monday 18th May	<i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 19th May	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>1.15 – 2.15 pm Miss you group (church)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 20th May	<i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Acts 20:28-end, Psalm 68:27-28, 32-end; John 17:11-19</i> <i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry with pantry social (church hall)</i> <i>7.00 pm Men's fellowship (church hall)</i>
Friday 22nd May	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 23rd May	<i>1.30pm – Marriage of Samantha & Dean</i>
Sunday 24th May Pentecost	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>with commissioning of the new PCC</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Readings: Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39 or John 20:19-23</i> <i>6.00 pm Informal evening service</i> <i>President: Natalie Bawcutt. Preacher: Mike Lewis</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: Margaret Sutcliffe.

Years Mind: Tony Bond (2012), Alan Brownlow (2022), Elaine Leslie (2003), Julie Webb (2024), Peggy Hogben (2012)

The **Book of Remembrance** is currently with the calligrapher and will be back in church soon.

Men's Fellowship, Wednesday 20th May, 7.00 – 9.30 pm.

Grace and Charlie will give a short update on the pantry and the way forward for this very important Community Outreach. We will then have Rob Peacock for a 'fireside singalong'. We look forward to meeting everyone for an interesting evening. £3 entrance and £2 for an optional Raffle. All are Welcome - info@spsp-mens-fellowship.club

Bill Dodd 07786 914795

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

Pantry: A busy early church pantry session this week. Our local PCSO came and chatted to people, he is going to give a talk later in the year about scams and how to prevent them. We also had representatives from Read Easy, a charity that can help adults to learn to read or improve their reading skills. Sam from Age UK was also with us, so it was a lively, worthwhile session, all with coffee and croissants. Next week is the Pantry Social with Citizens Advice available to meet anyone from our community. If you are able to help us restock our cupboards for next week, we are short of tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn, biscuits and microwave rice. Thank you for your wonderful support each week.

The Pantry Team

Pantomime - we will be holding auditions on Sunday 14th June at 12.00 noon in church. The parts we'll be looking for are as follows: Narrator, Joe, Mary, Angel, Choir of Angels, Rover (donkey), Window Swanky, Ruth, Wicked King Herod, Three Shepherds, Salami, Three Wise Guys. We will be having a further meeting at the beginning of July for those who would like to help behind the scenes. 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!

Eco Team

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

Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

There will be a presentation by Natalie on the 31st 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

Church flowers – the allotment is now able to provide our flower arrangers with new season flowering Dogwood, Alliums, Cornice, Artichoke Leaves, mixed herbs including Rosemary, Wallflowers, and Peonies. I will get in touch with the arrangers during the week of their Rota to confirm supply and quantity.

Julie

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 24th May 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 20th 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!



Sea Treasures Gathering

Discovering and protecting
the treasures of our sea

Thursday 28th May
10:30am - 12 noon
In Church

ALL WELCOME ★ ALL FREE

-  Crafts for children
-  Jigsaws & board games
-  Soft play for babies
and toddlers
-  Knit and natter
-  Homemade cakes, snacks
-  Hot and cold refreshments

Vicar: Reverend Natalie Bawcutt (Day of rest - Friday)

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Weds, Thurs, Fri 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

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