

The First Holy Communion (FHC) course for Saturday mornings in September is FULL. No more applications can be accepted. However, as there is demand we are running a course on Tuesday afternoons. Please send expressions of interest to Father Alexander via email, as there are still a couple of places left on the Tuesday course.

Forthcoming Events

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| Wednesday 19 July, 6pm: Oriental Orthodox Divine Liturgy. |
| Monday 24 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel, followed by supper in the Hall. |
| Tuesday 25 July, 10am: Requiem for David Mathews RIP |
| Wednesday 26 July, 7.30pm: Prayer group in Church. |
| Tuesday 1 August, 11am: Funeral Mass of Thomas Bonner RIP |
| Sunday 13 August, all morning: Summer Reading Book Exchange. |
| Monday 14 August 7pm: Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Our Lady. |
| Tuesday 15 August: Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady. |
| Sunday 27 August, all morning: Children's Toys and Equipment Freecycle. |
| Tuesday 5th September, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Saturday 9th September, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tuesday 12th September, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC |
| 16th September, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tuesday 19th September, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |

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| Saturday 23rd September, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Sunday 24 September, after Mass: Thank you drinks with Vincent. |
| Tue 26th September, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 30th September, 9.15-10.45am: FHC |
| Tuesday 3rd October, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Saturday 7th October, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tuesday 10th October, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 14th October, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tue 17th October, no FHC meeting |
| Saturday 21st October, Half term, no FHC meeting |
| Tuesday 24th October, Half term, no FHC meeting |
| Saturday 28th October, Half term, no FHC meeting |
| Tue 31st October, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 4th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tuesday 7th November, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 11th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC |
| Tue 14th November, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 18th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tue 21st November, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 25th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Tu 28th November, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC. |
| Sat 2nd December, 9.15-10.45am: FHC. |
| Sun 3rd December, Advent Sunday, FHC. |

Offertory collection

- Sunday 9 July = £1,641.36
- Second Collection for Stella Maris £199.19

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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are starting the prophet Ezekiel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 102. The first reading is from the prophecy of Isaiah, and consists of one important sentence, in which God tells us that His word never fails, but always produces fruit, just as the rain always causes plants to grow. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, we have the parable of the sower. (We will have the sort version). This seems to contradict the first reading, as we see that the seed, once sown, does not always produce a crop: some of it is eaten by birds, others shoot up but have no roots, and others get choked. So, we

need to keep two things in mind. The Word of God is always powerful, but its effectiveness will depend on our response to it.

Last Sunday the following children made their First Holy Communion: Alfie Sturt, Abraham Lewis. Ezra Barrett, Nina Wood, Arlen Battacharjee, Clara Lee, Bethany Allen Hart, Max and Patrick Coate, Amelia Sassi and Elena Zadeh. Let us continue to pray for them and their families. Details have been sent to parents about the next Holy Communion course.

This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass. However, there will be no Children's liturgy in August; it will resume in September.

Last Sunday, in addition to the sum of £300, which we have already sent to Cafod, Mary and Mary made the sum of £228.89; they will be selling cakes in aid of Sudan outside the Church all morning this Sunday too!

We are very pleased to announce that our new Parish treasurer is Carmel Johnstone, whom many of you know. She has over the last few months been trained up by our outgoing Treasurer, Vincent Joyce, who can now start to look forward to a long and happy retirement from this onerous task. Vincent, as we all know, has been an outstanding servant of the parish and we are very grateful for his many years of hard work, dealing with the accounts, the money going in, the money going out, the bills, the invoices, and numerous other things as well. Many, many thanks to him, and to Carmel as well as she steps into his shoes. To thank

Vincent and to celebrate his time as Treasurer we will have drinks in the Hall after a special Mass on 24 September, Please put that date in your diaries now.

Mass intentions

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| Saturday 15 July, 6pm: The Holy Souls |
| Sunday 16 July, 8.30am: Michael Wilkinson RIP |
| Sunday 16 July, 10am: For all parishioners and for Vocations |
| Sunday 16 July, 11.30am: Fr Trevor Welland RIP |
| Monday 17 July: Mass at Cottesmore |
| Tuesday 18 July, 10am: Amy Lock RIP |
| Wednesday 19 July, 10am: Wally Lock RIP |
| Thursday 20 July, No Mass. |
| Friday 21 July: Mass at Cottesmore |
| Saturday 22 July, 6pm: Eileen Daly-lacono RIP (anniv) |
| Sunday 23 July, 8.30am: Michael Wilkinson RIP |
| Sunday 23 July, 10am: For all parishioners |
| Sunday 23 July, 11.30am: |

Please note that on Monday and Friday this week we are having Mass at Cottesmore, which means that there is no 10am Mass here.

Liturgical notes

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord. We shall be singing some of the hymns to the Precious Blood, though which, let us remember, we are redeemed. We are in Ordinary Time, which continues until Advent. On days on which there is no

feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood. August is dedicated to the Immaculate heart of Mary, and on days when there is no feast we shall be celebrating a Votive Mass of Our Lady. Confessions are heard after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

This newsletter will cease publication over the summer, and will resume in September. For news and updates in the meantime please check our social media. Mass intentions and times will also be posted.

If you were here last Sunday, we had a bit of a drama with no less than two of the Hall loos being out of action. They were blocked with wet wipes, which should not be put down our loos. The Hall has certainly sustained its more than fair share of damage since its restoration. We all need to keep an eye out for anti-social behaviour of all types and look after our Hall, and treat it as a common responsibility. Please keep the glass doors locked (except on a Sunday) to prevent casual passers-by entering and use the wooden doors direct onto the Hall from the street. In addition, parents are earnestly requested to accompany their children to the lavatory and to ensure that they leave things as they found them. The parish is very grateful to the heroic parishioner who sorted out the truly dreadful mess and unblocked the loos; he saved us a huge amount of money, among other things.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Sylvia Davenport, who died at the aged of 82 in the Royal Sussex

County Hospital on Monday 10 July. Mrs Davenport was married in this church, but more recently lived in Newhaven. Fr Alexander will be presiding at her funeral. The date will be announced in due course.

On Wednesday 19 July, Father Aphram will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy in our Church at 6pm.

On Monday 24 July we are celebrating the feast of Saint Charbel, hermit, and miracle worker. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to deepen our love for the spirituality of the Maronites of Lebanon and the eastern Churches in general. Father Tristan is returning by popular demand and will celebrate Mass in Arabic, and afterwards there will be a party in the Hall with superb Syrian cooking. Put the date in your diaries! (There will be no 10am Mass that day.)

Members of the Lusophone community are going to start a prayer group in Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th July. Do feel free to join them, even if you do not speak Portuguese.

Summer Reading: We are having another Book Exchange of pre-loved books on Sunday 13 August, all morning in the Hall. As before, just come and leave your books of all types and pick up what you like the look of. No money changes hands. A great opportunity for a good clear out! Please note the date now. Books can be left on the Saturday night before.

The Assumption of Our Lady, an important feast and a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on Tuesday 15 August

this year. There will be two Masses; a Vigil Mass on Monday 14 August at 7pm, and the usual 10am Mass on the day itself. (There will be no Mass on Monday morning, as there is an evening Mass instead.) Both these Masses are special. On the Monday evening we shall be thanking Vincent for his many years of service to the parish, and on the Tuesday morning two youngsters are being baptised. There will be coffee in the Hall after Mass.

Other Masses in the Deanery for the Assumption are as follows:

9.30am at St John the Baptist
10am at Sacred Heart
7.00pm at St Joseph's

Children's Toy and Equipment

Freecycle: the back to school period may be the best time for another clear out, namely, of all the things children have grown out of, and other children might like. One is thinking of toys, bikes, and things like that. As with the Book Exchange, bring these things to the Hall on Sunday 27 August. The principle is the same as with the Book Exchange: no money changes hands.

In September we have two young ladies, aged twelve, who wish to start catechesis prior to baptism. Are there any other people of the same age of thereabouts who wish to be baptised or receive their First Holy Communion? If so, please speak up before September.

Congratulations to our May 200 Club Winners! £50 Rosaria D'Onofrio, £90 Andrew Crichton, £200 Margaret Jones. New members always welcome just collect a form from the back of the church.

Parish Notice Board

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am Mass. It is for children from year minus 1 to First Holy Communion age. Children and parents who wish to take part will be called up after the Gloria and Opening Prayer, and will then process into the Hall. They will return for the Offertory. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December.

Catering Services

Please contact Victoria for your catering needs, she will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs. Please contact me Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel 07788673097

Financial Adviser - Nick Lee

He would be delighted to help anyone with their Mortgage, Pension and Investment needs. You can contact him on 07500 660492 nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

Social Dancing takes place on Thursdays in the Hall, starting at 8pm. Do come and join in the fun! Suitable for all ages, 19-99. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays.

Music Tuition

Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

Counselling Service. Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.



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List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

| Day | Event | Contact |
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| Monday 9.15 - 10.15 | Yoga | lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com |
| Monday 10.15 - 11.30 | Tai Chi | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 17.00-19.00 | Brownies | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00 | Guides | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Tuesday 14.30 | UCM | Winter meetings time January - 11 April |
| Wednesday 9.45–11.45 | Baby Ballet | brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk |
| Wednesday 14.15-19.00 | Alta Academy of Dance | info@altadance.co.uk |
| Wednesday 19.00-21.00 | Union of Catholic Mothers | wendywallis@ntlworld.com |
| Wednesday 09.30-12.00 | Music with Mike | mike@musicwithmike.co.uk |
| Thursday 15.30.-16.30 | West Hove Dance Academy | Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com |
| Thursday 09.30 - 12.00 | Music with Mike | mike@musicwithmike.co.uk |
| Thursday 15.30.-16.30 | West Hove Dance Academy | Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com |
| Thursday 16.45 -18.00 | Rainbows | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Thursday 18.00 – 19.45 | Brownies | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Thursday 20.00 – 22.00 | Social Dancing | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |
| Friday 9.30- 10.30 P | Pilates | nicolajhowarth@gmail.com |
| Fridays 10.30.13.30 | ESOL (English language lessons) | KWadham@wea.ac.uk |
| Friday 13.30- 15.30 | Apostles Lunch Club | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |