

Please pray for those who are sick.

John Lloyd, & Christine Hawkswell.

Please tell us in the parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list. Thank you!

The Royal Sussex County Hospital

chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or celestine.nnolim@nhs.net
Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.



We have a permanent Book Exchange in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves.



You will see our Dona machine is finally back working in the church porch. Thank you for your patience. Donations can also be made online via our website or by using the QR code which is below and on the poster in the porch.



Gift Aid Envelopes If you currently regularly donate using an envelope, please collect your new set for this tax year from the porch bench—the envelope number may have changed again! Please only use the envelopes for the correct tax year especially if your numbers changed. Please remember if you pay any tax you really should sign up to Gift Aid. It's minimal effort and means the parish can claim 25% from the UK Government, so for every £4 you give we can claim £1! It doesn't cost you anything - nor is this information used for any other purpose.

Offertory collection Offertory Sunday
21st April - £1195.57

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Mass intentions

Sat 27 Apr, 6.00pm: Pdraig Grealish RIP
Sun 28 Apr, 8.30am Leonidas Christides RIP.
Sun 28 Apr, 10.00am Verley North
Sun 28 Apr, 11.30am Sheila Hermann RIP
Mon 29 Apr, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Tue 30 Apr, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Wed 1 May, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Thu 2 May, Church closed.
Fri 3 May, Church closed.
Sat 4 May, 6.00pm: For all parishioners
Sun 5 May, 8.30am Maureen O'Neill RIP.
Sun 5 May, 10.00am For all parishioners
Sun 5 May, 11.30am For all parishioners

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour.

Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by

our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/>

Message from Fr Rod: Our diocese begins a month of prayer for vocations from this Sunday until Pentecost. On Friday evenings at St Mary Magdelene from 5.30 to 6.30pm there is Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm. You would be most welcome to come along to this time of prayer.

We have heard the sad news of the death of **Nicholas Bodkin** who died on 2 April after a long illness. Nick was a GP in Hove and a member of St Peter's for many years, and we ask you to pray for his wife Joan and family at this sad time. The funeral has taken place at the Sacred Heart church.

First Communions – please note we are not running a programme at the moment. More information will be provided in September when our new priest will be with us. Please do share this news with anyone you think may be interested.

Confirmation -The next session takes place Monday 29 April 6-7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. If students have missed a session, please let the Catechists know so they can help them catch up. Please let Cassie know if you are unable to attend by email at pastoral.sacredhearthove@abdiocese.org.uk

Brazilian Mass is at 5pm every Sunday at St Peter's if you would like to attend please join them. The Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

Children's Liturgy will commence again next month. Thank you as always to our excellent team who lead this group.

Church sound system: Ed has now repaired all of the high frequency speakers that needed replacing so hopefully you will notice an improvement in the sound.

Message from a parishioner: We are a young married couple who recently moved to the area and attend Mass at St Peter's. We are interested in connecting with other young couples in the parish for local recommendations, socialising and friendship. If you would like to connect please email us ellenandelroy@gmail.com Thank you, Ellen & Elroy

Coffee after mass is working well at the 11.30am Mass thanks to our team of volunteers. If anyone would like to undertake this role after the 10am Mass, please don't hesitate to contact the office. It's a lovely social task that brings its own rewards. It does require a team of volunteers, so it doesn't become too onerous.

Special thanks to our florists, Mire and Mariola who quietly and tirelessly spend several hours flower arranging for us, your work is appreciated by the parish.

Toy Share – postponed as we do not have enough volunteers to organise it. If you think you can help or if anyone has any other suggestions for events in the hall please contact the office.

The Social Club is held on Fridays from 1.30pm in the hall. Last week's guest speaker at the Friday social club thanks members for their warm welcome and the generous donations made for her hand drawn sketches. The £55.50 raised will be given to The Martlets Hospice.

Scheduled events for the few next weeks

- 26 April Bingo
- 17 May Talk on Sign Language
- Tales from the Theatre Wardrobe date to be confirmed

Jenny & Greta will be here to welcome you all.

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.

Church hall - polite reminder. Would hall users users not block the fire alarm with chairs access is required at all times.

No chairs should be left in the link and please remember there is only one storage cupboard for hall tables, its now clearly labelled, the other cupboard is used by our regular hires who store equipment there and there is no room there for tables. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to join them. Pray with us. Join the monks for Prayer in St John the Baptist's Church:

- Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm
- LECTIO DIVINA every Wednesday, 8-9 pm Join online here or see our website MIDDAY STILLNESS Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection at SJB
- SATURDAY SANCTUARY 10:10 to 12:15 on Saturday 27 April A time to press the Pause Button! Why not take 2 hours out, to slow down and join the Monks for a time of connection, reflection and prayer! Starting in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.
- MONK TALKS- Join the monks for Evening Prayer at 6pm in the Church, followed by soup & bread supper at 6.30pm in the Fitzherbert Community Hub with a talk at 7pm.
- 7th May – “Planted in the house of the Lord” – Exploring Stability
- 11th Jun - ‘Growing in the Freedom of Obedience’

Money Counters

We have a wonderful group who count each week after Mass and we really need just a couple of more people to step forward, please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is:

SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

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.

Victoria Myall, *Victoriamyall@hotmail.com*
or Tel 07788673097

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



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

Seagull Delivery - they deliver

newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact

raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely

Reaching the Unreached

<https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and

Sussex Nightstop

www.sussexnightstop.org.uk

Information about these charities is available at the back of the church.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.



Children's Liturgy takes place at the

10am Mass. It is for children from Reception 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.** Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day	Event	Contact
Mon 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Mon 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Mon 16.40 - 17.00	Alta Dancing	info@altadance.co.uk
Mon 19.00 - 20.00	Paul Jukes Fitness	paul@pj-brands.co.uk
Tue 13.30	UCM Winter meetings. October - March	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Tue 17.00-19.00	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tue 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Wed 9.15–12.15	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wed 14.15-19.15	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wed 19.00-21.00	UCM Summer meetings. April - September	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Thu 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thu 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thu 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thu 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Fri 9.30- 10.30	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fri 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Fri 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com

