

Friends Cheese and Wine: Sat 22nd Aug 5pm.
Sign up at the back of Church.

Cursillo Group: Wed 26th Aug, 3pm, all welcome
to meeting at 22 Rossiter Rd.

Saturday Afternoon Pictures: Sat 22nd Aug
2.30pm "Choral" St Peters. £8 includes
refreshments. Book via Website.

Sponsored Walk: Sue Turner and friends are
walking to Coombes Church and back to St
James on Mon 31st Aug to raise funds for a
Defibrillator at St James. Please sponsor them
using the form at back of church. Sue 07866
867643

Turning Tides: Please see Wish List notice on
box in church for items needed. **Foodbank:**
Items to be left in the box in the porch.

****Please note we are having issues with
office@chalkspringchurches.org email address.
Please use chalkspringchurches@gmail.com in
the meantime, thank you.****

Friends of St James the Less invite you to the
21st Birthday Celebration of

Matthew English

Saturday 12th September



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Start time 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)
Tickets £10 (£8 for Friends of St James) Under 16s £5
Purchase online at chalkspringchurches.org use the QR code
above or contact Parish Office 01903 750286.
Limited tickets on the door
St James the Less Church, Manor Road, Lancing, BN15 0HB

Clergy Team: Curate: Fr Ben Scott CMP,SSC
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Hon Assistants: Canon Michael Hart, Fr Gerald Kirsch
& Fr David Pike

Parish Office: Administrator: Heather Crookes
Open Tue to Thurs 9.15 -1.15pm, Fri 9.15 -12.15pm.
St Peter's Church, Bowness Ave, Sompting.
01903 750286. chalkspringchurches@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officer: Pat Phillips
(Contact Fr Ben whilst Pat recuperates)

St James the Less

Parish of Lancing with Coombes



Assumption of BVM



Sunday 16th August 2026

10.30am Sung Parish Mass
5pm Choral Evensong @ St Mary's, Sompting
followed by drinks & Morris dancing.

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerald Kirsch

Welcome to Mass today.
Follow the service from this paper.

**Refreshments are served after the service -
everyone is welcome to stay.**

For your prayers...

The Sick: Bill Barton, Richard N, Stavros, Pam
Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Robin Reeve,
John Godden, Enid White, Ian Parsons, Pam
Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Elaine Groves.

Pray Also: Ian David, David Scott, Stella,
Jaxson, Adam Mitchell, Richard Pullin, Teddy
Bridges, Ann & Ernest, Nick Battershill, Margaret
Sands, Celia Poetz, Gill Agate, Tommy Eames,
Fiona Scott, Andrew, Paula Kinsella, Brad
Holland.

The Recently Departed: Kath Cosson, Laura P,
Jon Rees, Linda Newmarch

The Departed commemorated this week:
Daisy Ball, May Ryder, Kathleen Russell, Annie
Green.

Intentions: Those living in Leconfield Rd,
Middle Rd & Myrtle Cres

Events and Services this week:

Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am

Mon 17th Aug: 6pm Chi Kung

Tues 18th Aug: 2pm-3pm Chat & Chill

Wed 19th Aug: 11am Mass and Refreshments
2.30pm Prayer Ministry Team Meeting.

Thurs 20th Aug: Lunch Club at Swiss Cottage.
Meet outside St James at 11.50am for lift share.
Margaret Cooper - 07788 712026. All Welcome.

Fri 21st Aug: 11am Chi Kung

Sat 22nd Aug: 2.30pm Saturday Afternoon
Pictures 'The Choral' @ St Peter's, Sompting.

Sun 23rd August: 10.30am Sung Parish Mass.

All at St James unless otherwise stated.

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ENTRANCE HYMN *Stand*
NEH 408: Love divine, all loves excelling

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
 let us acknowledge our sins,
 and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the
 sacred mysteries.

Lord, have mercy. *Sung together*
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung together*

**R. Glory to God, Glory to God,
 Glory to God in the Highest.**

**Glory to God in the Highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, Heav'nly King
 Almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory. R.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the
 Father, receive our prayer. R.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the most high,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the Glory of God the Father. R**

May almighty God bless you,
 the Father,
 and the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ANGELUS

The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary,
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee:
 blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is
 the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, Mother
 of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the
 hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the LORD.
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee:
 blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is
 the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, Mother
 of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the
 hour of our death.**

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee:
 blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is
 the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, Mother
 of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the
 hour of our death.**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy of the promises
 of Christ.**

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee,
 O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to
 whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was
 made known by the message of an angel, may by
 His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of
 His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our
 Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: NEH 439 Praise to the holiest

NOTICES:

Pat Phillips & Ade thank all their friends for their
 prayers and messages after Pat's heart attack.
 Pat is now home but under strict orders to "take it
 easy" and with many boxes of pills.

Meeting of Parishioners: Sun 30th August at
 12noon - Election of two Churchwardens.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 20th September, lunch
 after Mass, more details to follow. Items for the
 Foodbank.

Notices continued overleaf:

THE LORD'S PRAYER*Sit/Kneel*

Our Father,
 who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
Amen

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI *(Sung together)*

Lamb of God: you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Sit*
Choir – Mary did you know

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Kneel/Sit*

God most high,
 whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
 we thank you that in this sacrament of our Redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power;
 strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of Obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES *Sit*

DISMISSAL *Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
 grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-11 *Sit*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

RESPONSE TO PSALM 45:
Sing praises to God, sing praises;

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Stand*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Mary, has been taken up into heaven:
 the host of angels rejoice.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.'

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

Sit

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Stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Kneel/Sit

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

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

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the
sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

Stand

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not
on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity in
accordance with your will. Who live and reign for
ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Stand*
NEH 42: For the fruits of his creation

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OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God, the
almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands, for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up
to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of
the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you
assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame
with the fire of love, constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

*The Priest continues singing the Preface,
ending with:*

Holy, Holy, holy Lord *(Sung together)*
**God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.
At the end all respond boldly;*
AMEN!