

NOTICES:**Coombes Mass:** Sun 9th August 3pm**Craft Get-Together:** No meeting in August**Coffee & Cake:** Thurs 13th August 10-12noon**Choral Evensong:** Sun 16th Aug 5pm @ St Mary's, Sompting followed by drinks & Morris dancing.**Prayer Ministry Team meets:** Wed 19th Aug 2.30pm**Saturday Afternoon Pictures:** 'The Choral' Sat 22nd Aug 2.30pm at St Peter's, Sompting. Tickets £8 inc refreshments. To book [www.chalkspringchurches.org/coming soon](http://www.chalkspringchurches.org/coming-soon)**Donations:** More items required for our Tombola events. Please pass to Sue Holland.**Turning Tides:** Turning Tides thank you letter in the porch, and a copy on the box at the back of the church. Please see Wish List notice on box in church for items needed.**Lancing & Sompting Foodbank:** Items to be left in the box in the porch.**Clergy Team:** Curate: Fr Ben Scott CMP,SSC 07492930704 chalkspringscurate@outlook.com
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Parish of Lancing with Coombes

**Trinity 8****Sunday 26th July 2026**10.30am Sung Parish Mass
12.15 Baptism of Sonny Bowley
& Blake Van Houghton.**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ben Scott SSC,CMP**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:** Richard N, Stavros, Pam Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ian Parsons, Laura P, 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:** Anne Widdecombe, Ernie Gunton**The Departed commemorated this week:** Stan Mills, Barb Norman, Grace Regi, Mollie Mills, June Turner, Wyn Bertrand, Glynn Collins-Williams.**Intentions:** Parish Administrator and those living in Greenoaks, Carisbrooke CI, Nursery CI and Grantsmead.**Events and Services this week:****Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am****Wed 29th July:** 11am Mass**Sat 1st Aug:** Summer Bazaar 10-12noon**Sun 2nd August:** 10.30am Sung Parish Mass*All at St James unless otherwise stated.***To donate please scan the QR Code****www.chalkspringchurches.org**

ENTRANCE HYMN
NEH 272 All for Jesus

Stand

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**

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
Choir Sing-Seek ye first

Sit

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Kneel/Sit*

Strengthen for service, Lord,
 the hands that have taken holy things;
 may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamour and dispute;
 may the tongues which have sung your praise be
 free from deceit;
 may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your
 love shine with the light of hope;
 and may the bodies which have been fed with
 your body be refreshed with the fullness of your
 life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

NOTICES

Sit

DISMISSAL

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

FINAL HYMN:
NEH 364 God is love, let heaven adore Him

OFFERTORY HYMN:
NEH 339 Be thou my vision

Stand

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.**

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of
 your Church, for in your mercy you have given
 them to be offered and by your power you
 transform them into the mystery of our salvation.
 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!***

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.

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
 both our hearts and bodies
 in the ways of your laws
 and the works of your commandments;
 that through your most mighty protection,
 both here and ever,
 we may be preserved in body and soul;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Sit

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a
 dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I
 should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have
 shown great and steadfast love to your servant
 my father David, because he walked before you
 in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
 uprightness of heart towards you; and you have
 kept for him this great and steadfast love, and
 have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your
 servant king in place of my father David,
 although I am only a little child; I do not know
 how to go out or come in. And your servant is in
 the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
 a great people, so numerous they cannot be
 numbered or counted. Give your servant
 therefore an understanding mind to govern your
 people, able to discern between good and evil;
 for who can govern this your great people?'
 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked
 this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked
 this, and have not asked for yourself long life or
 riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have
 asked for yourself understanding to discern
 what is right, I now do according to your word.
 Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind;
 no one like you has been before you and no
 one like you shall arise after you.

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

RESPONSE TO PSALM 119:
Lord, how I love your law.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
 for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
 but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too
 deep for words. And God, who searches the
 heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
 because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
 according to the will of God. We know that all
 things work together for good for those who
 love God, who are called according to his
 purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also
 predestined to be conformed to the image of his
 Son, in order that he might be the firstborn
 within a large family. And those whom he
 predestined he also called; and those whom he
 called he also justified; and those whom he
 justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Stand*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

HOMILY

Sit

NICENE CREED

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