

NOTICES:

RIP: We received the sad news that our dear friend Fr David Pike died in hospital on Wednesday. We give thanks for his faithful ministry amongst us here over so long. Do keep him and his family in your prayers at this sad time. Funeral details will follow in due course.

Cursillo Group Reunion: 7th October at 3pm in church. If anyone would like to join us they would be most welcome.

Church Cleaning: Fri 9th Oct, Fri 6th Nov, Fri 4th Dec. **New time: 9am - 10am.** Please come and help if you are able. Wendy.

****The office email address is now working please use office@chalkspringchurches.org in future****

Apologies to anyone whose emails I may have missed.



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St James the Less

Parish of Lancing with Coombes



Feast of Saint Michael
and
All Angels



Sunday 27th September 2026

10:30am Sung Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Tim Higgins

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: Fr David Pike, Peter Bowers, Jill Schermully, Pat Phillips, Mary Earnshaw, Bill Barton, Richard N, Stavros, Pam Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Robin Reeve, John & Sheila 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: Fr David Pike, John Evans.

The Departed commemorated this week:
Jack Last, Patricia Willis, Peter Chad, Joan Chad, Sue Cotton, May Hunt, David Doran, Bernard Farrant.

Intentions: The Emergency Services & those living in North Rd, Meadow Lane & Culver Road.

Events and Services this week:

Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am

Mon 28th Sept: 6pm Chi Kung.

Wed 30th Sept: 11am Mass and Refreshments.

Thurs 1st Oct: 10-12noon Craft Get-together

Fri 2nd Oct: 11am Chi Kung.

Sat 3rd Oct: 10-12noon Charity Coffee Morning

Sun 4th Oct: 10.30am Sung Mass.
3pm Coombes Harvest Festival Evensong and Blessing of Renovations with Ven Tom Carpenter, Archdeacon of Chichester.

All at St James unless otherwise stated.

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ENTRANCE HYMN *Stand*
NEH 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

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**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Kneel/Sit*

Lord of heaven,
 in this eucharist you have brought us near
 to an innumerable company of angels
 and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
 as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
 we have shared their fellowship,
 so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES

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: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
 my Comforter, my All in All;
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
 fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness
 scorned by the ones He came to save;
 'til on that cross as Jesus died
 the wrath of God was satisfied;
 for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
 here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
 Light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 for I am His and He is mine,
 bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
 can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'til He returns or calls me home,
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*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.**

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 – A Gaelic Blessing

Sit

COLLECT

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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: Genesis 28:10-17 *Sit*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

**RESPONSE TO PSALM 103:
Bless the Lord, you angels of his.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.'

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Stand*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his servants, who do his will. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 1:47-end

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Stand*
NEH 95 When I Survey

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.**

We offer you a sacrifice of praise, O Lord,
humbly entreating, that, as these gifts are borne
by the ministry of Angels into the presence of
your majesty, so you may receive them
Favourably and make them profitable for 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