

**NOTICES:**

A very big **'THANK YOU'** to everyone who contributed to my stepping down gifts. The picture has pride of place in my study, the ginormous card fills the lounge and the £370 cash is hidden waiting to be spent! Thank you all once again, it has been a privilege to serve you. Peter

**Thanks:** Thank you to everyone for your cards and flowers celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary. God bless you. Derrick & Fi.

**Coffee & Cake:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: 10-12noon

**Parish Office:** closed from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May and reopen on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Afternoon Tea:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. A thank you to Peter as he steps down as Churchwarden. Tickets £10 from Elizabeth, Sue Turner or Sue Holland. Profits to "Snowdrop" a charity which helped their Grandson Tommy. (This is a ticket only event) Extra seating now "under the tower" so more **tickets available**.

**Chat & Chill:** Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May 2pm—Eco-gardening

**Lunch Club:** Enzo Fiore restaurant in The Queensway, Lancing. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May for 12.15pm. Meet there but please RSVP Margaret on 07788 712026 to confirm attendance.

**Prayer Ministry Team:** Meets Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm

**Hymns & Pimm's:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6pm. More details to follow

**Turning Tides:** Please see Wish List notice on box in church for items needed.

**Lancing & Sompting Foodbank:** Food items to be left in the box in the porch

**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER:** resumes at Pentecost. Please write your name on a slip of paper (provided) and put it in the box near the door if you would like someone to pray for you daily till Easter, and undertake to pray for someone likewise. Judy P

**Volunteers:** More people required to be Altar Servers, readers & intercessors. Names to Peter or one of priests please.

**Clergy Team:** Curate: Fr Ben Scott CMP,SSC 07492930704 chalkspringscurate@outlook.com  
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**Parish Office:** Administrator: Heather Crookes  
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**St James the Less**

Parish of Lancing with Coombes

**Patronal Festival**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
10.30am Sung Parish Mass



**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ben Scott**

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

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

**Events and Services this week:**

**Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May:** 8am Ecumenical Morning Prayer at St Peters, Sompting.  
11am Mass  
2pm Social afternoon @ St Peter's  
3pm Cursillo Group meets at 22 Rossiter Rd. All welcome.

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May:** 10am-12noon Craft Get-together  
As the church is closed for Elections we will be meeting at 44, Manor Road, Don't forget your knitting needles!

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.30am Sung Parish Mass  
3pm Rogation Evensong @ Coombes

*All at St James unless otherwise stated.*

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**ENTRANCE HYMN**  
**NEH 362: Glorious things of thee**

*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.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, 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)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your  
 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 will sing: An Upper Room*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Kneel/Sit*

Eternal God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ  
 is the way, the truth, and the life:  
 grant us to walk in his way,  
 to rejoice in his truth,  
 and to share his risen life;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and 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 486: We have a Gospel to proclaim**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Stand*  
**NEH 197: For all thy saints V1,4,6, 7, 8**

**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.**

Receive, O Lord, the offerings we bring for the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James and bestow on us religion pure and undefiled. 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 Father,  
 whom truly to know is eternal life:  
 teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ  
 as the way, the truth and the life;  
 that we may follow the steps  
 of your holy apostles Philip and James,  
 and walk steadfastly in the way  
 that leads to your glory;  
 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 30.15–21** *Sit*

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused and said, 'No! We will flee upon horses' therefore you shall flee! and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds' therefore your pursuers shall be swift! A thousand shall flee at the threat of one, at the threat of five you shall flee, until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

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

**RESPONSE TO PSALM 119: My delight is in your statutes.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1.3–10**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Stand***Alleluia! Alleluia!**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
says the Lord.**Alleluia!****GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ****HOMILY****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.