

NOTICES:

Easter Fair Results: Refreshments £100, Bottle Tombola £85, Cards £30, Cakes £42, Tombola £140, Children's games £29. Donation £20
TOTAL £446.

Thank you to all stall holders and to all who came and supported the event. Congratulations to Doreen Bashford who won the Easter Bonnet Hat competition. *Wendy*

Parish Office: The office will be closed from 3rd April and reopen on Tues 14th April. Anything urgent please contact Fr Ben.

Chat & Chill: 2pm Tues 21 April

Memory Lane Café: 2pm Fri 24 April @ St Michael's

Day of Prayer: Sat 25 April: 9am Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer at noon and Evening Prayer at 4.30pm. The theme is 'The Bible'. Tea and coffee available all day.

Plant Sale & Afternoon Tea: Sat 25 April 2.30pm @ St Peter's

Please Sponsor: Judith from Coombes is doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for the restoration of the Paschal at Coombes. Sponsor forms at the back of church. Thank you

2026 EVENTS**AT ST JAMES THE LESS****SUN 22 MAR**

Lent Lunch 12.30pm

SAT 28 MAR

Easter Fair & Egg Hunt 10am

FRI 1 MAY

Beetle Drive 2pm

SAT 2 MAY

"Out of the Blue" Steel Band Trio 7pm

SAT 16 MAY

Afternoon Tea 3pm

SAT 13 JUNE

Hymns & Pimms 6pm

SAT 1 AUG

St James Bazaar 10am

SAT 22 AUG

Friends Cheese & Wine 5pm

SAT 3 OCT

Silent Auction 2pm

SAT 28 NOV

Advent Fair 10am

SAT 12 DEC

Nativity Displays 10am

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St James the Less**Parish of Lancing with Coombes****Sunday 5 April 2026**

6.30am Sunrise Service Dew Pond, Lancing Clump
9am Said Mass with Hymns @ Coombes with Fr Zachary
10.30am Sung Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Hart**

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: Jo Q, Pam Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Chris Moran, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ian Parsons, Laura P, Pam Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Elaine Groves.

Pray also: Wendy Bowers, 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 Departed commemorated this week: David Smith, Sandra Boakes, Jane Harwood, Peter Stapley, Eileen Chad, HRH Prince Philip, Alice Chatfield.

Intentions: PCC Secretary & Treasurer and those living in Second Ave, Grand Ave & Third

Events and Services this week:**Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am****Mon 6th Apr:** 6pm Chi Kung

Wed 8th Apr: 11am Said Mass @ St James
3pm Cursillo Group meeting at 22 Rossiter Rd

Thurs 9th Apr: 10am Coffee & Cake**Fri 10th Apr:** 11am Chi Kung**Sat 11th Apr:** 10am Mini Market @ St Michael's**Sun 12th Apr:** 10.30am Mass*All at St James unless otherwise stated.***To donate please scan the QR Code****www.chalkspringchurches.org**

Stand and turn to face the the back of church

WELCOMING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
 Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him,
 and all ages;
**to him be glory and power, through every age
 and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter Candle is marked.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The priest lights the Easter Candle, saying:
 May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister carrying the Candle raises it and sings: The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The procession moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated.

When the minister carrying the Candle arrives at the front of the church it is placed on a stand in the midst of the building, and all other candles in the church are now lit.

The priest says:
 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung.

Hymn: NEH 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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.**

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

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

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN *sit*
 Come, people of the Risen King (choir only)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *stand*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES *sit*

BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said' Blessed are you, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Bless + this Easter garden. May we who have prepared it in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

FINAL HYMN *stand*
NEH120 Thine be the Glory

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my 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.**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
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:*

SANCTUS and **BENEDICTUS** (*sung together*)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord
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 continues the Eucharistic Prayer:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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**

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son overcame the old order of sin
and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive
to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 10.34-43 *Sit*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *Stand*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

INTERCESSIONS *Stand*

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

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:
NEH117 The day of resurrection