

Services this week

Trinity: Sunday Cycle Year A

Services/Events are at St Michael's unless stated otherwise

St Michael's open: Monday-Friday 8.30 am - 4 pm

St Mary's open: Tuesday 10 am - 1 pm (March-December)

SUNDAY (7) CORPUS CHRISTI	Mass with Hymns (St Peter) Sung Mass, Procession and Benediction	9 am 10.30 am
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Monday (8)
Thomas Ken Morning Prayer and Rosary 9 am

Tuesday (9)
Columba Morning Prayer 9 am

Wednesday (10)
Feria Morning Prayer 9 am

Thursday (11)
Barnabas the
Apostle Morning Prayer 9 am
Mass 11 am

Friday (12)
Feria Morning Prayer 9 am

Saturday (13)
Feria Morning Prayer 9 am
Mass 9.30 am

SUNDAY (14) TRINITY 2	Mass with Hymns (St Peter) Sung Mass	9 am 10.30 am
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Notices

Patricia Barrett writes...

I wish to thank everyone for their birthday wishes, gifts and cards. I received a total of 74 cards. Thank you also to all those who have helped me to get to church over the past few years as well as those who helped to organise the wine and nibbles on Sunday. *Patricia xx*

Summer Grand Draw launches today

The key to success will be for ALL of us to do all we can to sell as many tickets as possible. You don't have to buy tickets yourself but please take some to sell to family, friends, work colleagues or if you belong to a group/society. Tickets from Amanda Upfield. Draw takes place at the Summer Fete.

Evergreen "The Theatre & Me"

Visiting speaker on Wednesday 17 June at 2pm reflects on the magic of making up the stars. Also prize bingo (50p cash each game for prize pot). £2pp inc refreshments.

Water with The Boundstone Chorus, Sat 20 June

Set sail for a selection of music on a watery theme. Tickets £10 (U16 £3), online at www.theboundstonechorus.co.uk/concerts, telephone 01903 762793 or speak to Ian Tout or Aedan Kerney.

Rooted - Saturday 27 June, 4.30 pm

Rooted is a family-orientated activity that takes place quarterly at St Michael's providing fun and friendship for all ages. This event will be 'Summer Themed' involving light-hearted fun and ice cream. Further details from Jo Lansley or Becca Connolly.

Donations welcome for Summer Fete (4 July)

Please donate Tombola items (tins, packets, sweets, toiletries, unwanted gifts) and Good as New items for Muddle stall into the boxes at the back of St Michael's. Donations of bottles, or cash to buy them would also be welcome, please pass to Fr Michael.

Hall Roof fund

We need to raise £11,400 to replace the main roof on the Church Hall. One donor has agreed to match fund any donations made. £645 donated so far.

Buy from Leprosy Mission and help your church

20% from purchases go to your church. Take a brochure or look at www.theleprosymissionshop.com, note down the items you want to order including the 5-digit code and pass them to Ian Tout with your payment.

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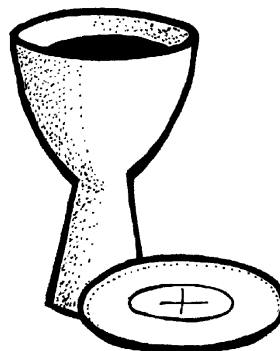
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St Michael and All Angels, Lancing
St Mary the Virgin, Sompting
St Peter the Apostle, Sompting

Corpus Christi

Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion



Welcome to our
worship today.

9 am Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Michael Hart

10.30 am Celebrant and
Preacher: Father Ben Scott

*Fr Michael is also the celebrant
at St James the Less*

Refreshments are available
after both services.

For your prayers...

BIRTHDAYS: Daphne Gaitley

SICK OR IN NEED: Ben Stanton, Susan Walpole, Ben Hollins, Patricia Barrett, # Daphne Gaitley, Laurette Gaitley, Mark Gilbert, Rena Gaitley, Olive Leonard, Richard Thompson and Julie Laraway # (#= due for renewal)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Daphne Bridge

THE DEPARTED COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK: Eric Moss, Irene Knight, Harold Reynolds, Ivan Whittaker (Priest), Cliff Venn and Phyl Ridgway

PARISH: Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups

THE LAMP BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is sponsored this week for Walter Durrant RIP

THE LAMP BURNING BY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY STATUE is sponsored this week for Mary Parkinson RIP

Names of the sick are included on the Bulletin for 4 weeks after which they have to be renewed in writing.

Events this week

Full list of services on the back page

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Sun: **Corpus Christi:** Parish Barbecue 12 noon

Tue: **Funeral** 1 pm *Daphne Bridge RIP* (Worthing Crematorium)

Thu: **Barnabas the Apostle:** Mass 11 am; Standing Committee meeting 7.30 pm

Sat: Mass 9.30 am; Mini Market 10 am - 12 noon; Baptism of Raya Huxtable 1pm (St Mary); XYZ

Sun: **Trinity 2:** Mass with Hymns 9 am (St Peter); Sung Mass 10.30 am

All items for inclusion in next Sunday Bulletin,
in writing, to Ian Tout by Wednesday 12 noon.
Please send emails to stmichaelslancing@gmail.com

www.chalkspringchurches.org

Calendar

JUNE

Sunday 14 Trinity 2: Services at usual times
 Tuesday 16 Craft Club 10 am
 Wednesday 17 Evergreen 2 pm
 Saturday 20 Mass 9.30 am; The Boundstone Chorus Summer Concert 7.30 pm (Rehearsal 2-5 pm and Hall to be booked from 1 pm)
 Sunday 21 Trinity 3: Services at usual times; 9 am Mass (St Mary)
 Thursday 25 Mass with Anointing 11 am
 Friday 26 Memory Lane Cafe 2 pm; Mary Violet's Cheese and Wine event - time TBC
 Saturday 27 Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell); Rooted 5.30-7pm
 Sunday 28 St Peter the Apostle: Services at usual times; Mass 9 am (St Peter) - Patronal Festival - Preacher: The Archdeacon of Chichester; Worthing Community Concert Band 5 pm

JULY

Wednesday 1 Ecumenical Morning Prayer 8 am (Lancing Methodist); Social Afternoon 2 pm (St Peter)
 Thursday 2 Church cleaning 9.15 am; Mass 11 am; Lancing Orchestra rehearsal 6.30-9.30 pm
 Friday 3 Mothers' Union meeting 2.30 pm; Setting up for Summer Fete 4-6 pm; Lancing Chamber Orchestra concert 7.30 pm
 Saturday 4 Mass 9 am; St Michael's Summer Fête 10 am – 1 pm
 Sunday 5 Trinity 5: Services at usual times; Alive! (Children's group); Baptism of Zack Cyba Sousa
 Tuesday 7 Craft Club 10 am
 Thursday 9 Mass 11 am; Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting 7.30 pm
 Friday 10 Messy Church 3.15 – 5 pm
 Saturday 11 Mass 9.30 am; Baptism of George O'Callaghan and Elodie Blackman 1pm (St Mary)
 Sunday 12 Trinity 6: Services at usual times; Blessing the Boats 2.30 pm followed by Mothers' Union Cream Teas
 Wednesday 15 Evergreen 2 pm
 Thursday 16 Mass 11am; Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Picnic followed by Guild Office and Benediction 6.30 pm (Coombes)
 Sunday 19 Trinity 7: 9 am Mass with Hymns (St Mary); Evening Worship 6.30 pm (St Peter)
 Tuesday 21 Craft Club 10 am
 Thursday 23 Mass with Anointing 11 am
 Friday 24 Memory Lane Cafe 2 pm
 Saturday 25 James the Apostle: Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell); Wedding of Zoe Brown and Morton Woodburn 1 pm
 Sunday 26 Trinity 8: Services at usual times

AUGUST

Saturday 1 Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Summer Social 2 pm (Beach Green)
 Sunday 2 Trinity 9: Services at usual times
 Tuesday 4 Craft Club 10 am
 Wednesday 5 Social Afternoon 2 pm (St Peter)
 Thursday 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord: Church cleaning 9.15 am; Mass 11 am;
 Saturday 8 Mass 9.30 am; Mothers' Union Coffee Morning 10 am (Church Hall)
 Sunday 9 Trinity 10 (Mary Sumner Day): Services at usual times; Preacher at 9 am and 10.30 am The Revd Canon Emma Ham-Riche
 Thursday 13 Mass 11 am; Standing Committee meeting 7.30 pm
 Saturday 15 Chalk Spring Supper Club
 Sunday 16 Blessed Virgin Mary: Services at usual times (St Michael's); Choral Evensong 5 pm (St Mary)
 - Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Dominic Keech
 Monday 17 "The Net" (Autumn) deadline
 Tuesday 18 Craft Club 10 am;
 Wednesday 19 Evergreen 2 pm
 Saturday 22 Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell); Saturday

Fr Ben writes...

June unfolds a sequence of solemnities and feasts that invite us deeper into the mystery of Christ's presence and the mission of His Church. From the tender encounter of the Visitation to the triumphant witness of Peter and Paul, these celebrations weave together themes of divine visitation, Eucharistic adoration, prophetic preparation, and apostolic foundation.

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st June Transferred)

Commemorating Mary's journey to her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation. Bearing the incarnate Word in her womb, the young Virgin becomes the first tabernacle and the first evangelist. At Mary's greeting, the infant John leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, while Elizabeth proclaims her cousin "blessed among women." Mary responds with the Magnificat, her hymn of praise that echoes through the Church's liturgy daily. The Visitation reminds us that authentic encounter with Christ always leads to charity and joy. Mary teaches us to "bring Christ" to others through humble service and bold proclamation.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - "Corpus Christi". (7th June transferred)

This feast, is a profound celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Instituted in the 13th century amid growing devotion to the Eucharist, Corpus Christi calls the faithful to process publicly with the Blessed Sacrament, proclaiming that Jesus remains with us "always, until the end of the age." The solemnity counters any spiritual dryness by renewing wonder at the miracle of transubstantiation: the same Body born of Mary, offered on Calvary, and risen in glory is given to us as food. Eucharistic processions, adoration, and hymns remind us that the Church draws her life from this inexhaustible source.

St. Barnabas (June 11th)

"Son of encouragement" This early disciple, a Levite from Cyprus, sold his property to support the Jerusalem community and vouched for the newly converted Saul (Paul) when others feared him. He accompanied Paul on the first missionary journey and later ministered in Antioch and Cyprus. Though not among the original Twelve, Barnabas is numbered among the Apostles in the broader sense for his foundational role in spreading the Gospel. His feast encourages us to be bridge-builders and encouragers in our parishes and families.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24th)

One of only three birthdays celebrated in the liturgical calendar (with Jesus and Mary). Born six months before the Lord, John fulfils the role of forerunner: "He must increase; I must decrease". His birth symbolizes how the light of Christ will soon outshine even the greatest prophet. The feast calls us to repentance, humility, and courageous witness—qualities the Church desperately needs today.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (June 28th Transferred)

These pillars of the Church - the fisherman given the keys and the zealous Pharisee turned apostle to the Gentiles - represent the unity of the Church's Jewish roots and universal mission. Martyred in Rome under Nero, their combined feast underscores that the Church is built on apostolic foundation, sustained by the Eucharist, and animated by the same Spirit that moved Mary and John.

Together, these June observances form a cohesive catechesis. Mary brings Christ to Elizabeth and John; the Eucharist nourishes us with that same Christ; John prepares the way; and Peter and Paul extend the invitation to the ends of the earth.

In a world hungry for authentic encounter, let us imitate Mary's haste in charity, adore Christ in the Sacrament, embrace prophetic humility, and live the apostolic zeal these feasts place before us.

Father Ben

Be refreshed at 'Water' concert

As the UK experienced unusually hot weather recently amid growing concern about heat, drought and the value of water, The Boundstone Chorus invites audiences to pause and be refreshed

through music at its concert on Saturday 20 June. With a programme built around water, the performance offers a timely and uplifting response to the season.

From rain and rivers to oceans and storms, the programme explores water in many moods. Audiences can expect a lively mix of choral works, familiar pop songs and unforgettable film themes, creating an uplifting evening that is both entertaining and resonant.

"This concert could not feel more timely," said Aedan Kerney, Musical Director. "While the weather has made all of us more conscious of heat and the need for water, our programme offers a chance to reflect on water's beauty, power and importance. We hope audiences will find it thought-provoking, atmospheric and deeply enjoyable."

The Boundstone Chorus welcomes local audiences, music lovers and the wider community to enjoy an evening of choral singing designed to offer perspective, atmosphere and a reminder of the natural elements that sustain us.

The concert will take place on **Saturday 20 June**, 7.30 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, South Street, Lancing. Tickets are £10 (U16 £3) available from www.theboundstonechorus.co.uk/concerts, email theboundstonechorus@gmail.com or telephone 01903 762793 (please leave a message).

Can you donate to the Church Hall roof?

St Michael's Church Hall has been a gathering place for celebrations, meetings, fundraising events and more for nearly 60 years. Unfortunately, time and the elements have taken their toll, and the main hall roof is now in urgent need of repair. To keep the hall safe, warm, and welcoming for all, we must raise £11,400.

Your donation, no matter the size, will make a real difference. By supporting the roof fund, you'll help preserve a vital space where friendships are forged, support is found, and memories are made. Every pound brings us closer to our target.

Please consider contributing what you can – whether it's a one-off gift or a regular donation. The church hall is not just a building; it's a symbol of togetherness and hope. With your help, we can protect and restore it for everyone in our community.

Donations can be made online, in person at church, or by bank transfer. If you'd like more details or wish to organise a fundraising event, please speak to Anne Gisby or Ian Tout. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Let's rally together and reach our £11,400 goal! Don't forget we have the promise match funding for any money raised.

A Year (Almost) at St Michael's

Michael Jones

I didn't know what to expect when I started going to church last year. I knew I wanted to deepen my faith and connection with God, and I have been able to do that in abundance.

From the first day I walked in, I was overwhelmed by the care, compassion, and love shown by the congregation of St Michael's. The strength of the community spirit is unlike anything I have experienced before. I immediately felt part of the group and had found a family away from home. I would always miss the Sundays I couldn't attend because of work.

A big part of my journey over the past year has been my confirmation at Chichester Cathedral. There are few moments in life that stay with you forever, and I believe this will be one of them. It strengthened my faith and commitment to God. Thank you to all those who made it happen.

Being part of the serving team has been a wholesome and enjoyable experience. I am glad to have been able to play my small part and serve. Serving as thurifer is by far the most enjoyable role. Making smoke and not being told off for it! Being able to reach the dizzying heights of 7/10 from Father Ben is the crowning achievement.

To anyone thinking of joining the serving team, give it a go. You get far more out of it than you put in.

I don't know where my faith journey will take me next, but it is my experience that trust in God will always lead me along the right path.

Thank you to everyone who has made me part of the St Michael's community. Although I am moving on, I know I will carry the memories of St Michael's with me. In the words of Charles Dickens "the pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again".

Stars and Stripes for Summer Fete

Join us for St Michael's Church Summer Fete on **Saturday 4 July, 10 am – 1 pm**. This year's **Stars and Stripes** theme promises a bright and festive atmosphere, with stalls, games, refreshments and plenty of fun for all ages. It will be a wonderful opportunity enjoy a cheerful morning of community spirit and summer celebration. We are also pleased to announce the **Summer Grand Draw** with a **first prize of £100**. Tickets are now available from Amanda Upfield. Don't miss your chance to take part, or to sell tickets to others,

Blessing the Boats

Sunday 12 July is our annual Blessing the Boats service on Beach Green with music from Lancing Brass. If you can help to get boats to be blessed or any other articles used at the beach then please speak to Steve Gates, and please use the flyers to advertise the service which is followed by cream teas in the church hall.

Report on parish finances

The parish finances are not looking overly healthy at the moment. At nearly the midpoint of the year our budget is down, particularly in the area of planned giving and fundraising, particularly for St Michael's which has quite a large deficit.

Please consider what you can do to assist with forthcoming fundraising events, eg the Summer Fete and Grand Draw. If you haven't recently reviewed your planned giving, or if you are putting money into the collection bag when you're at church, but not giving regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or envelopes, please consider signing up to make a monthly contribution (with gift aid if appropriate).

It would be really helpful if our finances were in a healthy position for when a new priest is appointed. This would mean they can focus on mission and ministry, rather than having the burden of money and maintenance. This relies on us all acting together to do what we can and give regularly and realistically to support the mission and ministry of the Church across our parish.

Thank you!

The Diocese of Chichester circulates a fortnightly E-Bulletin with lots of news and forthcoming events. To sign up go to <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/e-news/>

Shop online to raise funds

You can now support all of our churches via easyfundraising who have over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation which doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ and add **stpeterssompting/** (St Peter), **stmichaelallangelspcc/** (St Michael) or **stmaryssompting/** (St Mary) to sign up.

Download the Donation reminder that will prompt you to support the church every time you shop