

# Services this week

## Trinity: Sunday Cycle Year C

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 (not Jan-Feb)

<b>SUNDAY (27)</b> <b>TRINITY 6</b>	Mass with Hymns (St Peter) Sung Mass	9 am 10.30 am
Monday (28) Feria	Morning Prayer and Rosary	8.45 am
Tuesday (29) Mary, Martha and Lazarus	Morning Prayer Funeral <i>Patricia Wells RIP</i>	8.45 am 1 pm
Wednesday (30) William Wilberforce	Morning Prayer and Rosary	8.45 am
Thursday (31) Ignatius of Loyola	Morning Prayer Mass	8.45 am 11 am
Friday (1) Feria	Morning Prayer	8.45 am
Saturday (2) Feria	Morning Prayer Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>SUNDAY (3)</b> <b>TRINITY 7</b>	Mass with Hymns (St Peter) Sung Mass	9 am 10.30 am

## Notices

### A close shave for Dave

Please sponsor Dave Wren who will be having a Short Back and Sides haircut and a Close Shave at Harv's Barbers on Sunday 17 August to raise money for The Children's Society, Turning Tides and DePaul UK.

### Mothers' Union Coffee Morning - Saturday 9 August

From 10 am - 12 noon in St Michael's Church Hall. Cakes, sales table, raffle and refreshments (including bacon rolls). All welcome. Raising funds for Mothers' Union projects worldwide. This is Mary Sumner Day when the worldwide church remembers the founder of Mothers' Union.

### Former Blackburn bishop and Morris Dancing

Our next Choral Evensong at St Mary's will be on Sunday 17 August at 5 pm. Guest preacher - Bishop Nicholas Reade, former bishop of Blackburn. The service will be followed by morris dancing, beers and wine.

### Can you ride or stride to raise funds?

Ride and Stride is back on Saturday 13 September. If you would like to take part as a rider or strider or would be happy to sponsor someone, please contact Katie 01903 756583. Half the money raised will go to your nominated Church, the other half to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. To find out more visit: <https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride>

### Giving for the Church's ministry

Regular and realistic giving is vital to the church's ministry and work. The Church of England recommends giving 5% of your income and the Parochial Church Council requests a minimum of £5 per week if possible. You can use the Parish Giving Scheme to make a regular or one-off donation to support each of our churches individually. Find out more at [www.chalkspringchurches.org/south-lancing-and-sompting/giving](http://www.chalkspringchurches.org/south-lancing-and-sompting/giving), pick up a leaflet or speak to Fr Ben or Ian Tout.

### How to change your PGS donation

If you already give via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and want to change your donation or address please phone 0333 002 1260, email [info@parishgivingscheme.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgivingscheme.org.uk) or write to Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3BD. You will need your PGS reference number (found below your address on PGS correspondence or ask Ian Tout). A change of donation form is also available. You can also set up your own online account at [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk) and manage it there.

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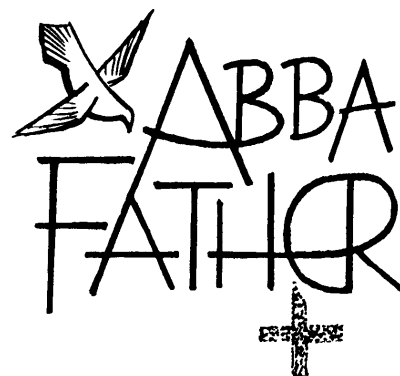
# SUNDAY BULLETIN

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27 July 2025

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

## Sixth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our worship today.

9 am Celebrant and Preacher: Father Ben Scott

10.30am Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Michael Hart

*Father Ben is also the celebrant at St James the Less*

Refreshments are available after both services

## For your prayers...

**BIRTHDAYS:** David Peskett, Isaac Tout, Simon Bridge

**SICK OR IN NEED:** Graham Nicholls, Michelle Edwards, Olive Leonard, Richard Thompson, Laurette Gaitley, Mark Gilbert, Rena Gaitley, Julie Laraway and # Brenda Wyatt # (#= due for renewal)

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Patricia Wells

**THE DEPARTED COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK:** Hubert Lisher, Ron Parley, Edith Hollamby and Victor Moore

**PARISH:** Alma Street, East Street, The Terrace

**THE LAMP BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is sponsored this week for Jeffrey Kearsley RIP

**THE LAMP BURNING BY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY STATUE** is sponsored this week for Stella Carter 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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Tues: Funeral *Patricia Wells RIP* 1 pm  
Thur: Mass 11 am  
Sat: Mass 9.30 am; Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Social 2 pm (Beach Green)  
Sun: Trinity 7: 9 am Mass (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](mailto:stmichaelslancing@gmail.com)

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## Calendar

### JULY

Sunday 13 **Trinity 4:** Services at usual times; Blessing the Boats 2.30 pm followed by Mothers' Union Cream Teas  
 Tuesday 15 Craft Club 10 am; Ignite Home Group 7.30 pm  
 Wednesday 16 Evergreen 2 pm  
 Thursday 17 Mass 11 am; GSS Evensong, Picnic, Compline (Coombes)  
 Friday 18 Messy Church 3.15 – 5 pm  
 Saturday 19 XYZ 7 pm  
 Sunday 20 **Trinity 5:** Services at usual times; 9 am (St Mary)  
 Thursday 24 Mass with Anointing 11 am  
 Friday 25 Memory Lane Cafe 2 pm  
 Saturday 26 Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell)  
 Sunday 27th **Trinity 6:** Services at usual times

### AUGUST

Saturday 2 Mass 9.30 am; GSS Social 2 pm (Beach Green)  
 Sunday 3 **Trinity 7:** Services at usual times  
 Tuesday 5 Craft Club 10 am  
 Wednesday 6 **Transfiguration of Our Lord:** Social Afternoon 2 pm (St Peter)  
 Thursday 7 Church cleaning 9.15 am; Mass 11 am; Standing Committee meeting 7.30 pm  
 Saturday 9 Mass 9.30 am; Mothers' Union Coffee Morning 10 am (Church Hall); Baptism of Jackson and Joey Smith 12 noon  
 Sunday 10 **Trinity 8:** Services at usual times  
 Thursday 14 Gardening at St Michael's 9.30 am  
 Sunday 17 **Blessed Virgin Mary:** Services at usual times (St Michael's); Evensong 5 pm (St Mary) - Preacher: Bishop Nicholas Reade  
 Monday 18 The Net (Autumn) deadline  
 Tuesday 19 Craft Club 10 am; Home Group Social 7.30 pm  
 Wednesday 20 Evergreen 2 pm  
 Friday 22 Memory Lane Cafe 2 pm  
 Sunday 24 **Bartholomew the Apostle:** Services at usual times  
 Thursday 28 Mass with Anointing 11 am  
 Saturday 30 Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell)  
 Sunday 31 **Trinity 11:** Services at usual times; Morning Worship 9 am (St Peter)

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2 Craft Club 10 am  
 Wednesday 3 Ecumenical Morning Prayer 8 am (Holy Family); Social Afternoon 2 pm (St Peter)  
 Thursday 4 Church cleaning 9.15 am; Mass 11 am  
 Friday 5 Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30 pm  
 Saturday 6 Mass 9.30 am; "A Sussex Calendar" by Cotillion (St Mary) 2.30 pm; Social / Quiz 7 pm  
 Sunday 7 **Harvest Thanksgiving:** Services at usual times; Alive! (Children's group)  
 Monday 8 "The Net" (Autumn) printing  
 Thursday 11 Mass 11 am; Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting 7.30 pm  
 Friday 12 Heritage Open Day 10 am - 4 pm (St Mary)  
 Saturday 13 Mass 9.30 am; SHCT Sponsored Ride and Stride; Mini Market 10 am - 12 noon; Heritage Open Day 10 am - 4 pm (St Mary)  
 Sunday 14 **Holy Cross Day:** Services at usual times;  
 Tuesday 16 Heritage Open Day 10 am - 4 pm (St Mary) Craft Club 10 am; Home Group 7.30 pm  
 Wednesday 17 Evergreen 2 pm; XYZ  
 Thursday 18 Heritage Open Day 10 am - 4 pm (St Mary)  
 Friday 19 Mass 11 am; GSS Mass 7.30 pm (St John the Divine, Worthing)  
 Saturday 20 Heritage Open Day 10 am - 4 pm (St Mary)  
 Sunday 21 Mass 9.30 am; "The Net" (Autumn) folding 10 am; Rise  
 Thursday 25 **St Matthew:** 9 am (St Mary); "The Net" (Autumn) distribution; Evening Worship 6.30 pm (St Peter)  
 Friday 26 Mass with Anointing 11 am; Deanery Synod meeting 7.30 pm  
 Saturday 27 Memory Lane Cafe 2 pm  
 Sunday 28 Mass 9.30 am (Walsingham Cell)  
 Sunday 28 **St Michael and All Angels:** Sung Mass followed

## Fr Ben writes...

Following Fr Felix's departure from the parish, I write to ask for your prayers and support as I take on my new enhanced role.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me, I will be the first port of call for most matters that you might have usually contacted Fr Felix. The quickest way to get hold of me is by text message (07492 930704) or email (chalkspringscurate@outlook.com). Do also let me know if someone is in need of pastoral care, I am not a mind reader!

The slight difference is that there will be no one in the parishes to which I report. Fr Paul Seaman has been appointed to be my acting training incumbent, and along with the Director of Apostolic Life (on behalf of Bishop Martin) is responsible for my training and formation. I will meet with them for supervision and support as required, and there may be times when I need to get advice before responding to a particular issue.

I will always be available to you for priestly ministry, but I do want to manage your expectations. My revised role description has no less than 20 extra bullet points of things I will be responsible for in the coming months, on top of my existing responsibilities, which are many. It is very likely I will be asking for more help with things from the wider congregation.

Given my increased workload, it will not be possible for me to attend every event in both parishes, and I would ask for your kindness when this is not possible.

I will endeavour to keep Monday as a rest day as far as possible, and there may be times when I need to be away from the parish for training, meetings, retreat etc. An important part of my formation is to nourish and develop my spiritual life.

I would like to encourage a greater working together between the parishes of South Lancing and Sompting, and Lancing with Coombes. I think this is imperative to make this an attractive job prospect for any potential new incumbent.

I look forward to sharing with my colleagues Fr Michael, Fr Gerald, and Fr David in caring for your sacramental and pastoral needs during the vacancy and hopefully in growing spiritually and numerically. This is certainly not a time to stop attending Church!

I pray that God will raise up a Faithful and Holy Priest to care for his people in Lancing, Sompting, and Coombes (and that it doesn't take too long!)

With my prayers,

*Father Ben*

## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025

*Victor Olliver*

In the last week of May, about 40 of us from St Michael's, St James the Less and elsewhere made our way to Walsingham for the annual four-day pilgrimage. It was a joyful experience as ever but tinged with some sadness as this was Fr Felix's last as vicar of the two parishes and as Rural Dean of Worthing.

Services are voluntarily attended each day at the Shrine Church (such as the 5 pm Mass or the Sprinkling at the Holy Well) and there's much else to do. One day, some of us visited the nearby Hawk & Owl Trust in Sculthorpe (owls were hard to spot I am told...) but I preferred to spend the afternoon on a solo stroll around the village, making short videos.

An afternoon trip to the Black Shuck gin distillery in Hindolveston, Norfolk, featured welcome tastings and I would say we left the place with joy in our hearts.

The high point of the pilgrimage was when Steve Gates and I were selected as very fit 68-year-olds to carry the Virgin

statue (priests call it the “the image”) for the Procession of the Virgin Mary. The image is carried around the Shrine gardens. This was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing Ministries.

Do note that the overall price (this time around £350) is all inclusive of coach (to and from), accommodation and three meals a day. If you wish to visit the Norton Bar or local inns, that’s an additional cost. And gift-buying is a matter for you.

I returned feeling refreshed and re-committed to our creed.

## **A double celebration**

*Becca Connolly*

On Sunday 22 June we had a double celebration at St Michael’s, Corpus Christi and Fr Felix’s leaving party!

The service was beautiful as always, ending with Benediction given at the outside altar which looked lovely adorned with flowers and candles. However, due to the wind it was a struggle to keep it all from blowing away!

Following the service we had our annual Parish barbecue which raises funds through ticket sales for the Walsingham fund that very kindly helps to pay for those who might not be able to afford going on the annual pilgrimage for themselves. More importantly though we had a farewell party for Fr Felix, thanking him for his eight years of wonderful ministry, and of course a huge amount of fun! The church has grown massively since he came to us in both people, events and good cheer! Avril made a fantastic carrot cake (his favourite) and he was given a gift of over £1000 raised by all those who kindly donated. Both Fr Ben and Fr Felix made speeches, both of which were very funny of course! Fr Felix will be sorely missed by all those he came into contact with throughout his many years. We wish him all the best in his future ministry and I’m sure we’ll see him still from time to time!

## **New Archdeacon of Chichester appointed**

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner has appointed The Reverend Dr Tom Carpenter, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity and St Luke’s Southport, as the next Archdeacon of Chichester.

Dr Carpenter studied theology in Oxford and trained for ordination at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. He was a curate in his home diocese of Sheffield.

He is presently a vicar in Southport, where he faced the outpouring of grief and violence that followed the murder of three young girls at their dance class.

He was recently appointed Rural Dean of North Meols, taking responsibility for supporting his neighbours as the Diocese of Liverpool addresses the serious challenges of finance and mission that face large parts of the Church of England.

In response to his appointment, Dr Carpenter asked for the prayers of the priests and people of the archdeaconry, “that I will have the grace to be a good servant”.

He also asks for prayers for his wife Judith, who works for the Church Army, and their two-week-old baby son, Joseph, “whose interests are eating, sleeping and nocturnal squealing”.

He succeeds Luke Irvine-Capel who was recently appointed as Bishop of Richborough.

Bishop Martin said: “I am delighted that Fr Tom Carpenter has accepted the invitation to serve as the next Archdeacon of Chichester. He brings pastoral experience drawn from areas of deprivation in the north of England. But the existence of poverty and disadvantage also demands attention in our own coastal towns and rural communities.

“He also brings a stable spiritual life, shaped by the monastic

community at Mirfield. He combines a northern sense of humour with the gift of making readily accessible a profound grasp of Christian thought that spans the centuries.

The Bishop of Horsham, The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, with whom the new archdeacon will work closely, said today: “I am so looking forward to working with Tom as we serve the churches and communities of the Chichester Archdeaconry and Diocese.”

A date for licensing and installation will be announced later.

Other recent diocesan appointments:

- The Reverend Russell Dewhurst, currently Acting Archdeacon of Chichester to be Archdeacon of Hastings,
- The Reverend Emma Ham-Riche, currently Priest in Charge of St John the Evangelist Preston, Brighton to be also non-stipendiary Associate Archdeacon for Diversity and Inclusion,
- The Reverend Canon Dr Earl Collins, currently Vicar of St John the Baptist, Hove, and Officer for Continuing Ministerial Development to be Canon Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral.

## **Chichester 950 celebrations continue**

Tickets are now on sale for the spectacular finale of the Cathedral’s 950th anniversary celebrations - a dazzling light and sound installation by the internationally renowned artistic collaboration Luxmuralis, taking place from 24 - 31 October.

This never-before-seen immersive light experience will transform every corner of the Cathedral - from the ancient Nave to the South Transept - into a radiant canvas of colour, story and sound. Using thousands of images from the Cathedral’s and West Sussex Record Office’s archives, the installation will invite visitors on a journey through nine and a half centuries of history, celebrating the Cathedral’s enduring role as a place of inspiration, faith and reflection.

Early bird tickets\* are now available to buy online, offering a 10% saving for Adult and Child admission, for a limited time only. Family and student concessions are also available.

This special event is a fundraising activity, raising vital funds for Chichester Cathedral (Registered Charity No. 1205740).

Buy tickets at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/chichester/chichester-cathedral/chichester950-anniversary-light-experience/e-zvpzqm>

The Cathedral has also unveiled its newest installation, Fish950, which comprises over 950 fish-shaped artworks, contributed by 33 schools across East and West Sussex.

The fish holds deep significance in Christianity - from its early use as a symbol of faith to the post-resurrection story in John 21:6, where the disciples, following Jesus’ instruction, cast their nets and made a miraculous catch.

The symbolism is also uniquely local. In the 7th century, St Wilfrid, who founded the See of Selsey, taught the people of Sussex how to fish with nets – a gesture of both spiritual and practical generosity that laid the foundations for the Christian community in this region. In 1075, the seat of the bishopric moved from Selsey to Chichester, and construction began on the Cathedral which, 950 years on, stands as a beacon of faith, spirituality and community.

The installation will remain on display until Sunday 31 August.

The Religion, Rebellion and Reformation exhibition which shares the story of the Christian faith in Sussex, revealed through people, events and treasures, from 1075 to the present day will continue to run until 15 November 2025. This features fascinating artefacts from across the Diocese of Chichester, spanning East and West Sussex. Each object reveals remarkable moments and people from history. It includes the delicate bronze Medieval crucifix, unearthed in Coombes churchyard.