

PewNews

Sunday 5th May 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hove

From the Vicar – The turn from April into May has brought beautiful warm spring weather, and so the heating in church is now off. I mention it because there may be a few less balmy days still, and a jumper might be appropriate. My garden at the ‘temporary vicarage’ is full of pretty daisies, and I am trying to find a balance between leaving enough interest for pollinators and insects and not letting it get too long for a mower. The change in season will mean a change in mindset for a lot of people. For those in education, ½ term will be fast approaching, and the turn into exam/assignment season.

For my part, I have had a first meeting about the Christmas concert and have begun to think about the calendar for next year. There is always a balance to be struck between thinking ahead, and enjoying the moment, but it seems particularly true in spring, when the moments are full of vivid colour and life. My solution for this is to try and slow myself down at least once a day, with silence, or with the angelus, or taking time saying the Lord’s prayer, not rushing through. I wonder if you were to pause deliberately today, and look around, what would you notice? What would you do differently? *Fr Catriona.*

New to All Saints? Welcome if this is your first visit to All Saints. To find out more about us please speak to one of the clergy or one of the welcome team (wearing badges). Do stay for tea or coffee after the service. We look forward to meeting you.

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Services this week:

Tues-Thurs 9.00 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 12.30pm - Said Mass

Wednesday - 9.30am - Said Mass

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Parish Notices

Annual Meeting This year's annual meeting will be on **Sunday 17th May** after the 10.00 am Mass. This is a chance for all of us to hear about different parts of life at All Saints, and to ask questions about the year ahead. Accounts will be presented, and officers of the Church will be elected.

Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May, 7.00 pm
Ascension Day is an important feast of the Church. Jesus ascends to his Father and ours, to prepare a place for us, and promises to send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to be with his disciples and with his Church. We celebrate with Mass – do come along.

Compline is back. If you are new to faith this service and the content beforehand is designed for you. We meet at 7.00 pm for hot chocolate/other hot drink. Over the next couple of months we will be thinking about 'The Lord's Prayer' – a foundational prayer in the Christian faith. We finish with compline at 8.00 pm. The remaining dates are: 28th May; 11th and 25th June; 9th July.

All Saints' Font update As many of you will know, the font in the Church has been out of action for several years, because we are unable to confirm the safety of the mechanism which allows the heavy lid to be lifted and raised. I am delighted to say that we have finally received faculty permission to remove the font lid, which will be placed on display in the corner behind the font. A new, less elaborate and much lighter lid will be carved, and we will once more be able to use the font. We now know that the font will not be ready for the Feast of Pentecost. Whilst this is disappointing, we are pleased to have another reason for a celebration at All Saints. We will have a clearer idea of the finishing date in the next few weeks, and will keep you posted.

Baptism & Confirmation at Pentecost, 24th May
We are thrilled that +Will is joining us on Sunday 24th May at 10.00 am.

Confirmation Class for Youth Church These will be held on Sunday early afternoons with pizza after Mass. If your child is interested in confirmation, please talk to Catherine. The dates for the programme are: 26th April; 3rd, 10th and 17th May. The Confirmation service is on the **24th May**.

Baptism and Confirmation Classes for adults.
There are two possible slots in the diary. Please let Fr Catriona know which of these you can make.

Tuesday evenings - 5th, 12th and 19th May

Wednesday mornings (10.30 – 11.45) – 6th and 20th May.

Have your say in the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester - click [here](#) for our online consultation form. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. Please do share widely in your churches. We welcome responses from individuals of all ages, parishes and schools.

First Communions Our annual First Communion programme will be taking place on Sunday mornings during the usual Sunday Ministry times. The dates for the programme are: 3rd, 10th and 17th May, and 31st May. The First Communion service is on **7th June**. If your child is interested in receiving their First Communion, please talk to Catherine.

Flowers If you would like to donate towards the lovely flowers on display to mark a special occasion, please speak to one of the Flower Team, Church Wardens or contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Forms Prayer request forms are available for those who would like prayer for themselves, or someone they know. These ensure we have the explicit consent of those we name in PewNews and help us check people's progress. Please ask the wardens for a card and return it to a warden, priest, or the office. *Fr Catriona*

For our Prayers Those who are sick: Fleur Boxell; Sue Bonner; Tara Robins; Linda; Trish Abela; Kevin Hill; Judy Greenfield; Linda Clarke and Margaret Forbes; John Hatworth, Sue TB, Jane Stone; Liz Ruane; Christopher; and for church members receiving home Communion. For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; Jim Bangert; Thelma Leslie-Smith; Alec Graham, (*Bp*).



Today's Mass – 5th Sunday of Easter



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hope

OPENING HYMN – O sons and daughters let us sing, 154

MASS SETTING – *Missa simplex* R. Dubra (b. 1964)

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7. 55-end

PSALM 31. 1-5

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; ♦ deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; ♦ make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me, ♦ for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

1 Pet. 2. 2-10

GRADUAL HYMN – Put thou thy trust in God, 562

GOSPEL SENTENCE – 'Abide in me as I abide in you: those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.'

John 15. 4-5

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel of St John

'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.

John 14. 1-14

OFFERTORY HYMN



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1
Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

2

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

3

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord we offer to thy name;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heav'n adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

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Psalm 148

ANTHEM - *'A Clare Benediction'* John Rutter (b. 1945)

COMMUNION HYMN – **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, 467**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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**

FINAL HYMN – **Good Christians all rejoice and sing, 145**

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