

PewNews

Sunday 26th April 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hove

From the Vicar – In this past week we have welcomed children from Brunswick school to All Saints, to learn more about the church and the Christian faith. We have also begun confirmation classes for adults and teens, and this weekend will see the start of classes for children who wish to be admitted communion.

This past week there was a story that cropped on social media of a man who had been confirmed at the age of 93. All of this is to say that it is never too late to explore faith, or to take a next step. There is always something more to learn.

This is true for those of us who have been ordained for a while as well as anyone else. One of the joys for me of doing confirmation classes is that I get to see faith, to see Jesus, through the eyes of other people, and to hear their stories. This never gets old, and there is always a new perspective that refreshes my own faith – so thank you to those participating in these sessions, and to those children, whose questions, curiosity and points of view have enriched my life this week.

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:

Mon-Thurs 9.00 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 12.30pm - Said Mass

Wednesday - 9.30am - Said Mass

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Parish Notices

Statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury – I mentioned in the sermon last week ++Sarah's call for peace. You can read her statement here ↓ <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/archbishop-canterbury-joins-pope-calling-peace>

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. ***In order to participate in the meeting you must be on the electoral roll of the Parish.*** This is very straightforward, but there is a deadline to participate in the meeting. Forms are available at the back of church, or you can email Emma at office@allsaintshove.org Completed forms must be returned by **Monday 27th April**.

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 dates are: 30th April; 28th May; 11th and 25th June; 9th July.

All Saints' Font 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. Please pray that this work can be completed in time for Pentecost (24th May) when we will be hosting baptism and confirmation with +Will presiding. If the font lid is not ready in time, this service will still go ahead.

Baptism & Confirmation at Pentecost, 24th May

We are thrilled that +Will is joining us on Sunday 24th May at 10.00 am. We hope that he will also be able to rededicate the font as part of the Mass. Below are details if you are interested in baptism and confirmation. For Youth Church please speak to Catherine and for adults, Fr Catriona.

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) – 29th April; 6th and 20th May.

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: 26th April, 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; Alan Johnson; Doris Boniface; Leslie John Hart; Chris Sansom; Jon Cainer.



Today's Mass – 4th Sunday of Easter



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hope

OPENING HYMN – Alleluia! Alleluia, 137

MASS SETTING – *Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria)*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2. 42-end

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Pet. 2. 19-end

GRADUAL HYMN – The Lord is risen indeed, 158

GOSPEL SENTENCE – 'I am the good shepherd' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10. 14

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel of St John

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not

listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10. 1-10

OFFERTORY HYMN – Come ye faithful, raise the strain, 143



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ANTHEM - Brother James' Air B James L.M. Bain

COMMUNION HYMN – Bread of heaven on thee we feed, 284

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FINAL HYMN – Jesus lives! 148

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