

Please pray for:

The work of City Mission - foodbank, schools and rest homes, Off The Fence - Street Pastors - engaging with people on the streets, Our children and youth work.

For our life, love and witness to and for one another; that we would be whole life disciples so that we can be a witness to others wherever we are during the week - both in the work-place and at home.

For the Ascension church and for the right person to be found to take over as Associate Vicar at the Ascension and help reach out into Hollingbury. We had an unsuccessful round of applications and need to re-advertise.

The restoration work needed on the church.

The Current Brexit situation - for all parties to work together for the best outcome.

Ben & Claudia as they prepare to move to Maresfield and Nutley. Ben's licensing is on Wed May 15th at 7:30 at St. Bartholomew's Maresfield

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All Saints Patcham & Ascension Westdene

May 5th

Easter 3

Welcome!



All Saints
PATCHAM



Our services today;

ALL SAINTS; John 8:31-47

**8am Holy Communion BCP
10.15am Morning Worship**

A warm welcome to everyone attending our Service today. Children start with us in church before going over to the barn for their own activities. A creche room is through the door on the front left hand side at front of church.

**Please join us for refreshments in the Church Lounge after the Service
6pm - no service**

ASCENSION; John 21:1 - 17

10:30 Holy Communion - Mathew

No collection is taken during any of our services; however if you wish to make a contribution, please put it in the bowl or box near the exit at the end of the service. Thank you!

All services are on the Loop system; should you need to, please switch to the T-position.



Prayer for the week;

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

TO KNOW, LOVE, FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

The week ahead at All Saints;

Thursday - 10:30 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8am Holy Communion CW

10.15am Holy Communion

6pm Service in Church Centre

Evening Prayer - open to all

On Monday and Wednesday at 5pm in All Saints Church Centre.

Also tomorrow at 7:30pm. Prayer is an essential part of our calling.

The week ahead at Ascension;

Next Sunday

10.30am all age service

Defibrillator - we now have one mounted by the entrance to the Church Centre.

Being an externally stored one, people needing to use it ring the emergency number to get an access code - although the code is on the noticeboard in the centre and porch. Easy instructions are available with the device.

Dads & Tots next Saturday (May 11th) in All Saints barn. 9-10:30am. All dads/ grandads/ big brother/ uncles welcome as long as accompanied by a toddler! Breakfast included.

Messy Crafts at Ascension next Saturday 10- 11:30am. For children and their families. Craft activities and refreshments.

The Duck Fayre is re-starting! Sunday May 19th in the village. All Saints is hosting a flower show and will be offering cream teas. We shall also have a stall on Old London Road displaying information about the restoration project and our regular activities at All Saints and the Ascension. We will conclude the day at All Saints with a Songs of Praise at 6pm - please submit hymn/ song requests along with a reason 'why' on slips provided TODAY! Sign up sheets are now available for those able to help on the day - we need lots of help! Thank you.

Alan Mullery (ex manager of Brighton & Hove Albion and player for Spurs and England) 'In Conversation' on Friday May 24th at 7:30 - see flyer - please book up and encourage others to come! Tickets are available from Patrick and Sue and Matthew.

Short report from our Annual Meeting last week;

PCC members are;

Ex-officio - (clergy) Andy Flowerday, Mathew Philip, (reader) Kim Hill, (wardens) Sue Ward, Patrick Harrex (Deanery Synod members) Carole Copelin, Elizabeth Dwiar, Fran Ward, Treasurer David Wright.

Elected: Pat Bartlett, Linda Baker, Dorothy Cook, Bernard Copelin, Sue England, Tanya Gambardella, Bev McArdle, Roger Newman, Andy Parke, Helen Shires, Chloe Standing

Some keypoints from the meeting;

Accounts and report were approved.

We need to tackle the on-going shortfall of regular income versus regular expenditure (approx £10k/year). We need someone to take on hall bookings.

The on-going render removal should help us be more outward looking, engaging with others and also setting up a 'Friends of All Saints'

Prayer; shared that many find it difficult, but no need for fancy words and learn to overcome fear and lacking in confidence. Prayer is hard-work but also very rewarding. Colossians 4:2.

The desire to work better together (Asc and ASP). Plus the need for a new minister; to encourage and lead at Ascension and also be a pioneer to reach into Hollingbury (we need to re-advertise as we weren't successful first time).

Both churches have many points of contact with those outside of church; let's build on those contacts!

The questions of how, when, where - need prayer and the Holy Spirit. From the ordination to the priesthood service; *You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.* Ie - we ALL need the Holy Spirit!

All Saints & Ascension: Please let Andy have any notices for the notice-sheet (Also email the office) by Wednesday evening before the Sunday they need to be published. Thank you!

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Linda Baker, our administrator, is usually in the office on a Thursday Morning

Please keep her up to date with requests that go on the prayer panel.