

# Storrington Parish Church

St. Mary's,  
Church Street



♥ *Faith, Hope and Love  
in the heart of Storrington*

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Registered Charity No. 1164989

## NEWS SHEET

**9 February 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Rector*  
*(the Revd Jonathan Swindells)*

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher: the Rector*  
Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;  
Luke 5: 1-11

**4.00 pm Evensong** *Michael Taylor*  
*Preacher: the Rector*  
Ps 2; Wisdom 6: 1-21; Colossians 3: 1-22  
*Readers: Nicky Armstrong / Jennie Abbott*

*Jonathan, our Rector, can be contacted  
on 07538 011579. His day off is Monday.*

*Rectory Office open this week on:  
Tues & Thurs – 10am - 1pm  
Tel: 01903 742888*

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

#### Monday, 10 February

*Scholastica, c.543*

7.00pm Storrington Slimmers

#### Tuesday, 11 February

9.30am Family Support Work drop-  
in centre at Village Hall  
*(ends 11.15am)*

2.00pm Simulator bellringing in  
Church *(ends approx. 6pm)*

#### Wednesday, 12 February

10.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Cafe in the Church –  
*see Notices*

#### Thursday, 13 February

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#### Friday, 14 February

*Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885*

9.30am Storrington Community  
Market in Village Hall  
*(ends 11.30am)*

6.40pm Choir Practice  
7.45pm Bellringing practice

#### Saturday, 15 February

*Sigfrid, 1045; Thomas Bray, 1730*

10.00am Simulator bellringing in  
Church *(ends 5pm)*

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#### HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE ROTA...

We need a few more volunteers to help serve coffee after the 10am Sunday service. If you would like to help us please contact Barbara Buchanan (741916).

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

The Church is open every day for  
private prayer.

Regular Sunday Services in  
Church are at 8am and 10am.

The 10am Service is streamed live  
from the Church on Zoom -

(Contact Val Rice on  
valrice77@gmail.com for details)

Evensong is on the first and second  
Sundays of the month ...

6pm April to October  
4pm November to March

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

*For those who are in need in body, mind or  
spirit:*

*Rachel Martin; Paul Muller; Sue  
Taylor; Georgina Toovey; Mavis  
Watts; Mary Taylor; Andy Johnson;  
Kate; Monica Walter; Ann Somerville-  
Jones; Allan and Annette Smith;  
Barbara Middleton; June Wakeham;  
Sandra Keun; Alison Hammond;  
Rowan Cole.*

*For all those who have died recently ...*

*Maddie Parkin; Jeremy Keun;  
Alexander Davis; Linda Simmonds;  
Rosemary Webber; Dai Somerville-  
Jones; Steve Davies.*

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## Thank You

A big 'thank you' to everyone who took  
part and helped with the preparation and  
smooth-running of Jonathan's Licensing  
Service and reception last Sunday.

**HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY  
RACHEL**  
from us all at St Mary's

**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
St Michael's Church, Amberley  
BN18 9ND

**Sunday, 16 February @ 4.00pm**

**Coro Nuovo**

*Conducted by Rev Michael Maine*

*Smith Responses  
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Stanford in C  
Anthem: Thou wilt keep him - Wesley*

**BRIGHTON WELSH  
MALE VOICE CHOIR**  
**St David's Day Concert**

at St Mary's Church,  
Church Street, Storrington  
**Saturday, 1 March at 7.00 pm**

**Tickets: £12** (to include glass of  
wine/soft drink and nibbles)  
from Fowlers (745844) or  
King & Chasemore (745761)

## RENEWAL OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year the Church Electoral Roll has to  
be completely renewed. This is a process  
that takes place every 6 years. We shall be  
contacting everyone currently listed on the  
Roll to confirm membership.

If you have recently joined the Church, are  
over 16 years of age, habitually attend this  
Church and are a communicant member of  
the Church of England and would like to be  
on the Roll please complete a form  
(available at the back of the Church or from  
the Rectory Office). Completed forms must  
be placed in the box in Church during  
Sunday services or delivered to the Rectory  
Office. If you are not sure if you are on the  
Roll, please check the list on the  
Noticeboard at the back of Church.

The closing date for applications for  
enrolment is 23 March 2025.

The revised Roll will come into operation on  
27 April 2025 and will be posted in the  
Church on that date.

## Cafe in the Church in February

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

**12 February**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
**10.30am Café in the Church**

**26 February**  
**2pm Holy Communion**  
**2.30pm Café in the Church**

**COFFEE AND BISCUITS ... BRING & BUY**  
*All welcome to either or both - please come  
and join us for a friendly cuppa with  
Jonathan, our new Rector.*

### NEWCOMERS TO THIS CHURCH

If this is the first time you are visiting our  
Church please fill in your name and address  
on one of the pink cards (they are near the  
entrance door of the Church) and give it to  
one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. We try  
to get to know new people as quickly as  
possible and make them feel at home  
among friends.

### PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact  
is the Churchwarden – Christine Tuson  
(01903 905932). Please contact Christine if  
you would like to arrange for someone on  
the team to either speak to you or visit you.

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**16 February 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Rector*

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher: the Rector*  
Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;  
Luke 5: 1-11

**Sunday, 9 February 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Opening Hymn** AM 644  
God is Love: let heav'n adore him

**THE COLLECT**

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING** Jackie Lee  
**Isaiah 6: 1-8**

**A Vision of God in the Temple**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'  
The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

**SECOND READING** Wendy Cliffe  
**Corinthians 15: 1-11**

**The Resurrection of Christ**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am

what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Gradual Hymn** AM 482  
Sent by the Lord am I

**GOSPEL** the Rector  
**Luke 5: 1-11**

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Richard Martin

**Offertory Hymn** AM 621  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind

**Music during Communion**  
The Call (Come, my way) ...  
Words: George Herbert  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Final Hymn** AM 584  
All my hope on God is founded

**NOTICES**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Inter-Church Service - Storrington Area**  
**Friday, 7 March @ 2pm**  
**Our Lady of England RC Church,**  
**Monastery Lane, Storrington**

**I made you wonderful**

**Service prepared by**  
**Christians in the Cook Islands**

**All are invited!**

Contact: Frances Arter 740843  
WDP local secretary



**LENT COURSE 2025**  
**"I Believe"**

**A five-week course for the season of Lent will take place in St Mary's Church, Storrington, on the following Wednesday afternoons at 2pm.**

**12 March – God the Father Almighty**

**19 March – The Only Son of God**

**26 March – The Holy Spirit**

**2 April –**

**One Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church**

**9 April –**

**The Life of the World To Come**

The Chichester Diocese has prepared thoughtful material. Following the focus of the last two years on the Old and New Testaments, as we continue to reflect on the Mystery of Faith, we are invited this year to consider the Nicene Creed.

<http://www.chichester.anglican.org/lent/>

**THOUGHT for the WEEK**

*from Revd Jacquie Peal*

A copy is with this Notice Sheet, it is on the Church Noticeboard and Church website.

**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON**  
**INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS**  
**First Tuesday of each month at 9.15am**  
**– 9.45am at The Library at Storrington Priory, School Lane.** Next meeting on **Tuesday, 4 March 2025**, but please check with Revd Charles Hadley (740787).

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month**  
**2pm - 4pm at the Old School**

**Come and join our SPACE**

Everyone very welcome (men and women, any age or ability). For more information contact Barbara (741236).

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 18 FEB.**



**Storrington & District**  
**Museum Society**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday, 29 March at 7.30pm**  
**Sullington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road,**  
**Storrington**

Tables of 6. £10 per person including light supper. Tables and places must be booked in advance. Please don't bring drinks as bar is available. To book please call 746569.