

# 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

21 April 2024

Fourth of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
Archdeacon Luke

10.00am Parish Communion  
with Prayers for Healing  
Celebrant and Preacher: Archdeacon Luke  
Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-end;  
John 10: 11-18

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

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday, 22 April

7.00pm Storrington Slimmers

Tuesday, 23 April

*George, Patron of England, c.304*

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

2.00pm Bellringing practice  
(ends approx. 6pm)

Wednesday, 24 April

*Mellitus, 624; The Seven Martyrs of the  
Melonesian Brotherhood, 2003*

2.00pm Holy Communion

2.30pm Cafe in the Church –  
see Notices

Thursday, 25 April

MARK THE EVANGLIST

Friday, 26 April

6.40pm Choir Practice in Church

7.45pm Bellringing practice

Saturday, 27 April

*Christina Rossetti, 1894*

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### Sacred Space

Saturday, 11 May 2024

at Micklepage, Nuthurst, Nr. Horsham

A day led by the Rev'd Steve Gurr to explore what we understand by 'sacred space', how it benefits our own spiritual journey and how it may benefit those we journey alongside. £80. Please email Steve at [ss.gurr@gmail.com](mailto:ss.gurr@gmail.com) for more details.

## 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](mailto: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; Dai and Ann Somerville-Jones; Jeremy Keun; Jeremy Carter; Allan and Annette Smith; Maddy Parkin; Jonathan Aburrow.**

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

**David Parr** (father of Janet Freeman);  
**Mike Patch; John Bell.**

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

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## Cafe in the Church in April

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

24 April

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 the clergy.**

## PLANT SALE

in Storrington Rectory Garden  
in aid of funds for our Church

Sunday, 19 May  
2.30pm – 4.30pm

*If you are a gardener please grow on some seeds or plants that can be sold  
Please donate any gardening tools, books or sundries*

*Volunteers needed to bake cakes and help with stalls*

*If you can help please contact Viv Stuart at the Rectory Office ([vivienstuart44@googlemail.com](mailto:vivienstuart44@googlemail.com)) or Christine Tuson ([ctuson@lineone.net](mailto:ctuson@lineone.net))*

## VESTRY MEETING AND APCM – Sunday, 28 April 2024

The *Vestry Meeting* for the election of Churchwardens and *Annual Parochial Church Meeting* will take place in Church after the Parish Communion service at **11.45am** on **Sunday, 28 April**.

At this meeting we shall be electing members of the Parochial Church Council. We are looking for new members of the PCC. The PCC is a registered charity and PCC members automatically become Trustees of the Charity and would need to complete a 'fit and proper person' form. To join the PCC you must be (a) over 16 and (b) on the Church Electoral Roll. If you are interested, please talk to me or any of the current PCC members to find out what is involved.

*Christine Tuson (Churchwarden)*

### 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.

### 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.

### Alun Jenkins

My family and I would like to thank everyone at St Mary's who supported us on the day of Alun's funeral and during the months before he died. To Charles who conducted the service, the choir who led the singing, to Stephen our organist who compiled such a beautiful arrangement of Welsh melodies to accompany Alun as he left St Mary's for the last time and to the bell ringers whose lovely ringing greeted us as we came out of church. Thank you all.

*Pat*

### Message from Kathryn ...

Kathryn sends her very best wishes to everyone at St Mary's and says she and Val are settling in having survived the move to Lincolnshire a month ago, but they still have lots of boxes to unpack! They have been really touched by all the lovely cards they have received and thank everyone for their kindness.

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

28 April 2024

Fifth of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
*the Revd Charles Hadley*

10.00am Parish Communion  
*Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Revd Charles Hadley*  
Acts 8: 26-end; 1 John 4: 7-end; John 15: 1-8

**Sunday, 21 April 2024**  
**Fourth of Easter**

**Opening Hymn** AM 664  
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**THE COLLECT**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Alison Hammond  
**Acts 4: 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**SECOND READING** Lueen Francis  
**1 John 3: 16-end**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gradual Hymn** AM 794 (ii)  
The King of love my shepherd is

**GOSPEL** Archdeacon Luke  
**John 10: 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
St Luke's Team

**Offertory Hymn** AM 665  
I am the Light whose brightness shines

**Organ Music during Communion**

**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** AM 507  
We have a gospel to proclaim

**NOTICES**



**FSW**  
are based in  
Storrington Village  
Hall

**Tuesday mornings (9.30 – 11.15am)**  
**(10am - 12 noon in school holidays)**

as a drop-in centre for young families and older members of the community too.  
Everyone is welcome.

**We have lost our food and goods supply for our mums in Storrington at the moment and so we will be grateful for any donations of ...**

**TEA, COFFEE, TINS, SAUCES, PACKETS, ETC, CEREAL, TOILETRIES AND CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Please take any food donations to the Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings (10am – 1pm), or deliver to the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings. Do not leave them in the Church.

*Many thanks to all who deliver items to us on Tuesday mornings.*

**THOUGHT for the WEEK**

*from Revd Jacquie Peal*

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH DISTRICT**

**Storrington Library Car Park Bank Holiday Mondays, 6 May & 27 May 8 am – 12 noon**



**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS**

*First Tuesday of each month at 10am – 10.30am at Our Lady of England RC Church. Next meeting on Tuesday, 7 May 2024, 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 on 741236.

**NEXT MEETING ON TUES, 7 MAY**

*The Churches of Storrington invite you to*  
**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB**

**Sunday, 12 May at 1pm**  
**at the Old School, Storrington**  
Tickets £4 available from  
Louisa Austin in Church Street

**Monday, 13 May**  
**Chichester Cathedral at 11.30am**

**Celebration Eucharist for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood**  
*All are welcome to attend*

**Saturday, 22 June**  
**St Alban Pilgrimage**

A grand day out to St Albans by executive coach from Storrington.

This special festival commemorates the first Christian martyr on British soil, the Roman soldier, Alban, who was killed for harbouring and offering hospitality to a Christian priest, Amphibalus.

The story is acted out using giant puppets in procession through the streets of St Albans. There will be a Festal Eucharist at 12 Noon with Pilgrimage Preacher: The Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The day concludes with Festal Evensong at 4pm with a grand procession with red roses to the Shrine of St Alban in the cathedral.

Coach trip return is £25 per person. Departing Rectory Road, Storrington, at 08.30am and returning at 7.00pm. Please fill the form in at the back of church if you are interested in going.

*Stephen Bloxham*