

A warm welcome to Revd. Frances Baldwin who will be worshipping with us here at St Mary's.



Frances writes, "By way of introduction Sue asked me to write a few words about myself.

I was born, brought up and went to school and Church in Croydon. My secular employment was as a nurse, I trained at Kings College Hospital many years ago, and continued nursing until 2010 (except for child care breaks) when we moved to Bexhill. The last part of my nursing career was spent as a Practice Nurse in Croydon.

I think my first sense of calling was in the 80s, and I trained as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary. During that time, I completed a pastoral placement at St Catherine's Hospice in Crawley and with knowledge and confidence gained on the course I set up a Church bereavement group. With a friend I set up Surrey SANDS (stillbirth support group) which sadly is still going from strength to strength.

I had 5 children during the 70s and 80s of which 4 are alive and well. One lives close by in Bexhill, one in Bristol and two in Redhill.

Still feeling Gods call I offered myself for ordination, was accepted and trained with SEITE (now St Augustine's College of Theology). I was ordained in 2002 at Southwark Cathedral.

I served my title in Caterham Team ministry, particularly in the parishes of Chaldon and Whyteleafe, where I was responsible for youth work in both Parishes. I continued to serve in Caterham Team ministry until we moved to Bexhill.

I have been an assistant Chaplain at the Conquest Hospital since 2011, and also worshipped at and led the informal service (Time For God) at St Peter's. I came to Westham at the suggestion of the Archdeacon, and thank you for the very warm welcome I have received.

My hobbies are music, (playing flute and singing), swimming and Guiding. (Rainbows and Brownies)"

If you haven't met Frances yet, please introduce yourself.

February 4th - 2nd Sunday before Lent



If you are new to St Mary's, please make yourself known to us and fill in a welcome card.

Please join us for refreshments after the Jubilate service.

Readings this week

8:00 and 11:15

Colossians 1.15-20 page 956

Psalm 104.26-37

John 1.1-14 page 862

Readings next week

2 Kings 2.1-12 page 290

Psalm 50.1-6

Mark 9.2-9 page 820

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on
earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Palm Crosses



Please bring last year's palm crosses to church so we can prepare the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service.

Services this Sunday – 2nd Sunday before Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Jubilate – the story of Zacchaeus
- 11:15 am Holy Communion Common Worship with traditional music led by Revd. Frances Baldwin

Services next Sunday – Sunday before Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Holy Communion Common Worship
- 4:00 pm Evensong BCP with St Nicolas', Pevensey

During the Week

Every weekday at 9am – Morning Prayer in the Meeting Room – you will be very welcome to join us.

Monday 5th February

9:30 am Holy Dusters

Tuesday 6th February

- 12:30 pm Chapter meeting
- 1:00 to 3:00 pm Noah's Ark

Wednesday 7th February

- 10:20 am School Collective Worship with Chris
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thursday 8th February

- 10:00 am Activate Bible Study

Friday 9th February

- 2:45 pm Distribution of Pancake Party invitations

Saturday 10th February

- 7:00 to 9:00 pm Connected Youth Group

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th February

- 3 to 5:00 pm Pancake Party

Wednesday 14th February

- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Tuesday 20th February

- 7:30 pm Lent Course begins (then 27th February, 6th March, Monday 12th March, 20th March)

Saturday 24th February

- 7 for 7:30 pm Concert with Michael Powell and Sue Davies

Saturday 10th March

- 10 to 12 Churchyard clearance

Tuesday 13th March

- 7:30 pm Licensing of Revd. Tony Windross at St Nicolas' Pevensey

Please pray for ...

Family and friends of **John Collins** from St Nicolas', who died yesterday morning. John worshipped regularly with us at Evensong,

Rachael Plumley, also from St Nicolas' and a great friend to St Mary's, facing an operation on February 15th.

Freda Hough following the upheaval of moving house this week.

Denise Wood suffering from a chest infection.

Jenny Murton still in a lot of pain following the operation on her leg and needing attention from the cardiologist.

Hannah, Seb and Chloe Parris-Hughes preparing for the arrival of twins on March 5th.

Please continue to pray for...

The Barrett family and friends following **Gary's death**.

Eddie Clay, her sister, Joy and brother-in-law, Patrick as they make decisions regarding how to support Joy who has Alzheimer's disease.

St Nicolas' Church, Pevensey as they prepare for their new vicar on the 13th March.

Publicity for the Pancake Party going out this week. Please pray that young families will be inspired to come along.

Ron and Sue Davies, Ron continues to move in the right direction but progress is slow, **Yvonne Scaynes, Angela Long, Holly Aitkenhead, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel Leaver, Michael and Kay**.

...and give thanks for answered prayer

Simon and Jax Blewitt and Erin are proud to announce the safe arrival of **baby Joslyn** on Tuesday morning. We can assure them all of our love and prayers.

Please don't forget...



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