

In 2017-18, FSW provided intensive one-to-one emotional and practical help to 298 families and 476 children. A total of 1,245 children benefited from group activities. Our family caseloads and numbers participating in activities were 100% higher than in the previous year.

## October 7<sup>th</sup>



### Building Work Update

At a meeting with the Inspecting Architect on Tuesday we discussed the start of the building work. On Monday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Scaffolders began the task of erecting the scaffold around the tower. Please keep away from that area. Further scaffolding will be needed around the south wall of the chancel and this will inhibit access to memorials to cremated remains in that area. Please inform any individuals you know that this work will commence probably around the end of October. It is exciting after all this time that work can now commence.

### Directory Update

Several people have joined St Mary's in the past two years, and our Church Directory is getting out of date. The Directory shows contact details of those who wish to share them, and copies are made for those who feature in the directory. In keeping with GDPR rules, they are not available to anyone who is not in the Directory. If you would like your details to appear in the Directory and to have your own copy, please fill in a form at the back of church and put it in the box provided.

**Congratulations to Frances** celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination.

**Light Party Requests.** Can you lend us Christmas lights and bunting to decorate the church for our Light Party? If so please label them clearly and bring them to church.

St Mary's Church,  
High Street, Westham



Saturday 13th October  
at 7:00 pm

<http://stmaryswestham.org.uk/>

## Welcome to St. Mary's

*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

**Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12** page 970

**Psalm 26** page 437

**Mark 10.2-16** page 822

### Readings next week

**8am and 9:45**

**Hebrews 4.12-16** page 972

**Psalm 22.1-15** page 434

**Mark 10.17-31** page 822

### Evensong

**Joshua 5.13 - 6.20** page 171

**Matthew 11.20-30** page 792

### Collect

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your  
Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Wednesday  
October 31<sup>st</sup>  
3 – 5pm  
Keep the  
date free

### Services this week

8:00 am **Holy Communion** BCP

9:45 am **Jubilate** – a short service for everybody including the very young. This month – **What Moses did with God on his side.** Also we welcome **Jocelyn Blewitt** into the church in baptism.

11:15 am Holy Communion Common Worship

### Services next week

8:00 am **Holy Communion** BCP

9:45 am **Holy Communion**  
Common Worship

4:00 pm **Evensong**

### During the week

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

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

5:30 pm **School Governors**

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

10:30 am **St John's Trustees interviews**

1 – 3 pm **Noah's Ark**

6:00 pm **Harp recording in church**

7:30 pm **Home Bible Study in Dickens Way**

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

6:30 pm **Choir**

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October

10:00 am **Activate Bible Study in the Meeting Room**

7:30 pm **Home Bible Study in Castle View Gardens**

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

7:00 pm **Quiz in church**

### Dates for your Diary

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

7:00 pm **Deanery Synod here in St Mary's**

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

2:00 pm **Mothers' Union "Ministry of Cake"**

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

2:00 pm **Flower Guild**

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

3:00 pm **Light Party**

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

4:00 pm **A Service to Remember those we love who have died.**

### Please pray for...

**The families who will receive the gifts you brought this morning.**

**Simon, Jax, Erin and Jocelyn Blewitt and Jocelyn's Godparents, and ourselves at St Mary's,** following the vows we have all taken today.

A message from **Jacqui Hoadley** – Please can St Mary's pray for two families who have lost their children? They we're Mathew and Ellie's friends. Also for the family of a carer who worked at Chestnuts who died, he was a very special young man that will be missed by Mathew x

### Please continue to pray for...

**Three year old Lily, Nicholas Hammond's sister, Jane, Eddie Clay, her sister and brother-in-law, Doreen Wilson, Sue Stone, Shirley Tourle, Jenny Murton, Holly Aitkenhead, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel Leaver, Michael and Kay.**

### ...and thank God for answers to prayer

Has God been answering your prayers? In the chancel you will find two sets of labels. The brown labels have been used for over a year now, requesting us to pray for individuals. Take time to look at these and add your prayers to ours. **The white labels are for you to add your thanks for answered prayers. Please use them as an encouragement to others to pray.** Then add them to the tree.

*Thank you for your gifts today. They will be taken to Family Support Work where we know they will be gratefully received. But...*

### What is Family Support Work?

Family Support Work is a faith-motivated charity that provides services to all kinds of families, of all faiths and none. In accordance with Christian values and in partnership with the Diocese of Chichester, they support those in need, rather than passing them by. They seek to strengthen each family they work with, to provide a safe environment for children and give them the best start in life. They have no religious requirement for staff, volunteers or service-users and they do not evangelise or proselytize. They write: "Thanks to the support we receive from all across Sussex, we are able to help hundreds of children and families each year. *continued over*

**The flowers in the Priesthawes Chapel** were bought with a donation from **Dennis and Joyce Huggett** in memory of **Dennis' mum.**