


An Evening of  
**BOARD GAMES  
 and Desserts**  
 at St Mary's, Westham  
 Saturday 21st October at 7:00 pm  
 Tickets £3



Games and desserts provided  
 bring your own drinks

**An Evening of Board Games and Desserts** is planned for **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:00pm.** The last one was great fun with a large variety of board games to choose from and several delicious desserts. Tickets are available from **Sue Clark.**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> Trinity 17**  
**Welcome to St. Mary's**



**Christ  
 is our  
 Cornerstone**

*You are very welcome at our celebrations today. 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 9:45 and Evensong services.*

### St Mary's Light Party 2017

Our first planning meeting for this year's **Light Party** went well last week. We are able to offer the families from our church school and Noah's Ark the opportunity to celebrate Light in the darkness of Halloween and to be generous at the time of Trick or Treat. Many families have joined us in past years and are grateful for this alternative celebration as Halloween becomes more popular.

St Mary's Parish Church, Westham

It's fun!  
**Light Party**  
 It's free!

Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>  
 from 3 - 5pm  
**games, crafts, songs,  
 stories, food**  
 and it's free for all the family  
 children must be accompanied by an adult  
 Please let us know in advance of any dietary requirements

### Readings this week

**8am and 9:45**  
**Philippians 3.4b-14** page 954  
**Psalm 19**  
**Matthew 21.33-46** page 803

### Evensong

**Proverbs 2.1-11** page 510  
**1 John 2.1-17** page 989

### Readings next week

**8am**  
**Philippians 4.1-9** page 955  
**Matthew 22.1-14** page 803

### 9:45

**God provides Food, Water and Ten Commandments**  
 (from the Candle Read and Share Bible)

**Matthew 22.1-14** page 803

### Collect

Almighty God,  
 you have made us for yourself,  
 and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
 pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
 and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Please would you help?

We need various lights to decorate our church – to make it shine in the darkness. If you are willing to lend your Christmas lights, please label them clearly and bring them into church on Sunday.

A Service of **Thanksgiving**  
 for those we love who have died

Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>  
 at 4pm



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 Westham

**Our Service of Thanksgiving for those who have died will take place on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

Invitations will be sent to those whose funerals Chris has taken this year. There are also some invitations available at the back of church for you to invite anyone you

think would benefit from this opportunity to give thanks to God for their loved ones and light a candle in remembrance.

## Services this Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Holy Communion - Common Worship  
with children's activities
- 4:00 pm Evensong – BCP with the choirs of St Mary's  
and St Nicolas'

## Services next Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Morning Prayer - Common Worship  
with a class for small children

## During the Week

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

(Note – due to school harvest services, Morning Prayer on Wednesday to be advised.)

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

- 7:00 pm Deanery Synod at St Simon and St Jude,  
East Dean

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

- 9:30 am CDEF Autumn Conference  
at Bishop Hannington, Hove
- 1:00 to 3:00 pm Noah's Ark
- 5:30 pm School Governors' Meet
- 7:30 pm All Home Study Groups meet in  
Dickens Way

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

- 9:00 am School Harvest Services
- 7:30 pm Licensing at St Michael and All Angels

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

- 10:00 am Year of the Bible at Hellingly
- 7:00 pm Connected Youth Group

## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- 2:00 pm Archdeacon's Visitation
- 2:00 pm Mothers' Union

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

- 7:00 pm Board Games and Desserts Evening

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Bible Sunday with speakers from Bible Society

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Light Party

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

- 4:00 pm Service of Thanksgiving for those who  
have died

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

- 11:00 am Armistice Day service at St Wilfrid's

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

- 10:30 am British Legion join us for a Service of  
Remembrance

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- 10:00 to 12 Churchyard Clearance
- 10:00 am Diocesan Synod

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- 4:00 pm A Service of Prayer for Healing

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

- 10:00 pm Safeguarding Course

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OF DATE

The next **Safeguarding Course** has been moved from Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> to **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**November at 10:00 pm**

Also the Eastside Churches **Carol-singing at Langney Shopping Centre** has been moved from Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30 am.**

## From the Flower Guild.

The flowers on the first pillar have been donated by **Angela Long in memory of her husband John.** The flowers on the South Wall have been donated by **Joyce and Dennis Huggett in memory of Dennis's mother, Marjorie Maryan.** Could we also express the grateful thanks from the Flower Guild for the generous donations from members of the congregation for the **Harvest Flowers.**

## Please pray for ...

**Gill Powell's daughter Kim** who is in the Intensive Care Unit in a New Zealand hospital suffering from pneumonia. Please pray for her partner Noel as he cares for young **Jayden.**

**Bob Costen** as he awaits the results of various hospital tests.

## Please continue to pray for...

**Sarah Doidge, Gary Barrett and the family, Eddie Clay, Holly Aitkenhead, Jenny Murton, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel, Michael and Kay,** and a **third foundation governor** for our church school.

## ...and give thanks for answered prayer

Last week's **Harvest Supper** was a happy event and we are grateful for the opportunity to get together with some of our **Youth Group** who served meals and joined in the Pig Racing game with enthusiasm.

**The Light Party meeting** went well with an enthusiastic team looking forward to welcoming our schoolchildren into the church for fun, food and worship.



HOPE2018 has been launched and plans are being made as to how it will affect our diocese.

“HOPE brings churches together in mission. The goal is to see individuals and communities in villages, towns and cities throughout the UK transformed by Jesus' love.”

We are grateful to **Gill** and **Hazel** who represented St Mary's at last week's meeting. Please talk to them if you would like to know more.