

Bishop of Lewes invites you to the Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event at Chichester Cathedral.

On Sunday, May 20 at 7 pm Bishop Richard and Archdeacon of Horsham, Fiona Windsor will welcome you to an evening of music and worship at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate Thy Kingdom Come.

At the event, Bishop Richard will lead a procession of the pilgrimage candles. These are 'flames' that will have been collected at each stop along the route that Bishop Richard is taking on his prayer pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral ahead of Pentecost. There will be prayer stations, some creative 'flame of spirit' surprises and great music.

The Cathedral event is co-ordinated by Beyond and is open to all. You are all very welcome to just come along on the day.



GDPR

Over the next few weeks you will all receive a letter from us concerning General Data Protection Regulations. This is new legislation meaning that all organisations must have explicit permission to contact their members and links. To this end we need to get back the form you have received. If we do not receive your form then we will have to remove you from our database and we will be unable to contact you about Church activities and news in the future. Please return the form to the vicarage or put it in the box we have put at the back of the church.

If you have never given us your details and would like to hear of future church events there are spare forms on the back table.

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

May 13th – Seventh Sunday of Easter



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 9:45 service.

Readings this week

8am and 9:45am

Acts 1.15-17,21-26 page 885

Psalm 1

John 17.6-19 page 879

Evensong at 4pm

Isaiah 14.3-15 page 560

Revelation 14.1-13 page 1002

Readings next week

8am

Acts 2.1-21 page 885

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 page 878

9:45am

Ascension and Pentecost from the Candle Bible

Romans 8.22-27 page 919

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 page 878

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace, to
the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the
good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services this Sunday – Easter 7

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Holy Communion Common Worship with commissioning of our new PCC and wardens.
- 4:00 pm Evensong

Services next Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
- 9:45 am Holy Communion Common Worship with activities for the children.
- 3:30 pm Short service for Pentecost at Hankham Lodge

During the Week

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

Monday 14th May

- 12:30 pm British Legion Spring Lunch
- 7:30 pm PCC

Tuesday 15th May

- 1 – 3pm Noah's Ark
- 5:30 pm School Governors meet
- 7:30 pm Home Bible Study – Dickens Way

Wednesday 16th May

- 10:20 am School Collective Worship in church with Martin
- 2:00 pm The Bells at St Mary's with Meg
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 17th May

- 10:00 am Activate Bible Study in Meeting Room
- 7:30 pm Home Bible Study Castle View Gardens

Saturday May 19th (Royal Wedding)

- 7 - 9 pm Connected Youth Group

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday May 22nd

- 4:00 pm Wardens' team meets at the vicarage

Tuesday June 5th

- 9:00 am Licensing of Frances Baldwin to St Mary's as Associate Vicar.

Friday June 22nd

- 7:00 pm Bells on a Summer Evening – a concert of hand bell ringing with Alan Collings and team.

Please pray for ...

...our PCC as they meet tomorrow. Thank God for their willingness to serve St Mary's and ask Him to give them wisdom and clear vision for the coming year.

...our new Wardens team, that they will work well together and that we will not ask too much of them.

A Prayer for Harry and Meghan



God of love,
send your blessing upon Harry and Meghan,
and all who are joined in marriage,
that, rejoicing in your will
and continuing under your protection,
they may both live and grow in your love
all their days,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please continue to pray for...

Tony and Pat Windross as they settle in at St Nicolas', Doreen Wilson, Sue Stone, Angela Long, Shirley Tourle, Rachel Plumley, Jenny Murton, Denise Wood, Eddie's sister, Joy and brother-in-law, Patrick, Ron and Sue Davies, Holly Aitkenhead, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel Leaver, Michael and Kay.

...and give thanks for answered prayer

We are very pleased to report that an **anonymous donation of £14 000 has been received** by the treasurer for St Mary's. However we will continue to apply for grants for the faculty application.

Update on our faculty application

We believe the faculty application is now with the Diocesan Chancellor and we await formal notification.

A Prayer for Growth

God of mission
Who alone brings growth to Your Church,
send Your Holy Spirit to give
Vision for our planning
Wisdom for our actions and
Power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to You
and in service to our community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.