

Sue's News

Dear All

The PCC met last Monday and we remembered Angela Long who had been a member of the PCC, a bell ringer and chorister with us for many years and who sadly succumbed to COVID earlier this month.

We also heard that the decorations and refurbishment of the Vicarage is coming along well - ready for the arrival of David and family who will move into the premises mid February.

David's licensing will take place on 2nd March but we are not yet sure what sort of service that will be as this will depend on whatever the current situation is re COVID.

For those of you who walk through the Churchyard - the hedges will be being trimmed back at the beginning of February.

We hope we will be able to re-open for services soon - let's pray for that

Finally but most importantly, Frances will be retiring as associate Vicar to St Mary's at the end of this month.

We have been very blessed to have Frances with us and it is a shame that her last year has been overshadowed by COVID.

However Frances will be providing the Prayers and thoughts for Candlemas this Sunday and also for Jubilate on February 7th.

We would have liked to celebrate Frances' retirement in a more "St Mary's way" but alas we cannot.

We have sent her some flowers to thank her for all the support she has given us and she thanks us for them.

We wish Frances all the very best for the future and hope to see her back in St Mary's sometime in the future.

Stay safe and well

Love Val and Sue xxx

Pevensey and Westham School News

We have had another interesting start to the term!

The school is still open and the children and staff at the school are working hard. We have children in school from our key worker parents and our vulnerable children. We also have another team of staff delivering our online learning to most of our pupils who are working from home.

On Wednesday the 3rd February we will be having a 'Wellbeing Wednesday' as we look to support all our pupils, parents and staff. We would also like to extend this support to our wider community. On the wellbeing page on our school website, we will be uploading some mindfulness videos regularly which everyone is welcome to take advantage of:

pevenseyschool.org.uk/parents/wellbeing

If anyone has any suggestions for how the children at Pevensey and Westham can support the wider community during this new lockdown, please let us know: admin@pevenseyschool.org.uk



The beautiful photo was taken by Ben Richardson who helps run the Forest School

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
WESTHAM
FEBRUARY 2021**



**Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in Him
Because we trust in His holy name,
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us
Even as we hope in you.**

Psalm 33:20-22

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Sunday services for February

(at the time of publication no services are being held. Should the church re-open the services resume as follows)

Sunday 7th *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings; Prov 8:1,22-31 [Psalm 104:26-end](#)

Col 1:15-20 John 1:1-14

Sunday 14th *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 [Psalm 50:1-6](#)

[2 Cor 4:3-6](#) Mark 9:2-9

Readings for Evensong

1 Kings 19:2-16 [Psalm 2](#)

2 Pet 1:16-end *Gospel*: Mark 9: 9-13

Sunday 21st: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings Gen 9:8-17 [Psalm 25:1-9](#)

1 Pet 3:18-end Mark 1:9-15

Sunday 28th: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Gen 17: 1-7, 15-16 [Psalm 22:23-end](#)

Rom 4:13-end Mark 8:31-end

*** please be aware that things may change and make sure you let Sue Davies know if you plan to attend**



As water to the thirsty,
as beauty to the eyes.
As strength that follows weakness,
as truth instead of lies.
As song-time and springtime
and summer time to be,
So is my Lord, my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamour,
like peace that follows pain.
Like meeting after parting,
like sunshine after rain.
Like moonlight, and starlight
and sunlight on the sea
So is my Lord, my living Lord
so is my Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever,
as gold instead of grey.
As freedom after lockdown
as sunrise to the day
As home to the travellers
and all they long to see,
So is my Lord, my living Lord
So is my Lord to me.

(apologies for altering a word in the original)



Thanks be to you, Lord God, for all that you have given us.
For the wonders and beauty of this world and for life itself.
Above all, we thank you for your presence and your love that is ever with us

Heavenly Father, as we see the days getting longer, the bulbs pushing through in our gardens, the buds swelling on the trees, the birds beginning their springtime song, we thank you for your faithfulness and lift our song of praise to you with gratitude in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

Dear Lord, we bring before you those who are unwell and their carers and those in our families too. We pray for those who mourn having suffered a bereavement and we bring before you Sue, Sandra, Freda's family, Elizabeth Morley and Jacqui Hoadley's family and friends and for Matthew and Ellie and the family of dear Angela.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayers and keep us in your peace.

We continue to pray for Dennis and Elizabeth, Sue and Andrew, Joyce and Dennis, Michael and Kay, Gill and Kim, Ron and Gwen, Doreen, Daphne, Geraldine, Dorothy, Janet and George, Hazel, Diana and ask, Heavenly Father, that you will be with them all, holding them in your everlasting arms. Look upon them with compassion, give them the comfort of your love and soothe them by the knowledge of your presence

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

We thank you for providing us with David and family. Please be with them as they prepare to move. Empower us by your Spirit, we pray, and unite us in your Son that all our joy and delight may be to serve you now and forever. Amen

Heavenly Father within our prayers we bring to you

Friends we know who need your healing touch

Friends we know who need your comfort in their grief

Friends we know who are struggling with problems of day to day living in this pandemic

May we all know your presence and peace sustaining and strengthening us

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.