

# Sue's News

The PCC have made a donation to Pevensey and Westham School to enable them to purchase some books for their library on the theme of bereavement -they have pupils who have experienced loss in their families during the pandemic and they thought the literature would be useful for their pupils. They are very grateful for this and are looking forward to when they can resume having services in the Church.

The service for David Gillard to be licensed as our Vicar takes place on 2nd March - a very quiet service due to the pandemic. All being well we will be able to celebrate properly later in the year.

The hedge laying has been completed in the Sussex style and looks really good - photos are in the gallery on the website.

**Congratulations to Dorothy Norman** who will be 100 years old on 29th March. Our very best wishes to her for a happy birthday celebration.

As we come to the end of the vacancy we do say **“Thank You”** to Frances, Clive and Meriel who have led the services and provided “thoughts” by email throughout the past year.

And from all of us a very big **THANK YOU** to Sue and Val our church wardens for all their hard work during the vacancy. We are enormously grateful to you.

## Bereavement Books



## Pevensey and Westham School News

Hello everyone,

With lighter evenings and encouraging updates in the news, I hope you are all feeling positive about the year ahead.

Worship has continued at PaWs throughout lockdown for children both at home and those in school. Our recent theme has been 'Giants of Faith'. Children have learnt about a range of biblical figures such as Job, Gideon, Esther and last week David and Goliath. Children have reflected on their beliefs and their strengths and how this might relate to their own lives.

Everyone at Pevensey and Westham school would like to thank St Mary's Church for a kind donation which we used to purchase a range of children's books which address bereavement. We know that these will support children and their families who have suffered loss.

*(photo opposite)*

At PaWS we will soon be welcoming back all our pupils and have prepared activities to support children's wellbeing and recreate the sense of community in the school. At the start of March, we will celebrate reading on World Book Day. You might like to look on our Facebook page to see some of our staff reading some of their favourite books and poems as part of 'The Masked Reader'.

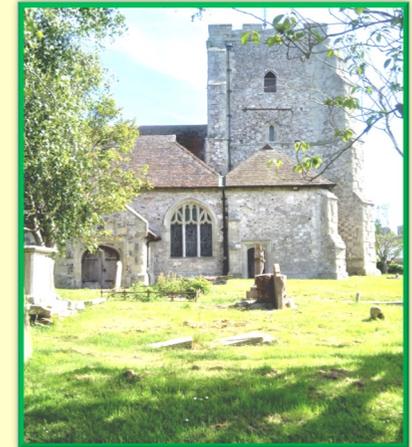
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**Wednesday 17th March**

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH WESTHAM MARCH 2021



From this month's readings:

As God's chosen people..... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Col 3: 12-14

# Sunday services for Lent

(depending on what the current restrictions are)

## Sunday March 7th \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings; Exod 20:1-17 [Psalm 19](#)

1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

## Sunday March 14th \* Mothering Sunday

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Exod 2:1-10 [Psalm 34:11-20](#)

[Col 3:12-17](#) Luke 2:33-35

Readings for Evensong

Exod 6:2-13 [Psalm 13,14](#)

Rom 5:1-11 *Gospel*: John 12: 1-8

## Sunday March 21st: \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings Jer 31:31-34 [Psalm 51:1-13](#)

Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

## Sunday March 28th: \* Palm Sunday

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a [Psalm 31:9-16](#)

Phil 2:5-11 Mark 11: 1-11 or

Mark 14:1-15

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



### THIS IS YOUR GOD

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony, the man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship for this is your God  
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice,  
And as they crucify prays: "Father forgive."

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship for this is your God  
This is your God.*

wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible.  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty  
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### Prayer and Praise

#### A prayer for Lent

WE thank you Father for those days in the desert when through prayer and fasting, Jesus discovered your will for his life and overcame the temptation of the evil one.

Help us during these days of Lent to come close to you and to listen to your voice. Give us strength to overcome the temptation to please ourselves and live life without you.

Teach us your way. For Jesus' sake. Amen

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

**Loving Lord** We thank you for our Church family here at St Mary's and that we are now able to open for a Sunday service.  
We thank you for guiding David to Westham and pray the he and his family will be happy here. May we worship and serve you together and reach out to our village community

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

**Heavenly Father** we bring to you the problem that the pandemic has caused in education from the youngest toddlers to university students, and to all teachers, lecturers and administrators working with great difficulty to continue the teaching and care of our young people.

We ask for wisdom for those making decisions; for strength for teachers and all school staff, and as the schools re-open we pray for the wellbeing and healing of our children and young people.

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

#### **Heavenly Father**

Within our prayers we bring to you

Family and friends we know who need your healing touch

Family and friends we know who need your comfort in their grief

Family and 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.**