



2 March 2025
Sunday next before Lent

- **WELCOME Fr SIMON** We are so excited to welcome Fr Simon as our new Rector on Monday evening at 7.30pm and to welcome his family, Victoria, Hannah and Naomi. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in preparing for the evening by decorating the church, preparing the music and providing the refreshments – with a particular thank you to Tash who has co-ordinated the responses. We are delighted that Peter Hearn will be present to enhance the livestreaming with an additional camera.
- **LENT COURSE** Last call to get the booklet! We are looking at 'Living Hope'. There is a small booklet of daily readings and reflections (also available online or from the C of E app.) and if desired a weekly discussion session in church on Mondays at 2pm led by Fr Simon and Aileen Rickard. Please let Tash in the office know if you want a booklet (only a few remain) and/or would like to join the course.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY** Fr Simon's first Eucharists will be on Ash Wednesday (5 March) when he will celebrate at 10.30am and for the Sung Eucharist at 7pm. There will be the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes at either service.
- **FORTHCOMING RENEWAL OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL**
A new Electoral Roll is being prepared from Sunday 2 February and you are invited to complete and return an Electoral Roll form no later than 23 March 2025. Forms can be found at the back of church. The new Electoral Roll will take effect from 6 April. To remain on the Electoral Roll, even if a form has previously been submitted, a new form will need to be completed. Completed forms can be sent to Mrs D Phipps, Electoral Roll Officer, 49 Valley Drive, Seaford, BN25 3BN, given to Anne Collison as Churchwarden, or posted in the black letter box on the pillar outside the entrance to the Chapel Rooms.
- **DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES** The World Day of Prayer this year will be held on 7 March at Crossways Church, Seaford at 2pm. This year's service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands. It is a beautiful service, and organised locally from members of several churches in Seaford. All are warmly invited. Any queries – please speak to Kay.
- **NO BIBLE GROUP or 'BREATHING SPACE'** on Monday 3 March due to Fr Simon's Collation.
- **LIFE AFTER LOSS** A bereavement coffee morning is being held on the first Wednesday of each month – next on 5 March – at 63 Chyngton Gardens from 10am-noon. Anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or not so recently will be very welcome. No booking is needed; for more information, please call Diana Woodcock ☎ 01323 891749.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK	
Saturday	5.30pm – Wholeness and Healing service
Sunday	8am – BCP Holy Communion
	10am – Parish Eucharist - <i>also livestreamed</i> Hymns: 2 248 278 (579 & 391) 555
Tue., Thur. and Fri.	9.30am – Morning Prayer <i>Also on 'Facebook Live'</i>
Wednesday	10.30am Midweek Eucharist
Mon., Wed. and Fri.	8pm – Compline on 'Facebook Live'. <i>Please ask if you would like a copy of the service.</i>

The Bible Group meets in the church on Mondays at 2pm – **but will not meet on Monday 3 March.** We would encourage folk to join an Ash Wednesday service instead.

'Breathing Space': Mondays, 6pm. Half an hour of silence for prayer and contemplation – **but there will be no meeting on Monday 3 March.**

Rosary Group: second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Our next meeting will be on 11 March.

We pray ...

- for our online congregation, that they may continue to feel part of the worshipping life of our parish;
- for Latin America; for justice and transformation in the midst of the crisis of insecurity, violence, climate change, corruption and poverty in the region; ask for God to strengthen His church and inspire lasting change in society, reflecting His love and justice;
- for peace in Ukraine: ask God for comfort for those who have lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones; pray for people to be able to return to their lives and to have the opportunities and resources to rebuild and thrive;
- for all those who are suffering from illness, pain and grief – and by name for Linda Ballard, Angela Chalkley, Carole Clarke, Jeff Clarke, Cynthia and Brian Colbert, Rosie Collison, Stephen Dempster, Mark Evans, Dorothy Jones, Debbie Kendall, John Martin, Brian Mayell, Noellie Monfort, Shirley Pain, Ann Reed, Ann Rix, Valerie Skues, Albert, Barbara, Lynne, and Sharon, those listed in 'Cross Keys' and all who have asked for our prayers;
- for the departed, giving thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith: we await the time when we will join them in God's kingdom, where our place has been prepared;
- for the recently departed: Pam Taggart, Sarah McStravick, Thelma Alden, Ann Chatfield, Edward Booth;
- for those whose year's minds fall this week:
2: Mary Pulborough, David Saunders;
6: Gwendoline Macmillan, Glenys Ottaway, Sarah Twelftree;
7: Fred Dowall, Ethel Hough.

OFFERTORY If you feel moved to donate at the end of the service, there is a collection plate and a contactless card machine at the back of church. If you would like to make a bank transfer our details are: *Account name:* East Blatchington PCC
Sort code: 09-01-51 *Account no:* 87169403

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COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM Psalm 99

R *The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble.*

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim: let
the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples. **R**

Let them praise your name, which is great
and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.
Mighty king, who loves justice, you have
established equity;
you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.



The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble.

Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is
holy. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon
his name,
they called upon the Lord and he
answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that
he gave them. **R**

You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship him
upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his

clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.]

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.