



St Peter's Church

East Blatchington, Seaford

19 January 2025 Second Sunday of Epiphany

- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** Following the success of last year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together in Seaford is again organising a daily time of prayer from Saturday 18 to Saturday 25 January (except for Sunday 19th and Thursday 23rd), 10am to 10.45am in the side chapel of St. Leonard's Church, Seaford. These acts of worship will be led by members of the different denominations in Seaford. Please do join in, any days that you can.
- **CROSS KEYS** It's time to send in contributions for the next *Cross Keys*. Please submit material by 25 January, by email if possible – text items as *Word* file attachments, photos as *jpegs* – to christinecooke.xks@gmail.com
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you would be willing to help us by joining the church cleaning team or the office volunteers group this year, would you please contact Tash in the office – details below. Tash will be happy to answer any questions about what's involved, and to add your name to the relevant 'WhatsApp' group.
- **CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ** The Annual Churches Together Christian Aid Quiz is taking place on Friday 24 January, 7pm at Cross Way Church. Entrance is by advance ticket only – £8 including a simple supper. BYO drink, nibbles and glasses. Is there a winning team of six, from St. Peter's out there? Tickets are available from Anne.
- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COFFEE MORNING** with stalls will be held on Saturday 1st February from 10 till 12 at Crossways Church. The church service will be at Crossways, 2pm on Friday 7 March.
- **CAR PARK CLOSURE** The diocese is sending contractors to dig out the remaining bamboo from the Rectory garden on Thursday 23 or Friday 24 January. In order to access the garden via a removed fence panel, the far end of the car park and the area alongside the rectory fence will need to be kept clear. So, on Thursday and Friday this week could you please park on the road rather than in the car park? Many thanks!

| SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK | |
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| Saturday | 5.30pm – Taizé service |
| Sunday | 8am – BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10am – Parish Eucharist - <i>also livestreamed</i> Hymns: 586 474 305 (341 & 295) 585 |
| | 4pm – Evening Prayer |
| Tue., Thur., and Fri. | 9.30am – Morning Prayer <i>Also on 'Facebook Live'</i> |
| Wednesday | 10.30 am Midweek Eucharist |
| Mon., Wed. & 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. All are welcome! | |
| 'Breathing Space': Mondays, 6pm. Half an hour of silence for prayer and contemplation. Also available on Zoom (link available from our website). <i>Meeting ID: 851 6436 0499, passcode: letmein.</i> | |
| Rosary Group: second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Our next meeting will be on 28 January. | |

We pray ...

- for our online congregation, that they may continue to feel part of the worshipping life of our parish;
- for the politicians responsible for the policies that affect our environment and our climate, asking God to guide them in making decisions for the good of all creation;
- for Mozambique: for an end to the post-election violence and for peace to be restored, for Mozambican churches trying to build peace and reconciliation, for all those who have lost their loved ones in violence – may they find comfort and hope, for those who have fled: may they find adequate shelter and provision for their basic needs;
- for the people of Los Angeles in the aftermath of devastating fires;
- for lasting peace and hope in Gaza;
- for all those who are suffering from illness, pain and grief – and by name for Linda Ballard, Angela Chalkley, Carole Clarke, Jeff Clarke, Stephen Dempster, Mark Evans, Dorothy Jones, Debbie Kendall, Shirley Linsell, John Martin, Brian Mayell, Sarah McStravick, Noellie Monfort, Shirley Pain, Ann Reed, Ann Rix, Valerie Skues, Albert, Barbara, Lynne, Lora, Ralph and Sharon, those listed in 'Cross Keys' and all who have asked for our prayers;
- for the recently departed: Joyce Cooke;
- for those whose year's minds fall this week:
23: Phillip Pope, Julia Bonham.

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:

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 62:1-5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

PSALM **Psalm 36:5-10**

R *With you, O God, is the well of life.*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;



With you, O God, - is the well - of life.

you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R**

How precious is your loving mercy,
O God!

All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
They shall be satisfied with the
abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your
delights. **R**

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your loving-kindness to
those who know you
and your righteousness to those who
are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses

GOSPEL **John 2:1-11**

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

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.