

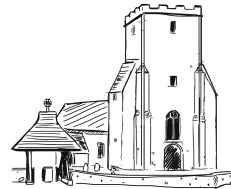
19 September 2021:
Trinity 16

Proper 20: OT wk 25: Track 2

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Congratulations and thanks to all involved in the two Music Nights (Fri & Sat) an uplifting (if raucous!) time was had by all - particular thanks to Rob Groves for knocking the House Band into some kind of shape, and for our own Rols for organising, singing, compering and all round wonderfulness.

Pauline McLelland writes: "On behalf of the Social Committee I would like to thank everyone for their help and support last Saturday with Ride and Stride. The event and offer of refreshments and a friendly chat went down very well with all those who passed by. How wonderful to be back on the Social scene again! "

Tickets for the **Harvest Supper & Quiz on Sat 2 Oct** are available from Pauline. £5 each to include a ham or cheese ploughman's. Bring your own drinks.

If you'd like to donate towards flowers in the church for **Harvest (Sun 3 Oct)**, please give your donation to Jenny (772247).

The **Friends of St Mary's** invite you to an **Open Afternoon Sun 17 Oct 2-6pm**. Come along for tea, coffee & cake, & learn about the history of the building, as well as what the Friends of St Mary's do. If you're not yet a member of the Friends of St Mary's, application forms are available at the back of the church or on the website: <https://bit.ly/friends-SMEP>

Peter Galloway, a friend of Sue & Jim Douglas, is running the London Marathon for the **Anthony Nolan charity**. You can sponsor him here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-Galloway2021>

Explore God's call on our lives & reflect on our response at a **Joint Day of Prayer with St Peter & St Paul's, Rustington Wed 29 Sept**
9am Morning Prayer (St P & St P/Zoom), **11am** Holy Communion (St P & St P), **12:15pm** Midday Prayer/ Picnic on the Beach (bottom of Pigeonhouse Lane), **4pm** Meditation (St Marys'), **5pm** Evening Prayer (St Mary's), **9pm** Compline (Zoom). Please pick up a leaflet for more details.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at East Preston & Kingston Bowls Club, Sea Lane this Friday 24 September at 10:30am.

Martin Hill's funeral is Tues 5 October at Worthing Crematorium at 9.30am.

The next **Church Cleaning Party** is Sat 2 October at 10am - for one hour only!!

Eco Tip of the month:

September brings us our harvest.

Do we check where our fresh food comes from?

Let's buy local where we can, which will help with our carbon footprint. Perhaps we could just enjoy our variety of fruit & veg by buying only when in season, instead of expecting to have it all the year round.

Where possible, buy fruit & veg with the least amount of packaging..... Less Plastic. How about looking out for those Fairtrade products too.

We give thanks for the abundance of food we have here in the Western world. We are well blessed. Help us Lord not to take it for granted, and help us not to waste what you have so generously given to us..... Amen

Dates for your diary: **Harvest** (Sun 3 Oct), **Pet Service** (3pm Sun 10 Oct), **Service of Remembrance for All Souls** (3pm Sun 31 Oct), **Christmas Fair** (Sat 4 Dec)

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Andrew Moore; John White, Ann Mitchell; Timothy Lovett; Ray Hand; Jean Hornby; David Lewellyn, Chris Eschbaeher.

We remember those who've died recently: Martin Hill; Peter Leighton; Doreen Elsam; Ryan; Margaret Carruthers;

and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Nancy Fitkin; Kathleen Hiscocks; Stanley Wallis; Mary Leverett; Wendy Roberts; James Clark; Joan Bade; Edward Hearne; Hilda Bracken; Pamela Nicholson; Jean Love.

Next Sunday's readings (26 Sep: Trinity 17, Proper 21, OT wk 26; Track 2): Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end

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Collect:

O Lord we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you: and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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. Amen

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon:

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades..."

... "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

A reading from the letter of James:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does

not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures... Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark:

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Post Communion:

Almighty God you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.