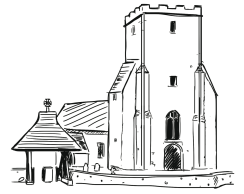


7 August 2022:
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 14
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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Today's **hymns** are from the BLUE book (HON): 197; 218; 157;267; 307.

The funeral for the late June Kirkham is on **Thur 11 Aug** at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the Spire Room.

If you haven't already, please pick up a 'Thank you' letter from Rev'd Emma and the Church Wardens today, as well as a leaflet about Giving to the Parish.

Pauline McLelland writes: There will be a Farewell "Bring and Share" lunch for Emma and Rols on **Sun 14 Aug** in the Vicarage Garden. Please see the list at the back of church or phone Pauline 412961 for more info.

Sat 10 Sept is Sussex Historic Churches Trust **Ride & Stride Day**. There will be a **coffee morning** in the Spire Room **10am-12 noon**. Please let Vivien or Pauline know if you can help set up, serve tea & coffee, bake cakes etc or if you're able to offer an hour or so to help to keep the church manned to welcome participants.

Diary Dates:

Wed **17 Aug** 2pm PCC training with Helen James

Fri **26** & Sat **27 Aug** 7:30pm Melons at the Parsonage Arundel Lido

Sat **3 Sept** 10am Cleaning Party!

Sat **3 Sept** 1:30pm Support Ukraine Lunch and Afternoon Event, Angmering Community Centre

Mon **5 Sept** 7:30pm Dementia Friends information session

Tues **6 Sept** 7pm Mass

Wed **21 Sept** Rev'd Emma's licensing as Priest-in-Charge of Preston St John with Brighton St Augustine and St Saviour

Sat **1 Oct** Harvest Supper and Quiz

Sun **2 Oct** Harvest Festival

Sat **19 Nov** Fundraising Concert in memory of Mandy Paine

Fri **9-Sun 11 Dec** Christmas Tree Festival

Children and Families Worker: An exciting opportunity! The PCC of St. Peter & St. Paul's Rustington are looking to employ a Children & Families Worker with a heart for seeing children and families come to faith and grow into Jesus' likeness. The role is for 30 hours a week and will involve hands on ministry as well as supervising volunteers. We are looking for a natural leader who works well facilitating and supporting teams and can think strategically. Could God be calling you? For more information, please email Reverend Natalie Loveless Rustingtonvicar@gmail.com for details or call 07485298145 for an informal conversation. Application Deadline: Fri 19 Aug. Interviews: Fri 2 Sept.

Joy, Mabs, Mavis and Jennie at Green Willow would like to invite their friends from St Mary's to join them for afternoon tea at Green Willow on **Thur 18 Aug 3pm**. This will be a monthly event on either the 3rd or 4th Thursday of each month.

Alison Grant writes: **Thanksgiving Service** to celebrate the life of Doug Medhurst is at 1pm on **Sat 10 Sept**, at St Mary's followed by tea & cake at East Preston Village Hall. Please do contact Pauline (01903 412961) if you would like to bring a cake to share! Many thanks, Alison (Doug's daughter)

ECO HINT for August: CUT OUT PLASTICS

- 1) Avoid filling your bin with plastic for recycling---- by avoiding plastic packaging as much as you can.
- 2) Avoid pre-packed fruit & veg---- Choose loose products where you can.
- 3) Avoid light-weight plastic shopping bags---- Remember your re-useable shopping bags
- 4) Avoid plastic drinking straws-----Opt for paper straws or BYO re-useable straw.
- 5) Avoid takeaway coffee cups-----Take your own re-useable cup.
- 6) Avoid keep buying bottled water-----Fill a re-useable bottle from a tap.
- 7) Avoid plastic food-wrap for sandwiches or leftovers----- Use a re-useable lunch-box to store food.

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Adrian; Mo; Alison; David; Chris; Gordon; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; baby Luke Wells; Ness; Joan Smith; June Robbens; Ray Bone; Mary; Steven.
We remember those who've died recently: Sister Lucia; June Kirkham
and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Valerie Sparkes; James Egan; Kenneth Alfred Cox; Kenneth Airey; Peter Mercier; Edward James Elsam

If you're able to make a regular donation to St Mary's, you can do so here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/east-preston-st-mary-littlehampton/>

Readings for next Sunday: (14 August: Trinity 9, Proper 15): Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

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www.stmarysep.org.uk : www.facebook.com/groups/stmaryseastpreston (Monday is Rev Emma's day off: Friday is Fr Andrew's day off)
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Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A reading from the book of Genesis:

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith* our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as

many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke:

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he* would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.