

Collect.

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; we ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

A reading from the book of Exodus. *Exodus 17.1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 95: "O that today you would listen to his voice: harden not your hearts!"**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.***Romans 5.1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *John 4.5-42*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of

Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"?' But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion.

Merciful Lord, grant to your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Please send any notices for Pews News to **Barbara Blundell** by Thursday morning latest. Tel: 670791 or email barbs.blundell@btinternet.com.*

NOTICES

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EARNLEY AND ST. ANNE'S? Some fifty years ago the PCC produced an illustrated guide to the church of East Wittering. Reading it recently, I felt the time had come to bring it up to date. The help of parishioners in this task would be greatly valued. What stories, anecdotes, facts, photos do you have that could be incorporated into the new guide? Please share your reminiscences and knowledge with me. **John Hyatt**

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Unfortunately, the pilgrimage is a little more expensive this year – it will now cost **£175 per person**. The **2nd deposit** and also the **final amount** is now due. If you have paid your £10 1st deposit, you will now need to pay Maureen **£165**. If you have **NOT paid your 1st deposit, the full amount of £175 is now due.**

LENT EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

at 12.00 noon, prior to the Lent Lunches.

LENT LUNCHES:

20th March: Rosie Hills, 33 Eton Drive

27th March: Pauline, Judy, Josie at The Rectory

3rd April: Sue Wiltshire, Roann, West Brack Drive

LENT COURSE EACH WEDNESDAY

during Lent at 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel

PALM SUNDAY LUNCH:

There is a list at the back of the church for this event. £12 each for a 2-course roast meal

LIST FOR EASTER FLOWERS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES: Help, flowers and small greenery required for **10.30 on Saturday 21st** please

DIARY DATES

MAGAZINE COLLATING: Fri. 27th 2.00pm Team C

ST ANNE'S "THIRSTY THURSDAYS" POP-UP CAFÉ
open on Thursdays 10.30 to 12.30 at the back of the church.
Serving Teas and Coffees.

LOCAL MINIBUS: Further to the notice last week reference Minibus Spring Supper: It has been decided that, in view of the Corona Virus risk, the 4th April Spring Supper has been cancelled for this year. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause

Services this Week

Morning and Evening prayer is said weekdays Tues to Fri at

9.00am and 5.30pm & Saturday at 9.00am

(1st Friday of the month 7.00pm Compline & Benediction)

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

Tuesday	7.00pm - Said Eucharist
Wednesday	10.00am – Said Eucharist 7.00pm Lent Course
Thursday	10.00am – Said Eucharist
Friday	12.00noon Stations of the Cross 7.00pm – Said Eucharist
Saturday	9.30am – Said Eucharist

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

22nd March 2020 – Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings:
Exodus 2:1-10
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
John 19:25b-27

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

15th March, 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C."

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(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Hymns: 598, 435, sheet, 469, 455

UPDATED IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We have received important **Diocesan Safe Practice Guidance** regarding the Coronavirus outbreaks. The decision has been made by the Diocese that Holy Communion will only be given in 'one kind' i.e. the wafer for the foreseeable future. Also, it is requested that no handshakes are exchanged during the peace. Hand sanitiser is available at the back of the church.

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

From our families and friends, we remember

Hazel Allen, Jean Hall, Doug Errick, baby Romanhy, Savannah & her parents, Arthur Wright, Arch Deacon Fiona Windsor, Canon Julia Peaty, The Revd Derek Welsman, Bridget Stephenson, Billy Batterby and all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Thomas Gladwin, Frances Desforages, Brian Robinson

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Fr. Joe Williamson, Ray Pyne, George Vines, Hilda Pape, Thomas Purks, John Brooks,

If you know of some one who is sick or has not been to church for a few weeks and may welcome a visit please notify Fr. Steve or one of the Churchwardens.