

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture, it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2 v4-10

OUR CHURCH

Sunday’s services here and elsewhere. Pray for our own family members and their particular needs. Thank God for the blessing of Marc Lloyd and his family. Pray for our forthcoming Church activities, our Lay Reader, Jeremy Cooke, our Church Wardens, members of the PCC, and all who exercise leadership.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Please pray for the families, children, and young people of the parish, for Sunday Club and for Little Warblers Toddlers Group.

OUR PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR SUPPORT

Those for whom life is particularly challenging and really need our prayers Zilda Hutton, Kerry Greaves, Stuart Hemsley, the family and friends of Meryl Clark, Penny Howell, Stephanie Howell, Liz Shave, Lesley Fairway and David Baldwin. Let us also remember those who provide so much care for them.

MISSION SUPPORT FOR MAY – SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

We continue to support the Sussex Gospel Partnership this May. Warbleton Church is one of a group of over 70 churches in East and West Sussex which make up the Partnership. The purpose as stated on the website is to form *“Not simply a fellowship of people who enjoy each other’s company but a Partnership of churches who believe it is better and more effective to work together.”* The vision is that by joining together churches of different denominations who are clear that the Bible is the unique authority in all matters of faith and conduct, the message of God’s kingdom can be proclaimed more effectively.

Members of SGP are convinced that Christ will build his church but that working together in ministry and prayer helpfully strengthens the proclamation of the gospel. SGP aims:

- To encourage church leaders
- To recruit and train church leaders
- To encourage and organise evangelistic initiatives
- To encourage gospel growth in existing churches
- To work together for the preservation and advance of the gospel in different denominations

Training courses of various kinds continue throughout the year. There are leaflets giving details of these and other information about SGP at the back of the church or you can Marc.



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SEEK JESUS

Sunday 3rd May
All Age Family Service
Commencing at 11.00am

Psalm 31 v1-5 & 15-16
1 Peter 2 v2-10

The Services will be available afterwards on the Warbleton Parish Church
YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPBFrhqP5nL6QnmkZKfP5yw>

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EVERY WEEK

Morning Prayer – Marc will be conducting Morning Prayer online daily Tuesday – Thursday and Saturday – but not Bank Holiday Monday and Friday this week. – All technology permitting. – Normally, this will be at 8.00am at <https://www.facebook.com/malloyd>

Open Church – the Church will normally be open during the day from about 9.00am to 5.00pm to visitors and for private prayer.

Sunday Services - Our services are videoed and put on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPBFrhgP5nL6QnmkZKfP5yw>

Sunday Club – Scheduled dates: Sunday 10th May and Sunday 17th May.

LATER THIS WEEK

Monday 4th May – WarbleSingers - 7.15pm for a 7.30 pm start. (8.30pm finish) New members are always welcome. Contact Gail Welford gwelford51@gmail.com

Tuesday 5th May - Little Warblers – Little Warblers is a group for preschool children and their parents, grandparents or carers. They meet on Tuesday mornings during term time in the Church Rooms 9.30-11.00am. There is suggested voluntary donation of £1 / family More details from Sue Holden on 07557 142513.

Wednesday 6th May - WarbleArt –The group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Church rooms from 10.00-12.00. If you would like to join them, you will be very welcome. Contact Gail Welford on 01435 812514 or gwelford51@gmail.com

Wednesday 6th May - Prayer First - Our monthly benefice prayer meeting at the Rectory, Rookery Lane, Rushlake Green, TN21 9QJ – 7.45pm for 8.00pm – 9.00pm. You can join via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/300501062> - Meeting ID: 300 501 062

Thursday 7th May - Coffee and Company – At Osborne House, Rushlake Green from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Sunday 10th May – Morning Worship with Holy Communion – Incorporating a Celebration of Life for Meryl Clark. Commencing at 11.00am.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Tuesday 12th May – Good Book Club - Meets again at 7.00 for 7.30pm at White Birch Farm. A welcoming atmosphere will be found as the group continues their study of 1 Samuel. Bible study is the way to become closer to God and understand how we should conduct our lives.

Wednesday 13th May – Warbleton Weeders – Meet (weather permitting) once a month on a Wednesday morning at 10.00am for a couple of hours. Help would be very much appreciated with pruning, sweeping and other jobs as you feel able. Please contact Judith on judithmhemsley@btinternet.com

Saturday 6th June – Men’s Breakfast – Commencing at 8.30am at White Birch Farm. Guest speaker will be Ollie Jeffs of The Pelham - a local charity that runs a Community Hub & Coffee Lounge in Bexhill on Sea.. Bookings to Tony Welford please.

Sunday 7th June - The Big Lunch, on the Green in Rushlake Green - you might like to support this village event - from 12.00pm

Saturday 26th September - Southern Men’s Convention - At Kings Church, Burgess Hill
Speaker - Jonty Allcock – ‘Ambition - Letting the beatitudes re-direct our hearts’. 'Dads & Lads' & 'early-bird discount' tickets. southernmensconvention.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES

CONSULTATION ON THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHICHESTER

As you are aware, Bishop Martin retires at the end of May. As a diocesan family, we are preparing to search for the next Bishop of Chichester. A consultation has been launched to hear the views of as many people as possible across our communities. This anonymous survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. It closes on 26th May 2026. Have

your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete. We welcome responses from everyone. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/
For those who haven't got access to technology there is an offline version of the survey which can be requested from Marc or Steve. As a very large response is expected, the online version is preferred.

MERYL CLARK – CELEBRATION OF LIFE

As part of the normal Service on Sunday 10th May, we will be celebrating Meryl's life as a member of our Church family. The service will also be attended by Meryl's friends and family. Steve hopes that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

Afterwards, there will be a party at Punnetts Town Village Hall commencing at 12.30pm to which all are invited. So that the occasion can be appropriately catered for, please let Steve know if you plan to come by e-mail on stephenrclark2022@outlook.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED?

Please speak to Marc is you are interested in being confirmed (or indeed baptised and confirmed). Our next deanery confirmation is with Bishop Ruth on Monday, 15th June at St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly, probably at 7.00pm. There are other opportunities at the cathedral or in neighbouring deaneries.

PARISH MAGAZINE – NOW IN GLORIOUS COLOUR

This is the Calameo link to the April edition of the Parish Magazine.

<https://www.calameo.com/read/006311470dee9c9f10b3a>

The parish magazine is always hungry for suitable content. If you have something to offer or if you know someone who might, please email warbleton.mag@gmail.com

LEARNING & RESOURCES.

Our Diocese - Do check out the Diocesan website at <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/>
In particular, some of the events and courses here are open to anyone:
<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/training-brochure/>

Sussex Gospel Partnership - Events - Resources - Training Courses -
<https://sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/>

Ventures - Great Christian Holidays for Children and Young People -
<https://www.ventures.org.uk/>

3 2 1 Course & Books - The Story of God, The World and You - Life according to Jesus - A great Christian resource / app to use on your own or with others -
<https://321.speaklife.org.uk/course/321>