

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 12th September, 2021

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST with
HOLY BAPTISM of Eislely Ford**

Please take this booklet home with you after the service.

We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been
generously sponsored

**“Grateful 50 happy years together since 11.9.71”
Liz and Chris Williams**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul
Organist Sam Hancock
The Setting: Thorne
The Reading: Alyson Heath
The Intercessions: Hannah Holloway

***Welcome to our Parish Eucharist on this
our Patronal Festival***

*Communion continues to be administered in one kind that is, just receiving the consecrated bread. **The Sacrament will be brought to you in your place. Please stand or kneel to receive Holy Communion.** Fr Paul will have sanitized his hands several times and will be wearing a face covering while administering communion. He will place the consecrated host directly into your hands but not onto your tongue, as is the traditional practice of some.*

There is no collection during the service you are asked to leave your offerings for today and those that you may have stored up over past weeks, into the plate as you arrive or leave the church.

Opening Organ Music

Please stand when the bell rings

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 478

(Please note verse 2 refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

- 1 **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluya.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya.**

2 O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluya.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya.

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya.

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya.

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people to make
an act of penitence*

Lord Jesus you raise us to new life,
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus you forgive us our sins,
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus you feed us with your body and blood,
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.

**Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God, in the Highest.

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
 revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: Micah 5. 2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 161 (tune 385)
J.R. Peachey (1896-1971)**

- 1 **For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised;
she first the Son of God adored
as on her child she gazed.**

- 2 **The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be'
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.**

- 3 **The heavenly call she thus obeyed
And so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.**

- 4 **She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

- 5 **Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
to every family.**

6 **Hail Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
Blest in your Son whom your embrace,
in birth and death confessed.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1. 18-23

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

The Homily

The Baptism

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for ***Eisley*** who has come to be
baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:
Will you support this child as he begins his journey of faith?
We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

Fr. Paul then addresses the parents and godparents
God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for ***Eisley*** today.
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?
We will.

Fr. Paul addresses the candidate through their parents and godparents
We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:
Do you turn away from sin?
I do.
Do you reject evil?
I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the Cross

Fr Paul makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Easley, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Fr Paul invites the parents and godparents to sign Easley with the cross.

When Easley has been signed Fr Paul says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him

against all the powers of evil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan,

where your Spirit came upon him

and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the
water of life, and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Believing

Let us affirm,
together with this child who is being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptism

Eisley Adam Paul, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Intercessions

Pray for the peoples of Afghanistan and all caught up in the turmoil there at this time

. We pray for those who are continuing to oversee and administer the vaccines across this country and the world.

We especially pray for those working and living in our local Care Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor

Those who are in particular need of healing:

Andrew Nairn, Edward Fuchs, Elizabeth Perry-Nash, Arthur Varndell, Zoe, Andrew Morgan, Fr Charles Lansdale, Peter Leeke, Jane Aylott, Chris Rule, Mick Taylor and Zoe O'Brien

Those who are in need of continued prayer:

Betty Miller and Ryan Nichols

Anniversary of death: Nicola (Nicky) Hamilton, Frank Richardson, and Stephen Leach

Together with the other churches in the Village we pray for those who live and work in Lower Street (west of Sorting Office) Skeyne Drive, Carpenters Meadow, Barnhouse Close, Barnhouse Lane. Arun court and Allfreys Wharf

The following responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

or

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,

✠And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Welcome for Eisleigh

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Eisleigh by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are children of the same heavenly Father;

we welcome you.

The Peace

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace



Please sit

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 353
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

(This hymn was chosen by Liz and Chris Williams and was sung at their wedding, 50 years ago)

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**

- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Pray dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PLEASE STAND

The Prayer over the Gifts is said

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Fr. Paul continues with the prayer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

*Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to which all say: **Amen***

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one Bread**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please note that the Sacrament will be brought to you in your places. Please stand or kneel to receive Holy Communion or remain seated for a Blessing with your head bowed and hands down.

Communion Hymn: NEH 387

Jesus noster, Jesus bonus Adam of Saint Victor (12th Century) tr John Mason Neale (1818-1860) adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

- 1 **Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.**

- 2 **Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our king most dear.**

- 3 **Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.**

**4 Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.**

**5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us,
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!**

Communion Hymn: NEH 235

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

(This was another hymn chosen by Liz and Chris Williams and sung at their wedding, 50 years ago)

**1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.**

**2 The task thy wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will,**

**3 Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.**

**4 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.**

- 5 **Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;**
- 6 **For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.**

The Prayer after Communion

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Notices are given out

Please stand

The Blessing

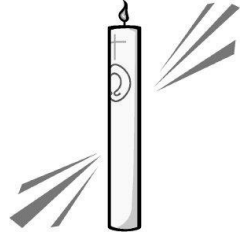
The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Eisley you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**



The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Recessional Hymn: NEH 321 (Tune 186)

J.R. Peacey 1896-1971)

- 1 **Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit, daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.**

- 2 **Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.**

- 3 **Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
His love supplies the grace and power we seek.**

- 4 **Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's brethren every day and hour,
and serving Christ, his every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**
- 5 **Sing praise to him who brought us on our way,
Sing praise to him who bought us with his blood,
Sing praise to him who sanctifies each day,
Sing praise to him who reigns one Lord and God.**

Concluding Organ music: "Festival Toccata" by Percy Fletcher.

BISHOP MARTIN AT ST MARY'S

On **Sunday 24th October** we will be welcoming Bishop Martin to celebrate and preach at the Parish Eucharist on our Dedication Festival.

MANY RESTRICTIONS BEING LIFTED

As from Friday we have lifted many of the restrictions that have been in place including the need to social distance, However we are aware that some people are still being cautious so please continue wearing a face covering if you wish to do so. If you are still concerned about socially distancing and need to have more space, please speak to either Churchwarden.

WHAT IS OUR PARISH SHARE (THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE PAY TO THE DIOCESE) AND HOW IS IT USED?

We are very pleased to have Tim Redding from the Diocesan Finance Department coming to the PCC on the 28th September to answer our questions. If you have any questions for him about the Parish Share please let Susan Scholefield, our PCC Secretary, know by **this Monday 13th** susanscholefield@btinternet.com
We suggest that before you formulate your questions you read the booklet 'What does Church House, Hove do for us' which can be found on the Diocesan website.

Church and Liturgical Diary

13th Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople,
Teacher of the Faith 407

14th Tuesday: Holy Cross Day

15th Wednesday: *St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258*

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15am The Holy Eucharist

16th Thursday: *St Ninian, Bishop of Galway*

17th Friday: *St. Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179*

11.30am Burial of Ashes – William (Doug) Adlington R.I.P.

12 noon The Holy Eucharist

18th Saturday: *Feria*

9am to 12noon Village Market in Pulborough Village Hall

19th Sunday: TRINITY 16

8am The Holy Eucharist (Said)

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Jeremiah 11. 18-20 and Mark 9. 30-37

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Harry Richard Cooper

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) FOOD HAMPER IN CHURCH

When you go shopping do think of FWS and buy a little extra. They are particularly low on food at the moment, especially **tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, soup and tea**. However all donations will be gratefully received. Items can be left in the Church porch or please contact **Alyson Heath 873795**. Thank you so much!!!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

'Big Sing at St Mary's – this is a new initiative along the lines of BBC's "Songs of Praise" and is an opportunity to come and sing joyfully some of your favourite hymns. This is on **Sunday 26th September** at 6.00 pm and if anyone would like to request a particular favourite please ring Tony Hancock on **01798 873479** or email anthony@hancocksonline.co.uk .

SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2021

Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one? The dates we have now have available are:

Sunday 26th September – 'The Big Sing at St Mary's.

Sunday: 28th November - Advent Sunday

Sunday: 5th, 12th, 19th, or 26th December. Christingle Service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Your donations help us to offset the cost of printing and paper which is such a great help. Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET – THIS SATURDAY

(Please note change of date)

The September market is this **Saturday in Pulborough Village Hall from 9am to 12noon**. Please support this local initiative if you can. Bakery, Macmillan Cancer care cake stall, fresh vegetables, local flowers, crafts stalls and much more. Pulborough Community Wardens to answer any local questions.

Delicious cooked breakfasts, home-made cakes and savouries from the Market Café.

The market follows all government guidelines with social distancing and table service in the Market café.

Look forward to seeing you there!

