

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



ST PETER and ST PAUL, APOSTLES

Sunday 28th June, 2026

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist as we celebrate The Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

On this Feast Day we send our good wishes and congratulations to
Fr Paul on his 40th Anniversary as Deacon and
his 39th Anniversary as Priest.

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Peter Allwood

The Setting: Thorne

The First Reading: Alyson Heath

The Second Reading: Austen Hindman

The Intercessions: Hannah Holloway

Ministers of Communion: Tony Holloway and James Raynard

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on the front of the envelope.

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the church for paying by card or you can use our
QR code to the right.

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to support us even when you are unable to
attend church. Detail packs are at the back of church.

**Thank you so much for supporting our church's ministry and
mission**



***In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits
available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the
Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building
by an exit nearest to you.***

Do join us for refreshments after the service

*Opening organ music: Cesar Franck:
Prelude and Fugue in B minor, op 18.*

Please stand when the bell is rung

**The Entrance Hymn: NEH 478
Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)**

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

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

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

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

✠ 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 celebration and invites people to make an
act of penitence*

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

John 15.14

Let us now confess our disobedience to him

Prayer of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thorne 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.**

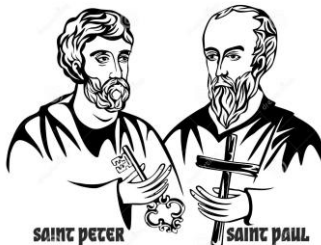
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.

**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 God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: Acts 12. 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out

and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 224
Richard Mant (1776-1848)**

- 1 For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**
- 2 For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to die,
and counted thee their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.**
- 3 O Lord, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
who lived and died in thee.**
- 4 Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.**
- 5 All praise to thee, O Lord,
the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, God adored,
while endless ages run.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 13-19

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 when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Fr Paul: Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death ...

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Fr Paul: Almighty God,
you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles
and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace:

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope. Thank you



**The Offertory Hymn: NEH 381
Bernard of Cluny (fl c 1140),
translated John Mason Neale (1818-66)**

**1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.**

- 2** They stand, those halls of Sion
conjugilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.
- 3** There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.
- 4** O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exalt, O dust and ashes!
the Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Pray my 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.

The Prayer over the Gifts is said:

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 sit or kneel

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 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.**

Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.

Please wait to be directed to communion.

*Choir Hymn: NEH 225 (2nd Tune)
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

- 1 *Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.*
- 2 *Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch tears:
Thy wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.*
- 3 *I ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.*

4 *They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.*

5 *Our glorious leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.*

**Communion Hymn: NEH 172 (Tune 443)
W. Walsham How (1823-1897)**

1 **'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God most high!
For ever be adored
That Name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.**

2 **O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced.
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ!
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.**

3 **Thrice fallen, thrice restored!
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord,
With triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**4 O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears!
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.**

The Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 and Banns of Marriage will now be given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: NEH 345
George K A Bell (1883-1958)**

- 1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 The first Apostles round them drew,
Thousands of faithful people true,
Sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Then magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 6 Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Concluding organ music: Cesar Franck:
Variation (on Prelude in B minor), op 18*

PASTORAL PRAYER MINISTRY TODAY

Pastoral Prayer - ‘Not a tool we use; but a space we enter’.

After the service on the **last Sunday of each month**, pastoral prayer is available for those who may wish to have a few moments of quiet prayer with experienced and appropriately trained church members.

This ministry is offered gently and without pressure, in a spirit of reverence, discretion, and compassion. Its purpose is not to direct or interpret another person’s spiritual experience, but simply to bring before God the needs, burdens or concerns of those who seek prayer for themselves or others, trusting in God’s grace and mercy.

This ministry is offered under the guidance of the parish priest and in accordance with the Church’s safeguarding policies.

Saint Peter: c. 1–c. 64

Patron Saint of Rome, bakers, brickmakers, masons, bridge-builders, butchers, clockmakers, cobblers, fishermen, harvesters, watchmakers, locksmiths and netmakers
Invoked against feet problems, fevers, and frenzy

Saint Paul: c. 3–c. 64

Patron Saint of Rome, evangelists, theologians, musicians, public relations personnel, writers, publishers, and reporters; rope-, saddle- and tentmakers; Invoked against snakes and hails

For your prayers this coming week.

We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally,
Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

*In our Diocese we now pray for Bishop Will as the Acting Bishop of
Chichester and Bishop Ruth working with him as they oversee the
Diocese during the vacancy.*

*The Property Department: Scott Ralph, Paul Ridley, Stuart Miller;
Theresa Tippling; Phil Morl; Lynn Finnigan and Sophie Cooper.*

*We pray for the work of SPLASH in their work with young people
across the Deanery.*

We pray for our nation and government:

*For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and
all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in the Middle East,
praying especially for all world leaders and those who advise them.

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of
Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering
especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

We continue to pray for the work of FSW across the Diocese.

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

Those who are now in need of healing:

Patrick Carr, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Charlie Goldsmith, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Kelvin Tatum and John Raynard

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

Anniversary of death: *Oliver Henderson, Francesca Dixon (Priest), Ann Standing, Ian Standing, Helen Reynolds*

Village Prayers: *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who work for the Voluntary Groups, Pulborough Parish Council, the Uniformed Groups, Emergency Services and Parish Partnership*

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 29^h: Feria

10am -12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library
3.15-4.30pm Kingfishers at St Mary's School
7.30pm Tower Bellingring Practice

Tuesday 30th: Feria

10.30am Churches Together meet at 1 The Mews
2pm Sing for Pleasure at Pulborough Village Hall

Wednesday 1st July: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer
10. 15am The Holy Eucharist
12.30pm Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting
7pm 'Meeting Matthew' at 86 Glebelands

Thursday 2nd: Feria

9.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 3rd: St Thomas the Apostle
12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 4th : Feria

10am -12noon Church Working Party

11am to 4pm Open Gardens at Dale Park for FSW

9pm Bat and Moth evening

Sunday 5th: TRINITY 5

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said (Book of Common Prayer)

Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12, Romans 7. 15-25a and

Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end

10.30am ‘All Are Welcome’ Celebration

MEETING MATTHEW

The Meeting Matthew small group will meet on the **1st 8th,15th and 22nd July** to continue to read through and discuss the Gospel according to Matthew. We will be restarting at Chapter 16, we meet at **7pm at 86 Glebelands** and anyone is welcome to join us.

OPEN GARDEN

This Saturday 4th July Dale Park at Madehurst open gardens from 11am Entry ticket and refreshments supporting Family Support Work. Offers of home-made cakes most welcome. Please speak to **Alyson Heath 01798 873795**

SING FOR PLEASURE- THIS TUESDAY

Meeting once a month in the Meadows Hall, overlooking the Brooks at Pulborough Village Hall, singing traditional folk songs, music hall and popular songs from the 50s, 60s 70s. It's not a choir, no audition, just a love on singing. Meeting at 2pm to 3.30pm the session costs £5.00 which includes an interval for tea, coffee and biscuits.

For further information contact **Michael Pioli** (michael@pioli.co.cuk)
or telephone 07811 050699

Sunday 12th July – SEA SUNDAY

As usual we will be supporting Misson to Seafarers on this Sunday. With so much unrest in the Middle East affecting shipping, supporting this charity is more important than ever. Today you will find an envelope for donations with your pew leaflet and hope you will feel able to support the charity by returning your gift over the next two weeks.

FSW SPONSORED WALK – Tuesday 28th July from 10am

This year we will be doing an eight mile circular walk starting at the Church in aid of Family Support Work. We will have just one sponsor form for the whole group. Our sponsor form will be available on **Sunday 5th July**. Hoping for your support. There will also be a list for walkers, do consider joining us.

A NEW BISHOP FOR CHICHESTER

During this time of Vacancy in See, and as we look ahead to the ministry of a new Bishop of Chichester, we invite you to join a monthly diocesan prayer gathering, held on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at noon.

Please see the Diocesan website for all details

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee
more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen