



Parish of St Mary the Virgin  
East Grinstead  
**The 5th Sunday of Easter**  
*Said Mass 8am, Family Mass 11am*  
**3rd May 2026**

*Setting: Mass of St Thomas Thorne*

*A bell is rung and the congregation stand and face the back of church.*

*During Eastertide, the penitential rite takes the form of sprinkling with the waters of baptism, blessed by Fr Adam at our Easter Vigil. The altar party, servers and choir enter church through the main doors, where the celebrant, dressed in cope, prays this prayer.*

***The Easter Sprinkling Rite***

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise the Lord our God for this water he has created, and which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

***Processional Hymn***

**112 Jesus lives.**

*The entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The priest sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary.*

***Entrance Antiphon***

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## ***Peruvian Gloria***

*Bells may be rung during the gloria:*

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

*All:* **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

*Choir:* To him be glory for ever.

*All:* **To him be glory for ever.**

*Choir:* Alleluia, amen

*All:* **Alleluia amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen**

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father

*All:* **Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father**

*Choir:* To him be glory for ever

*All:* **To him be glory for ever.**

*Choir:* Alleluia, amen

*All:* **Alleluia amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen**

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit

*All:* **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit**

*Choir:* To him be glory for ever

*All:* **To him be glory for ever.**

*Choir:* Alleluia, amen

*All:* **Alleluia amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen**

## ***The Collect***

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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### ***First Reading***

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God*

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

*Please stand*

*All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*All: Alleluia*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

*All: Glory to you O Lord*

### ***Gospel***

*John 14:1-12*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

‘Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to you O Christ.*

### ***Sermon***

*Please sit*

### ***The Creed***

*On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

*Please kneel or sit*

Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord, graciously hear us*

*The intercessions may end with:*

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

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

*Please stand (if able)*

### ***The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a brief sign of peace with those nearest you.*

***Offertory Hymn*** (*A collection bag will be passed round for cash offerings or use QR code for digital gifts.*)



### **408 Love divine**

Pray, dear friends, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*All:* **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.**

### ***Prayer Over the Gifts***

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

*The priest says or sings:*

The Lord be with you *All* **and also with you**

Lift up your hearts. *All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*The priest begins the prayer. After the preface all respond with:*

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

*Please kneel or sit.*

*The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*     **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly: All: Amen.*

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*All: 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.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ.

*All: Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one bread.*

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

*All:*

**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 Holy Communion**

*The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd are those who are called to his supper.

*All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

### ***Communion Antiphon***

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

*If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head. Intinction (dipping the Host into the Precious Blood) is performed by the priest/eucharistic minister **only**.*

### ***Communion Anthem***

The Choir may sing an anthem.

### ***Communion Hymn***

**296 Lord enthroned**

### ***Prayer after Communion***

*Please stand (if able)*

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen*

### ***The Notices***

*Please sit*

### ***The Solemn Blessing & Dismissal***

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing, in the name of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### ***Recessional hymn***

**120 Thine be the glory.**

*The altar party and choir gather around the image of Our Lady, as we sing.*

### ***Regina Cæli***

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

**V** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**R** For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.

***R Amen***

***Services this week***

**Thursday**

*10am Reserved Sacrament.*

**Sunday**

*Said Mass 8am, Sung Mass 10am*

**Intercessions**

**We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town.**

West Street Baptist Church

**We pray for:** Newlands Cres, Maypole Rd, Garland Rd, Park Rd, Chapmans La.

**Please pray for those in need of healing:** Jorgie, Ian Lloyd, Shirley Streeter, Frances Sellick, John Railton.

**Please pray for all the departed**

**Recently:** Roy Jackson, Karen Jones.

**Anniversary:** Alaisdair Penny

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## Notices

**No Mow May** begins on Friday May 1st..... give the lawn mower a rest and see what additional flowers appear in your lawn and the wildlife it attracts. If you have a large lawn, allow part of it to grow and compare with the mown area.

### ***Saturday 9th May St. Mary's Plant Sale and Car Boot Sale***

It will take place between 10.00 am and 2pm.

If you would like to reserve a car boot space please email Andrew [andrew.stmaryeg@outlook.com](mailto:andrew.stmaryeg@outlook.com). Spaces cost £10.

When you are tidying your sheds or starting to get your garden ready for summer think of St. Mary's. We are inviting donations of plants and any unwanted garden or car boot items to sell to raise money for church (please no books or CD's).

We would also welcome monetary donations allowing us to buy summer annuals from trade suppliers which we can then sell on the day at retail prices.

If you are interested in helping, please speak to Andrew or David.

**Chichester Cathedral** have invited us to a special choral evensong on Rogation Sunday May 10th at 3pm to highlight the environmental achievements of the diocese. After there will be a reception, with refreshments, at which there will be a display of awards and activities. If you are interested in coming, please let Anne know. Some of the Eco group will be going, so we may be able to car share.

**Christian Aid Week** 10th - 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will be having a retirement collection on Sunday 10th. Donations may also be made on line at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

**Diocesan Environment Day** is May 16th St Peter's Bexhill; there will be a speaker from A Rocha as well as discussion groups. Please see Anne if interested.

### **Diary Dates**

**Ascension Day** 14<sup>th</sup> May said Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7.30pm

**St Mary's Working Party** 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-12noon.

**Wine Tasting** 6<sup>th</sup> June 7pm, St Mary's Hall.

**Green Sunday** will be 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Summer Club** 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August – forms at the back of church.

**Patronal Festival** 16<sup>th</sup> August -Said Mass 9am, Sung Festival Mass 7pm followed by BBQ in the Vicarage Garden.

# WINE TASTING

Enthusiasts, the wine-curious and self-proclaimed expert sniffers and sippers, all welcome. Expect surprises, stories and a super chilled evening to support and raise funds for St. Mary's Church.

Tickets: £25 per person

Saturday 6th June, 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church Hall, Windmill Lane, East Grinstead

You'll sample six mystery wines (3 white, 3 red) using nothing more than your palate, your nose and you'll be given lots of clues to guess where they come from. Let your taste buds travel!

Scan for tickets





ST MARY'S CHURCH EAST GRINSTEAD

# Plant & Car Boot Sale

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
10am-2pm

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