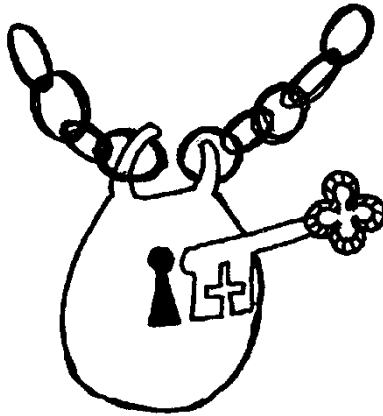


**The Parish of S Martin with S Wilfrid & S Alban
Brighton**

**21st Sunday of the Year
Year A
August 23rd 2026**



10.30 THE PARISH MASS

Opening Hymn NEH 483

The Church of God a kingdom is,
where Christ in pow'r doth reign;
where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss,
their Lord shall come again.

Glad companies of saints possess
this Church below, above;
and God's perpetual calm doth bless
their paradise of love.

An altar stands within the shrine
whereon, once sacrificed,
is set, immaculate, divine,
the Lamb of God, the Christ.

There rich and poor, from countless lands,
praise God on mystic rood;
there nations reach forth holy hands
to take God's holy food.

There pure life-giving streams o'erflow
the sower's garden-ground;
and faith and hope fair blossoms show,
and fruits of love abound.

O King, O Christ, this endless grace
to all your people bring,
to see the vision of your face
in joy, O Christ, our King.

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

R: Amen.

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And with your spirit.

The Celebrant introduces the celebration.

V: Lord have mercy

R. Lord have mercy

V: Christ have mercy

R: Christ have mercy

V: Lord have mercy

R Lord have mercy

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

R Amen.

The Gloria

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.
Peace to God's people, all people on earth. **R.**

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God. **R.**

You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, receive our prayer. **R.**

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High. **R.**

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen. **R.**

The Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

First Reading (Ref: Isaiah 22:19-23)

Theme: 'I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.'

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

Second Reading (Ref: Romans 11:33-36)

Theme: 'From him and through him and to him are all things.'

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia

Gospel (Reference: Matthew 16:13-20)

Theme: You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

V. A reading ✠ from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: 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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Address and then stand for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful

The Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. 5

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.**

**I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

V. Lord, hear our prayer

R. in the name of your church

Those in need

Fr Keith, Fr Steven, Charlie Banks, George Browne, Brenda Burchell, Hazel Chapman, Valerie Clarke, Elle Deveson, Steve Gilliver, Denise Edmunds, Emily Glass, Adrian Gorman, Sue Korth, Minna Lucas, John Mason, Jen and Jez McAteer, Paulina Podsaidley, Terry Roberts, Chris Swetman, Julie Swetman, Dorothy Valder, Alex, Amy, Christine, Fiona, John, Louise, Rachel, Ray, Rita, Timothy,

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The Recent Departed

Rachel Bennett (Deacon)

Years Mind

- (23) Frank Whitworth, Beatrice Sheppard, Dennis Warren
- (24) Marie Sensier
- (25) Philip Stiff
- (26) Maud King, Kenneth Powell
- (27) Angela Rowe, Tsitsi Ruwona
- (28) Edward Rowe
- (29) Maria Warter, Ethel Hume, Eliza Bradshaw, Lawrence Jordan, Terence Morley (Pr)

Offertory Hymn NEH 484

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
 Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence praise.

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.

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

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.

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!

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

R **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

V The Lord be with you
R. And with your spirit.
V Lift up your hearts
R We lift them up to the Lord
V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R It is right and just.

The Proper Preface

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd, Blessèd, Blessèd is he, Who comes in the name of the Lord:
Glory and peace in the highest heavens,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The mystery of faith.
**Jesus, Mary's son, word made flesh,
Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising again you restored our life.
Jesus heavn'ly King come again in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Glory, honour might and pow'r
Are yours Almighty Father;
Heaven and earth unite in one voice to sing, sing, sing your praise. Amen**

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.**

V Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

R **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

V Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R **Amen.**

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And with your spirit.**

V Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sin; Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; through this bread and wine we share may we be
your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our pain; Jesus healer: **R.**

Jesus , Lamb of God, broken as our bread, here among us: **R.**

V ✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please be guided to Communion by the Stewards
Silence will be kept after Communion.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Hymn 822

You are the King of Glory,
 you are the Prince of Peace,
 you are the Lord of heaven and earth,
 you're the Son of righteousness,
 angels bow down before You
 worship and adore - for
 you have the words of eternal life;
 you are Jesus Christ, the Lord
R. Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heavens
Jesus the Messiah reigns

You are the one who conquered,
 sin and death and pain.
 You triumphed over Satan's power
 you rose to life again.
 Now Lord you reign in glory
 every knee shall bow, - for
 you have the name above all names,
 you are Jesus Christ the Lord. **R**

You are the King of Glory
 you are God's chosen Son,
 you are the heir of everything,
 you're the Ever Living One.
 Now we bow down before You
 worship and adore – for
 you are exalted to God's right hand,
 you are Jesus Christ the Lord. **R**

V The Lord be with you
R And with your spirit.

V And may the blessing of almighty God,
 the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
 come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R Amen.

V Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R Thanks be to God.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary
R And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**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.**

V Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
**R Be it unto me according to thy Word.
 Hail Mary....**

V And the word was made flesh.
**R And dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary....**

V Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.
R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Collect.

School Theme for the Week

‘Holiday’

Mass this Week

Mon	S Bartholomew	17.30
Tue	Feria	~::~~
Wed	Bl. Dominic	--,--
Thu	S Monica	17.30
Fri	S Augustine	11.00
Sat	The Passion of John Baptist	11.00

Next Sunday 22nd of the Year

Morning Prayer
 10.30am THE PARISH MASS

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Please note there is no Mass here on Tuesday or Wednesday

PARISH LUNCH

There will be a Parish Lunch on Sunday, 6th September. The cost will be **£15** per head. Please note the change in price. There is a booking sheet and a menu on the table at the back of church. Please sign up and pay by 29th August.

SUSSEX RIDE AND STRIDE

This will take place on September 12th, 2026. For further details please see Sussex Historic Churches Trust website.

WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL DAY

This will take place on Saturday, 17th October 2026 at St Paul's, West Street beginning at 11 am with a Concelebrated Mass. Further details will be circulated later in August. A "save the date" poster can be found on the noticeboard outside the main doors of the church.

WALSINGHAM DIARIES

An order for Walsingham Diaries is about to go in. Please let Ange know if you would like one.

JAM JARS

The Monday Group are running short of jam jars. Please bring in your empties.

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