At St Peter's, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, families and youth work, equipment, or staff, and to sustain the future of our beautiful church and churchyard. Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g., children and youth, churchyard, music, buildings, overseas mission, or aid) and the church's priorities at the time. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry. We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor or their executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers. If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact our Churchwarden, Paul Corver on 07770 688618 or email paul.corver@btinternet.com

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Our Christmas collections this year will go towards our Children, Families and Youth work. We will continue until Candlemass 28th January. Please give as generously as you can. Our target is £15,000 between Chailey and Newick. Please give this some thought, we are way below our target. This work is very much needed.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This will be a joint service to be held at St Mary's on Wednesday 14th February at 7pm.

LENT LUNCHES: donations from Lent lunches will go to support East Sussex Caring and Sharing group. They will run on Mondays at 12.30pm through lent starting on 19th February. If you are able to offer help or soup for 8/10 people please let MaryJane or Teresa know.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

Welcome

SUNDAY 28th January 2024

Candlemass (Presentation of Christ in the temple)
Liturgical Year B ((Green)
Priest in Charge Revd Paul Mundy (Rector of Newick)

TODAY'S SERVICES 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion Father Martin Morgan



TODAY'S READINGS

8am 10am Galatians 4:1-7 Malachi 3: 1-5

Luke 2: 22-40 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40

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1st Hymn 24 Angel voices ever singing 2nd Hymn 1200 Christ whose glory fills the skies 3rd Hymn 2417 Longing for light

4th Hymn 1199 Christ is made the sure foundation

BIBLE BOOK CLUB are reading Colossians and will be discussed on Weds 21st February at Joy and Stewart's at 2.15pm

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES 4th February 8 am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion Don't forget that the box for donations to the Family Support Work is still at the back of the Church. The need for support is greater than ever. If you can spare a couple of items a week, it all mounts up. www.familysupportwork.org.uk.

CHURCH DIARY

Monday 29th January 3pm Funeral of Annie Jones Monday 29th January 8pm Bell ringing Wednesday 31st January 9am Possums

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(Interdenominational)

at

ST. JAMES THE LESS, NUTLEY CHURCH

On

Friday 1st March 2024 at 2.00 p.m. The Theme is Written by the Christian Women of Palestine 'I BEG YOU,

BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE'

As we see and hear the unfolding horrors of suffering of the people of Palestine and the people of Israel, we feel great sympathy. Before 7th October and the beginning of the present crisis, an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, prepared the 2024 World Day of Prayer Service.

As we participate in the Service, we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the glove, which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends 36 hours later in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be joining with people in over 146 countries and islands around the world to pray with and for the people of Palestine, and for peace.

The Service shares the experiences of 3 Palestinian Christian women, from 3 different generations, who witness to the power of bearing together in love, despite difficulties and differences, united in prayer for just and harmonious solutions that will bring an end to human suffering, achieving security and peace for all people around the world.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

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WEBSITE: There is a lot of information on our website, which we keep updated. It can be

found on www.stpeterschailey.org

Our Safeguarding Recruiter (child protection officer) is Jane Von der Becke She can be contacted on 07740 289802 email jvonderbecke@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Fund

Donations can be made at any time to the Treasurer or directly to the bank. (Chailey P C C, Sort Code 09-01-55 Account 06923088. Please state 'Pastoral Care Fund'). Cheques can be posted in the letterbox outside St Peter's bell tower or handed to a Church Warden.

If you are able to gift aid your donation, please include a note with your name, address and postcode, or you can email a note to the Treasurer, to stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk

In your prayers this week please remember those who are ill especially Julie, Troy, Gemma Peacock, Betty Olbrich, Kerry and Dudley Dean, David and Janet Barnes, Brenda and Ray Ford, Chris Ruane, James, Anne Yeats, Anthony Meadows, June Wise, Debbie Freeland, Brenda Bellis, Pat Stepney, Julia Russell, Barbara Scott and Val Thwaites.

We pray too for the recently departed especially Annie Jones and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The funeral for Annie Jones will take place at St Peter's on Monday 29th January at 3pm.

Lent Course 2024

'Come Follow me'.

The season of Lent begins on February 14th this year. Lent highlights the time Jesus spent in the desert where he went to discern his vocation to be obedient to God and reject the devil's temptations. The Lenten season is a time when Christians are encouraged to spend time examining their own relationship with God. This year the parishes of Newick and Chailey will again combine to journey together on both our individual and collective journeys.

Through baptism the Christian journey is transformed into pilgrimage. Pilgrimages are always made in the direction of holiness. Such travels need preparation, direction and purpose. There is always a need for sustenance which we find in Holy Communion and Scriptures. When we look back on our travels hopefully we will recognise that something within us has change how we see ourselves especially in relation to God who is the Holy One

Our Lent course this year is home made. We will begin by assessing where we are on now our journey to God. We will look deeply into the sustenance God provides for us in both Holy Communion and Holy Scripture. The Lord's command to go out to the whole world will be illustrated by the Reverend Martin Poole whose book, 'Church beyond Walls' is a best seller. Martin created a means of taking the Gospel out to the general population of Brighton and Hove by instigating events such as the Beach Hut advent calendar on Hove Seafront. He designed an amazing Stations of the Cross through the Lanes in Brighton and is a liturgical visionary. With the help of illustrations and readings and song we will join Jesus on his journey from Pilate's Palace to the tomb. Our course begins on 22nd February and takes place in St May's after we have met for puddings at 7.00pm in the Barn. These weeks in Lent are to help us delve even more deeply into our response to Our Lord's call to 'Follow Me.".

It would be wonderful if you could join us.

EASTER LILIES: The price of these has risen considerably. If you wish to have a lily donated in remembrance of a loved one, and their names read out at the Easter service envelopes will be available at the beginning of Lent for your names and donations. The price will be £5 per name. Please complete and hand to Peter or Brenda Martin.

JUMBLE SALE we will be holding one on the 24th of February from 10am. Jumble can be brought from 19th Feb and left in church at the back near the font. Please donate items that are saleable and not rubbish as clearing afterwards is always a hard task. Entry will be £1. Refreshments will be available.

ST GEORGE'S DAY FETE is run by Chailey Bonfire Society and is on 27th April. Once again the church will be running a sweet tombola stall. Any donations will be gratefully received.

CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP, at St Mary's North Chailey will be held on Saturday March 16th from 9am-1pm. Any help would be very much appreciated as there is a lot to do.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU will next be held in church on 9th February from 10am.

FLOWER CO-ORDINATOR Our thanks go to Liz Cullen for her years of acting as flower team co-ordinator. She has now resigned from the position from this coming lent and Brenda Martin will be the new co-ordinator. If anyone, male or female, wishes to become part of the church flower team please speak to Brenda.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: The boxes for the Children's Society have been over looked and should have been collected in October/November. Those of you who have a collecting box would you please bring it to church, we will empty them and send the proceeds to The Church of England Children's Society.

Many Thanks