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22nd May 2022: 6th Sunday of Easter
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Season

Fr Tony writes:

Having attained my black belt in the ancient art of Ikea, my new house, 3 Chalky Road, is now looking more like a home and less like a storage space for boxes and other clutter. So, I would like to invite parishioners to come and visit. I shall be having an **"Open House" on Saturday 28th May, 11am-3pm**. Do come and drop in at some point. There will be refreshments and nibbles available.

Indeed anybody is welcome at any time (though try to avoid 10pm-8am unless it is an emergency!). However it is probably better to make an appointment, otherwise I may be elsewhere when you drop by!

I don't have a landline number as yet, so the best way of contacting me at present is by email. I hope to have my new number by next weekend. The parish number will, of course, remain the same, and I can access voicemail messages from here.

Ascension

One of the key themes of the Ascension, which we celebrate this coming Thursday is the 'handing on' of the mission of Jesus to his disciples. It is interesting to note the question the disciples ask of Jesus: "Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?". Jesus turns the question back to them. They will receive the Holy Spirit to "be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth."

This message applies to us as well. As members of the church we are disciples of Jesus. We are called to be his witnesses, both in what we say and, more importantly, in what we do. A church that only looks after itself, however friendly, and does not promote the Kingdom of God in our world, is failing in its mission.

After the pandemic we have rightly been trying to rebuild our community, and I hope the celebration on the 5th of June will demonstrate that we have been quite successful in doing that. But we cannot stop there. If we are to be witnesses to Jesus, we have to be a people 'for others'. I will be reflecting on this in the liturgies of the coming weeks, with the aim of building up our sense of mission, as we explore what it means to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Watch this space!!



Calling All Bakers! 🍰

As you know by now, we are holding a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June (also the feast of Pentecost of course!). As part of this, we would love to have a special celebration cake.

Are there any keen cake makers in the Parish who would like to volunteer to make this cake for us please? It would need to be big enough to feed around 40 - 50 people.

If you can help, please either contact the Parish Office or talk to one of the Pastoral Team (Pauline, Helen, or Trish) this weekend.

Thank you ☺

Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for someone to clean St George's Hall on Court Farm Road, Hove. The job would include cleaning of the church hall, kitchen and toilets. Approximately eight hours a week, pay from £10 an hour depending on experience. A full job description is available from the Parish Office. Email: westhove@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.



Please Pray For

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine and Maria Grazia Topa. Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. A list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Special Collections 2022

Next weekend's second collection (29th May) will be for:
World Communication Sunday

Music Practice

For singers, choir, musicians
EVERY THURSDAY 19:00 hrs at St Theresa's
All are welcome!
This is for St George's as well as St Theresa's

Support the people of Ukraine

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at:
cafod.org.uk/Give.
To access Reset's website go to:
www.homesforukraine.org.uk.
Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative:
homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.
Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit:
www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

Invited Novena: 27 May – 4 June We encourage you to join in our diocesan-wide Novena to the Holy Spirit, building from Ascension to Pentecost. To sign up, go to: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/whgsjpng>.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 21st May <i>Sts Magallanes & Companions</i>	10am, St Theresa's 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	FHC Session 5
Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	In thanksgiving for the beatification of Pauline Jaricot. All Parishioners
Tuesday 24th May	10am Mass, St George's <i>followed by Tea & Chat</i>	
Wednesday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Vigil Mass of the Ascension <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Thursday 26th May Ascension of The Lord	10am Mass, St George's	Deceased members of the Jee family
Friday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	
Saturday 28th May	11am-3pm "Open House" 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	3 Chalky Road BN41 2WF
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Worship Bags

There is a selection of children's books, colouring sheets & pencils available each week at the back of the church at St Theresa's (underneath the first holy communion notice board). St Mary's have kindly added five 'Wonders of Worship' bags. These contain a range of mindful resources to help entertain the children so please do grab one when you attend St Theresa's for your child to enjoy during Mass.



The Welcome Directory

HELPING FAITH COMMUNITIES WELCOME PEOPLE LEAVING PRISON

Prison Awareness Course

Discover about the needs of prison leavers and how your Faith Community can help unlock their "second prison"

3 sessions via Zoom: 7:30pm on Thursday 9th, 16, and 23rd June



Cost: Up to 3 free places for faith communities who have or intend to register with The Welcome Directory. £20 all others.

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/324764879497>

More details: james@welcomedirectory.org.uk

The Welcome Directory is a list of places of worship, available to prisoners who are being released, where they know they will be welcome to come to worship. Many prisoners either come to faith or rediscover their faith in prison, but when they come out of prison struggle to find somewhere they can fit in. Those who do find a welcoming worshipping community are much less likely to fall back into old ways. The Directory comes recommended by Bishop Richard, who, as you may know, is the Bishop who 'looks after' prison chaplaincy for the Bishops Conference.

I would very much like one or both of our churches to be able to sign up for this. To do so we need a number of people to have done the course. If you think you can help, or want to find out more, please contact Juliette in the parish office. Juliette has done the course herself, and so will be able to explain it better than me!