

Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea.

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St Mary's Church Open for Prayer

St Mary's Church is open daily for prayer. Open Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00noon to 4.00pm.

Our 1,2,3 journey

In the newsletter on the 5th August Fr. Neill wrote that we believe that each one of us should feel that we are loved, that we really belong to the church and that there are a number of ways this sense of love and belonging might happen.

1. We all have a regular service that we attend
2. We all belong to a home group
3. We all offer to serve in the church

In this newsletter and in the weeks to come we will be offering and reminding ourselves of the specific ways we can respond. Attending a church service, joining a home group and giving service.

Services in the Parish this week

St Mary's	St Mary's	St Laurence's
Sunday 22.8.21 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)	Sunday 22.8.21 10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)	Thursday 26.8.21 10.00am Said Eucharist (CW)
Morning Prayer. Online via Zoom. Every Wednesday at 10.00am Meeting ID: 955 2642 8233 Passcode: 386017 Come and join whether or not you are familiar with Morning Prayer. If you are new to Morning Prayer this friendly service is an excellent introduction.		

Full details of all services and parish events can be found in the August edition of Newsletter *Extra*.

You will no longer need to register in advance for most services

Teddy Bears' Picnic



Wednesday 1 September at 11am

A picnic for all Smarties old and new to celebrate returning to our weekly meetings.

Bring your teddy, picnic and rug to the gardens at the end of the hall and help us celebrate.

Smarties Toddler Group will return on

Wednesday 8 September in St Mary's church hall at 9.15am.

Coffee and fellowship

From Sunday the 5th September refreshments will be served in St Mary's Hall after the 10.00am service, and the 8.00am service on the first Sunday of the month. By October we hope to be able to offer a Café service on the first Sunday of the month from 9.00-12.00 with refreshments available to worshippers and the local community. Hopefully this will provide a time of fellowship after and between both morning services. We also hope that this can offer an outreach opportunity to our local community.

We are in need of a couple more helpers for all times and particularly on the first Sunday of the month between 10.00 and 11.00. If you are a regular 8.00am worshiper perhaps you might consider offering this service once a month or bi monthly.

Help please!

If anyone has some free time on **Monday (23 August)** please come and spend an hour – or even just half an hour - helping to sort and clear the parish paperwork that is currently in the choir vestry but is no longer required to be retained. I shall be there from 11am-1pm and again from 2pm-4pm. It would be so good to get the room back into use for September.

Ginny Ward

Home Groups



You have already received details about home groups with a form to complete. Please do sign up to one of our groups by emailing Fr. Neill at rev.stannard@gmail.com or returning the form to: 16 St. Michael's Road, Worthing, BN11 4SD.

The date for returns has been extended to the 27th. August

Alpha

Tanya shares her responses to some questions about her experience of the recent Alpha course

What was your favourite thing about Alpha?

"The people. I knew one person in my group of nine. By the end of our first session, it was as if I had known them all, my whole life. The freedom to share anything and everything."

Tell us about your experience with Alpha...

"When I put my name down for the course, I had no idea really about what it would entail. What I did know is that it had something to do with God and there was going to be lots of talking!

I just thought, God is about the only person I listen to! and I do love to talk, so why not.

Alpha is a wonderful course to go on. A wonderful journey of the Christian Faith. And it's free!

In our group we all started off as strangers. 11 weeks later – and we are friends for life.

Some of us believed in God, some of us didn't, some of us were unsure. And still, we were all welcome. We went on a journey of the Christian faith together. We had great discussions on what we felt about the Christian faith and why. I affectionately named our group The Debatables! I believe we all shared stuff that we never thought we would. I also believe some of us shared thoughts and feelings that we have never shared with anyone else. I certainly did. If you had a session where you didn't feel like talking and you just wanted to sit back and listen, that was ok. No questions asked.

If you would like to explore The Lord in greater depth, in the company of people who make you feel welcome. Where you are free to laugh and cry and discuss, all in one setting! Then The Alpha Course is the one for you."

The next Alpha course will be in October 2021.

Prayer Circles

There are people who will pray regularly about any concerns you, your family or friends may have, and will keep all requests confidential among themselves. To request such prayers please telephone either Sylvia on 01903 529743 or Barbara on 01903 240613

Pastoral Visits.

Please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Neill or the Wardens know if you have a personal or pastoral concern or may know of someone in need.

May God bless you and give you peace,

Fr. Keith, Fr. Neill, Gill and Janice



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