

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

2nd NOVEMBER 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10.00am FirstSunday@10 service (ALL SAINTS)	
Music:	St Mary's music group
Sidespeople:	Christine Smith and Chris Kingswood
6.30pm ALL SOULS' SERVICE – see separate service leaflet	
Readers:	David Booth and Ray Brenton
Readings:	1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 11.1-6, 17-27
Sidespeople:	Murray Brickell and Chris Gebbie
Hymns:	746, 358i, 799i

Please pray for

The people of Jamaica

Our local businesses

People living in Rushey Close and Mill Path

In memory: Dorothy Chadwick, Jill Patterson,

Maureen Copeland (2/11), Joan Fowlie (2/11)

Morning Prayer is said in church most mornings Monday – Saturday 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday – Psalm 2; Isaiah 1.1-20, Matthew 1.18-end

Tuesday – Psalm 5; Isaiah 1.21-end, Matthew 2.1-15

Wednesday – Psalm 9; Isaiah 2.1-11, Matthew 2.16-end

Thursday – Psalm 15; Isaiah 2.12-end, Matthew 3

Friday – Psalm 16; Isaiah 3.1-15, Matthew 4.1-11

Saturday - Psalm 18.31-end; Isaiah 4.2-5.7, Matthew 4.12-22

POSTPONED Churchyard Tidy now this coming Friday 7th

November 11.30-4.00. Due to the weather we plan to meet this week, same plans as before which are up in the porch. Many thanks Rosemary

Our Advent Study Group begins this week on 6th November in the Church Room from 3.30pm. We are using the book 'Women of the Nativity' by Paula Gooder.

David has completed his walking 62 miles during October in aid of Dementia UK so will be looking to collect the money from all the people have sponsored him for.

Christmas Celebrations at St Mary's 13th and 14th December

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- Jam jars for making tea light holders
 - Small boxes - tissue boxes, make up boxes
 - Material scraps
 - Christmas decorations
 - Tins/bottles/jars for tombola prizes
 - Gifts for the Gift Stall
 - Pre loved items
 - Jigsaw puzzles
- Everything can be left in the Springett Chapel or at 9 Delves Close whichever is easiest.

Refreshments at above – On Saturday we will be serving coffee & biscuits from 10-12noon, soup and bread from 12-2ish and then tea and cakes until we close at about 3.30pm and then on Sunday tea and cakes between 2 & 4ish. If you could help on the day or with making cakes / soup that would be lovely. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or see Shirley if you would like more information.

How to spend 1million 125thousand Ugandan shillings -3 of us were asked to help a Mum and her 4 children – including a severely disabled son. We visited her first to assess the situation with the head of the social services, Resty. We decided to pay rent for 6 months for a weather-proof, concrete floored 2 bedroomed house with a latrine. We also bought a new mattress for her son, mosquito nets, lots of food (maize, dried beans, sugar), a live chicken for eggs and pots, utensils ad plastic bowls with lids as she makes and sells snacks around her neighbourhood – and many clothes brought from the UK. Not bad for £250!! Resty will let us know how things develop. The rest of the money will be well spent.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council will meet on Monday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Church Room. There is a draft agenda in the church porch and on the website. If you have items for raising with the PCC, please email pccsecretary@ringmerchurch.org.uk or write to Meriel Vincent at 7a Gote Lane, BN8 5HX.

If you have notices for the next newssheet please send them to Shirley Squires ad-sasquires@talktalk.net, 26 Danforth Way or 01273 752167 by Wednesday evening.

CHRISTINGLE: The collection candles are now available at the back of the church, so please remember to take one home and add any spare coins you have into them over the coming weeks. All proceeds from these candles will go to The Children's Society, and your filled candles should be returned during The Christingle Service on 7th December at 10.00am (all-age service). The Children's



Society is a charity that supports young people facing abuse, exploitation, and neglect by providing specialised support, drop-in centres, and therapy to help improve their mental health and wellbeing. They also work to create systemic change through campaigns for fairer policies on issues like children's mental health, the cost of living crisis, and the rights of child refugees. If anyone has any questions they can contact Teresa on 01273 814992 - thank you.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	11.30am	Friends of St Mary's ctte meet at Corner House, Norlington Court
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Parris Lawn
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in Symons Hall in VH
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	3.30pm	Advent Study Group in the Church Room
Friday	11.30 - 4.pm	Churchyard tidy up (transferred from 31 st October
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Remembrance Sunday	10.50am	Short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by a service in church

First Reading at All Souls – 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Second Reading at All Souls – John 11.1-6, 17-27

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'