

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

22nd March 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

10.00am Eucharist for Lent with the Ministry of Prayer If you need a Gluten Free wafer please let a sidesperson know	
Readers:	Charlotte Mitchell and Hugh Bailey
Readings:	Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45
Intercessions:	Martine Bailey
Chalice:	Sue Howes and Anne Franklin
Sidespeople:	Garry and Jill Clark
Hymns:	702, 144, 628, 498
Anthem:	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with an upright heart, this day and evermore.	
Organ Voluntary:	"In tears of grief" – the final movement of Bach's St Matthew Passion

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for

PEACE in our troubled world
Staff and prisoners in Lewes prison and their families
People living in Harvard Road
In memory: Annabel Unsted (26/3), Jane Sherwin (27/3)

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 73; Exodus 8.1-19, Hebrews 11.17-31

Tuesday – Psalm 123; Exodus 8.20-end, Hebrews 11.32-12.2

Wednesday (The Annunciation) –

Psalm 111; 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Romans 5.12-end

Thursday – Psalm 40; Exodus 9.13-end, Hebrews 12.14-end

Friday – Psalm 22; Exodus 10, Hebrews 13.1-16

Saturday – Psalm 23; Exodus 11, Hebrews 13.17-end

Please note that the Service of Thanksgiving for Liz Monnington is on Monday 30th March at 2.30pm here at St Mary's

LENT THIS WEEK - Stations of the Cross on Tuesday 24th March at 5.00pm. **Lent Course** studying Matthew's Gospel on Thursday 26th March, 3.45pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 3.30pm). Thanks to all those who provided our **Lent Lunches** this year. **Please note that the Palm Sunday 10.00am service will start on the Green.**

Easter Lilies - As in previous years, small donations towards the cost of these and other flowers would be most welcome and can be given to Deirdre Booth at the 10.00am service or put in an envelope in the collection plate marked 'Deirdre Easter flowers'. If you wish to record a dedication to a loved one, there is a little book on the prayer table.

We have a selection of Easter Cards for sale. They are available at services in return for a donation please.

Joan Evett is organising a Breakfast on Saturday 28th March, 9.00am sharp in the Church Room. Please contact her on 01273 812075 if you would like to come along. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully received. Profits will go to St Mary's.



For those who wish to sponsor Duncan Hardie when he takes part in the Brighton 10k on 12th April, here is a QR code to scan with your phone that will take you directly to the charity website.

Alternatively, please speak with Duncan or Sara for more information.

Reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday - If you would like to take part in this please speak to Anne Franklin.

Two ways to help FSW - We will collect for FSW ahead of Easter, items can be left in the basket in church or dropped at our house. Some Easter goodies would be welcome.

The Mayor of Seaford is giving a 3-course lunch plus soft drinks on behalf of FSW, on 28th March 12.30 for 1pm. It will be in Seaford Baptist Church, Belgrave Road, Seaford BN25 2EE. Price £25. There will be a sale of watercolours by the late Seaford artist Anthony Morgan Jones. For more details, see the poster in the porch or ask Martine Bailey (01273 812432)



Ringmer Repair Cafe Next Saturday 28th March 10 - 12.30, as usual in the Parish Council Offices, Old School Close, and you will see many familiar faces there volunteering! One new development is that we have applied to become a partner (number 50) of the **Lewes Climate Hub**. We are already providing them with updates on our activities each month in their Newsletter

(contact info@lewesclimatehub.org) and in return we hear of all the important and varied activities they organise.

New Blue Hearts! Many thanks to everyone who is helping with creating the 12 new hearts due to go into the churchyard marking our wild flower areas ready for Easter Sunday. Please put them into the boxes in the choir vestry by 1st April.

Easter Breakfast - Once again we will be having breakfast following the early service on Easter morning (6.00am). If you would like to join us for this please can you sign the sheet by the door so we know roughly how many to cater for. Breakfast is likely to be about 7.30am. Do come!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON 29TH MARCH

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	7.00pm	RAGE meets in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
	5.00pm	Stations of the Cross in church
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in the Symons Hall in the VH
	2.30pm	<i>Singalong</i> in the Church Room
	6.30pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room

	11.00am	Holy Communion at Lime Tree House
	3.45pm	Lent Course in the Church Room
Saturday	9.00am	Breakfast in the Church Room
	10.00am	Ringmer Repair Cafe
Palm Sunday	10.00am	THIS SERVICE STARTS ON THE GREEN - Eucharist with the reading of the Passion
	6.30pm	Taizé-style service