

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

2nd August 2026

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.0am	TEDDY BEAR SERVICE Don't forget to bring Teddy along to join in the singing and craft	
Leaders:	Revd Pat and Ray Brenton	
Music:	St Mary's Music Group	
Sidespeople:	Christine Smith and Andrew Edgar	
6.30pm	Eucharist for Ordinary Time. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please see the sidespeople.	
Music before service:	Adagio from Mozart's Clarinet concerto	
Minister:	Revd Buff Stone	
Readers:	Chris Gebbie and David Booth	
Readings:	Isaiah 55.1-5; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21	
Intercessions:	Ray Brenton	
Chalice:	Ray Brenton	
Sidesperson:	Chris Gebbie	
Hymns:	761, 422, 452, 494	

MOBILE PHONES AND CRACKLES!! - Would everyone in church, please **fully** switch off their mobile phones. This is because they interfere with our sound system. This is an external problem.

Collect for 6.30pm

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion for 6.30pm

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Firemen working on the wildfires in Europe and UK
Patrick and Katherine married here yesterday
Those who clean and care for our church
People living in Church Hill, Norlington Fields, Norlington Court and
Byron Close

In memory: Barbara Merriott, Veronica Newman (2/8)

St Mary's is open daily between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Morning Prayer is said most mornings Monday – Saturday at 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday – Psalm 44; 1 Samuel 19.1-18, Acts 1.1-14

Tuesday – Psalm 48; 1 Samuel 20.1-17, Acts 1.15-end

Wednesday - Psalm 119.57-80; 1 Samuel 20.18-end, Acts 2.1-21

Thursday (The Transfiguration) – Psalm 27; 1 Kings 19-1-16,
1 John 3.1-3

Friday – Psalm 51; 1 Samuel 22.6-end, Acts 2.37-end

Saturday – Psalm 68; 1 Samuel 23, Acts 3.1-10



**RINGMER
YOUTH SINGS**



St Mary's is hosting this fun and free summer holiday workshop on
Thurs 27th August 4-5.00pm.

It is being organised by Joanna

Fletcher a local professional singer with links with the Primary school who is very keen to encourage singing for 5-16 years in the village, with our support. Do spread the word. Posters in the porch with more information.

Church Cleaners - We are looking for a willing volunteer to join this dedicated team and take responsibility for making sure the chancel area is swept and dusted on a regular basis. The team often work together on a Friday morning but this is not essential and can be completed in your own time. Equipment is provided so we just need your time which is probably about 45 minutes a week. Do speak to Meriel Vincent if you think you might be able to help out.

The summer holidays have started, and many families struggle with extra food to find, and children to entertain. Can we please fill our box again, with food, toileteries and cleaning stuff as usual, but also small packets of crisps, raisins, sweets, small drinks etc for picnics and treats. And also toys like skipping ropes, small games, colouring books. You will make small people very happy. We will take the box to FSW on Tuesday 11th August. You can drop stuff to our house, 7 Penn Crescent. With thanks, Hugh and Martine Bailey.

A note from Revd David to say that his sabbatical website has been updated for us all to read so do have a look at it and see what he has been writing – <https://sites.google.com/view/musingsofavicar>

Date for your diary - On Saturday September 12th we are holding an Open Church event from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. This will include afternoon tea, hopefully some music, an Eco church activity a hamper raffle and a chance to socialise. If you could help by donating something suitable for a hamper raffle - biscuits, wine, jam, bathroom items etc we would be very grateful. Donations can be left in the Sidesman's vestry at the back of church or given to Shirley. Most importantly, put the date in your diary!

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
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 the Symons Hall in the VH
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10.00am	Service of the Word in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	11.00am	Visiting bellringers
Friday	4.30pm	Eco team meet in the Church Room
Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist for Ordinary Time

First Reading at 6.30pm - Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Second Reading at 6.30pm - Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel at 6.30pm – Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.