

NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Time is very short now before the **LICENSING MASS FOR FATHER IAN, OUR NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE** which is on **Wednesday. 4th September. at 7.30.**

The Bishop of Lewes will be the Celebrant, and the Acting Archdeacon will induct Fr. Ian into his stall after the Bishop has licensed him. **PLEASE ALL COME!!**

We don't often ask you to come out in the evening, but it is *very important we all come* and give our new priest a **GREAT SIDLEY WELCOME**. We are so fortunate to be having a priest 'of our own', and of course because the Bishop has put his trust in us to have a new priest and look after him, WE have responsibilities to him, and the first one is to make him **WELCOME!** We have invited the Deanery clergy and others in the locality to this very special service, and some of Fr. Ian's friends will also be coming. Let's show them what a great church we have! There will be a buffet afterwards to which all are invited.

All Saints' Contacts

Information can be found on the Parish Website at www.allsaintssidley.co.uk .



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All Saints' Church, Sidley



'.... from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.'

Luke 1.48-49

Sunday 18th August 2024 - 10.00am

Parish Mass

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Today we especially celebrate God's victory in her faith, her poverty, and her unassuming service. As she was sure of God's love, her faith prompted her to accept the unexpected. Humbly and without reservation she served God's plans.

She followed her Son in his life and suffering and even unto death. THIS is why she is the first of all believers and the model of what the Church is called to be and what is in store for us.

This is why she is *the first to share in the total victory of her son over death* and is with him in Heaven, body and soul. Let us thank God today for Mary.

All Saints' Masses during the coming week

Wednesday 21st August - 10.00am Mass

Saturday 24th August - 10.00am Mass
Festival of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Sunday 25th August - 10.00am Mass



Prayer for the Faithful

The Sick: Michael and Diane; Bill; Sharon; Pat; Wendy; David; Michael; Nina; Jenny; Rob; Dee; Sam; Glyn; Margaret; Stewart; Ian; Charlie Girl; Jean; Andrew; Rosemary; Andrea; Stewart; Ron; David and children: Rosina, Vinnie, Sky and Sebastian and baby Maxwell.

The Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

18th Stanley Murphy;

19th Linda May;

22nd Dorothy Byford; Raymond Mason; Helen Castle;

24th Susan Bourne.

Gospel - Luke 1.39-56 (Continuation)

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Hymns

Green Book

Processional Hymn - 188	Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Gloria - 407	Coventry Gloria (Jones)
Offertory - 185	Sing we of the blessed mother
Post Communion - 186	Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
Recessional Hymn - 161	For Mary mother of the Lord

First Reading - St John's Revelation 11.19, 12.1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth.

Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet.

Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother.

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**First Reading - St John's Revelation 11.19,
12.1-6, 10 (Continuation)**

The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Psalm 44.10-12, 16

The Response (R): On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **R**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. in him. **R**

**Second Reading -
St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15.20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.

For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel - Luke 1.39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. **(Continued)**