

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 7.30pm.**

The Bishop of Lewes will be the Celebrant, and the Rural Dean 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



Jesus said '...the words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

John 6.63

Sunday 25th August 2024 - 10.00am

Parish Mass

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, as we celebrate the Marriage Feast of Jesus Christ with His Church, we consciously choose Him who is the Holy One of God.

So this Sunday JESUS asks us,

Can you grow in your Faith? Do you choose me and my Church or do you prefer to stick to your own ideas and make up your own rules?

Jesus asks us and invites us to CHOOSE HIM, and grow in His life and His love which we find in His Church, in her Sacraments in the Scriptures and in His People.

All Saints' Masses during the coming week

Wednesday 28th August - 10.00am Mass

Saturday 31st August - 10.00am Mass

Sunday 1st September - 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

25th Arthur Blackburn;

26th Mac McLeod; Milton Wood;

31st Betty Hills; Liz Beck.

Gospel - John 6.60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Hymns

(Celebration Hymnal for Everyone)

Processional Hymn	- 259	Holy holy holy Lord God almighty
Gloria	- 407	Coventry Gloria (Jones)
Offertory	- 9	Abide with me
Post Communion	- 125	Come down O love divine
Recessional Hymn	- 688	The church's one foundation

First Reading - Joshua 24.1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? (Continued)

First Reading - Joshua 24.1-2, 15-18
(Continuation)

What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Psalm 33.2-3, 16-23

The Response (R): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

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Psalm 33.2-3, 16-23 (Continuation)

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second Reading -
St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5.21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.