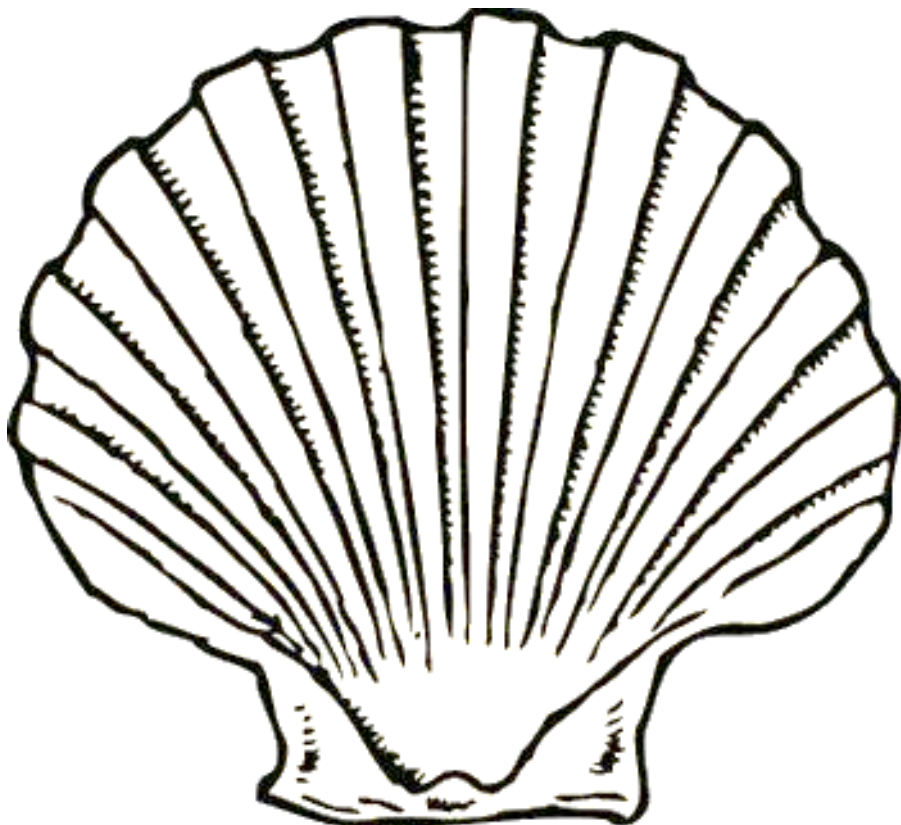




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The Parish Church of St Symphorian

Durrington Hill, Worthing BN13 3HU

Sunday worship:

10.00am Parish Mass

Weekday Masses:

12noon	Monday
10am	Tuesday
6pm	Wednesday
10am	Thursday

Dates for your Diary

July

Saturday 6 th July	Garden Working Party 10am to 12 noon.
Tuesday 16 th	Ronnie Smith Big Band Concert 8pm
Saturday 27 th	Coffee Morning in aid of Church Hall Refurbishment Fund.
Sunday 28 th	Pimm's and Hymns Evening

August

Tuesday 6 th	Feast of The Transfiguration
Thursday 15 th	Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 17 th	Summer Fete 11am – 3pm
Sunday 18 th	The Patronal Festival of St Symphorian

Work in the Church Gardens

The next Garden Working party will be on Saturday 6th July from 10am and you (and your family and friends) are welcome. There are jobs for all abilities. If you feel you can't work, then please come along and chat to the workers.



KALENDAR FOR JULY 2024

1	St Oliver Plunkett	Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Matt 8:18-22
2	Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12; Matt 8:23-27
3	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE	Eph 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Amos 7:10-17; Matt 9:1-8
5	St Antony Mary Zaccaria	Amos 8:4-6,9-12; Matt 9:9-13
6	St Maria Goretti	Amos 9:11-15; Matt 9:14-17
7	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Ezek 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6
8	Monday	Hos 2:16-18,21-22; Matt 9:18-26
9	St Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions	Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Matt 9:32-38
10	Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matt 10:1-7
11	St Benedict	Prov 2:1-9; Matt 19:27-29
12	Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Matt 19:16-23
13	St Henry	Isa 6:1-8; Matt 10:24-33
14	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13
15	St Bonaventure	Isa 1:10-17; Matt 10:34-11:1
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Isa 7:1-9; Matt 11:20-24
17	Wednesday	Isa 10:5-7; Matt 11:25-27
18	Thursday	Isa 26:7-9,12,16-19; Matt 11:28-30
19	Friday	Isa 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Matt 12:1-8
20	St Apollinaris	Mic 2:1-5; Matt 12:14-21
21	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34
22	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Song 3:1-4; John 20:1-2,11-18
23	ST BRIDGET	Gal 2:19-20; John 15:1-8
24	St Charbel Makhlouf	Jer 1:1,4-10; Matt 13:1-9
25	ST JAMES, APOSTLE	2Cor 4:7-15; Matt 20:20-28
26	St Joachim and St Anne	Jer 3:14-17; Matt 13:18-23
27	Saturday	Jer 7:1-11; Matt 13:24-30
28	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	2Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; John 6:1-15
29	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Jer 13:1-11; John 11:19-27
30	St Peter Chrysologus,	Jer 14:17-22; Matt 13:36-43
31	St Ignatius Loyola	Jer 15:10,16-21; Matt 13:44-46

From The Vicarage

I'm sure we can all remember being young, when the long lazy days of summer stretched out before us. Unfortunately, those summer holidays never seemed to last as long as everyone hoped, and September and the return to the regular routine came along far too quickly. The unseasonable weather this year makes it feel as if summer has not yet arrived (though my 'weather app' is still informing me that a heatwave is imminent). Hopefully by the time you are reading this, it will have been proved right, for once!

Thank you once again for your very kind welcome a few weeks ago. Special words of appreciation must go to Malcolm and Paule, and to the PCC, who kept everything on course during the (thankfully!) short vacancy. And of course, we cannot forget Father Keith and Father John who continue to help out, and for whose support and prayers I am most grateful.

It's to be expected that a new priest will want to do things differently, and I will not be an exception. For the time being however, I am letting things stay as they are, but you may notice some minor changes over the coming weeks and months.

It's always difficult to talk about money. Finance will always be a worry for most parishes, and St Symphorian's is in the same boat. While we are indeed fortunate to have some regular sources of income, day to day expenditure can make sudden demands on cash flow, and we really cannot afford to sit back and do nothing. Everyone is asked to give with a generous heart, to give what they can — whether that be small or large. One thing, however, that everyone can do — and without creating any extra financial demand on us — is to pray. Pray that God will bring the good work that he has begun here to fulfilment. Pray earnestly that we may be given the resources we need to carry out God's work. Pray in the words that Jesus gave us: 'thy kingdom come...give us this day our daily bread'.

As you know, I'm balancing my ministry at St Symphorian's with another halftime post in the Bishop's Office in Chichester. At the moment, the plan is that I will be in Chichester until after lunch on Monday to Thursday. (Slight exception on Tuesday, as I will offer the morning Mass

here at 10am and leave for Chichester after that. Nominally, Friday will be my day off. However, I will review this after a few weeks, as it may need to be adapted going forward.

It is my prayer that these summer weeks may be a time of joy, happiness and peace. May God bless each one of you. Let us continue to pray for each other.

Fr Paul

2025 is to be a year of celebration of the Christian faith across Sussex

On Sunday 16th June, the Feast of Saint Richard, also known as Sussex Day, the Diocese and Cathedral announced special plans to mark two great anniversaries next year - the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral and 1700 years since the Nicene Creed first emerged. More information on the Diocesan website.

This is our Faith Questionnaire

As we begin to roll out plans to mark the 950th anniversary of the move of Christian mission in this diocese from Selsey to Chichester, it gives us an opportunity to say something about who we are as the inheritors in the 21st century of this great momentum of Christian witness and faith.

Please encourage all the people you serve to respond to four questions about what their faith means to them; in whatever way they wish. The deadline for responses is 30th September 2024.

There will also be an invitation to send us photographs that illustrate the diversity of our diocesan life and context. Details about that can be located here

This will be a record of what our Church is like today: we hope and pray that it will also encourage us to look to the future with hope and confidence in the abiding purposes of God's plan for salvation and glory for his children.

+Martin

BREAKING NEWS

It has come to our attention that people are unaware of the following:

- The Church is **NOT** funded by central government. We receive no funds from the central Government unless we are successful in a grant application for specific, restricted funds.
- The only funds St Symphorian's Church receives is from the rent from the curate's house, hiring out of the Parish Centre, fundraising events and the generous donations from the worshipping community and friends.
- The church's expenses are rising at the same rate as domestic expenses.
- There are FREE funds available for our church if **YOU**, the church family and friends, are willing to help us receive them.

To help us receive free funds please follow the following easy steps:

- If you are a taxpayer, sign up for gift aid – see over the page for a form. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office. Now ensure all your giving is made through the bank or the Parish Giving Scheme if you have an account. Your donations need to be identifiable. Donations for tea, coffee, candles etc can all be made this way too. Just state what your donation is for in the reference.
- If you are a non-taxer payer – please make all your donations in cash at church – in the basket at the back of church or the wall safe. We can earn an extra 25% on the first £8,000 we receive like this each year through the small donations giving scheme. This can give the church an extra £2,000 per year – but it doesn't yet!
- Sign up and use **easyp fundraising**. This is for internet purchases. If you do your weekly shopping on-line, booking your holiday or just general purchase – this could all earn the church much needed cash.

It's now over to you to help us grow the churches finances for free. Let's see what you can do.

Thank you.

Gift Aid declaration



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NOTE: Any information you supply above will be treated by the church in strict confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998

Tales from the West Country (7)...

With water on three sides, folk of the western counties are seafarers by nature, never more so than in the Elizabethan age when the Atlantic and worlds beyond beckoned, and the Reformation divide an added spur.

Instance Sir Walter Raleigh, soldier, sea-captain, explorer, coloniser, Court favourite, executed in the end to appease an outraged Spain. East Budleigh in South Devon, his birthplace, has a bronze statue, paid for by the British America Tobacco Co. (He introduced the profitable habit to England). In America, Raleigh County is named in his honour in West Virginia, also the state capital in Carolina, and a mountain in British Columbia, to note a few other memorials. The Victorian painter Millais holidayed in Budleigh Salterton, working on '*The Boyhood of Raleigh*', a copy of which decorated my Devon primary school classroom.

His own religious views can be illustrated. Out for a ride at home, he encountered an old lady praying her rosary. Dismounting, he snatched and broke the offending article in pieces, telling her angrily that such things were no longer permitted.

The Pilgrim Fathers followed in his footsteps when their ship 'Mayflower' put into Dartmouth and then Plymouth to assess the seaworthiness of its companion, the 'Speedwell', and they sailed without her. Across the ocean, Plymouth Rock marks their landing. Originally known as Plymouth Colony, it was divided into Plymouth County, Barnstable County and Bristol County for administrative purposes.

Westward Ho! is a romantic novel published in 1855 set in those times and in particular in North Devon. In Bideford is a statue of its author, Charles Kingsley, looking very upright and authoritarian, as well it might, for he

was a very distinguished Victorian. Born at Holne in South Devon, he grew up in Clovelly where his father was the incumbent, and was himself later ordained. He went on to become Regius Professor of History at Cambridge, private tutor to the undergraduate Prince of Wales, a Chaplain to Queen Victoria. and Canon of both Chester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

He was a keen advocate of social reform, a leading member of the Christian Socialist Movement, writing political pamphlets under the name of Parson Lot, as well as other novels, including *Hereward the Wake*, a heroic tale of Anglo-Saxon resistance to the Normans in the fens. In addition, he was a personal friend of T.H. Huxley ('Darwin's Bulldog') and in touch with the scientific developments of the day.

Kingsley was a robust Protestant, an example of what came to be called 'muscular Christianity', a method of character-building in the schools through sports leading to active pursuit of Christian ideals in personal and public life thereafter. Thomas Hughes ('*Tom Brown's Schooldays*') was another advocate. The phrase first appeared in a review of one of Kingsley's novels, the validity of which he acknowledged. Predictably, he scorned Newman and the Oxford Movement's attempt to recover the Catholic roots of the Anglican Church, and his adverse comments called forth Newman's classic spiritual defence, his *Apologia*.

The hero of *Westward Ho!* is Amyas Leigh, a Devon youth who goes to sea with Drake, and it is a tale of a struggle of a sturdy Protestant people against the wiles of the Spanish Inquisition and Jesuits. It purports to convey the ethos of Elizabeth's time, but certainly contains much of Kingsley himself. Ten years after its publication, an enterprising individual cashing in on the Victorian love of seaside holidays, needed a catchy name for the venue he was developing on the North Devon coast. Thus the popular resort of Westward Ho! was born.



Saturday 14th September – Coffee Morning 10am.
Please book the date in your diary.

Stay Vocal

(Worthing Dementia-Friendly Community Choir)

Every second Wednesday of the month, our church becomes a café and rehearsal venue for 'Stay Vocal'. The choir was set up by Lynsey Tran, Worthing Dementia-Friendly Co-ordinator, (some of you may remember her from last year's Lent Lunches when she gave a talk). She is supported by Dementia Friendly Worthing, whose aim is to enable people living with dementia to live a full life in their community, and to support their carers and family.

St Symphorian's involvement began just over a year ago when the church was offered, with no charge, for rehearsals as their current room was not big enough. Many of us have a connection to someone with dementia/Alzheimer's so this was close to many people's hearts, and a great outreach opportunity. The first choir session was in March 2023 with Ric, the choir master, Lynsey, bringing refreshments and welcoming, and Sandra, preparing the church, serving and clearing up.

This choir in our church has been a great success. We have couples, individuals with dementia, carers whose partners are now in a home or have sadly died, Stay Active, a group of seven living in their own homes who come in a minibus with three carers, and people brought from care homes. The numbers grow every month, with an average thirty plus each session. The coffee and biscuit time is almost as important as the singing, a time of fellowship and shared experiences. Ric is now the welcomer, as well as choir master. He is trained in Cognitive Stimulation Therapy. I'm usually supported by a helper from Dementia Friendly Worthing.

Then everyone moves to the front of the church where Ric has his set up of recorded music and words on a large monitor. Ric leads the singing in his Welsh baritone voice giving lots of encouragement. The songs range from the 40s, 50s, and 60s. The last ten minutes are always the same, wartime favourites, finishing with 'We'll Meet Again'.

The repeated programme and familiar venue are so important to people with dementia. Many of them have said how they love the church building, how warm and welcoming it feels. They all leave uplifted by their session, as are Ric and the team. Lynsey has secured funding for the

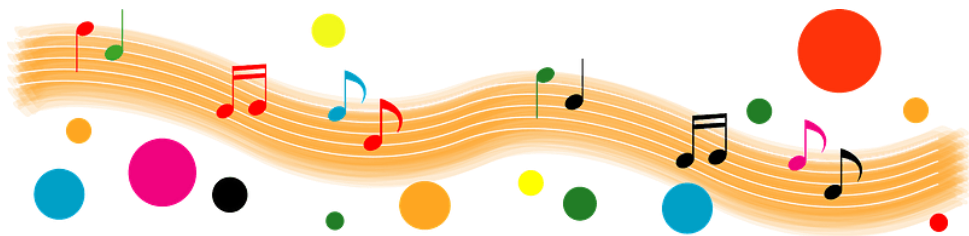
next three years so no-one is asked for donations as dealing with money is something that can be confusing for someone with dementia.

Each December Stay Vocal hold a Carol concert and a local school choir joins them. Parents, families and dignitaries come along and fill the church. And of course, Bob the Town Crier. (The Town Cryers also support the choir). A concert and celebration in the hall for the King's coronation was a highlight last summer.

Ric now leads three monthly dementia-friendly choirs and on Wednesday 9th October at 11.00am, 'Stay Vocal' from St Symphorian's and 'Trinity Sunshine' from Storrington, are holding a joint concert, led by Ric at St Symphorian's Church. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy.

This is a community choir so please feel free to come along and join in on any second Wednesday of the month. And I'd love some help with refreshments!

Sandra.



Hymns and Pimm's



On Sunday 28th July we will be holding a 'Hymns and Pimm's' evening from 5.30pm. For this please can you nominate your favourite hymn – one per person please from which we will compose the song sheet for the evening. There will be a bar available with a variety of drinks including Pimm's. No entrance fee, just pay for your drinks. We would like as many people to come as possible.

Nomination forms at the back of church for your favourite hymn. Please invite your friends too.

Imara Uganda Education Fund – Major Project Progress Update on the Creation of a Secondary School Education Facility at Ngetta, Northern Uganda.

It is really encouraging to report on the progress being made to establish Secondary Education for blind children at the Ngetta Primary School facility we have been supporting as a church for many years now.

The first Phase includes 8 classrooms, Offices, Toilets and a Staff Room.

Belinda Maclean, Leader of Imara Uganda Education Fund manages all our charities activities. She is working with Kevin Daniella Acen - our Leader in Uganda who was educated for the latter part of her studies through our Scholarship programme. She qualified in Accountancy and is now Executive Head of our Uganda Team

In a recent conversation Belinda told me the new Secondary School project opened in February and has 11 students. It has capacity to accommodate all blind students from Ngetta Primary School who pass the qualifying level for Secondary education. The problem is that many families just cannot afford school fees. This year the proposal will be that our Alternative Christmas Card donations will target blind children of families who cannot pay school fees. Secondary school fees are around £150.00 per term.

Please see the short video our Ugandan team leader Kevin sent. The YouTube Link is: https://youtu.be/ggJys2WB_BA?si=A_fPFWOuM-bvrcv “A story of a family with 4 blind children”

This video is just 7 minutes and includes pictures of students and the new school building. It gives a glimpse of some of the work we are doing through Kevin and her NGO - Itinga Charity Education Foundation. It is also most encouraging that with her leadership there has been an additional feature in funding for the new building work. Through Kevin’s enterprise, donations from Uganda and other non – Imara sources are also now being received and will hopefully grow under Kevin’s leadership. Please pray for the development of this funding stream through media links such as LinkedIn.

Pictures 1 and 2 show the inaugural student group outside and in class. **Picture 3** shows students having a lesson in blind football. The man in white shirt, (blind himself), runs an organisation that is encouraging



football for the blind. He spent a weekend with the students. The ball has bells in it and a sighted person stands behind the goal posts clapping. Sighted Players wear masks.

Picture 4 shows the new Secondary School facility built by Imara-Uganda Education Fund.

For more information go to www.imara-ugandaeducationfund.org or speak with **Norman Horsley**

Blast from the Past

As the Archdeacon's visitations take place and Malcolm is sworn in as churchwarden for another year, a memory came to mind. When Dave McPherson became churchwarden, we, the parish, went on a Worthing Heritage pub crawl. It was the driest pub crawl I have been on as so many pubs have closed but this was looking at the architecture and remembering what had once been in Worthing. Margot Hollingdale told all sorts of interesting things about the history of the Wrothing. Fr Ben had just arrived in the parish too.



Durrington 'You' Group

What a brilliant afternoon we had at Our Cream Tea, with Vera's Playback entertaining us. Whatever life throws at her, Vera always bounces back what a "Trouper".

We had a Raffle in aid of Playback's Charity "Motor Neurone" which raised £100.10 Thank you all for the support you give to this Group and supplying the raffle prizes. Thanks to My team who helped out on the day. Looking forward to seeing you again at the next meeting as per the following paragraph.

Tuesday July 16th at 2.30 pm
Colin Turner returns with another entertaining talk "50's/70s" era. This will include Music, Memories, People, Entertainers, Events, Sport and

The Durrington "You" Group

A community interest outreach group for all

Tuesday July 16th, 2.30pm

A trip down memory lane with this nostalgic talk on the era of the 50'/70"

presented by

Colin Turner.



This will include Music, Memories, People, Entertainers, Events, Sport and Criminals.

**St Symphorian's Parish Centre
(Main Hall) BN13 3HU £3.50pp**

includes refreshments

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Criminals. Meetings are held in the Parish Centre's Main Hall. BN13 3HU
Cost: £3.50pp to include refreshments. Further details are available from the Parish Office 01903 268109 or email: theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk

Just a reminder there is no meeting in August, we will be back on September 17th for the talk on "The Royal Train" by Cedric Spiller.
Enjoy the sun and best wishes to you all

Linda and Maureen

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with
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a retired Chief Officer of the British Railway Board

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July Prayer Diary

Please find below a daily prayer diary. Each day (except Sunday), we pray for three streets in our parish. If you spot any road is missing from the list, please email magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk.

Monday 1 st	St Oliver Plunkett, Martyr Those martyred for the faith Fircroft Close, Forest Lane, Foxglove Walk
Tuesday 2 nd	Peace in Ukraine Franklin Road, Fulbeck Avenue, Fulbeck Way
Wednesday 3 rd	St Thomas, Apostle The Christian Church in India Gatcombe Close, Gaywood Walk, Gladiolus Grove
Thursday 4 th	Those who serve in parliament Greenland Close, Greenland Mews, Greenland Road
Friday 5 th	Our Pram and Toddler Group Halfmoon Lane, Halifax Drive, Hamble Gardens
Saturday 6 th	All carers and foster families Hamble Way, Hammond Drive, Harlech Close
Sunday 7th	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 8 th	Bishop Martin Hatfield Walk, Highclere Way, Hildon Close
Tuesday 9 th	Our PCC Hildon Park, Hobart Close, Holly Close
Wednesday 10 th	Our parish link with Münchberg Hollyacres, Hudson Close, Humber Avenue
Thursday 11 th	St Benedict, Abbot Those who follow the Rule of St Benedict Hurley Road, Iris Close, Ivydore Avenue
Friday 12 th	A bountiful harvest Ivydore Close, Jevington Close, Juniper Close
Saturday 13 th	Prisoners and those unjustly deprived of liberty Kennet Close, Kingfisher Close, Kingsbridge Mews
Sunday 14th	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 15 th	St Bonaventure, Bishop The Unity of the Church Laurel Close, Lavender Close, Lilac Close,
Tuesday 16 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel The Society of Mary Littlehampton Road, Littlestone Road, Lobelia Drive

Wednesday 17 th	Those fleeing persecution and famine Loddon Close, Lowther Road, Lupin Spinney
Thursday 18 th	The long-term sick and housebound Lyn Road, Magnolia Close, Malthouse Way
Friday 19 th	All who work for the NHS Manitoba Way, Meadowsweet Close, Medway Close
Saturday 20 th	Bereaved families Mendip Crescent, Mendip Road, Mersey Close
Sunday 21 st	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 22 nd	St Mary Magdalene V Our Church family and local community Mersey Road, Middle Tyne, Montreal Way
Tuesday 23 rd	St Bridget, Religious The European nations Moore Close, Muirfield Road, New Brunswick Drive
Wednesday 24 th	Bishop Will New Road, Nightingale Avenue, Ontario Close
Thursday 25 th	St James, Apostle Those on pilgrimage to Santiago Ontario Gardens, Orkney Court, Pennycross Avenue
Friday 26 th	Ss Joachim and Anne Our Clergy Pentland Avenue, Peony Grove, Pond Lane
Saturday 27 th	Our Readers, Musicians and Servers Pond Mews, Poplar Road, Poppy Close
Sunday 28 th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 29 th	Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus The emergency services Quantock Close, Quantock Road, Raglan Avenue
Tuesday 30 th	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop Those without food and shelter Red Kite Way, Redwood Close, Rees Close



Friday 27th September
10am in the
Atkinson Room.
Please book this
in your diary.



Regular Giving by Direct Debit

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to St Symphorian's Church on a regular monthly basis (or quarterly or annually if you prefer). It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to our parish bank account by the 10th of the month. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to [church] which benefits our cash flow.

Optional Annual Increases

If you opt to increase your gift annually, PGS will write to you and advise you of the new amount. If this is acceptable you don't need to do anything, but you can choose to add more or to decrease the amount if you wish. If the majority of our planned givers were to opt for this, it would have a huge impact on our finances. Like many churches, one of the problems we face is that of 'static giving', often through inertia rather than intention.

One-Off Giving

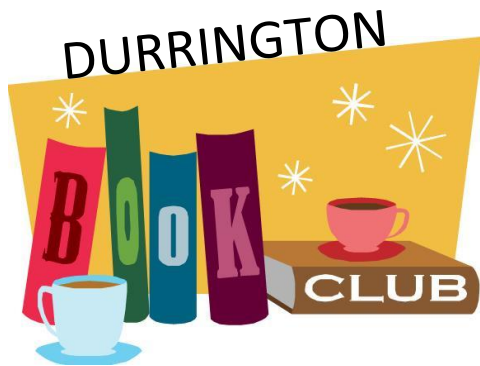
It is also possible to make a one-off gift online and add Gift Aid if you are eligible. Instead of setting up a new Direct Debit, you use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Scan the QR code to get started.

Three ways you can set up a regular gift with PGS

- The simplest way is online. Visit <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/durrington-worthing/> or scan the QR code
- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
- By post using the application form at the back of church

You will need your bank details to set up the Direct Debit and, for phone or postal applications, church's unique parish code 101070127

**Thank you for considering this option in your support of
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'Stargazers' by Harriet Evans

A beautifully written tale about the rite of passage of two young sisters facing life with all its challenges. The author sets the scene for the reader, masterfully conveying the values, ethics and traditions woven through the fabric of 1950s post-war Britain to the present day.

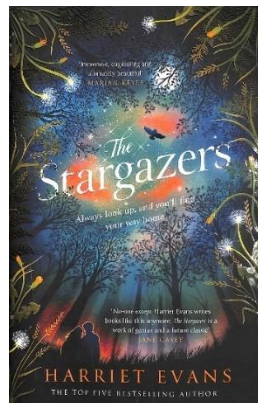
The story centres around two sisters growing up amidst an abusive, controlling relationship with their mother. The harsh realities of life unfold to give us a snapshot of the girls' lives from childhood to adults, where being cared for, love and nurturing is non-existent, and where finally they are able to extricate themselves.

Along the way they are thrown lifelines by complete strangers who are able to bring relief and happiness to the sisters' lives by guiding them along life's different paths. When one of the sisters gets one solitary birthday card from her one and only friend at school, this is when her life changes and she is finally able to cut the ties from her mother, embark on her journey of healing and the pursuit of happiness.

The author has written a powerfully embroidered story which is absorbing and well crafted.

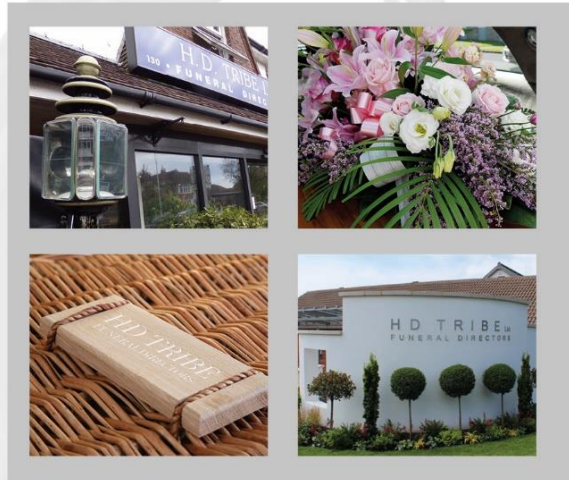
Book Club gives the book 8.

Durrington Book Club will meet again on Wednesday 3rd July in the Atkinson in Durrington Parish Centre at 2.30pm. The next book is *The Birdcage* by Eve Chase. All welcome



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St Symphorian's Summer Fete

Your help is needed to make the St Symphorian's Summer Fete a success. So here is a list of what we need:

Do you know any stall holders who would be willing to hold a stall at our fete. We are hoping to run a craft fair alongside the fete. We are charging £10 a stall - the rest of the money they raise will go to their cause/business.

Have you a new idea for a stall? If so please sign up at the back of church and organise the stall.

If you would like to run a stall for which we already have the equipment – sign up at the back of church. If you would like the central team to help organise prizes – please speak to them so we know what you are looking for and you are aware of what we can provide.

Fill a jar for the 'Jar tombola' We have a number of empty jars at the back of church which need to be filled. This can be with anything you like – suitable for all ages please. Sweets, paperclips, a surprise – whatever you like – be creative! You can even decorate the jar.

Bring things in for Trash or treasure. This is NOT a white elephant or jumble stall. Items should be new but could be a toilet roll, packet of dried spaghetti, a notebook, pens, crayons – basically anything but it has to be new and unused. These will be wrapped and put on a stall.

Posters will be coming out in the next few weeks. Please get these displayed everywhere as soon as possible. This will create interest and may encourage stall holders to come forward for the craft fair.

Lastly spread the word. We are a welcoming community when people come to our church – we therefore all must have friends outside the church! Invite them along to spend some of the day in the church environment. There will be food available for lunch – hot dogs, bacon rolls, bacon and cheese turnovers as well as vegetarian options. So do come and have a bite to eat too.





Saturday 17th August

St Symphorian's Church

SUMMER FETE

Fun for all the family!

11am—3pm

Durrington Hill
BN13 3HU



Proceeds to Social and Fundraising Mission Fund Registered Charity 1134809



Parish Giving Scheme

Celebrating a Decade of Generosity

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is now ten years old. As we celebrate this magnificent milestone and the impact PGS has had both in this parish and the Diocese.

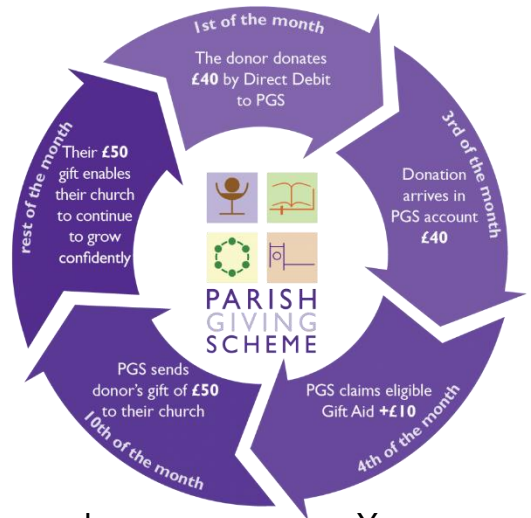
For the Parish it has meant that giving could not be simpler. To register with the Parish giving scheme just follow this link:

<https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/>

and search for Durrington or you can use our parish code:
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Using Parish giving has reduced the workload of both the Parish treasurer and the gift aid co-ordinator. This is simply because all the donations received from PGS are received in one bulk payment rather than numerous individual payments and any gift aid is claimed automatically each month.

PGS can be used for regular giving or one-off donations. The process is simple and painless. For regular giving, your donation will be collected from your bank account on the first of each month and will be transferred to the church's bank account by 10th of the month. Soon after any gift aid applicable will also be received into the church's bank account. Your donation can be managed simply on line as your circumstances change.



You can also click a button and each year you will be invited to increase you giving in line with inflation. It could not be simpler. If you haven't tried it already – please give it a go. For more information please see Paule who is our Stewardship Secretary.



Ronnie Smith's Big Band's Swing and Jazz Evening

Music and songs from the 40's onwards
Come and join us for drinks and nibbles
and enjoy a fun evening!



 **Tuesday**
9th July
8pm

St Symphorian's Church
Durrington Hill, Worthing. BN13 2PU

Free Entry

Book tickets
here



Bar and nibbles available

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Social and Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who have helped with the recent Social and Fundraising events. Although there is a small core at the centre planning, the actual Team is everyone in our worshipping community and beyond – the church family. It is all of you who help to make these events such a success. In June we have had Durrington Festival and the Beetle Drive. It was funny watching people during the beetle drive. This event was definitely about meeting as many different people in an evening as possible. We will try to run this again next year to see if we can get more people involved.

Looking ahead we Ronnie's Smith Big Band Evening on 9th July – this is not to be missed. A really good evening for all. Then there is the Hymn's and Pimm's Evening on 28th July where Fr Paul will play the organ and Stephen will join him on the keyboard. Please fill in a form at the back of church. If you would prefer to email your choice in, please email publicity@stsymphorians.co.uk. Soon after that we have the Summer Fete and then Ride and Stride Coffee Morning on 14th September. Our amazing team at Pram and Toddler Group will be organising the MacMillan Coffee Morning on 27th September which will be quickly followed by our Parish Lunch for Harvest. There are busy times ahead!

As with all this, getting things booked in and planned well in advance is the key to ensuring things running smoothly. We are already booking events in for 2025 with the return on The Gruffs Male Voice Choir on 1st March and a Murder Mystery evening hopefully just after Easter. We do however try to have a five-year plan for Social and Fundraising. This is a guide to make sure we have different events going on and ensure we spread things out over the course of a year. It gives us time to book popular groups or maybe to find new people to come in. But WE NEED YOUR INPUT. As stated at the start, the Social and fundraising Team is made up of everyone in the church family.

Over the page we put together a questionnaire. Please could you fill it in and put it in the bucket at the back of church. This will help to shape the social and fundraising calendar over the next 5 years. Thank you.

Social and Fundraising Questionnaire:



What events have you most enjoyed over the past 5 years?

What type of event do you prefer to come to?

Are there any type of events you would avoid? If so, could you tell us why e.g. too expensive, too late in the evening etc

What events do you think appeal to people from outside the worshipping community?

What would you like to see in the future

Thank you.

Buildings Update

After lots of waiting some things have begun to move forward. The faculty (the ecclesiastical version of planning permission which also covers Listed Places of Building permission) has been agreed and we can move forward with the demolition work. This is an expensive business, and to make sure we have the cashflow funds for this project, the PCC has agreed to an Archdeacons' loan. Unlike most loans, this is at 0% interest and can be paid over 5 years from the Sharp interest as it is a project on the church building. It is not unusual for our PCC to take out an Archdeacon's loan; we have had them for the heating system in 2017 and more recently for the porch roof of the church hall in 2015/6 which was paid off in 2022.

As far as the church hall is concerned, we are making slow progress with grant applications. There are numerous hurdles to jump just to be invited to apply for a number of grants. But we are trying several avenues and hope to have good news at some point. In the meantime, we are also looking at the heating system for the main hall and will attempt to get this replaced as soon as possible too.

Thank you for the support for our coffee mornings. We plan to make this a regular feature. Our next one will be at the end of July and then we will take a break due to the August holidays and work for the Fete. We hope to see you 27th July.

Don't forget the Garden Working Party on Saturday 6th July. Jill is working so hard in the gardens, please come and support her work.



*Tea,
Coffee
& Cakes*

Saturday 27th July
10am—12 noon

*St Symphorian's Church Hall,
New Road,
Durrington, BN13 3FU*

All Welcome

Proceeds to Church Hall Refurbishment Fund
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The poster features a light green teapot with red and white floral patterns at the top right. Below it, the words 'Tea, Coffee & Cakes' are written in a large, pink, cursive font. Underneath the text are three muffins: one in a pink liner, one in a blue liner, and one in a white liner with a cherry on top. At the bottom left, there is a stack of four colorful teacups (blue, pink, green, and yellow) with a saucer. A small illustration of a hand pouring tea from a teapot into a cup is also present.



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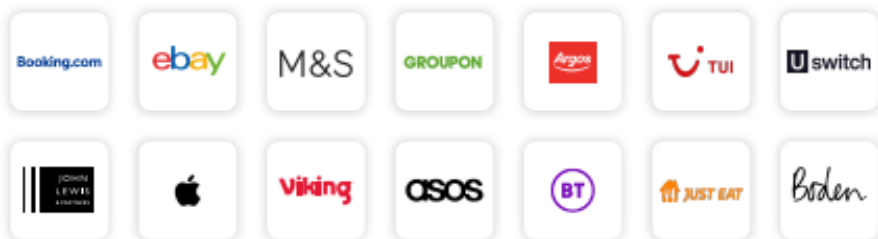
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Change For Change



As our coffee mornings in aid of the church hall refurbishment fund continue, we are launching another appeal – ‘Change for Change’. We would like everyone to take two plastic jars from the back of church. Please keep one for your house and pass one on to a friend or family member for their house.

Over the summer month we would like everyone to fill the jar with all your odd change – please keep this to English coins only! All the money raised will go to the hall refurbishment fund so we can CHANGE the hall for the better. Please can all pots be returned by 30th September.



This summer can we raise more than the ‘40 coins for Lent’ Appeal!

Please remember all donations can be gift aided too.

In the meantime, our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 27th July. All welcome.

Don't Quit - Author unknown

When things go wrong as they
sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you
have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down
a bit---
Rest if you must, but don't you
quit.

Success is failure turned inside
out,
The silver tint of the clouds of
doubt,
And you never can tell how close
you are,
It may be near when it seems
afar.
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit
It's when things go wrong that
you mustn't quit.

Puzzle Corner

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What is Love?

We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children.



That is love.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ST SYMPHORIANS' CHURCH HALL

Monday	Penfold Bowls Zumba 7pm
Tuesday	You Group (3 rd Tuesday each month) Ronnie Smith Big Band Rehearsal* (1 st Tuesday each month)
Wednesday	Durrington Book Club (1 st Wednesday each month) Dementia Friendly Community Choir* (2 nd Wednesday each month) Rangers
Thursday	Brownies and Guides
Friday	Pram and Toddler 10am Martial Arts Class

*in church

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