



PARISH OF BUXTED & HADLOW DOWN
ST. MARGARET THE QUEEN • ST. MARY THE VIRGIN • ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST



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News from the Parish – 25th October 2020

He is now officially our Rector – welcome
Rev Pete Molloy!



The Bishop of Chichester, the Rector of Buxted & Hadlow Down and the Archdeacon of Hastings



Together in Christ

It was lovely to gather together for the licensing service the other night. Despite some covid restrictions, we were able to gather together to bring praise to Almighty God, and to be fed by both word and sacrament.

I was particularly pleased to hear the lesson read from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, reminding them of who they were in Christ Jesus. Unlike most of Paul's letters, Ephesians was not addressing a particular problem dividing a church or rebutting a heresy. In this letter Paul is addressing a church he loves and wants them to grow in their appreciation of God's incredible grace and the importance of relying upon him in their lives of faith.

Accordingly then Paul writes to them to remind them. That though they were once alienated from Christ, now through the blood of Christ we have been made citizens of the household of God and the promise is that as we rely on Christ we will grow together into a Holy Temple in the Lord.

As we begin our worship lives together we must keep the work of Christ before our eyes, meditating upon his gracious work and giving thanks for his most precious blood which has bought our peace. And as we seek to make him known in our community we too must remind ourselves that it is through his strength alone that the church is built up. It is all about Christ. What he has done on the cross and what he wants to do in and through us in our communities.

Let us pray that as we move forward together that we might not take our eyes off of him.

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Readings for this Sunday

Readings for this Sunday are :

Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8

Matthew 22: 34 - 46



Installation and Induction of Rev Peter Molloy

A massive "official" welcome to Rev Pete Molloy, and a similar level of thanks to all those who made his licensing service such a great start to his ministry amongst us – particularly in these times of trial.

These thanks range from those who prepared for the service, cleaning and polishing, decorating and clearing, to the augmented choir and the well-orchestrated congregation. We might have fitted 4 or 5 more people in, but it was good to see nearly all the pews in the nave being used.

Church services

The services for this Sunday (25th October) will be :

8.00	St Margaret's	Holy Communion
9.00	St Mark's	All-Age Service
10.00	St Margaret's	Parish Eucharist
11.15	St Mary's	Parish Mass



Don't forget that the clocks change (they go back) so you get an extra hour's sleep – and less excuse to be late for the service!

There will be the usual Thursday morning communion at St Margaret's, starting at 10.00.

As forewarned last week, this will be Rev Pete Molloy's first Sunday in his official capacity as our Rector. He aims to officiate at all four services and begs your understanding if he is late arriving. He is keen to greet people at the end of each service, but please do not keep him for too long!

The services for the following Sunday (1st November) will be :

8.00	St Margaret's	Holy Communion
9.00	St Mark's	Parish Communion
10.00	St Margaret's	Parish Eucharist
11.15	St Mary's	Requiem Mass for All Souls
16.00	St Margaret's	All Souls Service



I am sure that, by now, you don't necessarily need to be reminded that face coverings are required in Places of Worship, unless you have a health reason for not wearing one, and we do need to continue to practice social distancing and hygiene and keeping a record of who has attended (which is now mandatory). We also now have QR codes at the entrance to the three churches so that you can "check-in" electronically rather than by paper.

Remembrance Sunday

Meetings and discussions are being held about plans for Remembrance Sunday. At the moment we are clear that there will be services on that Sunday, but as to what they entail, and who will be involved, this has still to be decided.

As they say, please watch this space.

Prayers

In our prayers this week we continue to pray for Norman Longley, who is in Pembury Hospital and in a frail condition. We also pray for Jeremy Clark, Lindsay and Wilbs George and Jane Godfrey.

We also remember all those known to us who require our prayers.

If you know of anyone that you would like added to the list, please do get in contact.

Providing support

We thank Fr David Milnes for all his support during the interregnum, as we thank all those other clergy who have led services over this time. For this particular part of the newsletter, however, our thanks are to Fr David for his pastoral support over the last 16 months, or so. Pre-Covid that included visiting, whilst during Covid this has been a voice at the end of the line. I know how much this has been appreciated.

From now on Rev Pete Molloy will be the main point of contact and his contact details are :

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His day of rest is Monday, so the churchwardens (and his family) would greatly appreciate if you could allow him this time and only contact him if there is something urgent. If in doubt, please try one of the churchwardens.

The Virtual Collection Plate

Whilst there is a collection plate at services (whose contents will be quarantined before counting and banking), however the guidance gives a clear preference for on-line giving.

If you are able to make a donation, then our bank details are :
HSBC Account: Parish of Buxted & Hadlow Down PCC A/C No: 11454064 Sort Code: 40-45-32. If you wish to gift aid then please ask for a form from the Treasurer (treasurer@bhdchurches.co.uk)

Alternatively, the Planned Giving Scheme is where you can make a monthly direct debit and Gift Aid is automatically calculated. You can sign up by telephone (0333 002 1271) and all you will need are your bank details and the Parish name (Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down) and our PGS number (which is : *103080519*).

Thank you, in advance.

And finally : From Matthew 22

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”