

- **CHURCHES TOGETHER in SEAFORD** will be holding a United Service of Prayer and Worship at St Peter's, Sunday 19 October at 6pm. Refreshments in the Chapel Rooms afterwards.
- **XPLORE ALL SAINTS** Join us on Saturday 26 October from 3–5.30pm: crafts, song, stories and a free hot meal! Places are limited so don't delay in booking: just follow the link which is in this month's E-news. Bookings will close on 19 October. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or carer please.
- **ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE** Monday 3 November at 7pm Please list the names of those you would like to be remembered at this service on the slips which are available at the back of church.
- **COMMUNITY LUNCH** Our next community lunch will be in the Chapel Rooms at 12.30, Friday 31 October. Booking is essential, via the office please – contact details below.
- **QUIZ EVENING** Saturday 8 November at 7pm in the Chapel Rooms. Speak to Daphne to book a table of six, or book a space and make up a team on the night. Tickets £7 including tea/coffee or a soft drink and nibbles. BYO bottle if you wish.
- **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES** Coryn is organising a concert at St Peter's: 7pm on 14 November. Free admission, with a retiring collection. More details will follow.
- **THE CHURCH ART GROUP** meets in the Chapel Rooms, Thursdays, 10am – noon. All are welcome. More details from Kay ☎ 01323 870902.
- **THE BARN OWL and its status in Sussex** A talk by local ornithologist Terry Hallahan: Saturday 18 October, 6.30 for 7pm in Bishopstone Parish Hall, just behind the church. Tickets £10 from Angie's News, Claremont Road, including wine and cheese in the interval. There will be a collection for the Sussex Barn Owl Group.

OFFERTORY If you feel moved to donate at the end of the service, there is a collection plate and a contactless card machine at the back of church. If you would like to make a bank transfer our details are:
Account name: East Blatchington PCC
Sort code: 09-01-51 **Account no:** 87169403

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Bulletin items and requests for names to be added to the prayer list by noon on Thursday please, earlier is very helpful!
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St Peter's Church
 East Blatchington, Seaford

19 October 2025
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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK	
Saturday	9am – Morning Prayer on 'Facebook Live' only 5.30pm – Taizé service
Sunday	8am – BCP Holy Communion 10am – Parish Eucharist (CW) <i>Hymns: 558 98 453 (322 & 478) 548</i> 6pm – Churches Together in Seaford – United Service of Prayer and Worship <i>Followed by refreshments in the Chapel Rooms</i>
Mon., Tue. Thu. & Fri.	9.30am – Morning Prayer <i>Also on 'Facebook Live'</i>
Wednesday	10.30am Midweek Eucharist
Mon., Wed. & Fri.	8pm – Compline on 'Facebook Live'. <i>Please ask if you would like a copy of the service</i>
Bible Group Meetings: Mondays, 2pm in the main hall of the Chapel Rooms. All are welcome!	
'Holding the Silence': Mondays, 5.30pm. Half an hour of silence for prayer and contemplation, also available on Zoom (link available from our website). <i>Meeting ID: 851 6436 0499, passcode: letmein</i>	
Rosary Group: second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2pm – next meeting on 28 October.	

We pray ...

- for our own church community: may all those that are gathered here today feel the love and support of each other and the warmth and protection of their Christian faith;
- that we may be powerful custodians of our beautiful world: help us to do small things, that collectively make the biggest difference;
- for those who are working tirelessly to bring about peace in the Middle East, and for those who are waiting to start the process of rebuilding lives and communities;
- for Madagascar during this time of unrest and uncertainty;
- for the new prime minister in Nepal, as they navigate through this time of transition, and for a swift restoration of peace and stability – also for protection against flooding and the monsoon season;
- for all those who are suffering from illness, pain and grief – and by name for Linda Ballard, Dave Batchelor, Stephen Dempster, Ann Fenwick, Fr John Harrington, Christa Lindner, those listed in 'Cross Keys' and all who have asked for our prayers;
- for the recently departed: Barbara Prendergast;
- for those whose year's minds fall this week:
 20: Aileen Murray, Ian Phelps, *Priest*;
 21: Donald Cornah, Osvaldo Pinheiro.

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is
before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 121

R *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to
stumble;
he who watches over you will not
sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by
day,
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost

patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is
given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

