

# FAIRLIGHT & GUESTLING CHURCH'S NEWSLETTER 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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## ST ANDREW'S & ST PETER'S FAIRLIGHT

<https://fairlightchurches.org.uk/>

### APRIL

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Morning Praise 11am @ St Andrew's

### MAY

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Morning Praise 11am

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Morning Praise 11am and (APCM)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 11am

## ST LAURENCE GUESTLING

<https://www.guestlingchurch.org.uk/>

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## Café Refresh 2025

Connecting with the Community

St Peter's Church Hall Corner of Waites Lane Fairlight

3rd Thursday of every month

Drop in between 10.30am -12 Noon

Chat, Drink, homemade cake.

Come alone or bring a friend. All welcome.

MAY 15<sup>th</sup> - JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> - JULY 17<sup>th</sup>



## DATEs FOR YOUR DIARY

### BIBLE BY THE BEACH

2-5 May 2025

In all things God at work - The Congress Theatre Eastbourne. A weekend Bible-teaching conference for the whole family.

[Biblebythebeach.org](http://Biblebythebeach.org)

**RYE DEANERY PILGRIMAGE  
TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL  
WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH 2025**

Contact Rev. Kate Bailey 01797 253118  
[rector@stmaryschurchnorthiam.co.uk](mailto:rector@stmaryschurchnorthiam.co.uk)

Monday's at 10am

**The Fairlight Lodge House Group**  
Is being held temporarily at  
St Peter's church hall

All Welcome



**2025 PROGRAMME at St Peter's Church Hall 2.30pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> May **Hilary Malpass**  
"Walk a mile in my shoes"  
6<sup>th</sup> June **Laura Spelding**  
"Persecution of Christians"

## RYE DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH 2025

Come and join us on a day-trip journey to Chichester Cathedral – our Mother Ship, in this the 950th year of our Diocese. We will be leaving in the morning, and can arrange to have a Eucharist especially for us at lunchtime, followed by a meal, if you would like to. Tours of the Cathedral can be arranged if you would like to do this. If you are interested, please let Revd Kate Bailey know as soon as possible. If enough people would like to join us, then we will look into the cost and availability of coach hire, as well as the lunch and tour costs of the Cathedral. We hope that as we travel as a Deanery, we will find ourselves joined closer together in our faith, as we visit the heartbeat of our Diocese.

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I hope you're doing well!

I've had the joy of spending two decades of my life in beautiful Burundi - ranked as the world's hungriest nation where, tragically, **one in two** children suffer from stunting caused by malnourishment.

These stats aren't just numbers to me, they're faces, people, families. I don't think I ever go more than 10 minutes without thinking of the plight of Burundi and my brothers and sisters who are so dear to my heart.

I know many of you are unable to visit Burundi to meet these people for yourself, but I invite you to [watch this video](#). You'll see that even against such a bleak backdrop, **hope is shining through**, thanks to the support of folks like yourself, enabling our inspiring, passionate partners to do their nation-shaping work! Let's sow *more* seeds of hope in Burundi! Your support makes a huge difference. <https://www.greatlakesoutreach.org/> Simon Guillebaud



So, I walked the 13 miles for Alzheimer's Society in 2023 and am now back to challenge myself with the 26 miles in May of 2025! Since then, sadly several of my church friends at St Andrew's have had to seek full time residential care for their wife or husband due to dementia. While others are still caring for family at home or seeking a diagnosis themselves, and some have lost a loved one.

Alzheimer's Society are working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. They do this by giving help to those living with dementia today and by providing hope for the future by campaigning to make dementia the priority it should be and funding ground-breaking research.

**Please could you choose to donate/sponsor me and my trek for Alzheimer's Society...I aim to raise a minimum of £300. THE LINK IS: [justgiving.com/page/lilian-oliver-4](https://justgiving.com/page/lilian-oliver-4) OR I will put an envelope at the back of St. Andrew's for donations.** Together we can help and bring hope to everyone affected by dementia. Many thanks Jane

### *A Bird Song*



It's a year almost that I have not seen her:  
Oh, last summer green things were greener,  
Brambles fewer, the blue sky bluer.

It's surely summer, for there's a swallow:  
Come one swallow, his mate will follow,  
The bird race quicken and wheel and thicken.

Oh happy swallow whose mate will follow  
O'er height, o'er hollow! I'd be a swallow,  
To build this weather one nest together.

Christina Rossetti

1830 – 1894

#### **Unlocking Guestling Church**

We are looking forward to having the church open to visitors again but need a little help with locking and unlocking please. Please will you let Sarah know if you are able to open and close the church on Monday or Friday, or open only on a Wednesday.

#### **Guestling PCC News**

The PCC met this week and are in the process with Jaynes help of finalising the APCM report for 2024. An area of concern is our financial situation so please do look carefully at the accounts when they are published and consider whether you might be able to give a one-off gift, a gift in your will or increase your regular giving in 2025. If you pay tax and haven't yet signed a Gift Aid Declaration form to allow the church to claim an extra 20% on your giving please speak to David Gillies. In light of the 2024 accounts, we were mindful about expenditure in 2025 and have decided to remove the stones from the path returning it to the mud surface that was there before the new stones were added rather than pay for it to be resurfaced.

#### **Offers of help for Fairlight VE 80 Celebrations**

The organisers have asked whether Fairlight Church might be able to provide and serve refreshments in the Village Hall between 2pm - 6pm on 8th May. They would ideally like an afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes. The Legion have volunteered to bake buy some cakes to help. Please let Maggie know if you would like more information.

*God bless, Sandi*

Parish Administrator Jayne Stevens – my working days 2.30pm-6pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and all-day Thursday 9am-5pm. If you need to contact me, 07539 652 000 - my email address is: [paforfgw@gmail.com](mailto:paforfgw@gmail.com) If at any time you would like to be removed from the mailing list in line with 'GDPR' let me know. If you have a contribution for the newsletter, please contact me by midday on Thursday. Thank you, Jayne.

If you know anyone who might like to receive the newsletter, please ask them to email me.

If you have an event planned at any church let Jayne know so it can be added to the calendar and communicated as appropriate. Thank You