



Welcome to
Athena Alice
Sargent

ST MARY'S & ALL SAINTS NEWS

5TH FEBRUARY 2017

EPIPHANY 5

Welcome to our service today! We meet in the name of Jesus Christ to celebrate what he has done for us, to listen to the word of God and to speak to God in prayer. Children are welcome at all of our services! At the 10.30, when it's not an all-age service, there is a crèche called Scramblers (0-3), Explorers (4-7) and Pathfinders (8+). Listen out for announcements about refreshments served after the service.

**Services this
Sunday**

**8.00 Matins at St
Mary's**

**9.20 Communion
at All Saints**

**10.30 Morning
Worship at St
Mary's**

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**10.30 Holy
Communion at St
Mary's**

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Pub Lunch at the Crown on the 8th Feb at 12.30: All Welcome (*let Yve Gerwat know if you're coming by Sunday 5th Feb*)



South Downs National Park

Thank you to everyone who came to the Ben Nevis Challenge briefing on Friday night. Information shared on the evening, including films and PowerPoint displays, can be found on the Ben Nevis page of the benefice website.

The next planned training walk is on Saturday the 4th of March. It's a 20 mile circular walk featuring two of the South Downs' biggest climbs, starting and finishing near Petersfield (at Ben's dad's house) where food will be provided after the walk. Meet at St Mary's Church car park at 8.00. Speak to Ben or James to request/offer transport.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY over the last year! We managed to pay our Bransgore and Thorney Hill parish share to the diocese of £53,734 in full! I know we've all worked hard to make this possible: funding our ministry here and the ministry of others in the diocese. Together with St Michael's Hinton, we've contributed a total of £67,690 to the mission of the diocese. Most of this has been achieved through your planned giving, through schemes like the Parish Giving Scheme. If you're not yet using the scheme and would like to, details for how to join are available in each church.

ATHENA ALICE SARGENT

After a full 27 minute labour, Athena was born on Wednesday morning at 5.05am. She weighed 9lb 2oz and was delivered by Ben 10 minutes before the midwife was able to get to the vicarage. Because she was born so quickly, a bit of gunk remained in Athena's lungs and she initially found breathing not as easy as it should have been. Because of this, mum and baby went into hospital for a couple of days so that she could be monitored. They both came home on Saturday.

Please thank God for Athena's safe entry into the world and for the wonderful gift she is to the family.

THE LATE BRENDA LEE

Marian and Geoff would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

We would like to thank the Organist David, Jenny Miles and Margaret. Also Mary, Mavis and Helen for their help with the refreshments.

Thank you so much for your support at this difficult time

Pub Trip This Friday Night: 8.00pm

As is now our custom, on the Friday night after the All-Age Service (1st Sunday of the Month) there will be an informal gathering at The Crown on Friday night at 8.00. All Welcome!

REFORMATION 500

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the European

Reformation, beginning when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to door of the church in Wittenburg. To reflect on this hugely influential moment in our history, we'll have a seven-part series of short talks starting at the evening service (6.30pm) on Sunday the 5th March.

5th March – Did the Medieval Church need Reform?

19th March – Reformation:

What Happened?

Big Ideas of the Reformation:

2nd April –**Scripture Alone**

16th April –**Faith Alone**

7th May –**Grace Alone**

21st May –**Christ Alone**

4th June –**Glory of God**

Alone

