

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th August 2026

Collect.

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

A Reading from the Book of Revelations

(Revelation 11.19 - 12.6,10)

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.'

PSALM 45: Let the peoples praise you, O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

A Reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

(1 Cor 15:20-26)

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke. (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant; from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.



Post Communion.

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN NUMBERS:

241 - Sing we of the blessed mother.

231 - Ye who own the faith of Jesus. Omit * verses.

SHEET - Ave Maria, O maiden, O mother

238 - For Mary mother of our Lord.

362 - Tell out my soul.

NOTICES

WANTED CLEAN **'JAM' JARS ONLY** and if possible, please remove the labels.

FUNERAL OF GILL EDWARDS

Gill died last Friday 31st July 2026.

She will be brought into church, overnight, on
19th August at 4.00pm and her funeral will be
held the following day
(20th August) **at 11.00am**

**THE FAMILY ASK EVERYONE TO WEAR
BRIGHT COLOURS!**

NOTICES contd.....

FUNERAL FOR PATRICIA HOGG
Wednesday 26th August at 1.00pm in church

EARNLEY PET SERVICE
Sunday 6th September at 4.00pm

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY
(more information later)
Sunday 4th October: Harvest Lunch
Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown
December 4th-6th: Christmas Tree Festival and Fair

THIS YEARS Ride & Stride –
will be on Saturday 12 September 2026
In aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust

REGULAR EVENTS:
BIBLE STUDY:
MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church
WILL RESUME AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

QUIET PRAYER “PEACE ADVENTURE”:
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons, West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm & 7pm to 8pm
IN AUGUST, THERE WILL BE AN AFTERNOON SESSION, BUT NO EVENING SESSION

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon
FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
WATCH FOR UPDATES

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated
TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist
Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday
(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)
23rd August 2026 Trinity 12

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley
10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's
Readings:
Isaiah 51: 1-6
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Please send any notices for Pews News to
Barbara Blundell no later than
WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Tel: 670791 or email barbs.blundell@btinternet.com).

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.
All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

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Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “E.W.P.C.C”

Services today
(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)
8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's
9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley
10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's
4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:
Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Ava Kirby, Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Joan Whiteside, Greg Brooke and members of our congregation who may be unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember
Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Sherline Smith, Jules Pettitt, Ben, Jess and family, Tula Hunt and her family, Kelly Saby, Robin Leney, Lizi Benjamin, Ann & Jeff Parks, Pat & John Cox, Barbara Woodley, Jon Hall. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed
Fred Knotts, Gill Edwards, Patricia Hogg, June Mallinson

Those whose years mind falls at this time
Bill Cuthill, Betty Gibbs, Ian Riddell, Kevin Riches, Hilda Hawkins