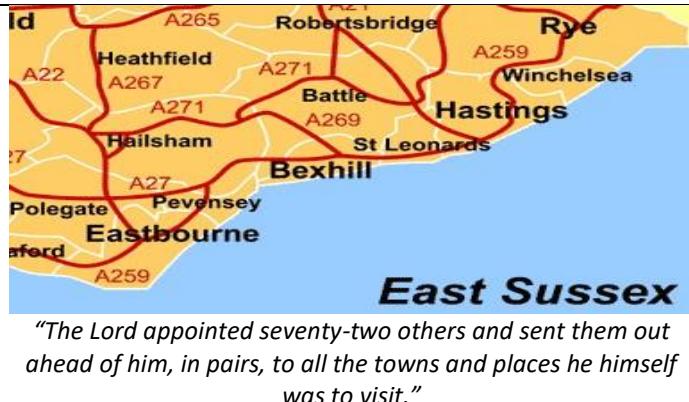


EASTBOURNE DEANERY NEWSHEET



PRAYER

What's happening in your Parish around Prayer ?

Rye

- Adoration on the first Saturday of each month
- Novena to St Anthony weekly
- St Anthony prayer group set up on WhatsApp

St Leonards

- Scripture Group - first Wednesday of the month
- Rosary & Benediction – monthly for Vocations
- *Faith in the Family* WhatsApp group coming soon

Eastbourne

- New Parish Mission Prayer launched at Pentecost
- Weekly Rosary for Peace
- New Parish Charismatic Prayer Group started
- Monthly Tea & Social Gathering for housebound

CTK

- Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi
- Weekly Prayer before Sunday 10.30 Mass
- Adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays 5.30-7.00pm with a Holy Hour for priests and before Vigil Mass every Sat pm

Bexhill

- A small but enthusiastic weekly Charismatic Prayer Group
- Weekly evening Masses on Thursdays that provide workers with an extra Holy Mass.
- '3 Churches in Little Common' meet monthly for a time of prayer and fellowship.

MISSION

What's happening in your Parish to promote Mission?

Rye

- *We Miss You* postcards offering chat with PP or Deacon for people who have lapsed, or challenged in their faith.
- Looking to set up an SVP group

St Leonards

- We contribute to Hastings Foodbank
- SVP re-commencing in September
- UCM meeting monthly - new members welcome
- Supermarket Vouchers for needy families

Eastbourne

- Open Church, monthly – Inviting people to come into, walk round and pray in OLR with aid of *Prayer Walk Booklet*. Welcomers on hand to assist
- Local Food Bank supported
- Homeless initiative weekly in winter months offering evening meal and fellowship to 7 people

CTK

- Weekly meeting of 'Men of St Joseph', aimed at Catholic men to equip them to promote and deepen their faith.

Bexhill

- We are planning an "Ignition Weekend" in October (6th-8th) to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the parish of Bexhill. The help of the Sion Catholic Community will help us focus on a new vision for the future. It will be a weekend of prayer, formation, and social activity.

FORMATION	SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING & OTHER
<p>What's happening in your approach to promote formation of children and adults?</p> <p>Rye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scripture Discussion Group – weekly in afternoon 	<p>What's happening in your Parish for fundraising and celebration?</p> <p>Rye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish lunch to celebrate the feast of St Anthony Parish trip to the National Gallery to see the exhibition of artwork depicting St Francis.
<p>St Leonards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish First Holy Communions 11th June, Confirmation 18.06.2023 at Arundel Cathedral <p>Eastbourne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Enrichment Talks monthly – teaching and informative topics with discussion There is a wide variety of Prayer Groups active in the Parish Children's Liturgy in all 3 churches 	<p>St Leonards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 September: 1New Parishioners Mass and Picnic 11.00 am at St Thomas' Church <p>Eastbourne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Tea and Social Gathering – fun activity OLR Money Club - monthly draw
<p>CTK</p> <p>Fr Neil delivering talks based on 'Theology of the Body' using the teachings of St John Paul II. CTK : Regular meetings of Newman Association focussing on current issues</p> <p>Bexhill</p> <p>We have an active RCIA programme. At Easter 2023 we baptised 5 adults and received 5 adults into full communion with the Catholic church.</p>	<p>CTK</p> <p>Parishioner completing the Camino Portuguese ending at Santiago di Compostela raising funds for 'You Raise Me Up', a charity supporting families affected by. Loss of a child. CTK. : International Food Festival bringing together different cultures and countries.</p> <p>Bexhill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bexhill SVP hold a monthly "Tea @ 3pm" in St Martha's Hall, Little Common. They also run a monthly bereavement session. And they have started a new Friday Pop-in morning, a café style game time. The CWL meet the 1st Monday of the month to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community. The Catenians are looking to re-energise a Bexhill Circle.
<p>PARISH WEBSITES OF THE DEANERY</p> <p>Battle: battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net</p> <p>Bexhill: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk</p> <p>Eastbourne: www.ourladyofransom.org.uk</p> <p>Eastbourne (Langney & Hampden Park): christthekingeastbourne.org</p> <p>Hailsham & Polegate: www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk</p> <p>Hastings: www.stmarystarofthesea.net</p> <p>Rye: www.stanthonyrye.com</p> <p>St Leonards-on-Sea: www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net</p> <p>DIOCESE: www.abdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p>THOUGHTFUL GEMS - SPIRITUAL & OTHER</p> <p>"The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission" – <i>Pope Francis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>"Pray, even if you feel nothing, see nothing. For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God, even though you may find little joy in it. This is true of all believing prayer" - <i>Julian of Norwich</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>On a lighter note ...</i></p> <p>Man – What is a million years like to you? God – Like one second</p> <p>Man – What is a million dollars like to you? God – Like one penny</p> <p>Man – Can I have a penny? God – Just a second.</p>