**St Catherine’s Hospice**

As many of you will know, St Catherine’s is facing one of the hardest times in the hospice’s history. Due to rising costs, funding doesn’t stretch as far as it used to and they are now at a tipping point. Perhaps you have seen the care they provide for yourself, the quiet strength of the nurses, the way they seem to know just what’s needed. The way they hold families together when everything feels like it’s falling apart.

That kind of care is precious. And it’s also fragile. It relies on the kindness of people like you. [So please donate what you can today](https://ddlnk.net/c/AQijzAIQlO6XBxjoy56zASCzg4GnAdM7d9KMhFtY8wG5dKbWsaycudXR9QsASubFsDsPDtFt) to help protect it so St Catherine’s is there for the next family who needs them.

https://www.stch.org.uk/donate/

The next Parish Prayer Meeting will be next Tuesday, 5th August at 7.45pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Locus Group and Coffee+ will be taking a break for the summer holidays. Locus Group will be back in September, but Coffee+ will not be continuing in September.

FUNERAL

The funeral for David Ellis, will be held at St Leonard’s Church, Turner’s Hill

on Monday 11th August at 2pm

Befriended is a local charity. set up with the mission of ending loneliness and isolation among older people living in Mid Sussex. The charity also offers bereavement support to people of all ages through its [Compassionate Conversations](https://befriended.org/compassionate-conversations/) course, Grief Cafes and Company lunch club. Befriended offers a [range of services](https://befriended.org/services/) to older people living in the Mid Sussex area. There are lots of events planned, including a day out at Springfield Farm, Scaynes Hill on 9th August. Have a look at the website <https://befriended.org/>

For more information, see the notice board in the porch and leaflets on the welcome table.

**St Mary’s Church, Balcombe**

**Grapevine**

**3rd August 2025**

**Trinity 7**

**Weekly Diary**

**TODAY 8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am Family Service with**

**Fr David**

**Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Next 9.30am Parish Eucharist with**

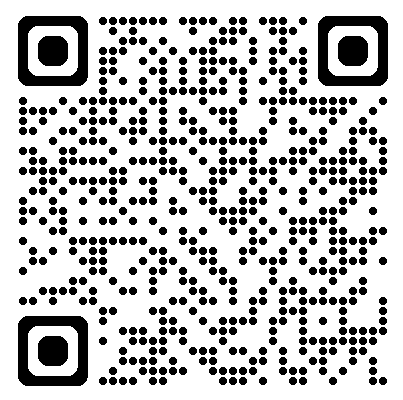
**Fr David**

**PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**All those who live in**:

Combers, Crawley Lane and Deanland Road.

**All those who are sick, and** **the departed, our own departed loved ones and** **those whose anniversaries occur during the week**



This is the QR code for the church website. [www.stmarys-balcombe.org](http://www.stmarys-balcombe.org).

The website is always right up to date and under the ‘Get Up to Date’ tab, notes of Sunday sermons by Fr David and our visiting preachers can be found.  There is also more information on the Year of Faith.  Take a look at the Gallery, updated regularly with photos of events, it really is worth looking at regularly.