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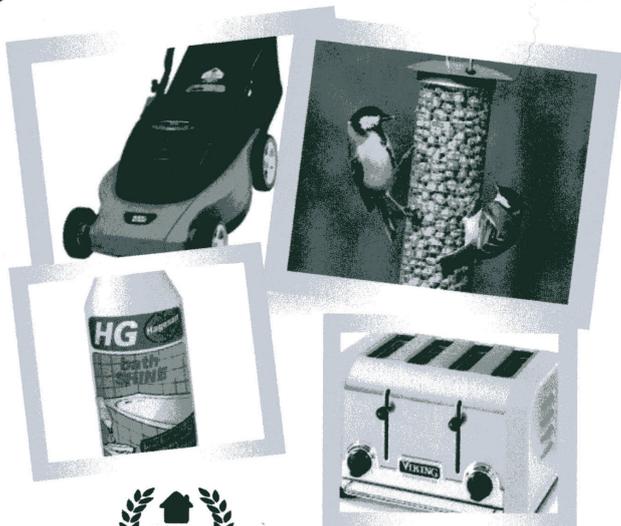
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# From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

## **HOLY WEEK**

I thought I would write a note of introduction to Holy Week and a brief explanation of where the services come from. In 1986 the Bishop's of the Church of England published a book of services called LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Many churches, indeed since the 4th Century, have celebrated Holy Week and Easter. The Bishops were concerned to provide services, which may be acceptable to for the whole of the Church of England. They realised that by celebrating the four great Days we may fully enter the love of God.

During Holy Week, we attempt to enter and experience our Lord's Passion. What a tremendous week it was from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the giving of the Eucharist and Final commandments to the disciples, the trial and death on the cross of Jesus and finally the resurrection.

We enter a four-part drama: - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Although each act in the drama can stand alone, a real entering into our Lord's experience and identifying with him at every point, requires attendance at all four parts of the total drama.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

The service on Palm Sunday begins with celebration. *The triumphal entry into Jerusalem the people cut down branches from the trees and hailed Jesus as their king.* The service begins with a procession not only to remember what happened on that first PALM SUNDAY but also to proclaim our praise to Christ our King. The service changes note half way through as we remember why Jesus entered Jerusalem, to die on the cross. We hear a dramatised version of the Passion Gospel according to St. Luke.



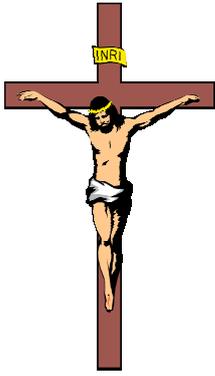
## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

The celebration of the Last Supper. The night before he died, he took bread broke it and gave it to them saying 'do this in remembrance of me'.



The service on Maundy Thursday is one of celebration for the giving of the Eucharist where we give thanks for the gift of Christ himself under the forms of bread and wine. We also remember in the service the last commands of Jesus to his disciples: to do this in remembrance of me; a new commandant to love, the washing of the disciple's feet. At the end of the celebration we begin to enter the Lord's Passion. In silence the Church is stripped of ornaments and hangings. In the darkness, we think of the striping of Christ's garments and of the loneliness in the garden. **THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE MOST MOVING SERVICES OF THE YEAR.**

## GOOD FRIDAY



The central theme of any service today is the cross. The narration of the events leading to the crucifixion, historically from St John's Gospel, lies at the heart of the service. For Christians, the cross is a sign of victory. Even on Good Friday we cannot fix our thoughts on Christ, as he suffers on the cross, without remembering that he died for us and that he has been raised from the dead and is alive for evermore. So as we come to the cross of Christ we give thanks for all that he has done for us and we pray at the foot of the cross for his world.

## EASTER VIGIL

The Vigil starts in Darkness, it was during the night that Jesus came alive. The darkness of death is dispelled by the light of the Resurrection.

The service of light marks the beginning of the services; the resurrection is proclaimed in both spoken word and dramatic ceremony *with the Easter candle symbolising Christ the light of the world risen from the darkness of the grave.*

The climax of the whole Easter liturgy is the Eucharist where we are sacramentally reunited with our risen Lord.

The events of this great week are at the very centre of our Christian faith. By celebrating them anew each year we rediscover the love of Christ in our lives. Joy and Celebration are the marks of all the services of Easter. *Christ is risen from the dead ALLELUIA*

**PLEASE DO JOIN IN WITH US AND CELEBRATE A FULL HOLY WEEK.**

*S. Mark*

### **WALSINGHAM 2017**

There will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham again this year. All are very welcome, it is both spectacular, spiritual and a place of great calm.

We will be going from Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September. Please let Judy Howard know if you'd like to go. (01798 343220). Our Treasurer, Andrew, has opened an account for you to be paying by instalments if you would like to spread the cost, which will be £163 for half board.

# HOLY WEEK

## PALM SUNDAY 9th April

9.00 am PASSION EUCHARIST - EGDEAN

10.30 am PROCESSION AND  
PASSION EUCHARIST

Procession from the Lych-gate

3.00 pm MARCH OF WITNESS from the Sacred Heart

Monday & Tuesday 10th, 11th

7.00 pm Mass and Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 12th, 7.00 pm Mass

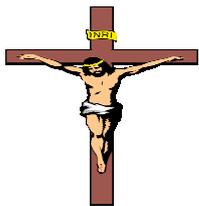
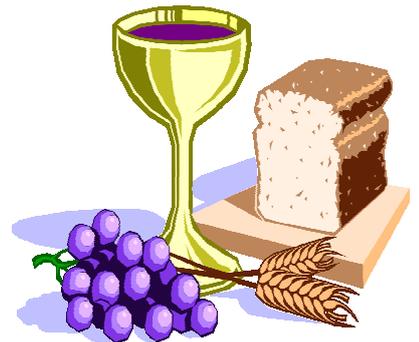


## MAUNDY THURSDAY 13th April

7.30 pm Evening Eucharist of the  
Lord's Supper

*This has to be one of the most moving services of  
the year.*

*(There will be a vigil from 9.00 pm until  
Midnight, people can pop in and out of  
Church for a quiet time)*



## GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

2.00 pm THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS

## EASTER EVE 15th April

8.00 pm EASTER VIGIL AND  
FIRST MASS OF EASTER (Party)

## EASTER DAY 16th April

8.00 am Easter Eucharist

9.00 am EASTER FAMILY Eucharist - Egdean

10.30 am EASTER FAMILY Eucharist



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YEAR OF THE BIBLE 2017

## Hear the Word of the Lord

**A Lent course for the Diocese of Chichester's Year of the Bible**

**LAST DATE  
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL  
AT 7.00 PM**

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Electoral Roll will be updated in time for the Annual Parish Meeting in April. If you are not on the roll and would like to be included you will find forms on Col Maude's table by the south door, or call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487

### **EXERCISE CLASSES**

As many of you already know Joanne is sadly leaving us to return to live in Wales. Jo has run exercise classes now for 5 years, providing not only a valuable weekly income for the church, but a valuable community service as well. She takes no payment for herself, with those attending making a donation to church funds, the average collection being in excess of £50 a week.

We would like to continue the classes but need a leader, is there anyone willing to help?

### **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S**

Monday:	Parent Toddler Group	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday:	Keep Fit with Chair Exercises	10.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday:	Art Group	10.00 am -12.00 noon

## QUIZ NIGHT FEBRUARY 2017

Another year, another Quiz Night done and dusted, and what a success too! To our great delight Quiz Master extraordinaire Lloyd Pocock returned from distant parts to reprise his highly acclaimed role as our 'Master of Questions'. No less than 61 participants sat down to his usual challenging questions, some lighter in heart than others, some truly obscure.

The event is always highly popular, and draws in lots of people from outside of the immediate church community, a highly desirable result in itself.

As ever all food was donated by the participants, and what a lovely supper they made it too. The philosophy behind the event is to provide a social event that covers its costs. Despite a glass of wine being included in the cost of the ticket, the cost of hiring the Leconfield Hall and the prize of six bottles of wine, costs were more than covered! A surplus of about £250 accrued to Church funds, almost enough to make your Treasurer smile!

*Andrew Howard*

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Website: [www.egdeanparish.com](http://www.egdeanparish.com)

#### **Dates for your diary**

Sunday 16th April at 9.00 am Family Eucharist with Hymns and Easter Egg hunt after the service

#### **Fund Raising Events:**

Sat 17th June from 5.30 pm Barbecue, grand raffle, stalls and activities in the Church yard

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd July Cream Tea Weekend in the garden of Church Cottage Egdean

Sat 9th September Ride and Stride for Sussex Historic Churches

*Christine Dallyn*

*Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*

### LENT LUNCHESES

The last Lent lunch will be held in St Mary's on Wednesday 5th April at 12.30 pm.

## EASTER FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S, PETWORTH



After the absence of flowers throughout Lent, our dedicated team of arrangers will get together to decorate the Church for the celebration of Easter.

Throughout the year, our arrangers provide their own flowers, many of whom volunteer for some twelve or more weeks in addition to the six weeks of the Festivals. Therefore, we are very grateful for the donations we receive towards the cost of the flowers at the Festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas (the flowers for each arrangement cost between £15 - £35).

As usual we will be rattling the tin in the run up to Easter, however, if you would like to sponsor an individual arrangement, perhaps in commemoration or celebration, please do telephone Alison Follis (01798 344068) to make your selection.

## PARISH OUTING

This year we plan to hire a coach and visit a Hindu Temple called the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir which is in North West London. This building is becoming well-known for its wonderful architecture, intricate carving and, of course, for its statues and paintings of characters from the Hindu religion. It featured as an impressive BBC Antiques Roadshow venue last year. Guided tours are available so that visitors of other faiths can learn something of the Hindu faith and the significance of all the carvings etc. There is a restaurant where lunch can be had. Doubtless there will be other eating-places nearby, but Neasden is not generally considered to be a tourist attraction and the Temple will be our only port of call there.

To read more about the Temple and to see some photos of it, look at its website [www.londonmandir.baps.org](http://www.londonmandir.baps.org) The website gives details of disabled access, and other information for visitors such as a reminder that visitors are expected to remove their shoes when visiting parts of the Temple. The visit would take about two hours, plus time for lunch.

The planned date is SATURDAY 13TH MAY leaving Petworth at 8.45 am and arriving back at approximately 6.00 pm.

For this outing to take place we need to know as soon as possible who would like to come. Please let us know by TUESDAY 18TH APRIL at the latest whether you can come. Please mention this to your friends as we need numbers to fill the coach. The person to contact is Judy Howard. (01798 343220). No payment is required just yet, but you will need to know that the likely cost is £20 per person.

*Andrew Brooke*

### ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday 8th April  
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle and Refreshments**

**In aid of Church Funds**

## WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The CHURCH OF ST ANDREW and ST CUTHMAN at STEYNING is a truly impressive building situated at the northern part of the town centre at the end of Church Street with its tile hung half timbered houses. The original church was founded by Cuthman in around 700 AD. The story tells of his arrival at Steyning on a journey from Chidham intending to spread Christianity throughout Sussex, pushing his disabled mother in a hand cart. When the rope around his shoulders that supported the cart broke on reaching Steyning he stopped and there he built his church. By 858 AD the church was sufficiently important for Ethelwulf, the King of Wessex and father of Alfred the Great, to be buried there. Later, Ethelwulf's body was moved to Winchester for burial.

The Norman's replaced Cuthman's church with a large cruciform building which was commenced in 1080. This was considerably larger than the present day one. It had transepts, a much longer chancel and central tower. The massive chancel arch which was one of the four arches that supported the tower remains today. The tower was replaced in the 16th Century by the flint chequer-work, one at the west end that we see today. As you enter the church through the south door note the two ancient stone coffin lids, possibly Saxon. Although the porch was added in the 15th Century the door into the church has been in use for over 800 years and is by far the oldest in Sussex.

Stepping down into the nave one is greeted by the font, the basin dates from the 12th Century but was thrown into the churchyard probably by Cromwell's soldiers. In 1840 a new base was made for it. Look up to the second storey, the magnificently high and elegant clerestory a rare feature in Norman churches. The surviving bays of the nave arcade built around 1170/80 have truly exuberant carving on most of the arches and capitals, each one different, with no shortage of the customary zig-zags and scallops as well as many less conventional motifs and designs.

Forty eight carved oak Tudor panels, dated 1522, from the former vicarage form the fascinating reredos. The south aisle chapel is dedicated to St Cuthman and he appears in stained glass windows caring for his sheep, and building his church in the south aisle, and in a third, wheeling his invalid mother. Another window depicts St Andrew. High on the western wall is the Royal Coat of Arms of Queen Anne, dating from 1703.

As recently as 2009 it was agreed that St Cuthman's name should added to the dedication of the church and, as you leave, take a look at the modern sculpture of the Saint to commemorate the millennium. He is looking across the road at his church.

There is so much to see, and an excellent illustrated Souvenir Guide is provided for the visitor and also a shorter version is available.

*John Townsend*

## National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Fair last year when we raised an astounding £1,100!

We are now getting ready for our **Spring Fair on Saturday 29th April in the Leconfield Hall from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon**. There will be the usual stalls of gifts, cakes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, good quality second hand clothing, as well as a tombola and raffles.

We would be pleased to hear from you if you have anything which we could collect and sell to raise funds for this charity. All items would be gratefully received. Please contact Chris Hirons on 01798 342672 or Ann Blunden on 01798 343076.

We hope to see you on the 29th April.

### **STEWARDING AT PETWORTH COTTAGE MUSEUM (Mrs Cummings's Cottage)**

Petworth Cottage Museum will once again open its door on 1st April, as the new season begins, offering people the chance to step back into early 20th century Petworth.

Mrs Mary Cummings was the tenant of 346 High Street from 1901 to 1930 and the reconstruction takes account of her Irish Catholic background and her work as a seamstress, both at Petworth House and in her own home. The museum captures life in 1910 in an estate worker's cottage. The range and gaslights are lit, the table is laid for tea and the kettle is boiling.

Visitor's comments are always positive and one reason for this, frequently written in the Visitors' Book, is the friendly, helpful stewards, many of whom have been supporting the museum for years. New stewards are always welcome and necessary. As circumstances change a small number of people may have to drop out, but new ones join us. The atmosphere is relaxed. Visitor numbers are seldom over-whelming, so there is time to talk to the visitors and also to meet other stewards and make new friends. There are always two people on duty per afternoon, with a flexible monthly rota. Most people volunteer to do one or two afternoons a month. New stewards are given a guidebook and helpful literature, and have the opportunity to look round and learn the ropes from an experienced steward before their first afternoon on duty.

To learn more about stewarding at the Cottage Museum ring Gordon or Debby Stevenson on 01798 343496 or email us at [petworthcottagemuseum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:petworthcottagemuseum@yahoo.co.uk)



All she had said was it was time for her  
annual lawnmower service

## WALSINGHAM CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

I travelled to Bognor with Father Mark, it was quite early. I met up with some others and we travelled by minibus to Pease Pottage services to join up with more minibuses. We had a short service here and a blessing where Fr Mark splashed us with Holy water, I dodged most of it. This was done for a safe journey ahead. We arrived at Walsingham in the middle of the afternoon, it was a very long journey.

I have been to Walsingham before and had made friends so being the only one from Petworth was not a problem. We went to the shrine and shared in the special water by drinking it then having it poured in our hands and having the sign of the Cross made on our heads.

One thing I love at Walsingham is the food which is made for us and is really nice.

On Saturday morning we walk the Holy Mile some people do not wear shoes for this. We have a service when we get back and then lunch. In the afternoon there are lots of fun things to do like bouncy castles, crafts and an opportunity to go to the local shops. In the evening there is a disco and some of the helpers take part in activities to entertain us and make us laugh.

On Sunday after breakfast we had a longer service with lots of singing and praying I got blessed. After lunch we had time to play then a special service to end our stay and a blessing for a safe journey home.

I like this pilgrimage and made new friends again this year and I hope to be able to go next year

Thank you to Father Mark, Mary and all the helpers for making this such a lovely time.

*Lewis Parr*

Edited by Nana

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Tuesday 25th April at 7.30 pm, which this year will include elections for Deanery Synod Representatives.

*John Townsend*

### PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on Tuesday 11th April in the URC Hall at 12 noon. Booking essential through Caroline Stoneman on 342942.

*Caroline Stoneman*

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# CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

As some of the readers know Jackie Smith, Sheila Shepherd and I founded the Petworth Friends of Chestnut Tree House ten years ago. When we started we had a large group of 'Friends' but sadly we are all that remain. The years have unfortunately taken their toll!

Next year is the 15th anniversary of the opening of this wonderful place. We have, as we had hoped, made so many people aware locally of Chestnut Tree House. Petworth people have, in all sorts of ways, sent a great deal of money to the hospice. Our grateful thanks to all of them. There were many groups of 'Friends' all over Sussex but I understand there are just a few remaining.

The following is an excerpt from their latest newsletter which explains it all.

*'We are currently caring for 330 children and young people in East and West Sussex and South East Hampshire but there are potentially 1,000 children in the region who need our help. Many of the children we reach are living longer with their conditions, and we are caring for more children with very complex needs needing a high level of care. Sadly, we are also being called on to provide more end of life care in families' own homes.*

*Of course, as this demand increases, so do the costs of care we provide. We have expanded our Community Team to meet these needs, but with less than 7% of our annual £3.5 million care costs coming from central government it is a constant battle to make ends meet. It is only through your generous and loyal support that we can continue to provide vital children's hospice care. Thank you so much from all of us at Chestnut Tree House - your support really does make a difference.'*

Recently I went to the Primary School with our contact from Chestnut Tree House where she talked to the children and showed them a film. They presented her with a cheque for money they had raised. I told them briefly of our own part in this and how nice it was to be in their lovely school.

**On Saturday 10th June, my eldest grandson, Charlie Chatwood, is abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth to raise money for Chestnut Tree House. Soaring 170 metres above Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent, the Emirates Spinnaker Tower is taller than the London Eye, Blackpool Tower and Big Ben. To find out more and sponsor Charlie go to:-**

**[www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/events/spinnaker-tower-abseil-day](http://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/events/spinnaker-tower-abseil-day)  
and use the link**

**Charlie Chatwood is fundraising for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice**

We will, as usual be at the Fete in the Park on 8th July, as we have been since its inception. We are always very grateful for any gifts towards our tombola, and even more so for any offers of help!

Next year there will be two open days at Chestnut Tree House when you will be able to see the house and wonderful grounds, especially the new garden which is wheelchair friendly with everything at the right height. The children helped with the planning. I would urge anyone who is interested to take advantage of these days and see for yourselves what a wonderful, happy place this is.

*Joan Chatwood*

## Petworth Players Presents...



Petworth Players present an amateur production of the hilarious comedy, *Bedroom Farce*. Alan Ayckbourn's hit show tells the story of four couples within three bedrooms during one night of madness! One couple is hosting a dinner party to which the other couples are invited. It was all scheduled to be a success but that wouldn't be much of a comedy, would it? The production promises to have you laughing out loud and have you smiling all evening. There's fights and fallouts, breakups and make ups and some pilchards thrown in there too!

Come and join in the fun at Herbert Shiner Centre, Petworth.

The production will be on 6th-8th April 2017.

Doors open at 7.00 pm curtain up 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £10 Adults and £8 concessions.

This amateur production of 'Bedroom Farce' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, LTD.

# PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER

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## **Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday Procession**

The annual procession will be held on Sunday 9th April, 3.00 pm from the Sacred Heart in Petworth. We're praying for lovely April sunshine (not showers!) for this wonderful traditional event.

The procession will go through Petworth with the Town Band, donkeys and a Palm Sunday script read outside each of the churches in the town. The event will end at St Mary's Church with tea and cakes. It would be great if you and your family and friends could join us.

## **Friday 17th May – Dr Ruth Valerio ‘Hope in a Changing World’**

The Spring Lecture will be held in St Mary's Petworth at 7.30 pm with the inspirational Dr Valerio who holds a PhD for research into simplicity and consumerism. Ruth is the Churches and Theology Director for A Rocha UK which is a Christian charity working for protection and restoration of the natural world. Her Christian faith and spirituality are central to her life, and from this bedrock comes a deep desire to work for social justice, equality and ecological flourishing. Should be a fascinating talk and will be followed by wine and nibbles as ever.

## **Welcome to the new Vicar at Kirdford and Plaistow – Rev'd Pauline Lucas.**

Welcome and every blessing as you settle into the area! Pauline is coming from Shoreham and says 'my husband Stephen and I are really looking forward to our move to Kirdford and meeting you all'.

*Karl Ayling*

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## **ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, LITTLEHAMPTON CANTORES AMICITIAE**

Come and listen to vocal ensemble Cantores Amicitiae performing a themed programme: '**Life and Death - An Easter Journey**' exploring different aspects of life and death. This moving programme contemplates subjects such as mortality, resurrection and an appreciation of our short and fragile lives. Music by William Byrd, Alec Rothman, Urmas Sisask, Morten Lauridsen, amongst others.

Date: Friday 28th April. Time: 7.15 - 9.15 pm.

Tickets are free but can be reserved to avoid disappointment.

E-mail: [tom.perkins93@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.perkins93@yahoo.com) or call 07817 842114.

*Matthew Cooke*

# **SOUTH DOWNS DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

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**On 5 April the lecture will be  
Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes  
by Rosamund Bartlett**

**On 3 May the lecture will be  
Landscape into Art  
by Gerald Deslandes**

**Fittleworth Village Hall  
At 10.30, coffee from 9.50  
Visitors warmly welcomed (only £5)  
Please call 01403 785302**

## **PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

Dates for your diary - April

Wednesday 5th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 12th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz afternoon
Friday 14th	GOOD FRIDAY	Closed
Monday 17th	EASTER MONDAY	Closed
Wednesday 19th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Saturday 22nd	9.30 – 12 noon	

### **COFFEE MORNING IN THE URC HALL.**

All donations for stalls gratefully received in the Centre during the preceding week or in the Hall on the day – Raffle, Tombola, Cakes & Produce, Bric-a-Brac

Wednesday 26th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Card and Board Games
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***Caroline Stoneman***

***House Committee Chairman***



# PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Rowan Explorers Class Year 2

The children have been learning about the Great Fire of London, as you can see from the photos the children made their own houses which Miss Rawlings (Class Teacher) set fire to the houses so the children could see how the fire would have spread during the Great Fire.



The children had great fun flipping pancakes and races on Shrove Tuesday.



# West Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On Tuesday April 4th, Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski will talk on  
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The story is told by an archbishop (unknown), of three naughty boys confessing to horrific crimes in the confessional, then running away laughing. The first two got away, but the third was caught and given the penance to walk up to the crucifix, gaze at it, and say three times ‘You did that for me, Jesus, and I don’t care a fig’. He did it twice, but broke down the third time. ‘I know that story is true’, said the archbishop, ‘because that boy was me’. Good Friday might be the more important day after all!

*Rosemary Harris*

## Rooks

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust



The first sound that a new-born rook hears is other rooks. Lots of them. It's a sound that will surround it every day for the rest of its life. Rooks are one of our most sociable birds. They'll live, love, feed and fight together – team players from the rookery to the grave.

There's a rookery near my local train station and in April I often stare up at the community of messy twig nests high above

the platform. There's a definite pleasure to be had from watching a rookery – the sort of pleasure you get from pulling up a deckchair and watching your neighbour hard at work. High in the trees the rooks are busy: carrying twigs back to their nests, building their nests, stealing twigs from their neighbour's nest when he's not looking, getting into a fight with the neighbour when they're caught. It's a tree-top soap opera.



It can be easy to dismiss them as unattractive, plain black birds with a croaky call that sounds like Tom Waits coughing up a hairball. But look closer and you'll see the rook's plumage contains a hidden beauty – an iridescent sheen which gives the bird a flash of exotic purple and green. Loose feathers hang low to their knees like a pair of baggy shorts, the sort favoured by teen skateboarders or middle-aged men who listen to The Foo Fighters.

Sure, that raucous 'KAAH' may not rival the nightingale's song but the communal cacophony gives constant reassurance to every individual rook that it belongs within the team. That call also helps rooks communicate the best local areas for feeding; the discovery of a worm-filled field is noisily shared to ensure that all can join in the feast. This teamwork is one way to tell them apart from their similar looking but anti-social relative the carrion crow. Any rook on its own is a crow. If you see a group of crows they're rooks. Usually.

Outside the nesting season and away from the rookeries the birds gather each evening to roost. Rooks travel over the landscape and converge to form a super-flock of hundreds or even thousands of birds. Jackdaws, their smaller relatives, join in the party and this black cloud whirls across the sky, a crazy, cackling, cawing celebration of all things crow. As winter draws to an end this nightly ritual dissipates and rooks return to their respective rookeries, start collecting (and stealing) twigs and prepare themselves for the arrival of another generation of comrades in baggy shorts. While I'm watching my local rookery, I look down from the railway bridge to Platform 2 and I see the crowd of commuters awaiting the London train. People all living similar lives but without any interaction whatsoever between them. Sometimes you'll catch them looking up at the wonderful chaos of the rookery above, no doubt wondering what it's like to never feel alone.

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It seems strange that, while British society seems to favour Islam against Christianity, Islam is persecuting Christians, where converts from Islam are in special danger. This happens in its own territory, but also where it is encroaching in Africa and elsewhere. This varies from discrimination in work, oppression, abduction of girls for forced conversion and marriage to Muslims, church destruction, and even violent takeover in Nigeria (Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen) and Kenya (al Shabaab). In Europe, with mass migration, failure to integrate, and illegal cultural practices, advantage is being taken of a weak church, so please pray for Renewal, and join or give. (Each has a good magazine).

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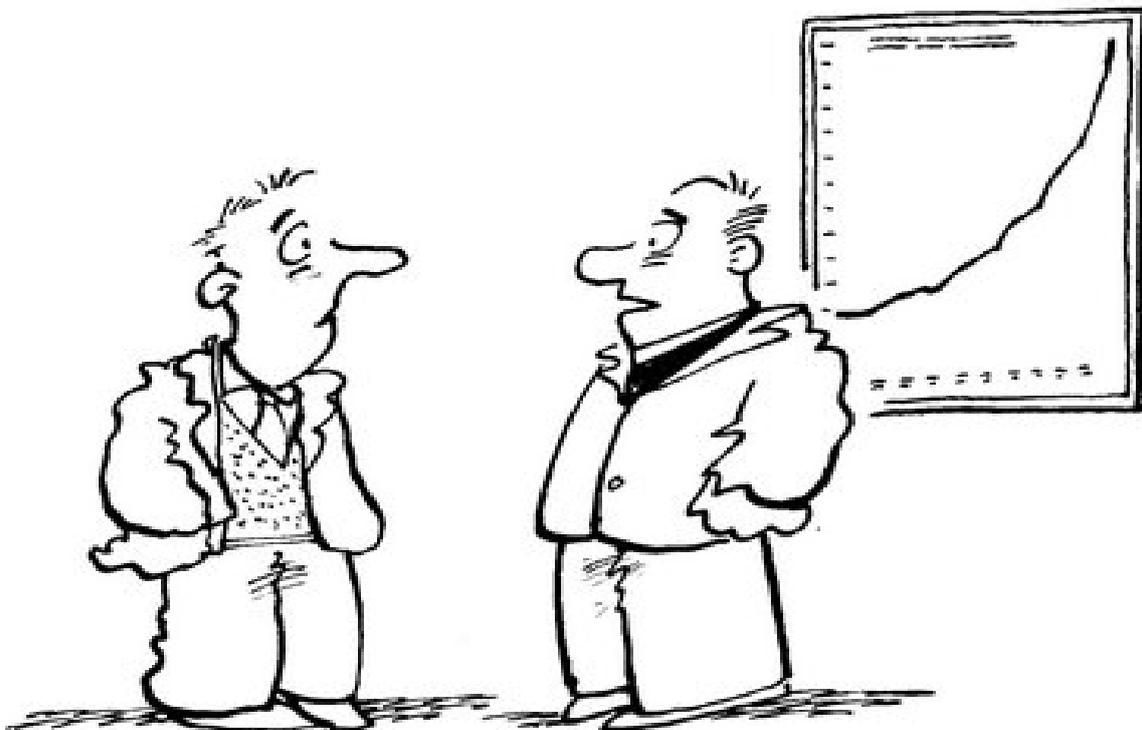
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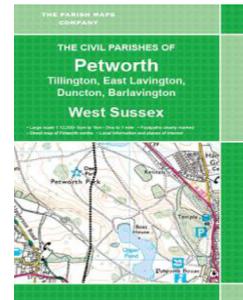
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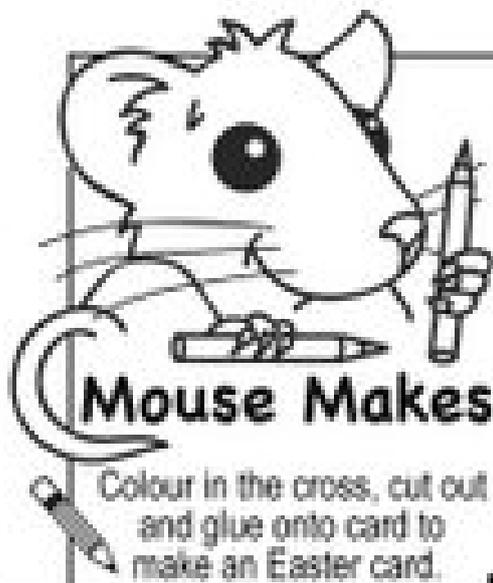


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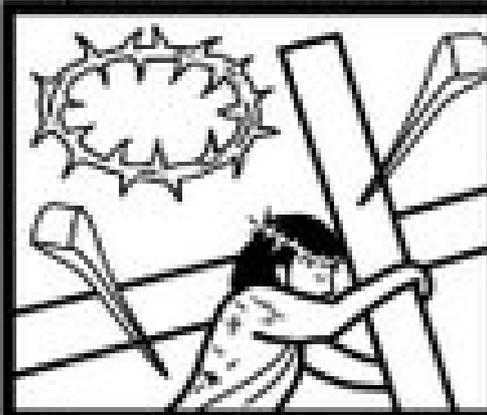
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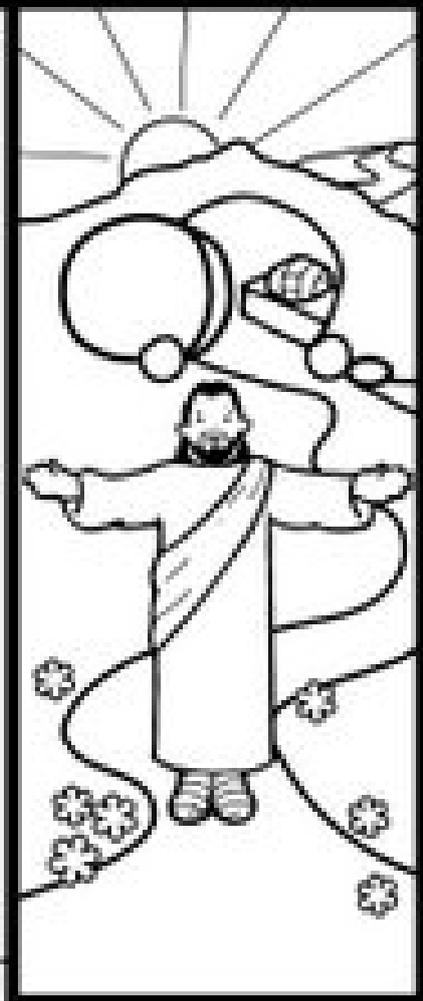


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He married Mary Clegg, the daughter of the Petworth dentist, in October 1954 at St  
Mary's, the wedding was to feature in 'Picture Post' being described as the Wedding  
of the Year. The couple had two sons, Simon and Jeremy.

In earlier times, David was a member of the Rifle Club (who provided a guard of hon-  
our at his wedding) and in later times enjoyed visits to various horse racing courses.

The Committal service took place at Chichester Crematorium on 2nd March.

We offer our condolences to Mary and her family in their loss.

JEAN SIMPSON of 14 Grove Lane who passed away at St Richard's hospital on 5th February aged 86 years.

The daughter of Horace and Constance Deas, Jean was 4 years old when her parents moved into one of the newly built houses in Grove Lane which was to become her home for the rest of her life.

After attending Chichester High school for girls she joined the counter staff at Petworth Post Office and, following his return from National Service in 1949, it was there she met Don Simpson. The couple married at St Mary's in September 1952 and had two sons, Alan and Graham.

The couple played a prominent part in the town's community life. Jean was secretary at the Primary school for some 25 years, had been a member of St Mary's choir and a stalwart member of the Women's Institute until the organisation folded.

She shared with Don a strong support of the Horticultural Society, both becoming life members and were saddened when the Society had to close.

Jean not only exhibited at the Societies Shows but also travelled around the area judging cookery and handicrafts at shows in the surrounding villages.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's on 17th March and was followed by committal at Worthing Crematorium.

We send our sympathy to Don and to all the family at this time.

ERIC KITCHENER of 2 Glebe Villas, North Street who passed away at St Richards hospital on 2nd March aged 79 years.

Eric came from a Fittleworth family and married Yvonne Andrews, who at the time lived at Hampers Green. The service at St Mary's took place in July 1963. They had two children, a daughter Jackie, and a son Gary.

A keen sportsman, Eric played football for Tillington, Fittleworth and Petworth teams as well as cricket for Fittleworth and Petworth. He worked for a Fittleworth Company and then at Heath End as a builders representative and also as a transport manager.

Eric took great pride in his garden in North Street, the front was always a blaze of colour during the summer months and much admired by passers-by.

The committal service was held at Worthing Crematorium on 24th March.

We extend our sympathy to Yvonne and her family in their loss.

We also record the passing of THELMA JUNE CRESWICK of 16 Meadow Way who died suddenly on 21st February.

The Committal service took place at Chichester Crematorium on 15th March.

We offer our condolences to Jack on the loss of his wife and to their two sons, Gary and Kevin.

SIR CLIVE BOSSOM who passed away at his home, Rotherdown, Grove Lane on 8th March aged 99 years. Sir Clive had a distinguished career as a politician, and had been involved in motor sport over many years.

A full appreciation of his life will appear in next month's parish magazine.

We offer our sympathy to Barbara and to her family at this time.

## LOST PROPERTY

For some time various items including clothing, umbrellas, glasses, etc., have been left in the church beside Col Maude's table. These have now been moved into the Baptistry. **Unless they are claimed by Easter Sunday, 16th April, they will be disposed of.**

## Calendar and services for April and early May

### APRIL

#### 2nd 5th Sunday of LENT

*Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

#### 9th PALM SUNDAY

*Matthew 21.1-11, Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 27.11-54*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
Palm Sunday procession through Petworth	3.00 pm

#### 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper. With Washing of the feet and Vigil	7.30 pm
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#### 14th GOOD FRIDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS	2.00 pm
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#### 15th EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER

followed by Easter Party	8.00 pm
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#### 16th EASTER DAY

*Acts 10.34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
EASTER FAMILY Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
EASTER FAMILY Eucharist	10.30 am

**23rd DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EASTER 2**

*Acts 2.14a,22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

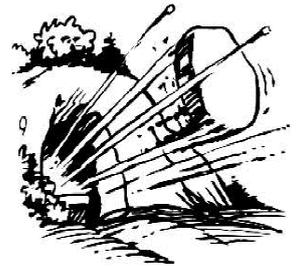
**30th EASTER 3**

*Acts 2.14a,36-41, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Mattins (Egdean)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
	<b>Lent Lunch</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>
<b>5th April</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist &amp; LENT COURSE</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>



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Petworth Surgery.....	01798 342248
(Out Of Hours Service).....	0300 1301313
Petworth Police Station.....	101 x 588229
Red Cross (Petworth area) .....	0800 0280831
WRVS Meals On Wheels.....	01798 343773
Citizens Advice Bureau.....	0344 4771171

Liaise @ Frontline – offer a free service for help with debts, repossessions, final demands and bailiffs.....

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.....0800 859929

Action against Bullying – Childline.....0800 1111

StartUp Co your local Enterprise Agency.....0845 7827887

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