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FROM FR MARK

Dear Friends,

There is always something special about a new baby. We smile and exchange nonsense with strange babies we have never met before. 'Who do they look like?' 'What are they called?' They are all unique, yet all have something of their parents in them. You know how it goes: 'She's got her mother's nose.' 'You should hear him when he's hungry, he's got his father's temper.'

At Christmas time we are drawn to engage with a special baby called Jesus. We remember a baby born in a stable in faraway Bethlehem. This baby is unique too but things are a bit different. With most babies we meet we know the parents well and are eager to be the first to spot bits of the parent in the child. With this baby we do things the other way round and get to know what the father is like by looking at the child. Jesus is God become human, the Word made flesh. All that Jesus will do, all that he will say will lead us to understand God, our Creator, better.

At Jesus' birth, we see clearly how God wants humans like us to be involved in the story. The baby needed human parents to care for him as he grew. So too, God invites us to help him as the story of the world unfolds, to help him care for the whole of creation. Jesus grew to show us the Father's way of doing things. We begin to understand that God's way of doing things is to love rather than fear, to seek good for our enemies rather than harm, to forgive rather than get even, to care about people more than possessions, to recognize every person we meet as equally precious and important. Jesus shows us and teaches us how God wants us to live. And each occasion we manage that we make the world a bit better place.

This Christmas may you be enchanted afresh by the Christchild, grow to know the immense love of the Father and be renewed by the Spirit.

Happy Christmas!

Fr Mark



TO ALL OUR READERS

Thank you for supporting the magazine over the past year. A very happy Christmas and every good wish for the new year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY

9.15 am Egdean

5.00 pm St Mary's

CHILDREN'S

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 17th ADVENT 3

**4.00 pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL
SERVICE at Egdean**

This is our Traditional Carol Service

Tuesday 20th

**7.00 pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL
SERVICE at St Mary's**

This is our Traditional Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

**4.00 pm CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT CRIB SERVICE
11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS Egdean

10.30 am

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS St Mary's



FIREWORKS AT EGDEAN

Fireworks were the subject of the Family Praise Service at St Bartholomew's Church on 5th November with the Gospel reading from St Matthew telling us that, if we are good, we will be like candles showing the way for everyone.

After the address everyone sang 'Give me joy in my heart' and in the last verse 'Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning' Fr Mark led the congregation out into the churchyard, where Roger Dallyn lit the fuse of a boxed gala firework which gave a spectacular display. Fr Mark said 'We light our firework as a symbol of the potential in each one of us, so may Jesus light the touch paper of our souls so we let go of all that holds us back, so we might bring light to others and shine as his light in the World.'

Come and join us for the next Family Service on 3rd December at 9.15 am for Christingle, and could everyone holding a Children's Society Box please bring to the service or return it to Christine so that they can be emptied for Christmas.

Our Carol Service is on Sunday 17th December at 4.00 pm transport will be available from Byworth.

Christmas Day Eucharist Service with Carols at 9.00 am.

Christine Dallyn

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

As another year comes to an end it's time to thank all those who bring the magazine to birth. Troubles with printers, late copy, and so on are overcome and all is sorted.

The locally delivered copies will once again cost just £5 per year (cheaper than buying them singly from St Mary's) so if you could possibly put that fiver handy to the door ready for collection it would be a great help.

Postal subscriptions (only) should be sent to me, Mary Wakeford, Rosemary Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Petworth GU28 0AY with a cheque for £13.50 payable to St Mary's Petworth PCC .

If you would like to add a former resident or friend to the hand or posted list it can be done at any time and it's a good way to keep up with local events.

A stress free Christmas to all with a Happy New Year to follow.

Mary Wakeford

ST MARY'S CHURCH, PETWORTH

2nd December 2017 – Christmas Fair 11.30 – 13.30

Below are the stalls and items that we will be having at our Christmas Fair. All donated items will be gratefully received. Items can be left in the Baptistry as usual during the week prior to the fair. Thank you.



Gifts, costume jewellery, scarves and pashminas – good as new please!

Books

Raffle

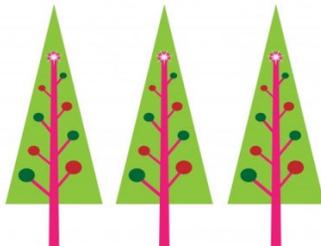
Cakes

Tombola

Toys – again good as new please!

Plants, homemade jams etc.

Bottle of Scotch for a raffle



St. Mary's Church, Petworth

Christmas Fair



Let us help with your
Christmas shopping!

Enjoy soup & a roll, and bacon butties
for lunch.

Tea, coffee & mince pies

St Bartholomew's Church



Egdean Carol Service
Sunday 17th December
at 4 pm

**6 lessons and carols
accompanied by
Matthew's Band**

**Mince pies and
mulled wine
after the service**

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE

This year Christingle will be on Sunday 3rd December. The afternoon will begin at 2.00pm with games and Christmas crafts. We will have tea at 4.00 pm, followed by Carol singing. The Christingle celebration will begin at 5.00 pm. This very special service is for many the beginning of the Christmas celebrations and is enjoyed by all ages. The collections for this service will go to The Children's Society. Please come if you can.

Children's Society collecting boxes are usually collected in at this time, some arrive at the Christingle service. If it is convenient to bring the boxes to Church they will be gratefully accepted; or collection can be arranged by calling Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 10th December

2.30 pm at St Mary's

Tickets £8 on the door: under 16s free

Coffee, tea and mince pies will be served in the interval

Please come along to support us and our chosen charity

Petworth Community Garden





COACH OUTING TO SALISBURY - SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018

Advance notice of our annual coach trip, which next year will be to Salisbury. We plan to leave at 09.00 and return around 19.00.

Not only is there the magnificent cathedral (admission with a suggested donation of £7, which will be collected on the coach) but also close by is “Arundells”, Edward Heath’s former home, (admission £7), and Mompesson House, (admission £6.50 to those who are not National Trust members). Salisbury’s shopping centre is nearby too. A seat on the coach will cost £19.00, and payment will be required in advance.

More details to follow in the New Year. For more information, ask Andrew Howard.



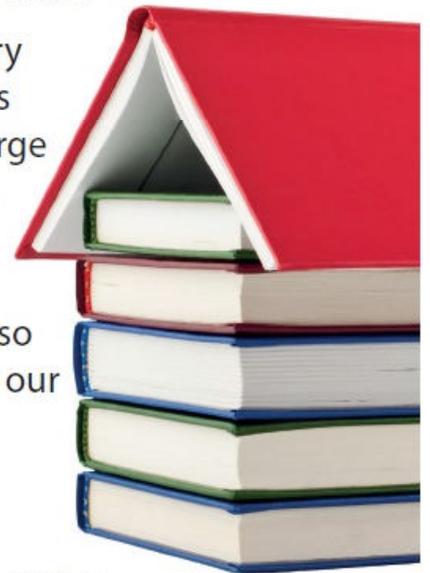
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(formerly South Downs Decorative and Fine Arts Society)

**On 6 December Clare Forde-Wille will speak on
The Depiction of the Nativity in Art from Giotto to Stanley Spencer**

There is no lecture in January



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THE JILL MARCHANT ROOM

We get used very quickly to changes in familiar places. The recent death of Jill Marchant reminded me that the space occupied by the meeting room named after her was, until a few years ago, the west bay of the north aisle, largely under the gallery. There are a few memorials, the most noticeable being an oval plaque of polished black stone, its surface curved, which commemorates Henry Hind who died on the 8th May 1792, aged 54 years. Below is a brass plate which with a Latin inscription which translates *Here lies George, the son of John Scull who died 19th July 1694 aged 22 years*. Another inscription, less easily legible translates ‘... and near to this place lies Katherine daughter of (part-legible) who died 30th July 1694 aged 19’. This apparently commemorates a daughter of John Scull: the closeness of the deaths of two siblings suggests some epidemic complaint, perhaps smallpox? Another plate commemorates *Richard Kelly of Petworth in the county of Sussex, gent. who died 6th May 1687 aged 64*. A partly-legible plate reads *Near this place lie the bodies of John Rhodes who died 10th March (illegible) aged (illegible) likewise Mary his wife who died 11th March 1782 aged 88 years*. Possibly they died in the same year, one day apart or by a coincidence, some years later less one day?

These brass plates may, perhaps, have been coffin plates or inscriptions from burial vaults necessarily removed when the south aisle of the church was extended in the 1820s, so disturbing parts of the churchyard. This is speculation!

The most impressive feature of the room is the Royal Coat of Arms on the west wall. Such a display in parish churches was required by law from 1660 but had been customary from the time of Henry VIII's break with Rome. In some churches, such heraldry dates itself approximately by the presence or absence of some heraldic feature. A curious example, to be seen in the Hall of Trinity College Oxford, is the Royal of Queen Mary I, daughter of Henry VIII. Exactly a year after succeeding her brother Edward VI, she married King Philip of Spain whose Arms are *impaled* with The Royal Arms of England. I have not seen any other example of this repellent display. It might remind us that the only good thing about Mary's reign was its brevity. Church displays of the Royal Arms of Great Britain often feature the *fleur de lys* of France which remained a part of it from the reign of King Henry V until 1802, recalling a claim to the Throne of France which had been a formality since the reign of Henry VI. I understand, but am not sure, that its removal was a term of the Treaty of Amiens of that year.

Petworth's Royal Arms, made in 1812, is an early example of the Arms in substantially the present form - Leopards of England, Scots Lion, Irish Harp - except for one difference: at the centre is a shield bearing the arms of the Kingdom of Hanover

displaying the White Horse and other heraldic details: at that time, and since the accession in 1714 of King George I, Elector of Hanover, the Kings of Great Britain and Ireland had also been *Electors* or, from 1814, Kings, of Hanover. This so remained until 1837 when, upon the death of King William IV, his niece, Victoria succeeded as Queen of Great Britain and Ireland. Hanover recognised the *Salic law* which barred women from its throne which thereby passed to her unpleasant and, probably, criminous, uncle, Ernest, Duke of Cumberland. The Royal Arms of Petworth Parish Church are, therefore, in a form which lasted only for the years 1802 to 1837.

This coat of arms bears the makers' name *Coade and Sealy London 1812*, being formed of *Coade stone* an artificial stone taking the name of its maker, whose factory was situated in Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth. The name *Sealy* was added in 1800. This highly durable material was much used for decorative features in later Georgian house building. Royal Arms in Coade stone for church display are relatively rare and the heraldic form of Petworth's Royal Arms is also a rarity, in use only in the years 1802 to 1837.

Modern features of the room include a portrait of The Rev David Pollard, Rector from 1994 until his death in 2006; a Cross of beautiful design fashioned by the late Raymond Harris: I think the wood was from pews removed the South aisle; and a small brass plaque recording that the sound system of the church was renewed in memory of Jacqueline Golden, a dearly-loved lady, active in so many local concerns for the good, who died suddenly on 19th December 2006.

Desmond Fitzpatrick

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed tins and packets for FSW in the red box by Colonel Maude's table over the past few months. These have been taken to Elaine Waight, who is our local support worker.

Christmas is approaching fast and one of the great needs will be toys, and gifts suitable for families who are having difficult times and may be unable to afford Christmas presents for their children. The red box will be left out for any donations. Apart from toys, some nice Christmas goodies, as well as the usual tins and packets would be very acceptable. There is no need to wrap any gifts as FSW need to know which gifts would suitable for individual children, and their families. Donations of wrapping paper will also be greatly welcomed.

Jackie Smith

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 12th November raised £206.67 in aid of Christmas Flower Funds. As ever a great thank you to all who helped and to all who came and supported. There will be no Coffee Morning in December.

Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

Dates for your Diary December 2017

Wednesday 6th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 13th	11.00 am	Christmas Raffle Draw
Wednesday 20th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The Centre will close on 22nd December and reopen on 27th December
Closed Monday 1st January 2018

Caroline Stoneman

House Committee Chairman

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Petworth Lunch Club meeting on Tuesday 12th December is an outing to the Palm House Restaurant at the Manor Nursery in Runcton. The menu is displayed in the Over 60s Centre. Booking, with menu choices, is essential. Call 342942.

Caroline Stoneman

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES FOR THE ORGAN APPEAL FUND

Monday 1st January 2018 at 12 noon

New Year Organ Recital given by Matthew Cooke.

This recital will be partly modelled on the regularly broadcast concert from Vienna.

Matthew Cooke

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

We plan another exhibition for this Christmas. It is hoped the school and other regulars will be taking part. If anyone would like to be involved this year please give me a call on 01798 342487.

Jackie Smith



"The vicar's still miffed that one of the parents got £250 from You've Been Framed for their video of last year's nativity play."

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The village of HASCOMBE lies some 3 miles south of Godalming on the B2130 road.

Its PARISH CHURCH of ST PETER is located down a quiet lane opposite the village duck pond. Sir John Betjeman described it as a 'Tractarian Work of Art' in his Guide to English Parish Churches and Pevesner referred to the church as 'another village church with one of the best Victorian interiors in the country'.

It is indeed stunning, rich in colour, reminiscent of Russian Authodox decoration with the 15th Century screen in colours of green, gold, brown and red.

The screen was salvaged from the original church which in 1862 was in a lamentable state of decay. It had been built in around 1220. The architect, Henry Woodyer, was appointed to oversee the work of demolishing the church and to design and rebuild the present church in 13th Century style. The new church was dedicated in June 1864 and consisted of a nave, an apsed chancel and shingled bellcote. The Lady Chapel was added later and was originally for the private use of the Godman family.

Note the squint which would have allowed the Godman's to observe the celebrant at the altar. It was converted into the Lady Chapel in 1935.

Around the walls of the nave are painted 153 fishes of the post Resurrection miracle, all caught in a net which is being dragged in by the six disciples - shown on the east wall - whilst St Peter is seen casting himself into the sea.

There is so much to observe here, the stained glass windows commemorate some of the events of the church's Patron Saint, a picture of the Last Judgement with our Lord flanked by the twelve apostles above the exterior chancel arch, while on the inside of the arch Our Lord is seen calling into being the nine orders of blessed spirits.

The subject of the reredos comes from the Book of Revelation, the Adoration of the Lamb. To connect the parish with the nineteen churches in the then Rural Deanery are the patron saints of their churches who frame the reredos as in a picture.

The panels on the pulpit show our Lord with Noah and St John the Baptist with St Peter standing between them. The font of Sussex marble bears the inscription, 'The gift of Richard Holland, rector 1690'. At the west end, there is a window showing Jesus in the fishing boat with his friends calming the storm and, close by, painted on the wall are the names of all the Rectors of the parish sine 1300. The belfry houses a peal of five bells.

John Townsend

PARK AND RIDE

Chichester's free Christmas Park and Ride returns.

Christmas has come early for shoppers searching for those all-important gifts in Chichester. The free Park and Ride is back again this year, providing quick and easy transport for residents and visitors in the city centre to make Christmas shopping a breeze.

The service is supported by Chichester College and means that residents and visitors can spend more time looking for presents rather than parking spaces in the run-up to Christmas.

The Park and Ride service starts on Thursday 23rd November to coincide with the lights switch-on event in the city.

The route starts from Chichester College car park and then continues into the city centre with convenient pick up and drop off points in the following locations:

Eastgate (opposite the Cattle Market car park)

Northgate (the lay-by in Oaklands)

Chichester Cathedral.

On 23rd November the service will run every 15 minutes from 4.30 pm until 8.30 pm for the lights switch on event.

Following this, the dates and times for the 2017 Park and Ride are as follows:

Date	Time
Thursday 23rd November	4.30 pm until 8.30 pm (light switch-on)
Saturday 2nd December	8.00 am until 6.00 pm
Sunday 3rd December	9.30 am until 5.30 pm
Saturday 9th December	8.00 am until 6.00 pm
Sunday 10th December	9.30 am until 5.30 pm
Saturday 16th December	8.00 am until 6.00 pm
Sunday 17th December	9.30 am until 5.30 pm
Wednesday 20th December	8.30 am until 6.00 pm
Thursday 21st December	8.30 am until 6.00 pm
Friday 22nd December	8.30 am until 6.00 pm
Saturday 23rd December	8.00 am until 6.00 pm
Sunday 24th December	9.30 am until 5.30 pm

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF MARION ROSALIE TIDY

Friday 20th October

Tribute by her daughter, Isabel

Mum was born on 18th October 1931 to Harold Gordon Harvey and his wife Rosalie. Her grandparents had a smallholding and market garden at Westbourne and she was brought up there, living at Rosebrook Villa with her parents - just across the way from Weston House where her grandparents lived. When I moved into a house with a large Bramley apple tree it brought back memories of the orchards to her. She was one of three children, having two younger brothers - Brian who was born in 1934 and Philip, born in 1947 who emigrated to Australia with his family. She was brought up in a close family unit spending much time with her cousins Wendy and Ann.

She went to school at Southbourne and later to Chichester where she was in the Girls school next to the school that Dad went to. They never met at school but were to do so later when Dad, having become an electrician, went to rewire the Travellers Joy pub in Nutbourne which Mum's father had brought and where the family were living. Mum talked of waving to him as he passed by on his bike (she thought he always looked very smart).

She married Dad on 11th June 1955 at St John's church in Southbourne, and 2 years ago they celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary with a lunch for family and friends. After they married they set up home in Easebourne, later moving to Stedham and then to Petworth where they brought up the family. They had three children, adopting Amanda and I as babies and then having Andrew in 1963. Sadly her father died in 1962 never having seen Andrew, something she always regretted, but Amanda and I recall her buying peaches - a rarity at that time, to take to her father in hospital.

Life bringing us up I'm sure wasn't always easy, and we certainly had, like many families, our ups and downs, what with my broken arm when Amanda had taken the nuts and bolts out of the wheelbarrow we were riding in, and Amanda's finger being chopped off in the back door by me (not on purpose I might add). Indeed, me visiting Nan during the summer holidays was quite often the solution to our constant bickering. This must have brought some respite to Andrew, who by this time recalls shopping with Mum at Weavers, the paper shop, where he would take considerable time looking at toy cars which were always a shared passion between him and Mum.

We as a family remember holidays at Eastbourne, Brixham and the Isle of Wight and staying with Wendy and Ann which involved the younger cousins sleeping in a tent in the garden. Christmas's were always special as Mum's cooking was excellent, she always bought chocolate liqueurs for Dad and then seemed surprised, as he had eaten them all during the morning, that he didn't want his dinner.

We as children also have fond memories of Mum dressing up to attend Ladies Nights with Dad although, despite the lessons they went to, we don't remember them ever practising their dancing at home.

After Dad's retirement they moved to Steyning and from there to Rustington, making their final move to Bampton in Oxfordshire so they could be nearer Andrew, Jane and their grandson, Daniel, hoping to spend time with him in the same way they had with their other two grandchildren, Katie and Paul, all of whom she loved dearly. When her first grandchild, Katie, arrived she couldn't wait to get back from Wales where she was visiting Amanda. Katie was premature and in those days it was difficult to buy clothing small enough so she set to knitting and very quickly came up with tiny doll's size jackets, booties and bonnets to fit her. She liked nothing more than having Katie and Paul to stay, taking them out for day trips, going to see the Chuckle Brothers with them or taking them to places of interest.

Mum, although a quite shy person, always made an effort to make friends wherever she lived and to become involved in the community. She had a number of friends in Petworth, some like Rosemary who she had known for a very long time, and always kept in touch with. After moving to Steyning she was looking through the local booklet of things to do and came across Soft Toy making. This was the start of this hobby, the first toy being a purple elephant for Katie. This was followed by a green elephant for Paul, later Peter Rabbit complete with blue coat, a carrot in his hand and little slippers, then Paddington Bear complete with first size wellington boots from Mothercare. Katie and Paul remember a dog with large floppy ears that would always be on their bed when they visited. The question was, what to do with all these toys, but as she was involved with its fund raising committee, many of them were sold to raise money for the NSPCC.

Because of her great love of children this work was very important to her, and we remember her talking passionately about some of the very harrowing stories she had heard regarding the work they were doing. Cakes were also made and sold which, as many of you will know, were very well received. In fact I know of a few cakes back in her time at Petworth that never even made the sales table as they were purchased by other helpers before the sales opened. It is only recently she agreed to part with her recipe for upside down pudding, always a family favourite. No doubt the cakes reflected her very sweet tooth. As a child I remember her eating spoonfuls of condensed milk straight out of a can. Those of you who knew her well will also know that cups of tea in her case consisted of very weak tea and lots of sugar. I will never know how she ever managed to keep all her teeth, I guess she was just very good at cleaning them. She was an active member of the WI both at Petworth and Steyning, and in Petworth she went to the Tuesday Club where she formed other friendships.

Mum was an avid follower of the Grand Prix and she and Dad were both so proud that Andrew has continued to work in Formula 1. One of the highlights of her life was when Andrew picked her up in the McLaren SLR Super Car and took her for a spin. She also followed Andrew's own racing achievements and was there when he came first at Goodwood in his then new radical car. More recently she has shared her passion for cars with Daniel, spending time talking about, watching and playing with cars.

One of her very great loves was flower arranging, she was a member of Petworth, Steyning and Rustington flower clubs becoming Chairman of Steyning while she lived there. Margaret Greenwood was to become a very good friend in Steyning and, after moving to Rustington she was extremely pleased to discover Carol living opposite, who also loved flower arranging, and drove her to meetings both at Rustington and Steyning. Her love of flowers was also reflected in her garden and she would always plant those she could use in her flower arranging. It is a shame that in later years her arthritis stopped her from continuing with this hobby. She did however get immense pleasure from going to other gardens, many of which she would visit with Dad.

A condolence card from Steyning flower club says that many of the members will never have met Marion to enjoy her company, her hospitality, see her great competence as a flower arranger and recall her many years of support as club Chairman. Another card recalls the kindness shown to them in their early years at the flower club. This sums Marion up. She will always be remembered for the care and consideration that she showed to others and her gentle sense of humour which didn't leave her, even in her last days. She was always very proud of her family and would be pleased to know how much support they are giving each other at this very sad time. She will always be remembered in their hearts.

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This year please come and join in with the Live Nativity at the Petworth Christmas Lights Switch On, on Saturday 2nd December, meeting in St Mary's at 5.30 pm to gather.

So please join us as Angels or Shepherds or Kings for the Live Nativity and Lantern Procession on Saturday 2nd December leaving St Mary's Church at approximately 6.00 pm to process down to the square with the donkey where there will be communal carol singing and the Christmas Tree Lights switch on. Dress up if you wish.

Make your free Lantern or Crown upstairs in the Leconfield Hall during the afternoon whilst waiting to see Father Christmas. Or bring your very own Crowns, Lanterns or Wings if you have them. Everyone young, or young at heart, will be warmly welcomed and, as they say, the more the merrier!

Any queries please ring 01798 343099.

Fiona Kemp

Christmas Wreath Making with the Floral Artisan in aid of St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean

Monday 4th December

After the amazing success of last year's workshops we have arranged another Christmas Wreath Making session at the gallery. Lucy Moore of www.floralartisan.co.uk will lead the workshop and you are guaranteed to go home with your unique Christmas wreath. Lucy trained for many years with Spriggs Florists in Petworth and knows all the tricks of the trade. All materials will be provided but please bring secateurs and an apron.

Workshop times are 10.00 am - 12.30 pm and the cost is £50. The gallery will make a donation of £20 per person to the tiny rural church of Egdean, one of Petworth's best kept secrets.

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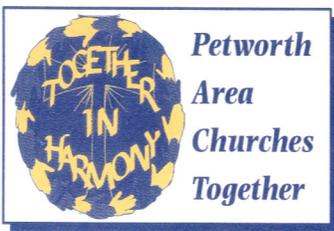
The Great and Choir Organ Case at St. Mary's Church, Petworth

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DECEMBER NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 21st - 26th January 2018 with the theme of That All May Be Free looks to be an encouraging and inspiring time for those seeking to go deeper with God and with each other. A variety of clergy and congregation will be involved in leading the sessions following the outline that all churches will be using across Britain and Ireland. Come expectant to hear a word from God relevant for you and for your life. Note the bonus evening sessions too! For more information the leaflet for the week can be found at:

Sunday 21st Jan 3.00 pm at St Giles Coldwaltham	Unity Week launch service followed by tea and cake
Monday 22nd Jan 1.00 pm at the URC Petworth	Followed by soup and rolls
Tuesday 23rd Jan 1.00 pm at the URC Petworth	Followed by soup and rolls
Tuesday 23rd Jan 6.30 pm at the URC Petworth	With coffee and cake
Wednesday 24th Jan 1.00 pm at the URC Petworth	Followed by soup and rolls
Thursday 25th Jan 1.00 pm at the URC Petworth	Followed by soup and rolls
Thursday 25th Jan 6.30 pm at the URC Petworth	With coffee and cake
Friday 26th Jan 1.00 pm at the URC Petworth	Followed by soup and rolls

Kate and Karl Ayling

CHIDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

November and December is the time when the collecting boxes are opened. If it is possible to bring them to Church I will be very grateful, or if more convenient give me a call on 01798 342487 so collection of your box can be arranged.

Jackie Smith

Wake Me Up When It's Over

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Well that was a scary year wasn't it? Nuclear threats, freak storms and headlines filled with hate. Never before in my life have I felt such a strong urge to just curl up in a ball and go to sleep for a very, very long time. This defeatist attitude is a way of life for the hazel dormouse who each year scrawls the words 'do not disturb' across its calendar for November, December, January, February, March and April and turns in for a long, long nap.



The feeling that your future is quickly becoming uncertain and dangerous is one which we can now all relate to. For the dormouse it's an annual event. The onset of colder weather each autumn signals that the dormouse diet of flowers, fruit, seeds, insects and nuts will soon vanish. So each winter instead of struggling to survive it simply shuts down and sleeps. Dormice are nocturnal, feeding at night amongst trees and bushes. In October they can double in weight as they stock up on food before hard times arrive. Which reminds me, I need to pick up a few trolleys full of tinned goods next time I'm in Tesco.

When they have sufficiently stuffed their cute little faces these rotund rodents descend to a ground-floor dormitory, a tightly woven nest under moss and leaves, and become dormant. Heart-rate and breathing reduce by over 90% and body temperature is dropped to just a few degrees above freezing. This means dormice don't need much energy to stay alive and valuable fat reserves are burnt very slowly. Not many British mammals actually hibernate. Sure, badgers and squirrels enter a deep sleep for longer periods but they're not hibernating – they're merely in 'stand by' mode and can reawaken quickly. Full hibernation requires a complete shutdown, pulling the power plug (almost) completely out of the wall. Of our British mammals just dormice, hedgehogs and the bats hibernate.

Yet it isn't just Britain's longest lie-in that has earned the dormouse its sleepy reputation. Even after it has woken up in May the dormouse will readily hit the 'snooze' button and drop back into a torpid semi-hibernation as a way of avoiding any hassle.

Not much food available yet? Back to sleep. Too wet to go out and find food? Back to sleep. Simply can't be bothered? Back to sleep. Sleep seems like an easy alternative to life's problems but hibernation and torpor have a high price; if a predator finds you you're too tired to wake up and run away.



So as our world shuts down around us and compassion, respect and hope get stripped away we can't just shut down and forget about it like the dormouse. We can't let 'em catch us sleeping. We have to stay wide awake and vigilant, ready to stand up and make the world around us a better place. Let's hope that when that sleepy ol' dormouse wakes up again in 2018 the world will be a little bit brighter. For everyone.

KEEPING WELL THIS WINTER

With the weather turning colder and winter approaching fast, the County Council is highlighting some of the ways we can all help to stay well this winter.

If you are eligible for a free flu vaccination it is important that you take up this offer. You are offered the vaccine for free if you are one of the groups of people who are most 'at risk' of catching the illness. This is one of the most important things you can do to stay well and it may also help relieve pressure on the NHS this winter. To find out if you're in an 'at risk' group speak to your local participating pharmacy or GP.

I also want to remind your readers about the fantastic meals on wheels service available in West Sussex. Eating at least one hot nutritious meal a day is very important for our health and wellbeing, particularly in colder weather. Some people, due to illness, frailty or a disability, may find it difficult or impossible to shop, cook or heat a frozen meal. The home-delivered hot meals service may be the answer.

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Ashvin Patel

West Sussex County Council Senior Adviser for Adults and Health

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source:

Open Doors

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From North Korea and China, a western running band on the map, all the way to Cuba and Mexico, the church is suffering severe persecution. This is our family, and if the holocaust was more spectacular, the church has suffered as many deaths from Soviet times until now. Happily, help for the effect of all kinds of persecution has four champions, of which 'Open Doors' is one. The least we can do is support them with prayer and **financial** help. Their resources have been overstretched since the Syrian conflict, so here is your chance!

Egypt has suffered cruelly this year and last. The Coptic church in Egypt was the church of the ancient Egyptians, before the arrival of Islam in the 8th century but is now outnumbered. It is only since the 2nd World War that mosques have dwarfed the churches in villages along the Nile, which are now being attacked and closed down. We can be proud of those Christians, however, who have publicly forgiven the beheading of 15 men on the border with Libya, the bombing of an ancient church in Cairo during worship, and the massacre of pilgrims in their buses.

Rosemary Harris

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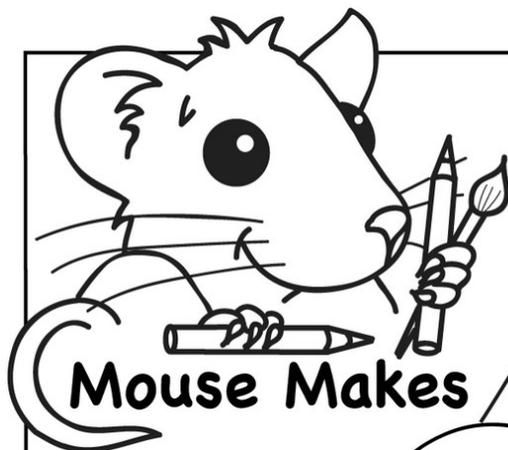
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Paul's letters, being studied in the Tuesday group, reveal a warrior for the gospel, contending with the pagan Roman Empire in its later, more depraved years. He is doing the work designated for Israel, of bringing the 'Good News' to the Gentiles, against fierce odds, not least, the 'Judaisers', Jewish believers who wanted Gentiles to be Jewish first, including being circumcised. He had varying fortunes wherever he went in modern Turkey and Greece, and suffered every kind of physical danger, including being left for dead after a mob beating, as well as many disappointments from false teaching and backsliding. However, the city that gave him greatest satisfaction, including supporting him in prison in Rome (no food provided!), was Philippi in Macedonia, which is where Luke was brought to faith. Was that a coincidence?

Rosemary Harris



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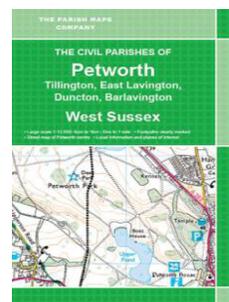
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of our church

BRUNO BATTAMS from North Street who was baptised at St Mary's on 19th November.

FUNERALS

Pray for the souls of

LEWIS LAWRENCE GOLDEN who passed away at his home, Little Leith Gate, Angel Street on 27th October aged 94 years

Lewis was born at Ealing, West London on 6th December 1922.

Much has been written both locally and nationally about his life and warm tribute has been paid to someone who has done so much for the community. There can be few, if any, who have supported good causes in the way Lewis did. In his service during the second World War he was with the 1st Parachute Brigade in the invasion of North Africa in 1941, the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, and in September of that year took part in the invasion of Italy. He was with the 1st Airborne Division for the Arnhem Campaign in 1944, and later published an account of his experiences in a book 'Echoes from Arnhem'. After the war he qualified as a chartered accountant and in 1950 started a company 'Lewis Golden & Co'. At this time he met Sidney Manches and together they formed the well known Everest Double Glazing company.

He was awarded the OBE for his services to the London Library in 1978.

Lewis and his wife Jacqueline moved to West Sussex in 1976 where they restored Pallingham Manor farm at Wisbough Green. In 1994 the couple moved to their new home in Angel Street. Already known in the town, Lewis had been associated with the Petworth Festival serving as its Chairman, the couple became deeply involved in many organisations. He was Chairman of the Millennium Map group, a Trustee of the Friends of St Mary's, and President of the Royal British Legion branch.

The Cottage Nursing Home, the Cottage Museum and Chichester Cathedral all received generous support. He even contributed financially to the provision of the bus shelter in the Market Square.

Jacqueline sadly died suddenly in 2005.

For many years Lewis headed the annual Remembrance Day parade to the Parish Church and at this year's service Ian McNeil paid a warm tribute to his colleague.

The Cremation was held at the Golders Green crematorium on 31st October and was followed by prayers at the Westminster Synagogue in Knightsbridge. A memorial service is planned for the new year.

We offer our sympathy to his children, David, Deborah, Sara and Jonathan, to their families and to Tishie Burr his faithful companion who had cared for him since 2008.

RONALD PURSER who passed away on 31st October at Elizabeth House, Bognor Regis.

Ron came from a local farming family, his father John had been well known in the farming community, and Ron was one of four sons and a daughter.

He had worked all his life in farming.

In October 1955 he married Kathleen Warland at St Mary's and they had two daughters, Sue and Caroline.

Kathleen sadly, died in May 1997 aged 61.

With increased frailty he had moved from his home in Hoes Lane to Rotherlea care home before finally moving on to Elizabeth House at Bognor.

The committal service was held at Chichester Crematorium on 15th November .

We offer our condolences to Sue and Caroline.

We also record the passing of PHYLLIS-ANNE DUTTON-FORSHAW who passed away at her home, Four Winds, Grove Lane on 7th November aged 84 years.

Phyllis-Anne had been involved with the Cottage Nursing Home for some 30 years and had served as Chairman of the League of Friends. She had been a well known member of the Petworth community.

Phyllis-Anne's husband, Dickon, passed away in 2015.

A funeral Mass was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart on 22nd November.

PEARL GODSMARK who passed away at her home, 40 Martlet Road on 13th October aged 79 years

Pearl was born on 18th April 1938, and was brought up in the family home at Barnes Green. She attended Itchingfield school and later completed her education at Horsham High School.

After marrying Ian in June 1960 the couple lived at Muntham Home farm in Barnes Green before moving for a while to Three Bridges.

It was whilst at Muntham that Michael was born in 1963, later a daughter, Jane arrived. Ian changed his employment and the family moved to Langhurst Farm at Balls Cross which was run by John and Ruby, Pearl's sister and brother in law.

During this time Pearl worked at Kirdford Growers for some 12 years.

A change in the fortunes in the farming industry meant the Ian could no longer be employed at the farm and the family moved to Martlet Road in 1981.

Pearl obtained employment with the District Council at the offices in Pound Street and in her role as cashier met countless members of the public. She retired after 22 years with the local authority. Along with Ian she became an active member of the Petworth Society, together organising walks, and for a number of years Pearl was responsible for managing the Society scrapbook. Her latter years were sadly plagued with health problems which resulted in much care and support.

The committal service was held at Worthing Crematorium on 31st October.

We extend our condolences to Ian and to Michael and Jane and all the family at this time.

EDWARD RONALD BONIFACE who passed away at St Richard's hospital on 21st October aged 70 years.

Ted and wife, Ivy, moved to Station Road from Lurgashall in 1980 with their family of two sons and two daughters.

He was known to many customers of Link Hire at the firms depot at Coultershaw where he was employed as the plant hire foreman. Previously he had worked as a fencing contractor. Ted was always willing to help people in any way he could from assisting with DIY, to plumbing and car repairs, and he will be much missed.

Sadly, Ivy passed away in 2014.

The funeral service at St Mary's on 7th November was followed by Cremation.

We extend our condolences to Andrew, Paul, Amanda and Donna in the loss of their father and to all of the family.

PHILIP NEVE who passed away at his home, Woodbridge, Sheepdown Drive on 18th October aged 72 years.

Philip Stanley Hugh Neve was born in Kent, one of a family of five children. The family home was in Keston, then a little village. His father, Charles, had ironmongery shops in the local area. In 1965 the family bought Austen & Co in the Market Square and moved to live in Lodsworth. In April 1969 Philip married Elizabeth Hill in St Mary's and the couple moved to Rosemary Close.

They had two sons, Hugh born in 1970 and Simon in 1973. Philip worked for almost 50 years in the family business with his father and then on his own and in their time expanded the business to include shops in Billingshurst, Midhurst and Storrington.

For a time Philip served on Petworth Parish Council and was active in the ironmongery trade.

He had an avid interest in Ernest Shackleton, the explorer and after his retirement in 2011 he and Liz travelled to interesting places including Shackledon's grave in south Georgia and on to Antarctica.

The Committal service took place at Chichester Crematorium on 30th October.

We send our sympathy to Liz, to Hugh and Simon, and particularly to his four grandchildren of whom he was so very proud.

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

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Calendar and Services for December



3rd	ADVENT SUNDAY (Launch of the Year of Prayer) <i>Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Christingle (Egdean) 9.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am Christingle 5.00 pm
10th	ADVENT 2 <i>Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
17th	ADVENT 3 <i>Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8,19-28</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE (Egdean) 4.00 pm
Tuesday	
19th	CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE 7.00 pm

24th ADVENT 4 and CHRISTMAS EVE
2 Samuel 7.1-11,16, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
 Christmas Crib Service 4.00 pm
 Midnight Mass 11.30 pm

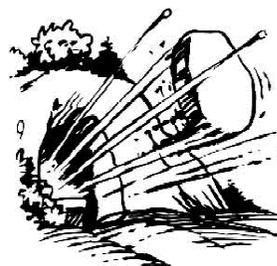
Monday

25th CHRISTMAS DAY
 Christmas Family Mass Egdean 9.00 am
 Christmas Family Mass 10.30 am

31st THE HOLY FAMILY
Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 No service at Egdean
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Fridays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am



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