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DECEMBER LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER



One of the aspects of Narnia, in C S Lewis's novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is that it is always winter and never Christmas.

We get quite excited about the arrival of winter if it brings snow at just the right time for enjoyment – sledging, making a snowman, snowballing.

But in Narnia, seasons are suspended in the grip of a ferocious frost. Silence is a pervading atmosphere in Narnia as it is in today's world where justice is denied to prisoners of conscience, and the needs of women, children, the elderly and vulnerable are ignored.

Silence is the refuge of the deceitful, just as it can be the medium of corporate grief and respect for our dead. It is the symbol of our sin and our mortality.

One of the hallmarks of Christmas, however, is that the silence is broken. It is broken by the cry of a new-born child drawing breath and needing food – Jesus Christ, one with us. It is also broken by the song of the angels who announce his birth to people of goodwill.

Music can plant a song in our minds, letting it inspire us, as one of God's gifts to us. But we can take music for granted, and too rarely appreciate the skills and contribution of those who are our music-makers.

This Christmas, as we sing our carols, let us be grateful for musicians, as they help us to be mindful of the silent places in our world and closer to home, where the good news of peace and hope and justice has not yet penetrated.

Those who are frozen in silent poverty and despair, await more than a seasonal hand-out. They look for a melting of hearts and minds that will bring social and material release and encourage them to join the angel song of peace that we are still trying to learn.



SHIVERS

May I be humbly bold
And offer just my shivering to Thee;
And may it bring me near
Thee and Thy mother dear
In those first days of Bethlehem poverty.

The mist rose from the fold
In that chill night of old,
When those poor shepherds heard the angels' lay;
And through the snow they came
To gaze upon God's Lamb
Laid by His Mother in a bed of hay.

Methinks I see one stand,
Blowing upon his hand
And stamping snow, caked heavy, from his feet:
'The cold do me no harm:
The Child must be kept warm.
Here, Mother, take this for thy Babe so sweet.'

And so he lent a skin
To wrap God's Lambkin in
And gave his gift of shivering to Thee.
My thoughts and prayers are chill,
But I may make my will
A gift, all woven warm, as well as he.

Father Andrew, Society of the Divine Compassion

*Father Andrew (H. E. Hardy) was priest in charge of St Philip's Plaistow in London's East End from 1917 until his death in 1946. One of the Church of England's most remarkable twentieth-century priests, he is perhaps best known through *The Life and Letters of Father Andrew*, ed. Kathleen Burne (Mowbray 1948). [Submitted by Richard Hoyal.]*

DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL

A cheque for £330.50 was duly sent to the Diocesan Harvest Appeal, being the net proceeds of our Harvest Lunch.

PETWORTH DEANERY SYNOD

3rd October 2018

Bishop Mark was the keynote speaker at the meeting held in Northchapel. His address was of considerable interest, it was challenging, and was highly relevant to all parishes in the Deanery, and beyond. It is summarised below, and is reproduced with his permission.

His Address:

‘Our Parish system evolved to serve rural England’s Integrated communities where people lived, were educated, traded and worked. Villages had their school, shop(s), pub, farms and post-office, all resulting in significant self-reliance. This has all changed substantially, meaning that rural communities often look outside for things that once were in their village:

- Shopping
- Secondary schooling
- Post office
- Employment
- Social and sporting facilities
- Medical care

Villages simply do not sustain the facilities they once did, because they are neither economically nor or socially viable.

Churches are neither sufficiently well-attended nor financially resourced to sustain a full time, resident Parish priest with all the associated costs on-costs of a vicarage.

Even if there is a significant population, few people are at home to be visited on a regular basis, because couples are out at work, in retirement, and very active elsewhere.

The sick, once visited at home, are hospitalised, often at a great distance.

The old model was designed for a different way of living. Contemporary models of rural living do not sustain the old models of ministry, mission or resource. We have become much more regional for shopping, education, healthcare, sport and socialising. Christian worship and mission have to adapt as well.

Priests now need to serve larger populations.

Fewer clergy cannot sustain worship in every village.

Parishes cannot sustain worship on that scale.

Parishes often struggle to provide minimum parochial requirements:

2 churchwardens
PCC Treasurer
PCC Secretary
Safeguarding Officer
Sunday School teacher(s)

In rural communities we tend to value the ministry of 'presence'.
We can sometimes sustain this with 0.5 fte (full time equivalent) clergy or HfD (House for duty).....but not always ft (full time) incumbents; plus there are often health consequences with older priests.

The Future

If parishes want full time stipendiary Clergy, they must be shared.
If we want HfD clergy to increase 'presence' these also have to be paid for.
A very large proportion of serving clergy is due to retire in the next few years. The recent increase in Ordinands is insufficient to replace them and there will be training costs.

MONEY is an issue.....but not the only one.

How many clergy has Petworth Deanery seen licensed in recent years?

How many clergy has a Petworth Deanery PRODUCED for the Diocese over the same period?

They must come from somewhere.....and where do we look other than among our parishes?

This is not all about money.....significant as that is.....it is about vocations.
So what can you do to help us help you?

Pay your full Parish share AND more to cover the costs of training more clergy.

Work towards sustainable models.

Increase Lay responsibility and ministry.

Be ready to travel at least as far as you go to a supermarket.

Reduce the number of individual parishes in a united benefice, and run with a single PCC.

RURAL SCHOOLS

No one WANTS to close rural schools unless it is right and necessary to do so.

We want to continue to educate as locally as possible.....but the situation 2 decades into the 21st Century is very different from when 19th Century village schools were founded.

Schooling goes on far longer and expectations are greater.

Villages are substantially depopulated of young people.

Some village schools are run almost exclusively on incomers from outside.

Small schools are much more expensive than larger ones.

Very small schools struggle to provide for whole age-range on two teachers.

Small staffs struggle to provide adequate specialisms.

Head Teachers are also maintenance staff.

Smaller schools have less resilience if staff are ill or need to attend CPD (curriculum and professional development). Cover for their absence is difficult.

What professional development and exchange of ideas is provided in staff room of small schools?

Delivering local rural education needs to adapt to be fit for today.

More collaboration between schools?

Federation involving more than one school under one leadership?

This is not assign of failure but offers increased resilience.

They also open up school leadership to those who have no wish to take on the administration of an executive Head Teacher but are perfectly capable of leading a small school.

Schools need to provide a very good education.....including RE and collective worship.

Schools need support of the Diocesan Board of Education.

If they have a very tight budget (and small schools generally do) they may need help with Service Level Agreements. Maybe PCC's could subsidise or even pay these costs?"

THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

On 5th December

*Bertie Pearce will give a talk on
The Punch & Judy Show: A subversive symbol*

There will be no Lecture in January 2019

Fittleworth Village Hall

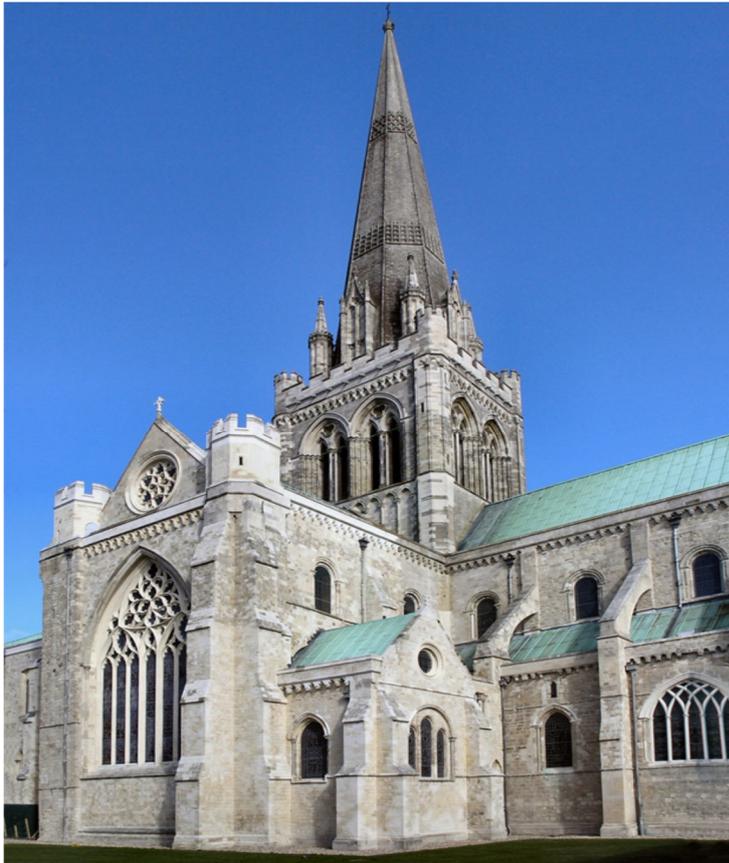
At 10.30, coffee from 9.50

Visitors warmly welcomed (£5)

Please call Hilary 01403 785302

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL



Christmas Carol Service

Monday 3rd December 2.30 – 3.30pm, followed by refreshments

A Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service, organised in partnership with Alzheimer's Society's Chichester and Bognor Positive Thinkers, a group of people living well with dementia.

The service will celebrate Christmas with carols, short prayers, readings and a retelling of the story assisted by local children and donkeys from Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary. After the service please join us for refreshments in the Nave of the Cathedral. Residential Care Homes are welcome to bring groups. There is no charge to attend and tickets are not needed.



For further information call Sue on 01243 812497 or email sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk
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CHRISTMAS TREES IN PETWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Is there a collective noun for a group of decorated Christmas trees, perhaps we should invent one. Each year during December in Petworth United Reformed Church there is a wonderful display of decorated Christmas trees. Local organisations and local people decorate the trees.

A local farming charity decorates a 'real' tree with some unusual farm related items. Jackie Smith usually decorates a tree for St Mary's with a special theme such as animals from the Bible. Each year we decorate a tree with lovely things made by children from a school in Ukraine, and we hope that once again children from Petworth Primary School will supply some decorations.

This year the trees will be in place from Saturday 1st December when the town's Christmas lights are officially turned on. We will be open from 2.00 pm that day when, as well as viewing the trees, you can also refresh yourself with home-made cakes and tea or coffee. Unfortunately because many of the decorations are precious or even valuable the church cannot always be open, but we are open every Friday morning when the PACT Coffee Break takes place. We will also be open on 22nd December from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon.

You are of course welcome to join us for Sunday worship at 10.30 am. I am aware that many reading this will be worshipping elsewhere but you might like to join us for our Christmas Day service at the earlier time of 10.00 am.

Back to that name for a group of decorated Christmas trees. I propose a competition. Suggestions to be placed in a box in Petworth United Reformed Church. A small prize will be given to the best suggestion.

Maureen Purser

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll has to be reviewed by parishes every year prior to the Annual Parochial meeting. In addition to this, every 6th year a new Roll must be prepared. 2019 will be such a year. This involves the existing Roll becoming obsolete and everyone will have to apply to have their name entered on the new Roll.

Further details will be available in the New Year.

John Townsend

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Goodness me, how time flies! No sooner have the clocks gone back than it's time to thank all subscribers and deliverers for their support of the Parish Magazine. The subscription for hand-delivered copies is just £5 for a whole year (cheaper than buying copies each month from the Church Magazine rack) so please have that fiver ready when your letter-box rattles.

If you would like your magazine sent by post, or maybe as a gift for someone who has moved away, please send a cheque payable to St Mary's Petworth, PCC to

Mary Wakeford, Rosemary Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Petworth GU28 0AY

May I wish you a Happy Christmas and a stress-free New Year.

CHILDREN'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 so collection of your box can be arranged.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 10th November raised £178.10 for Christmas flowers. As ever, a great thank you to all who helped, came along to support the event and donated gifts for the sales table. With the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st there will be no coffee morning in December. The next one will be on Saturday 12th January 2019.

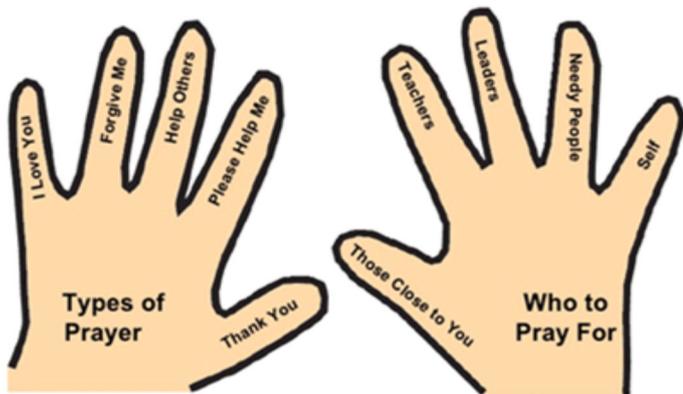
Jean Huggett

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

The annual exhibition is planned for this Christmas. Petworth Primary School and other regulars will be taking part. If anyone would like to be involved this year please give me a call. We are hoping to start setting up on Sunday 9th December and have everything ready for the School Carol Service.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

Hands For Prayer



Prayers

We would like to produce a Prayer Book for St Mary's and St Bartholomew's

Do you have a prayer that is a favourite, or is particularly meaningful to you? Maybe one that you have seen in a Baptism, a Wedding or a Funeral Service?

In this Year of Prayer Fr Mark would like to produce a Prayer Book.

If you would like to include a prayer, either that you have read, or created, please either email it to us or give us a paper copy in Church.

Judy's Email - aandjhoward@btinternet.com

Christine's Email - christinedallyn@hotmail.com

GIFT DAY APPEAL

This year's total to date, with little more likely to come, was £2,613.75, including Gift Aid where claimable. Our enormous gratitude to all who have given so generously. To anyone who meant to but forgot, don't worry! It's never too late to donate money to St. Mary's!!

Andrew Howard

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WW1

Despite the atrocious weather on the morning of 100 years since the end of WW1, 50 plus people came and braved the elements at 6.00 am and listened to the Piper playing 'Battle O'er' inside the Church rather than outside as planned. Coffee and croissants were enjoyed as an early breakfast, whilst those gathered spoke to the Piper, Kevin Turner, before he raced back to Newhaven for his next duty on the pipes.



At 10.00 am we were joined by the Bishop of Hordham who led a Said Eucharist, followed by a very well attended and moving Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The Last Post, played by Iona Harrison, was followed by the laying of wreathes. We were then led into Church, where there was standing room only, by the Bishop for a Remembrance Service and the reading of the Roll of Honour.



At 6.00 pm a much larger than usual parade was led by the Town Band from the RBL Club to a packed Rosemary Gardens, where there were very different commemorations; singing from Petfringe Chorus; an Act of Thanksgiving by Fr Mark; the Piper returned to play the 'Flowers of the Forest'; Iona Harrison played the Last Post; the flag was lowered by a Cadet; the Beacon of Light was lit by Lord Egremont; 'A Cry for Peace' was proclaimed by Nigel Flynn, the Town Cryer; God Save the Queen was Cried; the Town

Band played the National Anthem and entertained us for a while; the Piper played again; a Cadet read out a poem, while in the background the Church Bells could be heard ringing out for Peace.

This day was supported by so many people and it couldn't have happened without their help. Also the Poppy Appeal has been a fabulous success again with the continuing support and commitment from so many people, so thank you all.

Fiona Kemp

Poppy Appeal Organiser.

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

On this occasion, we take a detailed look at the East Window of our own church.

Not least among the beauties of St Mary's is the East Window, designed by Kempe and given by Constance, Lady Leconfield, at the beginning of the 20th century in memory of the 2nd Lord Leconfield and his eldest son, The Hon George Wyndham.

How many of us have studied it closely?

The window is divided horizontally into three parts.

In the upper division the four small central lights - those immediately above the figure of our Lord - contain the four Latin Doctors, as they are called. Above are St Augustine of Hippo (345-430) and St Ambrose of Milan (340-397). Below are St Gregory the Great of Rome (540-604) and St Jerome, who translated the Scriptures into Latin (342- 420).

In the smaller lights at the sides are Angels carrying shields. The two upper ones bear the sacred monograms, IHS and XRS, the Greek abbreviations of Jesus Christ.

The four lower ones have symbols of the Crucifixion - the ladder, the hammer and pincers, the dice and the sponge of vinegar on a reed and spear.

In the central light of the window is our Saviour, crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. On the left are the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Thomas of Canterbury (1119-1170), on the right are St John the Divine and St Richard of Chichester (died 1258).

Beneath the three central lights are the prophets who spoke of the Passion, carrying scrolls with the words in Latin of their prophecies, from left to right are:

Hosea - *Ero mors tua, O mors: Morsus tuus ero, inferne* (O death, I will be thy death: O hell, I will be thy destruction - Hosea xiii.14)

Daniel - *Post hebdomades lxii occidetur Christus* (After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off - Daniel ix.26)

Isaiah - *Vulneratus est propter iniquitates nostras* (He who was wounded for our transgressions - Isaiah liii.5)

Jeremiah - *Videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus* (See if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow - Lamentations I 12)

Zachariah - Quod sunt plage istae? (What are these wounds? - Zechariah xiii.6)
David - Foderunt manus meas et pedes meos (They pierced my hands and my feet Psalm xxii.16)

In the outer lights at the base are the Angels bearing shields with the arms of the Wyndham and Primrose families, and under the latter on the south side is the inscription 'Crux sees mea. Henricus Baron Leconfield, obiit Jan. vi, MCMI, et Georgius O'Brien Wyndham, primogenituus eiusdem. Obit Jan. xiii MDCCCXCV'

Near the left hand bottom corner can be seen the tiny sheaf of wheat, which was Kempe's 'signature' to all his windows.

John Townsend

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

**On Tuesday 4th December, Andrew Davies will talk on
The Victorian Christmas: A Celebration**

Contrary to popular myth, the Victorians thoroughly amused themselves, particularly at Christmas.

Mince pies and mulled wine after the talk.

There is no talk in January 2019

Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture

Please call 01903 411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com

Visitors most welcome - £5

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CHICHESTER DIOCESE 'YEAR OF PRAYER'

Prayer is the vital tool for the support of all the people and agencies doing God's work here and abroad, and especially in the field of evangelisation and persecution of Christians. All report solutions to intractable problems where good prayer support has been given in response to pleas. They all need us, so please respond.

Rosemary Harris

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Web site: www.egdeanparish.com

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd December at 9.15 am – Christingle Service

Please could everyone holding **Children's Society boxes** bring them to this service for their annual emptying.

Anyone who would like to hold a Children's Society box for loose change please let me know.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

The Ride and Stride 2018

Saturday 8th September, the day for the 2018 'Ride and Stride', was fine at least for the morning while I did my walk from Bignor to Burton Park via Sutton, Barlavington and the two churches in Duncton. 17 humans and 2 dogs took part on behalf of Egdean and we raised a creditable £1,512.50; of this half goes to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and half to Egdean Church.

Egdean Church itself was manned all day and had more visits by people taking part in the Ride and Stride than in the past few years.

So thank you to all who rode and strode, to all who sponsored them so generously and to all who manned our church.

See you all next year.

Robert Longmore

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 11th December at Manor Farm Nursery, Runcton. If you haven't booked or made your menu choice please visit the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) in Trump Alley and take a booking form from the notice board.

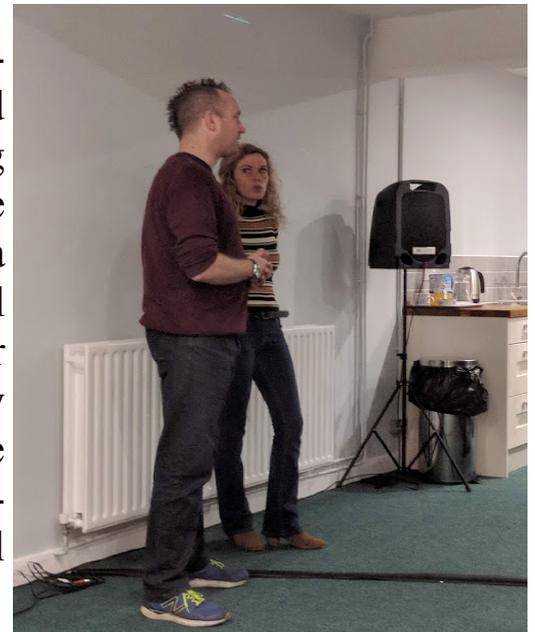
The January Lunch will be a Curry Banquet cooked by Kate and served in the URC Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2019 costing £10.00. Booking essential through me Caroline Stoneman 342942.

PETWORTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The Petworth Youth Association was delighted to host an Open Evening at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre on 19th November. Members, parents and supporters from the local community were invited to come and see the wonderful refurbishments to the kitchen and lounge areas which were carried out over the summer period.

Guests enjoyed drinks and snacks, including pizza bites prepared and served by the young people from the Youth Club, and there was a fantastic 'buzz' of conversation as people shared their experiences of the Centre over the years. The young people really excelled at welcoming, hosting and serving the many guests who came.

Chairman of the PYA, Jonny Welch, paid particular tribute to Kirsty Strachan (youth worker) and Sandra Thomas (Centre Manager) for everything they had given to the young people and the Centre over many years. Kirsty is leaving to take up a full-time role with West Sussex County Council and Sandra is retiring to spend more time with her family and having fun! Both Sandra and Kirsty will both be greatly missed and some tears were even spotted among the group as Sandra was presented with a wonderful tea pot picture listing all of the words people used to describe her.



Jonny also thanked all of the supporters and particularly those who had helped make the refurbishments happen. All agreed that the Centre looks fantastic and there are exciting times ahead as the PYA work to make the most of the new facilities.



For more information on booking the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre for activities or parties contact the Centre on 01798 344880 or email sylviabeaufoy@btinternet.com



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since half-term all of our children have been exploring World War One and how this affected the lives of people across the world, especially focusing on Petworth. It was essential that the children understand why we have Remembrance Day, wear the poppy and what people sacrificed.

The children explored many different aspects of World War One, which included: the importance animals played in the war, investigating the roles women played in the war, how tanks and aeroplanes were used, the medals people were awarded, the food (some of the children cooked a meal which a soldier may have had on the front line), poetry, diary extracts, trench art, life in the trenches and building 'shoe box' trenches. In addition to this, every child in year four, five and six visited the Imperial War Museum. Our fortnight culminated with an assembly, led by the children, with the Last Post being played by one of our parents as well as a mini-museum, where the children showed off their work.

It has been vital that we work with our local community to engage our children. We are very grateful for three members of the Royal British Legion visiting us and talking to the children; a shop window along Angel Street, which has allowed us to give our children another audience; and to Mr Granger (a historian), who gave the children an insight about life on the front line.

It is heart-warming to listen to children talk about their relatives' experiences as they have clearly discussed this with their family. One example was when William handed me a stone from the beach where a relative had fallen. This stone was taken from the beach one hundred years to the day of the death of a family member. It was as though William was handing me some valuable jewellery, and the care and respect he showed was evidence that we will continue to remember.

However it has not been all about World War One over the last month. In Early Years they have been learning about people who help them. They dressed up as different people in the community ranging from policeman, doctors and even a teacher. We were also visited by the RNLI.

At Petworth CofE Primary School we have a very strong choir, who last week performed two songs at the Rotary Club Youth Festival of Music. In January 2019 we have 51 children participating in Young Voices, where we will be performing at the O2. Something we are all looking forward too.

The approach to Christmas is always a busy time in schools with Nativity performances, pantomime visits, an invitation to Petworth House by Lord and Lady Egremont to their Christmas party, as well as all of the 'normal' learning opportunities we offer our children. The excitement all of this offers and the children's energy always makes working in a school a very special experience.

GOOD NEWS' BOOK CLUB AT SOMERSET LODGE

**2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm,
and also 6.00 - 7.00 pm every Wednesday
(except Jul. Aug. and Dec.)**

followed by separate prayer group all year round. Tel 343842.

Each group has returned after the summer eager to learn more:

The Tuesday group is studying the letters by **Jesus' brother James**, (who took charge of the new believers in Jerusalem while the disciples were evangelising elsewhere; **Peter**, (reporting from his field of mission to encourage the new believers being persecuted by the Jewish elders); and **John**, (making himself unpopular with his fervent preaching culminating in his exile to Patmos where he wrote The Book of Revelation.)

I shall be recruiting in Sept 2019 when we shall start the New Testament again.

The Wednesday group, catching up fast, being weekly rather than fortnightly, has reached 2 Corinthians. Corinth, being a very cosmopolitan place, the chief trading port for the Mediterranean, gave Paul much sorrow, as the message is very strange for pagans, having been brought by Paul from Judah, an obscure country at the far end of that Sea. They preferred their own interpretation of this departure from worship of their old gods, so Paul had to take them to task, causing friction. However, the two books are rich in gems worth memorising.

Rosemary Harris

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Mistletoe – helping shy people snog since 1817

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Christmas Eve 1989. After months of completely misreading the direction in which our friendship was going, I made an ill-informed attempt to snog Anna from accounts under the mistletoe at the work's Christmas party. It was all a bit embarrassing but, in my defence, I was just doing my bit to uphold what has been described as 'the last surviving remnant of plant magic in the sophisticated western world'.

There are other plants which could claim similar magic powers. Half a bottle of fermented French grapes or a tumbler of Scottish malted barley will conjure up enough Dutch courage for some botanically inspired Christmas smooching. But what special power compels us to kiss under the mistletoe? It's certainly easy to see why mistletoe could appear to hold mystical qualities. As autumn strips a tree back to its bark bones it reveals an evergreen mistletoe heart; a beacon of life in the dead of winter. This apparent immortality inspired many ancient fertility rituals. Druids, armed with gleaming golden sickles, would perform a mistletoe harvesting ceremony under a waxing moon (and maybe slaughter two white bulls for good measure).



The plant's secret to eternal life is that it is a hemi-parasite, obtaining its water and nutrients by vampirically sucking them from its host tree. It still has the decency to do a bit of photosynthesis itself (so it's not 100% evil). In fact, research has proved that mistletoe is an ecological keystone species. Without it, there just isn't as much life in a woodland.

The practice of hanging mistletoe at Christmas didn't turn up in a written document until the 1600s and mention of lips meeting underneath it didn't appear in print until 1817.

Unsurprisingly, any 'tradition' involving kissing quickly became popular and since then everyone from Norse Gods to Ancient Greeks, Gauls and Romans have been trying to claim that the first snog under the mistletoe was their idea.

In the wild mistletoe plants look like bushy green pom-poms which have been tossed into a tree by an over-enthusiastic cheerleader. Birds feed on their juicy white berries, which appear to be as messy to eat as a treacle and melted mozzarella pizza. Goopy beaks have to be wiped on a nearby branch, allowing any seeds to stick and sprout someplace new. Either that, or the birds disperse the seed in the more traditional intestinal way.



This Christmas keep looking high in the treetops for mistletoe, I haven't seen any yet as I walk around Sussex – but I've seen plenty of proof that it's still working its ancient magic on the people down below.

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

Dates for your Diary December 2018 and January 2019

Wednesday 5th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Wednesday 12th	10.30 am	Christmas Raffle
Wednesday 12th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

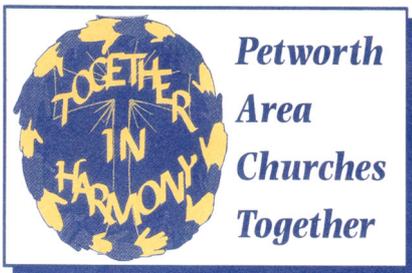
THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 24TH DECEMBER UNTIL 2ND JANUARY – HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

There will be no organised activities during January but the Centre will be open as usual. Come in for cup of tea or coffee and a chat, Mondays to Thursday 10.00 am – 12 noon, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, occasional Friday afternoons.

For details of any of these dates, or to find out more about the Centre, please come in, Trump Alley, rear of Austens, or phone 342942.

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DECEMBER NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The theme 'Only Justice' draws on the scripture Deuteronomy 16:18-20 which includes this part from New Living Translation – 'Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you'. This is about demonstrating the kingdom justice that comes about when we listen to God's heart for the people and situations around us, and living in the fullness of life that is only found when we're in line with His spirit.

Sunday 20th January at 3.00 pm at St Giles church, Graffham GU28 0NJ for the opening ecumenical service. All welcome in this lovely church. Refreshments afterwards.

From Monday to Friday 21st - 25th January at 1.00 pm at the United Reformed Church in Petworth for the lunchtime sessions with 30 minutes of reflection/prayer followed by soup and rolls. There will be a different speaker every day and lots of inspirational content to encourage us in living with kingdom justice in our hearts and minds.

It will be a great opportunity to spend some time in the bible together and also get to know more faces from the Petworth area churches. Chance to escape from the office/shop for a time of spiritual intake. No need to book, just come along!

For more info, the leaflet for the week can be downloaded from:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/WPCU-2019-English-pamphlet-for-web.pdf>

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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR DECEMBER



YEAR OF VOCATION
2019

December

2nd	ADVENT SUNDAY (Launch of the Year of Vocation) <i>Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Christingle (Egdean) 9.15 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am Christingle 5.00 pm
9th	ADVENT 2 <i>Baruch 5.1-9, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
16th	ADVENT 3 <i>Zephaniah 3.14-20, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE (Egdean) 4.00 pm
Tuesday	
18th	CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE 7.00 pm
23rd	ADVENT 4 <i>Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-55</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am No Service at Egdean Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Monday	
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Crib Service 4.00 pm Midnight Mass 11.30 pm

Tuesday

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Family Mass Egdean 9.00 am
Christmas Family Mass 10.30 am

30th THE HOLY FAMILY

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

No service at Egdean

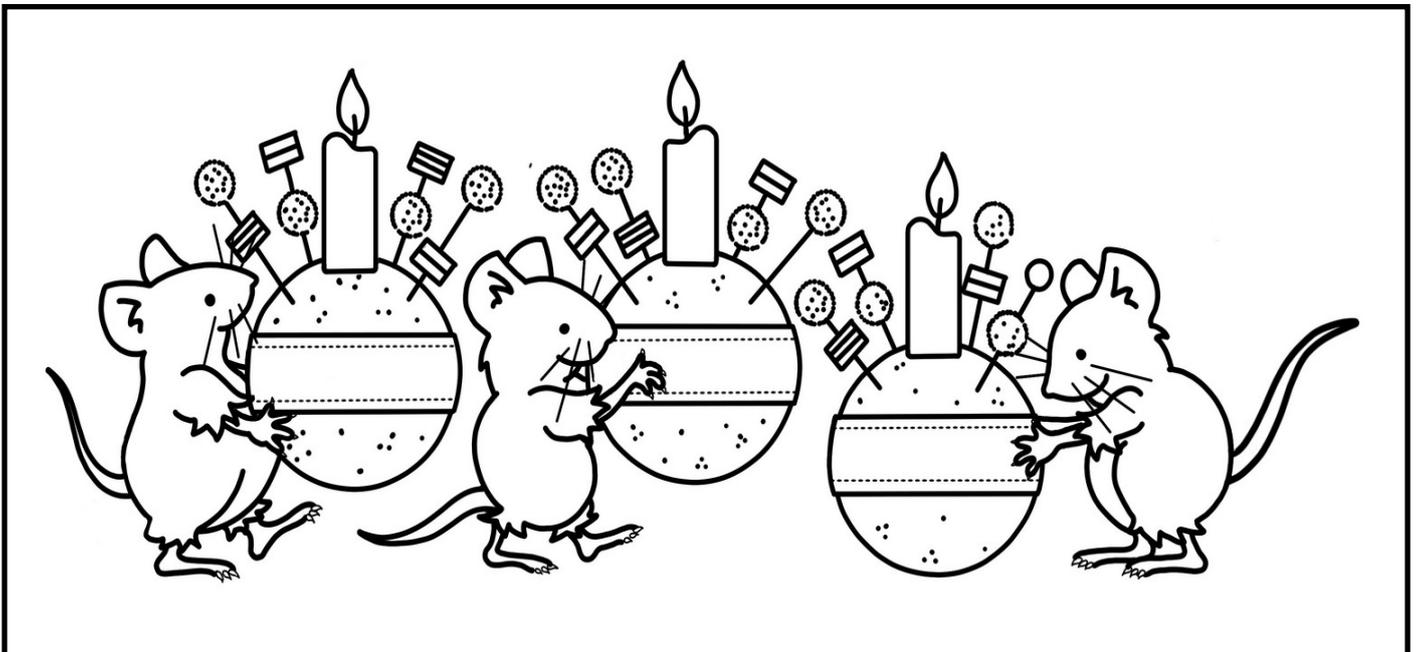
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

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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China, increasingly hostile to the burgeoning church there;

Egypt, which IS has made a frontline of attacks against Christians;

Eritrea where the church's existence is not recognised, so all its members are criminals;

Indonesia, where the 15% minority is harassed, and violently persecuted;

Iran, where new members of the fast growing church are likely to find themselves in prison;

Iraq, where the prompting of IS has encouraged friendly Muslims to turn on their Christian neighbours and occupy the homes from which they had fled.

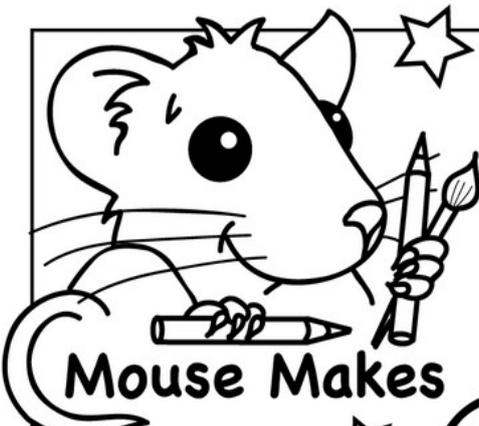
Khazakhstan, where new evangelical churches whose registration attempts fail and are therefore illegal.

Kenya, where Christians in schools, markets and houses are singled out for beheading by al-Shabaab.

Kyrgyzstan where Islam is responding with repression to the growing Christian minority.

This alphabetical list has only reached K, but gives a general picture of our family, The Suffering Church.

Rosemary Harris



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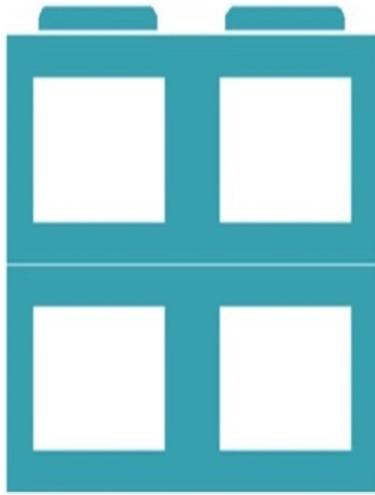
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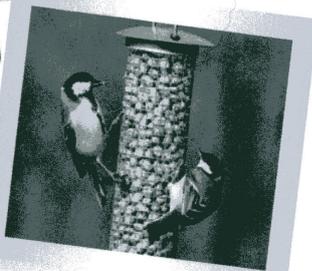
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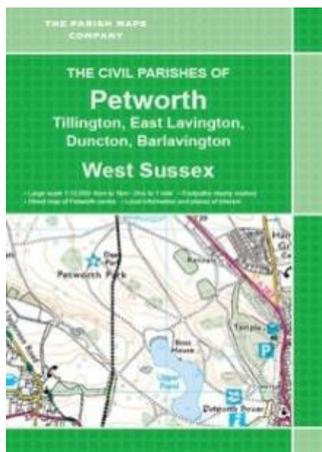
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On 30th March 1957 Georgie married Brian Blackman (known to all as Nobby) at St Mary's and the couple lived at Old School House in Byworth.

For 25 years Georgie worked at the Welldiggers Inn for Ted and Pat Whitcomb.

The couple had two daughters, Julie and Karen.

For the past 7 years Georgie had resided at Rotherlea care home, and while there, rarely missed attending the fortnightly Communion Service.

The funeral service took place at St Bartholomew's church on 8th November and was followed by burial in the churchyard.

We extend our sympathy to Nobby, to Julie and Karen and all the family in their loss.

DOROTHY MARY WRIGHT who passed away at Rotherlea on 1st November aged 98 years.

Dorothy Burdock was born at 406 Coultershaw Cottages on 3rd February 1920.

When she was 7 her parents moved to a cottage in East Street, and she attended the nearby Girls school.

On leaving school at 14, Dorothy worked for Dr Kerr and his family at Culvercroft.

In September 1942 she joined the WRENS and was employed as a cook to Admiral Swaby at Portland Naval Base. By the time she was demobbed in April 1946 she had reached the rank of Petty Officer. Returning to Petworth she worked for Dr Brydon who lived at Orchard House. It was in 1951 that the then Rector, Leslie Yorke, asked her to become a Sunday School teacher, a role that she continued into the 1990s.

In another role with young people, Dorothy led the Brownies in Petworth for 30 years. Her marriage to Frank Wright took place at St Mary's in November 1952.

Later Dorothy went to work at the East Street Dairy for the Miss Wareham's, following their retirement from running the business she became cook at Courtlea.

For many years she had been an active member of the Royal British Legion and had received a Certificate to mark her 50 years of collecting for the Poppy Appeal.

Very sadly, Frank died suddenly while the couple were on holiday in Malta in 1989.

Eventually, Dorothy moved from her home in Wyndham Road to Orchard Close, and for the past 5 years she had resided at Rotherlea where she regularly attended the fortnightly Communion Service.

Her funeral service was held at St Mary's on 15th November at which Father Michael Morris assisted.

Committal at Chichester Crematorium followed.

A Service to Remember and Celebrate the lives of **LOUISE SUSAN VERNER SWORD** and her daughter **TABITHA SOPHIE**, who lived at Lurgashall, was held at St Mary's on 16th November.

Tragically, the mother and her 12 year old daughter lost their lives in a car accident in South Africa in August.

The Service, which was conducted by a family friend, Canon Nigel Nicholson, was attended by a congregation of 600 and included HRH the Duke of Kent his son, Lord Nicholas Windsor, and his daughter, Lady Helen Taylor.

There will be many who will mourn the passing of **KATHY WOODCOCK** who with her husband, Alex, ran the Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre for a number of years.

During their time here they were leading members of St Mary's congregation until, following their retirement, they moved to Littlehampton.

Alex died in 2006.

Kathy's funeral was held on 22nd November at St Mary's church in Littlehampton.

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St Bartholomew's Church



Egdean Carol Service

Sunday 16th December

at 4 pm

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

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

**Transport available
from Byworth**



Christmas

at St Mary the Virgin,



Petworth and St Bartholomew Egdean

CHRISTMAS SERVICES,

Sunday 2nd ADVENT SUNDAY

9.15am Egdean Christingle

5.00pm St Mary's

CHILDREN'S

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 16th ADVENT 3

4.00pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE at Egdean

This is our Traditional Carol Service

Tuesday 18th

7.00pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE at St Mary's

This is our Traditional Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CRIB SERVICE

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS Egdean

10.30am

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS St Mary's

