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&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN**

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THE QUEEN: 70TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Princess Elizabeth became Queen on 6th February 1952, the date of her Accession as it is called.

The Church's annual services commemorating the Queen's Accession are an opportunity to renew gratitude for her wise gracious rule, and to pray for God's blessing upon sovereign and nation alike.



Much has changed in 70 years, and the Queen herself has adapted. But throughout, she has remained a unique and unifying symbol of our nation's story and its unfolding identity. Her commitment to duty in the service of our country has been outstanding.

Do join us in thanksgiving as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession (her Platinum Anniversary) with an **ACCESSION DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE** at 4.00 pm Sunday 6th February 2022 in St Mary's Petworth.

All are most warmly invited, whether attending as individuals or as representatives of Petworth area groups, organisations, clubs, businesses and other bodies. You will be most welcome. Do please pass on this information to people who may not see this magazine.

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

SILENT NIGHT

Christmas Eve morning, 1818, in the Bavarian village of Oberndorf, and there was panic in the church. Mice had eaten through the bellows of the great organ. There would be no music for that Christmas Eve service.

The organist Franz Grüber told the priest, Joseph Mohr, and both men were in consternation. Then Father Mohr said, 'What can we do - we can pray!' And so the men prayed, before Father Mohr went off in the snow on his visits in the village. In one cottage on the outskirts of the village, a wood-cutter's wife had just given birth to a child. So Father Mohr paid them a visit, to welcome the new baby.

It was early evening before he got back to the church, still moved by the face of the 'Christmas Eve child' nestled happily in its mother's arms. Father Mohr thought back all those centuries to another baby, sleeping in his mother's arms. He longed to share this tender scene with his people; for in such love is a peace which all need to know. The priest sat down at his desk and took up his pen.

A short time later, Father Mohr called for Franz Grüber: 'Could you write a tune to this poem, something we can sing tonight to a guitar.' Grüber said there was not enough time, but as he read the poem, he began to concentrate. A few hours later, the congregation of St Nicholas, Oberndorf were taught a new carol in candlelight and by guitar:

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright!
Round yon virgin, mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

This Christmas, come and join with the many millions of people around the world who will sing this answer to a prayer for help - and experience something of the joy and peace in Jesus Christ that inspired it.

Love and prayers for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fr. Mark

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

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NB: Gift Aid forms are available in Church or from our Treasurer

Christingle Service - Sunday 5th December at 9.15 am

Please Note: There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service.

Children's Society Boxes

Could everyone holding a Children's Society Box bring them to our Christingle Service so that they can be emptied and forwarded to the Society.

Anyone wishing to hold a Children's Society Box please let me know.

Carol Service - Sunday 19th December at 4.00 pm

Christmas Day Service - Saturday 25th December at 9.00 am

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, please join us on Thursday 23rd December from 10.00 am.

Parish Magazine Annual Subscriptions for Egdean 2022

A reminder that I will be collecting the annual £5 subscriptions for the Parish Magazines that I deliver in the New Year. Also please let me know if you would like to be added to the circulation list.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets are now on sale, priced £5 for a book of 5 tickets, for St Mary's Christmas Draw. Prizes include cash, Christmas hampers, wine, chocolates and many more. Tickets are available from me by phoning 01798 343906 or by email jean.huggett@hotmail.co.uk.

Counterfoils and money should be either sent to me at 42 Orchard Close, Petworth GU28 0SA, or put through the letter box at 'Coppards', Middle Street, Petworth GU28 0HB by Saturday 11th December. Cheques should be made payable to 'Petworth PCC St Mary's the Virgin Church'.

I very much hope you will support the church for what will be a much-needed fund raiser.

Jean Huggett

REMEMBRANCE in PETWORTH 2021

In this the Centenary Year for the Royal British Legion, and for the Petworth Branch, Remembrance took its traditional form in Petworth. In surprisingly mild conditions, on 11th November at 11.00 am, a very well attended Act of Remembrance was held at the War Memorial, led by Father Mark. We were very pleased to have Andrew Griffith MP, our local MP present. George Read the Chairman of the Petworth Branch of the Royal British Legion read the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph and Nathan Fynes, blew the Last Post and Reveille expertly. The Petworth Branch Standard was carried by Corporal James Parr of the Royal Hussars. Wreaths were laid by Andrew Griffith and Liz Singleton, Chairman of the Petworth Town Council.



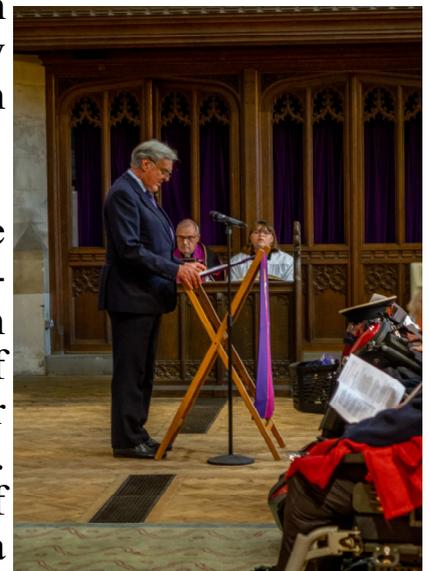
Photo by Nick Wheeler

There were concerns that the weather for Remembrance Sunday 14th November would not be so kind however these fears were unfounded and there was a very good turn-out for the traditional Church parade from the Royal British Legion Club to St Mary's. The parade was, as ever, very ably led by the Petworth Town Band and included Veterans and RBL members plus the Petworth Scout Group, Emergency Services and other local organisations. We were pleased to be joined by the Midhurst



Royal British Legion Standard and a contingent from the Army Cadet Force from Midhurst. Midhurst Army cadets have been a great help to the Poppy Appeal in Petworth this year for which we are very grateful.

St Mary's was packed, with standing room only, for the Remembrance Service which was taken by Father Richard, with the indisposition of Father Mark. The lesson was read by Lord Egremont and then, with the names of those from the Petworth community who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars being read out. Father Richard spoke of the horrors of war and talked of the dreadful experiences of prisoners-of-war in Burma during the Second World War.



Photos by Graham Whittington

Following the Service everybody moved outside to the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance, led by Father Richard. It was marvellous to see so many Standards both large and small on parade. The readings were again read by George Read with four trumpeters from the Petworth Town Band playing the calls, beautifully. Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial on behalf of many Petworth organisations. The parade finished with the march back to the Club led by the Petworth Town Band, with the marvellous 'Sussex by the Sea' being the final piece of music played by the Band.



All in all, a fitting Remembrance, so well supported by Petworth.
Nick Wheeler





PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educational visits play a huge part of developing the children's curiosity and understanding of different aspects of our curriculum. November saw our year five and six classes visit the British Museum as they were learning about Ancient Egyptians and the Mayans. The children were able to explore different artefacts, attend a workshop and start to get a better appreciation of what life may have been like during these periods.

Our year four class visited Fishbourne Palace to explore Roman life and how this affected British life during this period. The children participated in workshops, explored the mosaics and learnt about how Cogidubnus embraced what the Romans had to offer as well as how vast the palace and grounds were. We are very fortunate to have our own minibus as this allows us to go on more local visits.

Animal update: Our 'farm' is an important aspect of our school curriculum. Giving children opportunities to work with, nurture and look after the animals is invaluable and memorable. Seeing the goats and sheep walking around the grounds, like they own the place, and then hearing the giggles and laughter from the children is priceless.

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, he or she is eligible to start school here in September 2022. Please contact Mrs Carter, in our school office, if you would like to have a look around. Telephone: 01798 342369 or email: office@petworthprimary.co.uk and we will arrange a time for you to come and see our school in action.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

Grateful thanks go to all who either helped, or came to support, the Coffee morning held on Saturday 13th November. The very satisfactory sum of £203.10 was raised for church funds.

Due to the church being in use for a wedding and concerts during December the next Coffee morning will be on Saturday 8th January 2022.

Instead, on Saturday 4th December, the day of the Christmas event in the town, there will be tea and cakes from 3.00 to 4.30 pm, as well as a sales table. We very much look forward to seeing you all there.

Jean Huggett and Jackie Smith

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Now is the time of year when your magazine subscription is due.

Many thanks to those who deliver the magazines. If you have your magazine delivered please have your £5 ready when you receive this copy. If you have the magazine by post then can you either please send a cheque for £13.50, payable to 'Petworth PCC St Mary The Virgin Church', and send to me at:

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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our loyal advertisers and hope that their businesses have been sustainable during 2021 and will continue to flourish in 2022.

Carole Field



FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Here we are again, busily stocking the foodbank for Christmas deliveries and collecting toy and food donations from churches all over Sussex. It's an exciting time for us as we are aiming to give all of our families a Christmas to remember after last year's more muted events when the country was in lockdown. We will also be holding a carol service at St Mary's Church in Funtington this year, and hope that those who live locally will be able to join us in person.

Between now and then we are still working hard with our families, many of whom are finding finances particularly tight as large heating bills begin to eat into whatever family budgets they have. If anybody feels able to contribute to our Winter Fuel campaign this would make a huge difference so that we can give some direct support with fuel bills. We are also doing an increasing amount of work in schools where we can provide support to specific children in a safe setting away from the home. This is proving very productive and we hope is something we can develop next year if more schools want to work together with us.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer and practical gifts.

October's work in numbers

177 individual visits and 177 support calls with families supporting 27 grandparents, 263 parents and 303 children

21 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely

37 face-to-face group sessions held supporting 290 parents and 118 children

118 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray for two of our support practitioners, who have been off work due to contracting Covid. They are both suffering quite badly and we are uncertain when they will return to work.

Give thanks for some very fruitful meetings that have taken place recently between FSW and other groups and individuals, with a view to strengthening community links

Pray for a positive outcome for a large grant application that we hope to receive before the end of the year and will provide some much-needed stability

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Christmas lunch will be at the Cricketers, Duncton on Tuesday 7th December (please note the date) at 12.00 noon. Please contact Caroline on 342942 to book and make your menu choices. The lunch will cost £12.00 (small portion £10.00) and transport, if required, will be free.



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Friday 3rd December
7pm

St Mary's Church, Church Lane,
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For many of the families we support, the choice of "heating or eating" is real, and devastating. Please consider sharing the warmth by donating your Winter Fuel allowance to Family Support Work.

**To donate, visit www.familysupportwork.org
or send a cheque payable to FSW to:
FSW, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA**



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TEA-TIME ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Naked trees of short wintery days,
Lots of fun with pantomime plays;

Ivy around pictures and prickly holly,
A sprig of mistletoe for teasing Mollie.

Santa's helpers are present wrapping;
Reindeer harness bells jingle, jangling.

Uplifting sounds from a local town band,
Play carols and songs from distant lands.

Lovingly made and decorated cake,
Many mince pies are freshly baked.

In celebration of a special boy's birth,
A long time ago, to save us here on Earth.

We've six places laid at the loaded table,
Now we've included Auntie Mabel.

Teresa Charman ~ 2021

PETWORTH OVER 60S CENTRE **The Friendship Centre**

CHRISTMAS TEA This year the Christmas Tea will be held in the URC Hall on **SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER** at 2.30 pm. Please sign up on the list in the Centre, stating if you need transport. Tea costs £2.00 and the transport is free. Don't forget to bring a raffle prize.

Bingo is on Wednesday 1st and 15th December at 2.00 pm; the minibus will be available.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on 14th December in the Centre - any prizes gratefully received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to keep the Centre open and would urge more members to come forward to go on the rota. We really need those of you who used to help to think about coming back so that we can avoid having to close due to lack of help.

Caroline Stoneman - House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

With live events back on the calendar, Midhurst Rother College is once again busy hosting events for students from the Rother Valley Primary Schools. Back in September, 180 Year 6 students joined the College to experience a day in the life of an MRC student. Taster sessions from science, English and maths plus team building were on offer, as well as a grand tour of the building. It also provided the opportunity to meet other Year 6s who would be joining them at MRC next September. A busy day was had exploring MRC, meeting teachers and making new friends. All left the day full of excitement and enthusiasm for their upcoming move to secondary school.

Doughnuts were on the menu as outreach events continued in October with a Year 4 Art Day. This event is part of the Rother Valley School's enrichment programme, which provides a wealth of enrichment days for the locality's more able primary students across the year groups and is coordinated by MRC. Under the artist guidance of the Head of Art, Mrs Murray-Killen, 26 students from 12 schools designed doughnuts, created icing using powder paint and PVA glue, then set about moulding the doughnut shape out of paper and ModRoc. The moulds were then painted and decorated with the icing and sequin



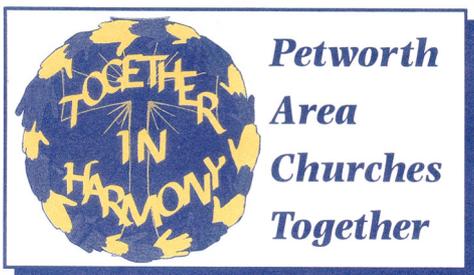
and decorated with the icing and sequin

sprinkles. The result was a beautiful inedible sight to behold. A thoroughly messy and sparkly, but not particularly tasty day was had by all.

A stronger constitution was needed for the Year 5 Inspiring Science Day last week, with heart dissection at the top of the menu. Lead by Mr Page, teacher of Science at MRC, 20 would be vets and doctors explored how the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems work together to oxygenate the cells and tissues of the body. Activities included investigating the effect of exercise on the heartbeat, measuring lung capacity, building a model lung and finished with students carrying out a heart dissection and labelling the parts of the heart. Not for the fainted hearted, no pun intended and don't be alarmed, as all participants were pre warned and only those wishing to take part in this task joined the session.



Photos by Janet Gibbs



P A C T NEWS

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NEWS FOR DECEMBER

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - an advance date for the diary - Sunday 16th January 2022 will be the launch service and more detail to come.

The theme is *'We saw His star in the East...'* from Matthew chapter 2. This year's Service is written by the church in the Middle East where there has been, and still is, so much division, conflict and strife. Once again it is a great opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus around a subject so relevant today.

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' Acts Chapter 1, verse 8.

For more information head to the pamphlet for the week online:
<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WPCU-2022-English-A5-1.pdf>
Pactpetworth@gmail.com

Turkey: naked Christmas lunch

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Post-modernist author William Burroughs named his infamous 1959 novel after 'a frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork.' Like the drug-fuelled characters of *Naked Lunch*, 76% of Brits will soon be itching for their festive fix from a bird which has taken a strange, disjointed trip through time and space to land on our plates. So, before you start gobbling this Christmas, allow yourself a frozen moment with the defrosted, oven-cooked, gravy-coated bird perched on the end of your fork. Let's talk turkey.

There are just two species of turkey in the world. The stunning iridescent Ocellated Turkey is confined to the Yucatan peninsula, while the commoner Wild Turkey has a range that extends from the sun-baked savannahs of central Mexico north through the oak forests of the United States.



The Wild Turkey is a monstrous, spectacular bird. The huge males prowl the forests, their ruffled black feathers billowing like a cloud of volcanic ash. From this darkness erupts a bare, blue reptilian head with lava flows of red, warty skin dripping from it. These grotesque, leathery skin-flaps – the snood, wattle and caruncle – inflate with blood and are irresistible to females.

This extraordinary animal was revered by primitive people who plucked its feathers for ceremonial rituals. Centuries ago, one population of Wild Turkey from the hills of south-central Mexico was tamed. By the time the Aztecs ruled the roost they wore turkey, ate turkey and prayed to Chalchiuhtotolin, their turkey god.

Spaniards returned from their Aztec conquests with ships laden with gold, silver and turkey. Not long after, in 1524, turkeys landed in England where some geographic confusion about their country of origin gave the bird its name.

Soon these supposed Turkish delights were being carved and served to the wealthy. Henry VIII may well have been one of the first Brits to enjoy a turkey for Christmas lunch and then no doubt spent the rest of the afternoon asleep in front of the jester.

The turkey's domestication continued. In eastern England, specialist poulterers developed breeds such as Norfolk Black, Cambridge Bronze and the Broad Breasted White; the bird that we eat today.

In 1620 the Pilgrim settlers, in a 'coals to Newcastle' scenario, shipped these brainwashed breeds back to North America and proudly gave them to the bemused native people who for centuries had been enjoying the rich, dark meat of the larger, original Wild Turkeys. It must have been like aliens landing outside Harvey's Brewery and presenting us with a small glass of weak lager.

Today we remain a nation of turkey addicts. Ten million of them were eaten here last Christmas. It's time to stop staring at your fork and satisfy your Christmas craving – so get it while it's hot. It'll be cold turkey for us from tomorrow.

Merry Christmas everybody.



Petworth Village Bus

The Petworth Village Minibus will continue its normal schedule during December with shopping trips on 3rd December to Bognor and 17th December to Worthing (if required). There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 1st and 15th December in the afternoon. We still require you to wear masks and sanitise your hands while on the minibus.

The West Sussex Minibus Association is a membership club which entitles you to use the bus. There is the opportunity for other organisations to become affiliate members and use the Petworth Minibus for outings, etc.

For booking and further details please contact
Local Organiser Caroline Stoneman on 01798 342942

THE RETURN OF THE PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

After more than a year of closure we restarted on Thursday 11th November. We did not know what the response would be but, after some parents who had attended before the lockdown asked whether we would be reopening, we thought perhaps it was time to give it a try. Much to our amazement the attendance was much better than we ever imagined.

We decided to move from Monday to Thursday mornings as a similar group was meeting at the Sylvia Beufof Centre on Tuesdays.

Thursday seems to be a good day for those parents who came to our first meeting. The children enjoyed playing together and parents were happily chatting. The morning went so quickly, we felt that it had been successful, and the right decision to reopen before the end of the year.

My thanks to Diana Purcell who encouraged me to reopen the group and for her help on the day.

Jackie Smith

The Arts Society West Sussex

**At 2.00 pm on Tuesday December 7th, James Campbell
will give a talk on
Shepard's Christmas**

This talk describes the magic and joy of Christmas
through the artist E.H. Shepard's cartoons,
watercolours and pen and ink drawings.

This will include images from
Wind in the Willows and Winnie the Pooh

**The talk will be followed by Prosecco,
mulled wine and mince pies**

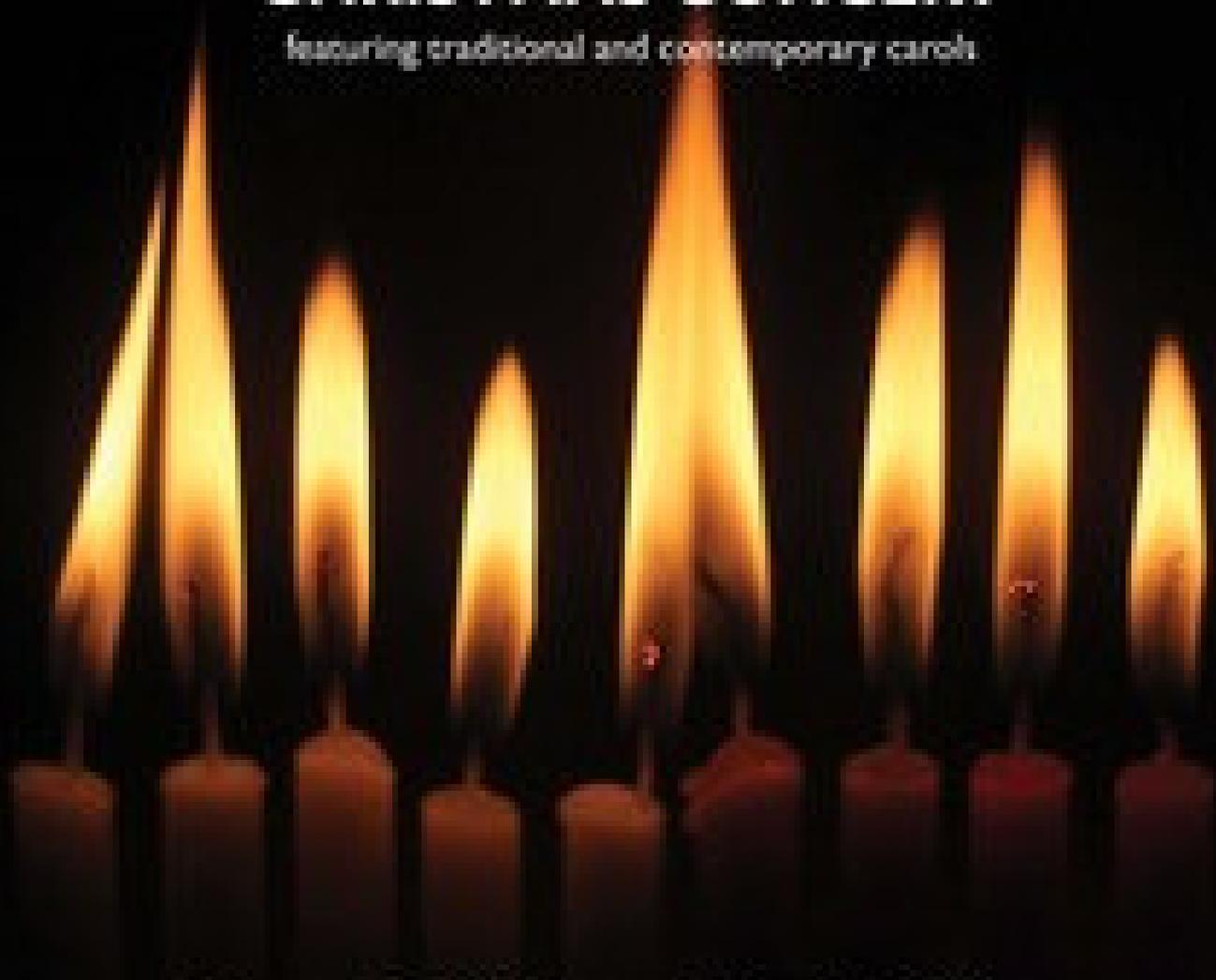
There is no talk in January

**Non-members are welcome for £5
Please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086
or email westsussex@theartssociety.org**



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring traditional and contemporary carols



Saturday 11th December 2021 | 6pm
St Mary's Church, Petworth GU28 0AE

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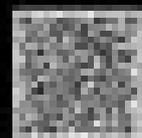
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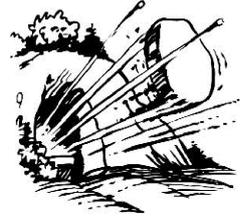


CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

5th	ADVENT 2 <i>Baruch 5.1-9, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6</i> Holy Eucharist Christingle (Egdean) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am
12th	ADVENT 3 <i>Zephaniah 3.14-20, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am
19th	ADVENT 4 <i>Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-55</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist CAROL SERVICE (Egdean)	8.00 am 10.30 am 4.00 pm
Tuesday 21st	CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE	7.30 pm
Friday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Crib Service Midnight Mass	4.00 pm 11.30 pm
Saturday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Family Mass (Egdean) Christmas Family Mass	9.00 am 10.30 am
26th	THE HOLY FAMILY <i>1 Samuel 2.18-20,26, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52</i> No service at Egdean Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	Holy Eucharist	9.00 am
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	9.00 am
Thursday	Holy Eucharist	9.00 am
Friday	Holy Eucharist	9.00 am



FOLLOW THE SERVICES

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For Egdean here are the following links 9.00 am

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

It seems unbelievable that I am wishing you all happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year for 2022. Where has this year gone?

Council wise most of our meetings are now face to face and only smaller meetings like Task and Finish Groups still being on Zoom or Microsoft teams. I can't tell you how nice it is to get to know your fellow Councillors, some of whom were elected in May.

South Downs National Park and Chichester District now all have most meetings face to face.

In our area the biggest problem has been the collapse of the road beyond Seaford College. Heavy rains and excessive water pressure caused the collapse. Once this happened of course things were not straight forward with other Services using the culvert. The problem is now diagnosed and work has begun. They are working 7 days a week to try and get the road passable again. Gambions are in and divers were used to diagnose the issues. It is hoped that by early to mid-December there will be single file traffic controlled by lights until the road is ready for opening properly, which it is hoped will be well before Christmas.

I can still report progress with Children's Services. The two newly refurbished Children's homes in the Worthing area are ready to go. The Leader Paul Marshall officially opened the first one on the 10th November. The two in Crawley will start their refurbishment in the very near future. We have had one OFSTED visit, they were pleased with progress, so we will probably have another couple of OFSTED visits before the big one that will hopefully take us out of special measures.

As ever potholes keep me busy reporting them, but be assured I do report and ask for prompt attention. However, there are 70 of us Councillors at County all trying to get our issues up the list for attention.

Over the half term and other holidays in 2021 we have given those on Free Meals in Schools vouchers for food which has been appreciated.

We work with the Districts and Boroughs in West Sussex to co-ordinate help for refugees. The Districts and Boroughs provide the housing, but County provide Education and Social Services so we all work together as a team.

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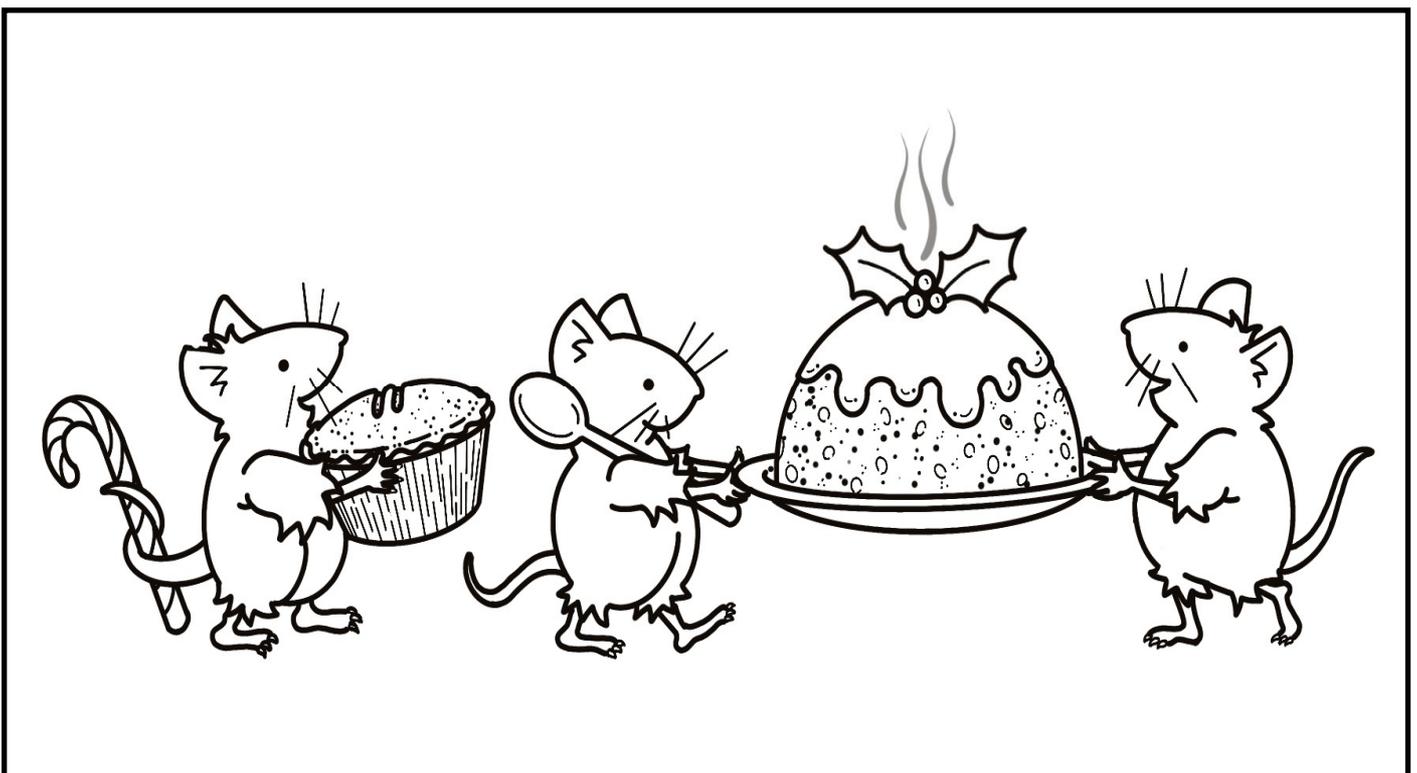
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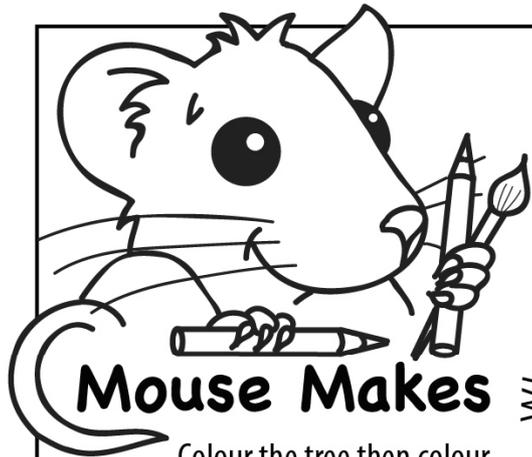
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1. **Snooker:** How many points do all the colours add up to?
2. **Darts:** What colours are the trebles and doubles on a dartboard?
3. **Cricket:** Which country won the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup?
4. **Football:** Which two nations hosted Euro 2000?
5. **Tennis:** Which former French female Wimbledon champion had a two-handed forehand?
6. **Table Tennis:** What happens if the ball hits the net, whilst going over to the other side of the table on a serve?
7. **WWE Wrestling:** Which WWE superstar was indefinitely suspended at the Crown Jewel pay-per-view?
8. **Golf:** A bogey is how many shots above par?
9. **Rugby Union:** Who was the captain of the 2003 World Cup winning team?
10. **Formula One:** Which nationality is F1 driver Valtteri Bottas?

Mark Thomas

Answers at the back of the magazine

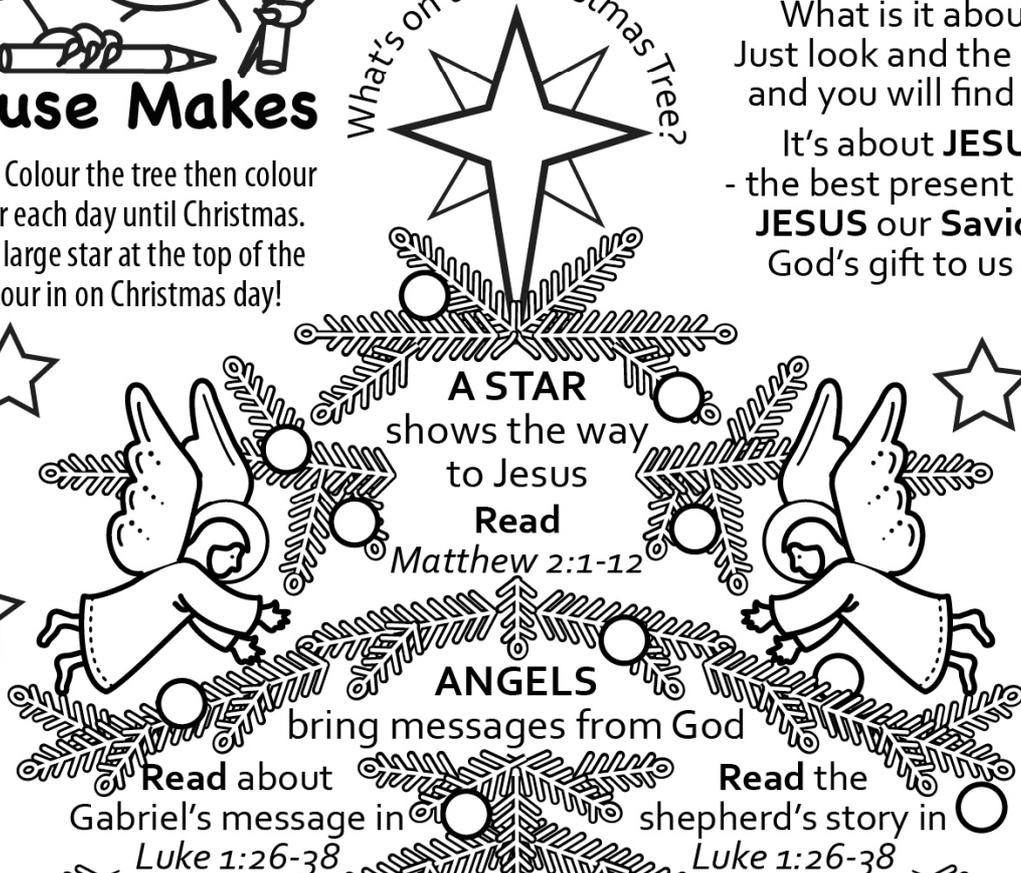




Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

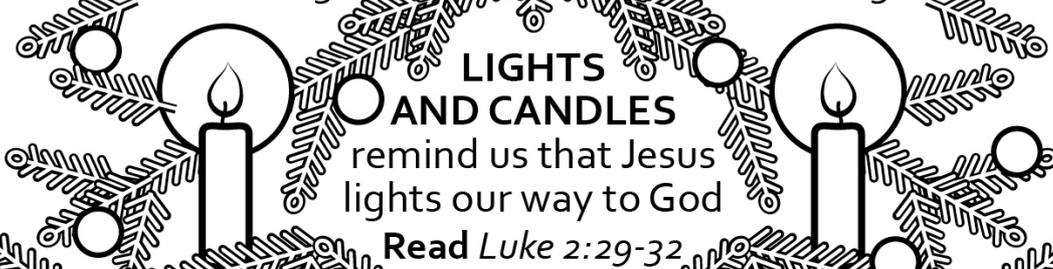
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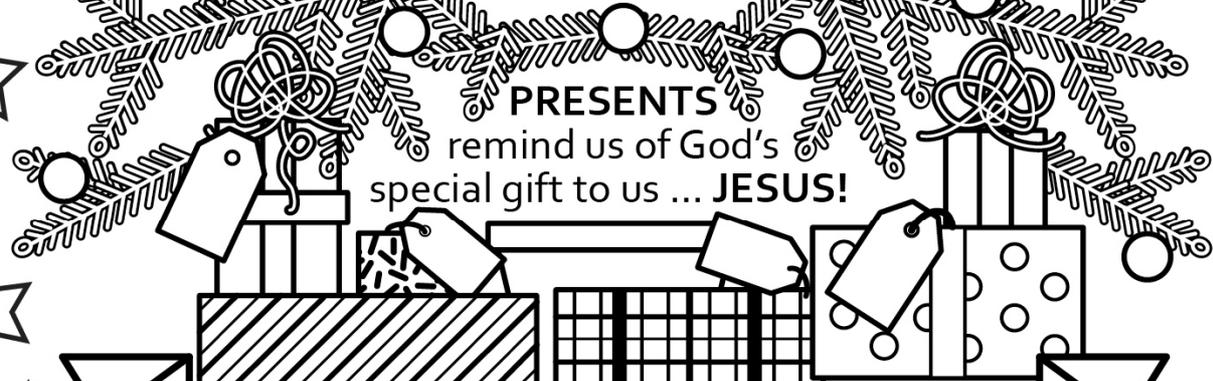


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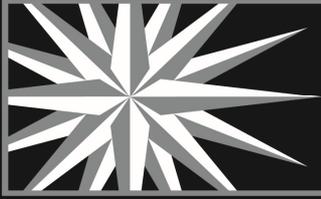
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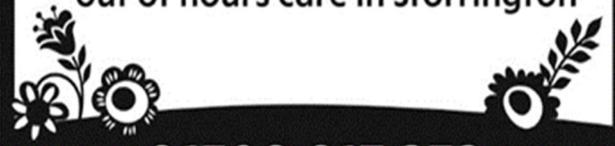
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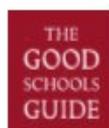


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More recently, he and Sonia had set up home in Fittleworth.

Richard passed away at St Richard's Hospital on 15th October at the age of 77 years.

A funeral service was held at St Mary's on 9th November and was followed by Cremation.

BRIAN THOMAS BLACKMAN, known affectionally as Nobby, had worked on the farm all of his working life. He appeared on the Songs of Praise programme when it was broadcast from St Mary's in 1984 and described his working life and his apparent love of both nature and the countryside.

He and Georgina were married at St Mary's in March 1957 and went on to have two daughters, Karen and Julie.

He passed away on 17th October at the age of 92 years.

His final journey to St Bartholomew's for the funeral service on 17th November was appropriately by tractor and trailer. Following the service Brian was buried alongside Georgina in the churchyard.

DENNIS PHILLIPS, who passed away on 31st October, had been a long-term resident at Hampers Green where he and his late wife Jean were well known. Den had worked for Southern Electricity as a linesman, maintaining and repairing overhead power lines over a wide area of West Sussex.

Sadly, Jean died only some 20 months ago.

The committal service took place at Chichester crematorium on 25th November.

We heard the sad news that JEAN WHITCOMB had passed away on 19th November. A full appreciation of her life will appear in next month's Parish Magazine.

Answers to the Sports Quiz

1. 27
2. Red and Green
3. India
4. Netherlands and Belgium
5. Marion Bartoli
6. Let/Replay Point
7. Brock Lesnar
8. One shot above par
9. Martin Johnson
10. Finnish

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