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Children's Society Boxes

Our boxes have been emptied and a total of £76.75 has been forwarded to the Children's Society and, together with the Christingle collection, we raised £134.20 for the Society. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for Christmas, it looked especially pretty this year, very much appreciated.

Christine Dallyn

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear All

Living Lent in lockdown

February 2020

Lent symbolises the 40 days where Christ was led into the wilderness and was subjected to temptations. This year, Lent runs from Ash Wednesday, 17th February until Saturday 3rd April. This makes 45 days, but Sundays aren't counted in Lent (which is why some people who 'give things up' for Lent, don't do so on Sundays!)

In 2021, Lent will begin while we are still in lockdown and many may feel that they have been deprived of more than enough in the last 12 months! How can we use Lent this year to sustain ourselves spiritually in a time of lockdown? How might it inspire us to share our faith more widely with those suffering from loneliness and fear in isolation? Matthew's Gospel makes it clear that 'for forty days and forty nights Jesus fasted and became very hungry'. Traditionally, Christians have also fasted during Lent and there are many different ways of doing so, and some take on other spiritual disciplines.

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love.

So let's use lock down Lent as an opportunity.

Fr Mark

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again, educating our children is very different to what anyone wants it to be. Schools across the country are doing everything they can to support you educating your children at home, whilst still educating children in school. For our children we have introduced:

Every class (year one to year six) will have a 'live' session every day with either their class teacher, Mr Neary or Mrs McGrath (see timetable on school website)

Reception Class have a 'live lesson' twice a week and everyday contact with online work

Produced packs for SEND children, so they access their learning at home

'Live' dance sessions with classes

Online work available on the class blogs

Loaned out 26 devices

Video dance challenges for our children

We changed our computing curriculum for the autumn term, just in case another lockdown was introduced, and all of our children from year two to year six were capable of accessing and using many of the programmes in Office 365. The teachers received some training in using Teams, however they have been learning alongside the children during online lessons.

We are very thankful for the donations of many different devices from the community, which are used by the children to access their work. The community of Petworth are really working together to help each other and I have received many emails thanking us for the support we are offering the town.

Looking forward, we are trying to further develop our school grounds after discussions with our children. They are very eager to add to our outdoor area, which already has a polytunnel, allotment area, an orchard, goats and chickens. We are introducing our children to beekeeping this term with our new hive. Also, we want to install a potting shed and introduce more animals. If you are in a position to sponsor an aspect of our new 'farm' please get in touch, as we have seen the benefits our incredible outdoor area and animals, have on our children.

LOOKING BACK AT THE PAST - 1979/80

Songs of Praise

It is difficult to imagine St Mary's making headline news on a national daily newspaper. But that is what happened in 1979 when the Sun boldly declared across its front page

TV ROW OVER BEER IN CHURCH

The story arose after a parishioner had complained over the conduct of the BBC crew who were preparing for the recording of the programme. However, the general feeling was that the matter had been blown up out of all proportion.

The event itself involved a huge amount of administration from preparing a list of people to be selected to be interviewed for the programme, inviting representatives from churches in the Deanery, the free churches and the Sacred Heart, discussions with the various schools taking part and the distribution of tickets for admission to the recordings.

The first of the rehearsals was held on 4th December 1979, a further one on the following evening before the actual recording took place. The programme itself was transmitted on 2nd March 1980.

Some choir members from the Deanery, including Tillington and Lurgashall churches, joined with St Mary's choir. In addition, children from the Primary and Herbert Shiner schools took part, as well as pupils from Seaford College and St Michael's, Burton Park.

Those who were interviewed on the programme included:-

Philip Dutton from Fittleworth, who had been awarded a Knighthood by the Pope.

Brian Blackman from Byworth who spoke of his lifetime of working on the farm.

Karen Chapmen recalled the time that she sang along with Roger Whitaker, but gave up her work to return to Petworth and be part of the Christian Fellowship.

Alex and Kathy Woodcock, as the leaders of the Youth Club, described their work with the young people.

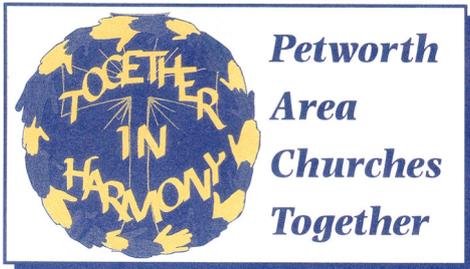
Bryan Hill from Hampers Green spoke of his work as a builder, which had included building the new Petworth Rectory, and also the sad loss of his son, Andrew, following a road accident.

The Rector, John Greene, described how country life was changing with the loss of amenities in the surrounding villages which form part of his Rural Deanery.

The interviews were carried out by Martin Muncaster, who recalled his childhood days in the town, the organist was Dr Richard Anderson and the Conductor, Robert Walker.

In addition, a group of young musicians from Seaford College provided musical accompaniment for some of the hymns.

John Townsend



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PACT NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

Palm Sunday 28th March – watch this space for how we will commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We've previously had a procession into the town with the band, donkeys, singers, etc, but that's unlikely this year. All the same, please join with us in reading about it in Luke's gospel as you come into Holy Week.

³⁷ *As soon as he got to the bottom of the Mount of Olives, the crowds of his followers shouted with a loud outburst of ecstatic joy over all the mighty wonders of power they had witnessed.* ³⁸ *They shouted over and over, 'Highest praises to God for the one who comes as King in the name of the Lord! Heaven's peace and glory from the highest realm now comes to us!'* Luke 19:37-38.

Petworth Food Bank collection points – there is always a collection box in the Petworth Co-op and the village stores in Fittleworth and Graffham for larger goods like long life milk/juice, tinned foods, cereals, pasta/mixes and other dry foods. They also always need personal hygiene items like feminine sanitary products, shaving gel, soap, etc. Geoff and Gill Pye have done great work with the team to collect/pack/deliver donations around the Petworth area - in 2021 they hope to pack more 'bespoke' food boxes in addition to the vegetarian and Halal boxes currently available. Thank you for all your donations! <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Website for PACT has a link to all of our churches where you can find details of how to get in touch with the clergy and access their online meetings. <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>

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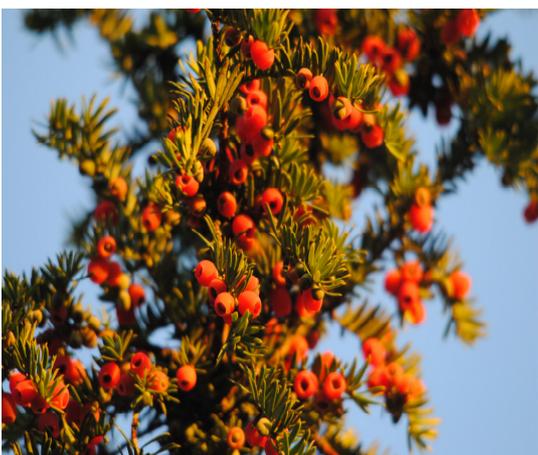
by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' famed donkey ride into Jerusalem. Recreating that palm-branch-strewn journey in Britain has been botanically challenging, since palm trees don't grow in our climate. Instead, churches gathered sprigs of native yew to provide the ceremonial décor and in some areas, the Sunday before Easter became known as Yew Sunday. And that's why every churchyard has a yew.



Well, actually the yew's churchyard connection is because yews are evergreen and can miraculously regrow from a dead stump. The trees were planted as a symbol of everlasting life and a reminder of the Easter resurrection. But, hold up; how come over 500 churchyard yews in England and Wales are older than their churches? It must mean that the yews themselves were pagan places of worship and the churches were built around them. Or they were planted on the graves of plague victims to purify the dead. Or it could be something to do with long bows. Or keeping the waiting congregation sheltered and dry each Sunday.

No-one seems sure where this association started but, whatever the reason, yews look right at home in churchyards. Dark, dense and unmoving they solemnly preside over the sad ceremonies held underneath their boughs and have seen generations come and go (but mostly go). Yews themselves deliver death and every part of them is highly poisonous; their leaves, their bark, their seeds. Only the fleshy red arils around the toxic seeds are harmless, encouraging birds to feed on them and disperse the poisonous cargo within. Yet death itself does not seem to inconvenience the yew.



Two rival British yews are advertised as the oldest living thing in Europe, at an alleged 5000 years old. Not many yews in Sussex can rival these great evergreen granddaddies. Most of our whippersnappers are probably just a couple of hundred years old. The problem is it's hard to accurately age a yew. As they get older, their blood red heart-wood rots, leaving them hollow inside and without traditional growth rings. Its heart may no longer be in it but that won't stop the yew from growing.

One of the oldest yews in Sussex can be found in Stedham churchyard near Midhurst. It's estimated to be a mind-boggling 2,500 years old. Over in Wilmington, at the foot of the Long Man, a monstrous yew dominates the churchyard. At a reputed age of 1600 the tree is 600 years older than the church. Supported by wooden props and straining against rusting chains, it's as if a travelling circus is exhibiting an aging dinosaur. It's worth a visit to both these old timers. For me, standing in the shadow of a plant that is 40 times older than you is humbling and a reminder that for us mere humans, life is brief.



SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Snooker:** Who won the 2015 World Championship?
- 2. Darts:** How far in distance is the oche from the board?
- 3. Cricket:** Which West Indian batsman's nickname is 'Universal Boss'?
- 4. Football:** Which ex-Newcastle and Blackburn player holds the record for 260 Premier League goals?
- 5. Tennis:** Andy Murray won Wimbledon in which years?
- 6. Table Tennis:** What is the name given to a serve which hits the top of the net first before landing in?
- 7. WWE Wrestling:** Who won the 2002 Royal Rumble Match?
- 8. Rugby Union:** Is on the touchline in or out of play?
- 9. Golf:** Nick Faldo is which nationality?
- 10. Formula One:** Name a Brazilian F1 driver of the past?

Mark Thomas

Answers at the back of the magazine

**COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH MAGAZINE
IS
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

A WALK

Do you remember when we would walk up Lover's Lane?
We'd go from there to the Dog's Grave and back again;
Some days, to look down from the top of the hills
Was all we wanted, better than the doctor's pills.
To see the hayfields, the hunt-horses and cows or
Going on a jaunt to the woods where bluebells grew
Wasn't much, but how good it felt to breathe the air,
How good it was to stretch our legs without a care.
Remember the path where friends would sit on wooden seats
And talk about life, the future and the latest popular beat.

Thank you for going on this walk with me,
Time now for a slice of cake and a nice cup of tea!

Teresa Charman – Feb 2021



The Arts Society West Sussex

**As Covid-19 restrictions remain in place
we are holding our talks on Zoom**

**On Tuesday 2nd February at 2.00 pm
Nicholas Reed will give us a talk on
Pissarro and his Artistic Family in London**

**On Tuesday 2nd March at 2.00 pm
Giles Ramsay will give a talk on
Oscar Wilde: Up Close**

**A link will be sent to all members prior to the talks
Interested non-members are welcome, for a fee of £5
Please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086
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THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

CURRENTLY - VIA ZOOM

**Wednesday 3rd February at 10.30 am
Downton to Gatsby
Andrew Prince**

**Wednesday 3rd March at 10.30am
The Borgias
Sarah Dunant**

**These online talks are for Members, but if you are interested in a trial
lecture please contact Hilary on 01403 785302**

**We look forward to returning to Fittleworth Hall as soon as it is safe to do
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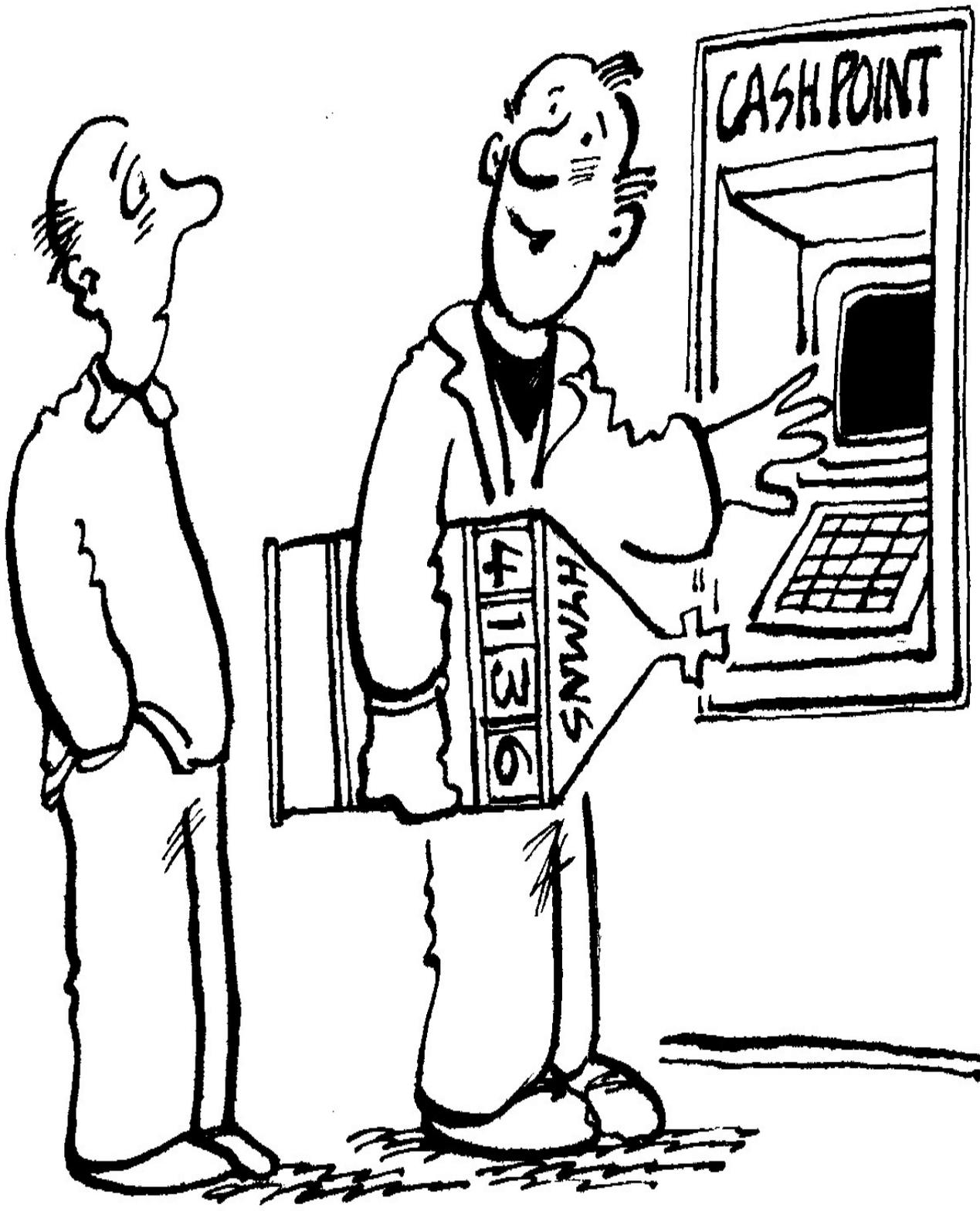


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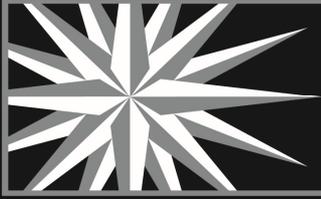
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7th	SEXAGESIMA – 2nd Sunday before Lent <i>Proverbs 8.1,22-31, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14</i> FAMILY SERVICE (Egdean) 9.15 am JUBILATE Eucharist 10.30 am
14th	QUINQUAGESIMA - The Sunday next before Lent <i>Deuteronomy 5.12-15b, 2 Corinthians 4.5-12, Mark 2.23-3.6</i> Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
17th	ASH WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS 10.30 am
21st	LENT 1 <i>Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15</i> Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
28th	LENT 2 <i>Genesis 17.1-7,15,16, Romans 4.13-25, Mark 9.2-9</i> Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am 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



ZOOM AFTER CHURCH WILL BE 11.45 AM

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Please be in touch with Fr Mark or the Churchwardens at any time. We will always be glad to hear from you with any requests for prayer, updates on parishioners and their loved ones, and if we can assist in any practical way.

If you know that someone is alone or vulnerable at the moment, please try (as far as is possible and appropriate) to check regularly how they are and if they need any assistance.

We thank - and pray for - all those who are working tirelessly in these difficult times; workers in the NHS, care homes, police and the good neighbours who are looking out for the more vulnerable members of our society. Thank you - and keep yourselves safe.



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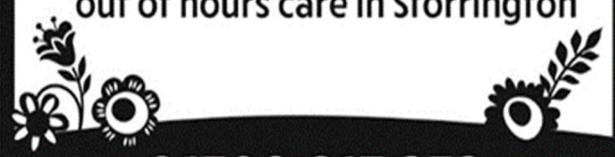
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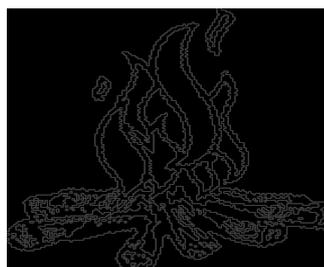
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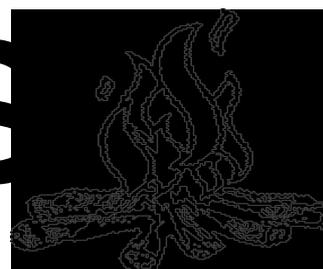
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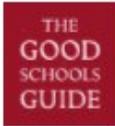
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A LIFE REMEMBERED

St Mary's has lost one of its most devoted and much loved members of its worshipping community with the passing of **GILLIAN MARGARET TICEHURST**.

Gill and David came to Petworth following David's retirement as the Vicar of Bury with Houghton in 1989.

He had been at Bury since 1976 and had also held a position at St Michael's, Burton Park.

It was whilst on holiday in the West Country in September 1998 that David was taken ill and sadly died in hospital in Bath.

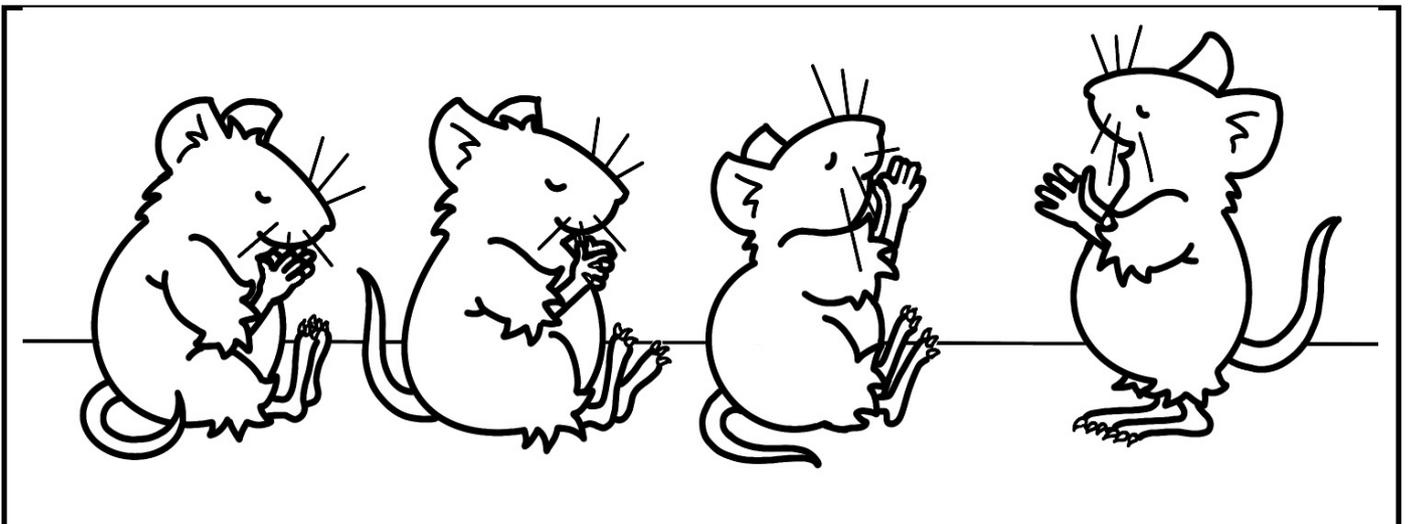
Gill was to find comfort and support here over this period and became increasingly involved in St Mary's. She served as a member of the PCC for a number of years, took on the role of Sacristan, became a Server and a Lay Minister of Communion. Together with Jean Huggett she organised the popular monthly Coffee Mornings.

One of her pleasures was her daily dog walking in the Park from which she became a familiar figure.

Gill passed away at Pendean Nursing Home at Midhurst on 20th December at the age of 83 years.

Her funeral service was held at St Mary's on 8th January and was followed by Cremation at Chichester. Earlier in the day Fr Mark had celebrated a Requiem Mass.

We extend our sympathy to both to William and Tim on the loss of their mother, and also to Tina.



Answers to the Sports Quiz

1. Stuart Bingham
2. 7 feet 9 inches and a quarter
3. Chris Gayle
4. Alan Shearer
5. 2013 and 2016
6. Let
7. Triple H
8. Out
9. English
10. Felipe Massa.

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Matthew