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By Jean Constable, snowdrops in Tillington Cemetery many years ago.



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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear All

This month marks the beginning of Lent when we shall have received our cross of ash. Whenever we come into church during Lent, we can't fail to notice the outward signs of this special season: the colour of the altars and vestments is purple, and flowers and other decorations have disappeared. And we notice changes in our worship too: parts of the service such as the 'Gloria in excelsis' at the Eucharist, and the joyful acclamation 'Alleluia!' are omitted and, on the other hand, the penitential elements of the service may be given more prominence. The reason for these changes is not to make us feel miserable. It's more to do with stripping things down to the essentials so that we can begin to see the wood instead of the trees - spiritually speaking.

But all these outward signs of Lent in church and in worship are of little use unless we take Lent seriously in our own lives - it has to come alive for us. So it might help us to make more sense of Lent if we consider, for a moment, the origins of this special season.

During some of the early Christian centuries, most baptisms were performed at Easter, and the candidates (mostly adult) were put through an intense time of preparation in the weeks leading up to their baptism and First Communion at the great Festival. Easter was also a time when people who had committed grave sins and had been ex-communicated (i.e. barred from receiving communion) were received back into the full fellowship of the Church having first made a public act of contrition. In the weeks leading up to Easter, these penitents had to undergo 'retraining' in the Christian life as they prepared to make this act of contrition and looked forward to being able to receive Communion once again.

It was soon recognised that all church members might benefit by sharing in such a time of preparation in the weeks leading up to Easter, the purpose being to prepare, by prayer and fasting, for the celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord - a time for renewal and growth in Christian discipleship. And so, Lent as we know it, came into being.

In the modern world, most employers send their staff on courses to update their skills and develop their abilities from time to time. Lent can be understood as a time for a similar retraining, renewal and growth in our Christian discipleship with a worthy celebration of Easter as the immediate goal for our endeavours.

This time of 'retraining' and penitence became particularly associated with Our Lord's time of fasting in the desert following His baptism. There, the Gospels tell us, He was tempted to take superficially easier and more attractive ways than the one He knew to be his Father's will for him - the way of suffering and death.

And so Lent is to be a time in the 'desert' with Christ, a time for facing our own demons and coming to terms with our own need for God's grace as we seek to progress in our spiritual lives. We should use this time well by doing one or more of the following:

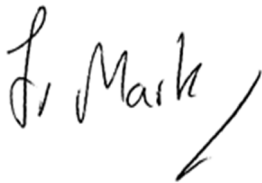
- Fasting - perhaps eating less or giving up a treat we normally enjoy. By doing this we show that, through God's grace, we can have some mastery over the demands of the flesh, a counter to the society in which we live, which always asks that we consume more and more.
- Prayer and worship - if possible we give more time to prayer, bible reading, or attending an extra service, join the Lent group or we may read a Lent book.
- Giving - we may make a special effort to support a charity or missionary society, and maybe give more of ourselves by finding a ways to help others.

In these or other ways, we offer our Lent to God that he may bless us and prepare us to worthily celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

Ash Wednesday - the start of our forty-day Lenten journey - is observed on 22nd February.

Let us keep this major Feast and, doing so, we have continual encouragement to reveal the Light of Jesus Christ in all that we do.

With love,



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

By popular demand a Quiz evening will be held at the Hampers Green Centre on Friday 17th March. Further details nearer the time. Please put this in your diary.

**COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH MAGAZINE
IS
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

‘TRIBUTE TO KEITH SAUNDERS’- FROM HELENA

The mind is a powerful thing, and a strong mind is something very special indeed. Over the last few difficult months I have learnt my Dad had a stronger mind than any of us knew. He faced a heart-breaking diagnosis with such incredible mental strength and dignity. Naturally he of course went into ‘practical Dad mode’ to make sure everything was organised and planned to his usual high standards. So when I discussed this ‘tribute’ with him, he really only had one wish - for it to be straight forward and not very long as he didn’t want everyone to get bored! So very typical of Dad to be always thinking of others as he did throughout his happy life.

Dad was born on 13th May 1948 to Violet and Hugh Saunders and lived in and around Petworth all his life.

His connection to St Mary’s began at 2yrs of age, attending Sunday School and then joining the Choir from 7 until the age of 14. After his singing career ended (apart from a brief stint treading the boards with Graffham Rustics), he became a Server for 27 years, to be later followed by 6 years in the role of Church Warden. Both my brother Matthew and I were Christened and Confirmed at St Mary’s and Dad and I would also attend Midnight Mass together every year, something that became a tradition which I hold very close to my heart. St Mary’s was a constant throughout Dad’s life and it is therefore very fitting for his next journey to commence here with his loving family and friends.

Dad trained in Estate Management attaining membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1972 and spent most of his working life at West Sussex County Council, beginning his career as a Trainee Estate Manager and finishing his career as Head of Property when he retired in 2009. He would always say to his family that he spent his whole career doubting his abilities, whereas we all know that is of course misplaced and simply a reflection of his own modesty – a Saunders trait! His family, friends and former work colleagues can attest to this and would say what we all know - Dad was incredibly smart, thoughtful, measured in his advice and conscientious.

It was at Council where he met his beautifully cheeky Chrissy. Love blossomed and I think you will all agree that there is no better word to describe them than ‘soulmates’ in both heart and mind - the perfect pair! They married on 28th May 1983 with my brother born in 1986 followed by me in 1988. In total they spent 40 wonderful happy years together and even if they were blessed with another 40 years it would still not be enough!

My brother and I are so very fortunate to have parents who truly loved one another and worked every day as a team to give us the best opportunities and showed us how important it is in life to be kind, polite and to always try your best.

Dad was an avid walker, spending much of his time walking both locally and in the Lake District where he enjoyed many family holidays climbing the fells with a Wainwright book, map and camera equipment in hand, not forgetting of course a sturdy pair of walking boots and the essential waterproof! During his life Dad climbed an impressive number of mountains most of those with Mum, Matt and me, even when we were very small and carried in a papoose - hard work indeed but there was always a flask of tea and some of Mum's wonderful cake to be enjoyed along the way.

Although the Lake District was and forever will be a special place to Dad and our family, he also enjoyed walking the rugged Cornish coastline and exploring the Tors of Dartmoor, even if 99% of the time we had to contend with what became known as 'typical Saunders weather' - rain, rain and more rain! Dad would always say 'it's character building' and 'these are memories we will look back on with fondness'. I confess at the time to being extremely grumpy about each rainy walk but of course he was right, and these are memories Mum, Matt and I will indeed remember with so much love and laughter. My grumpiness being a highlight, I'm sure!

It was a long-term dream of both Mum and Dad to visit the Outer Hebrides to explore the truly isolated and beautiful scenery plus with the hope of seeing eagles and otters. Thankfully this dream was realised in June of last year when they enjoyed a wonderful holiday together, island hopping to Skye, North Uist, Berneray, South and North Harris and Lewis before travelling back to Ullapool on the Scottish mainland. They were even lucky enough to indeed spot an eagle and an otter!

Since Dad retired, he and Mum would always be out walking, visiting gardens (not forgetting the tea rooms) and very much enjoying spending time outside together no matter the weather.

During his life Dad also enjoyed playing Badminton as a family and helped run Petworth Badminton Club for many years. Although Dad had hung up his badminton racket in his later life, he always enjoyed chauffeuring Mum to the Grange on a Tuesday morning to play badminton with the 'Bad Ladies' as they like to be called. The treat of coffee and cake afterwards was of course also fully enjoyed, and I know the 'Bad Ladies' (who are actually all very good ladies) will miss his company and good sense of humour!

Some of you may not know this but Dad also had a lifelong interest in Astronomy which began after reading Patrick Moore's 'Boys book of space' in his very young days. In recent years this included the purchase of an Astronomical Telescope with computer guidance. Unfortunately, this latter aspect made him reliant on my brother to set it all up!

During the complicated set-up, Mum would (quite wisely) stay in the warm indoors with a mug of tea waiting to be called outside when an object had been located. The night sky, stars and planets were of great interest and fascination for Dad, a fascination he also passed to my brother.

Many of you will remember Dad as always smiling, especially when considering walking routes, looking at maps, setting up camera equipment or simply just enjoying a nice cup of tea with his family (or, on occasion, a nice glass of wine). Dad will always be remembered as an incredibly kind, thoughtful, and generous person who always endeavoured to 'do the right thing', a characteristic he instilled in Matt and me. Despite having small feet, he is leaving some very large shoes to fill, and we will miss him every day.

The condolences our family have received over the last few weeks have described Dad as a 'true gentleman' and I can't think of a more accurate description. The absence of his guidance, strength and overall good company will be felt greatly; but our family will all draw strength from the memories of him and continue on into the future as he would want.

In my brother's words 'although we all eventually arrive at our destination; it is the journey itself which really matters, and we are honoured to have been part of your journey through life, Dad'. Thanks Matt, for so perfectly capturing how we all feel.

There are endless words I could use for the sadness and grief we feel for our enormous loss but for me it can only be described as a bleak darkness.....But only very recently I was reminded that darkness is simply the absence of light. Light conquers dark and even in the darkest of skies the stars are still shining brightly. I believe Dad is one of those stars, always shining, always smiling and always in our hearts.

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on Tuesday 14th February at 12 noon in the URC Hall. The menu will be Cottage Pie and Vegetables followed by Treacle Pudding and Custard, tea or coffee.

Although the price of ingredients has risen we hope to keep the cost of the meal at £7.50 for the foreseeable future.

Looking forward to seeing you - don't forget to book!

Booking essential through Caroline on 342942.

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We would appreciate new ideas for fundraising/community events for the parish. Anyone who would like to hold/help run a fundraising event in aid of Egdean Church, please contact Jenny, Christine or Lucy.

Parish Magazine Annual Subscriptions for Egdean 2023:

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

Children's Society Collection Boxes

The total of Children's Society boxes for Egdean last year came to £138.46. Together with our Christingle Service collection of £76 the total sent to the Children's Society amounted to £214.36. Thank you to all those holding boxes at home for loose change for such a worthwhile cause. Anyone who would like to have a Children's Society box please let me know.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

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 your copy. For those of you who receive your magazine by post sadly, due to the increase in postal rates, we have had to increase the cost to £15. Can you please send your cheque to me, made payable to 'Petworth PCC St Mary the Virgin Church'.

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Carole Field

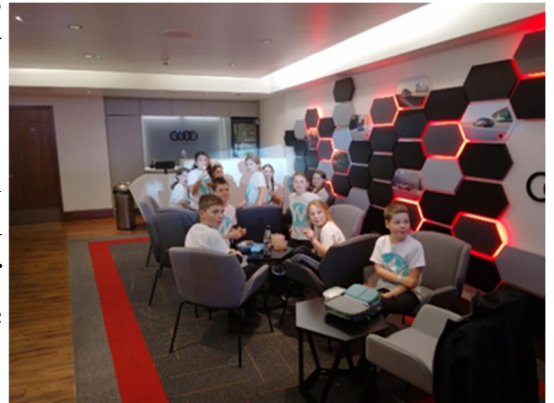


PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

13 children, two teachers, one incredible experience...Young Voices 2023! On Monday 23rd January, we, Petworth CofE Primary School, visited the 02 Arena in London to sing along with a choir from all over the country with Heather Small leading the singing. This was definitely something all our children could be proud to be involved in.

The excitement started as soon as we arrived at Pulborough train station. There were some nerves, some worries, some very excited children and Miss P-H. Our journey was pretty uneventful until we embarked on the train on the London Underground. For many of the children it was their first time and they were shocked how noisy it was.

After five stops, we reached North Greenwich and the 02 Arena. After a quick look around and after eating our lunch, we found our way to our seats. To our amazement we were in a suite, the Audi suite.



Our children were very excited about the prospect of singing and waited pretty impatiently for the rehearsal to start. While they were *searching for a hero*, the children finally started going through the repertoire of songs. There was a great atmosphere for the rehearsal, which really got the children going.

After over two hours of rehearsing the children were up and down, singing, dancing and then Heather Small was introduced to the crowd and children went wild. What a voice!

Once the rehearsal was completed, the children could relax in our suite, have a snack and get prepared for the concert.

As 7.00 pm drew closer, the arena started to fill up and the children were trying to spot their relatives. Finally, the arena was full and the children were *moving on up* the aisles, ready to perform. The show was fantastic and it was the first time the children had sung with the light displays, an audience and the intensity of a performance. Our children really enjoyed the experience and were still buzzing when we arrived back at Pulborough train station at 11.40 pm.



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Here we are, well into 2023 and the weather has not been kind to say the least. Floods everywhere, potholes appearing all over the place, mainly due to the bad weather which we have experienced with hard frost followed by endless rain. We have achieved the correction of 29,000 potholes over the last 9 months which is pretty good, but I wouldn't be surprised if we don't have to deal with at least this number again over the next 9 months.

We're working on the budget, are nearly there, and by the time you read this in February we should be finished with 23/24 budgets. Then, of course, it's straight into working on how we deal with 24/25 and, with what we know at the moment, it won't get any easier but here's hoping.

On a more cheery note, at County, despite one or two hiccups that were quickly sorted our Childrens' Services are still aiming for a good OFSTED inspection fairly early into 2023. We have come a very long way in the last 3 years and now it's time to see what OFSTED will say when they visit. It's fair to say that the Government department did think we had done well enough not put our Childrens' Services into a Trust.

I am well aware that flooding is a problem but what I think in this day and age is an equally large problem, that is in these conditions raw sewage actually coming up into gardens, etc. To me this is unacceptable.

There are new schemes for Parishes to apply for TRO's (traffic regulation orders). Of course, not all requests are granted, there are so many criteria, but the new rules do make it easier for Parish Councils, with the support of the County Councillor, to apply for reduced speed limits on small country roads with cyclists, riders and walkers using them, Details are on the website.

As ever if you need to contact me it's janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or my mobile 07979152898

Janet Dunton, County Councillor for the Petworth Division

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

The members of the Over 60s were saddened to hear of the death of Flora Par-rack over the Christmas period. She was a long time and staunch supporter of the Over 60s and great help at our Coffee mornings, running the tombola amongst many other helpful duties. Our condolences go to her daughter Suzanne, son Terry and all the family.

There will be bingo sessions on Wednesday 1st and 15th at 2.00 pm, and the minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre. We will also play Beetle on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.00 pm. If you don't know this game why not come along and have a go - it is great fun and there are prizes to be won!

We are still only open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as we don't have enough help on the rota - please let us know if you can offer some time - once a month would be a great help.

The date to plant our memorial tree on 11th January had to be postponed and the new date is 8th February at 2.00 pm. Details will be posted in the Centre.

Those of you who remember Joy Gumbrell may be interested in a talk by Miles Costello for the History Group on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.00 pm at Coultershaw, entitled 'Joy Gumbrell - Recollections of a Byworth Girl'. Transport could be arranged if there is enough interest.

Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

NATURE BEING HUMAN

Mind not what other people say or think,
Or you could find yourself teeter on the brink
Of doubt, not doing any 'thing' at all;
Just wondering, while sitting on a wall.

As my dear typing mistress used to say:
'Throw your bonnet in the air, seize the day'.
Whether or not you agree what this means,
Believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

We live through different stages of life -
Growing, learning, success, coping and strife;
As part of Nature we are here on earth
And in God's plan of life, death and re-birth.

Teresa Charman © 2023



“He moved here after the PCC voted to lower the church heating bill. He says it is warmer out here.”

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

The MRC Music department has finished a busy Autumn Term. It is wonderful to see trips and events back to normal again! The start of the term saw our music and performing arts students visit the famous Glyndebourne Opera House where they were treated to a performance of La Boheme, and as it was such a special occasion we decided to dress up, just because...! The students had a wonderful time, most of whom had never been to an opera before.

2022 also saw the first RV Rotary concert since 2019, this is always a fantastic event with over 100 RV children performing. Our Orchestra, Jazz band and choir thoroughly enjoyed the first concert of the term and were particularly impressed by South Harting's brass group!

Our annual Winter Concert took place at the end of November, showcasing all our musical ensembles. We had everything from the choir and Orchestra to the Jazz band and musical numbers as well as a number of stunning solos. We were treated to a beautiful dance choreographed by three of our GCSE Dance students, too. There were so many highlights of this concert, but it was fab to see a snippet from our upcoming show, Mary Poppins, it was also amazing listening to one of our year 7 classes who had learnt an entire song in French. Well done to all the performers, it was a full house with around 150 students performing!



MRC Orchestra



MRC Jazz Band

Before the term ended, on a particularly rainy evening, we took a trip to see the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. Wow, the venue itself is an experience, but the young performers were simply inspiring, with one of our students turning around to tell us 'That will be me on that stage one day, Miss'. Wonderful.

Heading towards Christmas we took a small group of musicians to accompany the carols at the Easebourne Tree of Hope service. This is always an honourable event to perform in alongside many of our local community. It was a beautiful service, and we hope to play there again next year.

We rounded the term off with 5 carols services at St Mary Magdalene & St Denys' church in Midhurst. The Orchestra accompanied carols as well as performing music from Polar Express, we were also treated to a very jazzy version of Jingle Bells from the MRC Jazz band.



MRC Sixth Form Voices

We have had a lovely rest over the break and ready to go again this term. We have our Spring Concert on Tuesday 21st March, tickets will be available to purchase on the door We also have entries in the Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech; wish us luck!

SPORTS QUIZ

1. **Snooker:** Who won the 2015 World Championship?
2. **Darts:** Where was the BDO World Masters held since 1974?
3. **Cricket:** Which three nations are scheduled to host the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2027?
4. **Tennis:** Who won the 2021 US Open?
5. **Football:** Which team were the only country to be unbeaten at the 2010 FIFA World Cup?
6. **Table-Tennis:** What shot other than a backhand topspin, slice, flat shot or backspin can be used on the backhand side?
7. **WWE Wrestling:** Which WWE superstar has had more Raw matches than any other competitor in history?
8. **Golf:** The 9/11 terrorist attack cancelled which major golf tournament in 2001?
9. **Rugby Union:** What position is No. 9 in rugby union?
10. **Formula One:** Mexican Red Bull driver Sergio Perez finished Where in 2022 F1 standings?

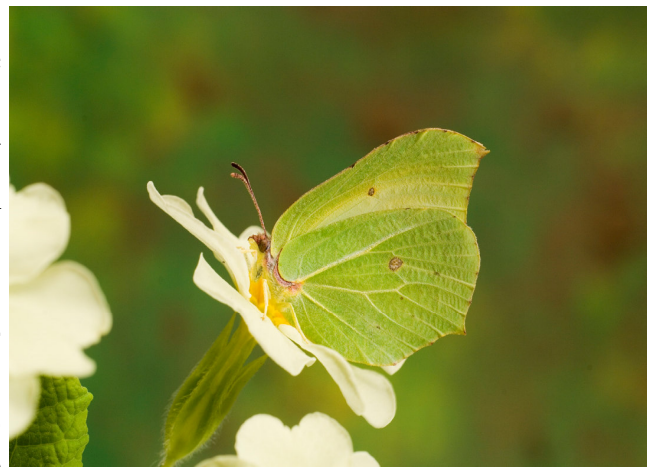
Mark Thomas

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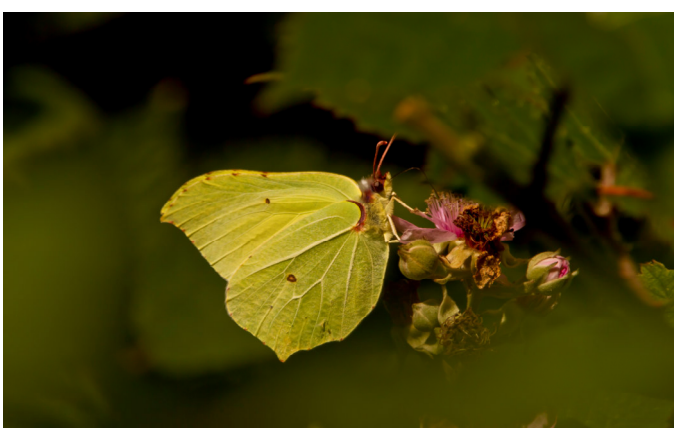
Brimstone by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

It's around about now that I start getting a bit bored of winter. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a bit of bleak beauty: bare trees, frosted landscapes and all that. But now I need something to get my heart racing. Send me a sign - some life in the graveyard of winter, a promise of those dynamic spring months ahead, a flash of colour. In February my light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming butterfly.

On sculpted, vibrant yellow wings the Brimstone makes his elegant entrance into the New Year on those bright February days when you feel the warmth of the sun on your face. Its distinctive yellow wings have given birth to a legend - that this 'butter-coloured fly' inspired the word butterfly. This claim may not entirely be true. Also untrue is the notion that these February Brimstones are the first signs of the year's new life. Because by the time Brimstones appear in February they are already on their last (six) legs.



Fresh Brimstone butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in late summer, so by February they could be seven months old - and in butterfly years that's ancient.



Admittedly almost all of that time they've been asleep in a hedge, sheltered from the storms under Holly and Ivy. Yet despite the worst winter weather they always emerge immaculate in the spring. They must be made of Teflon.

When they awake the (bright yellow) males search for a mate, they mate, the (pale yellow) females lay eggs and then both die. Still, an adult life of over ten months earns them the title of our longest-lived butterfly. An insect OAP.

The Brimstone's caterpillars feed on the leaves of Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn, unobtrusive shrubs which, like the butterfly, are widespread across Sussex.

When I first became the proud owner of a garden it was only a matter of days before I evicted the gnomes and planted an Alder Buckthorn. The following spring I was excited to watch a Brimstone laying her tiny skittle shaped eggs and I studied the caterpillars as they hungrily defoliated my tree. It's funny, people often complain to me about caterpillars eating their plants - especially cabbages (the food of Small and Large White caterpillars). Why people are concerned is beyond me. Cabbages are horrible. The only reason I would ever plant a cabbage is for the pleasure of watching something else eat it.

The first Brimstone sighting in February doesn't exactly mean that spring is starting but it's certainly a sign that winter is starting to end. And right now that's good enough for me. Either way this yellow butterfly is a welcome messenger of what's to come - the first sulphurous spark to ignite the blaze of spring.

THE PETWORTH PARK ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May

The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair is taking place at a slightly later time in May this year. This annual event was originally scheduled for its usual spot in early May, but with a far more important event taking place on 6th May (the coronation of King Charles III) and the subsequent bank holiday weekend, **The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair** is now opening on **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May**. As usual, a purpose-built marquee will be set up in the Lancelot 'Capability' Brown 400-acre deer park belonging to the National Trust's Petworth House in Petworth, West Sussex to comfortably house the 60 plus exhibitors and catering with free parking for antiques fair visitors right outside.



FOODBANK

Thank You and Update from the Foodbank

A very big thank you for all your donations in 2022 and for the donations we're already receiving in 2023.

We are seeing an increase in demand across the Chichester District and, due to the cost-of-living crisis, this is likely to worsen as the year progresses. As I write this, from the Petworth Foodbank in the previous week, we delivered a total of 72 days' worth of food, plus baby items, to people in Petworth and the surrounding villages. Unlike Foodbanks in some parts of the country, we've been fortunate so far in maintaining sufficient stocks of supplies through your generous donations and we appreciate the response to our requests for items we urgently need.

In addition to items collected from the usual donation points in our area, we've had much appreciated donations from schools and churches (particularly at Harvest Festival), Wisborough Green Fete Society and via local businesses such as Southdowns Chiropractic in Petworth. These donations have helped so many people of all ages who have had to turn to the Foodbank.

In the main school holidays, we provide food to children to help cover the loss of free term-time school lunches - our Kids Lunch Packs. We've had huge support from Seaford College with this. In addition, we have had some lovely extras given to us from Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club and SØDT bakery in Petworth.

As well as the much-needed food and toiletry donations, we've received some donations of money. Chichester District head office received a large financial donation made specifically to enable the purchase of 'warm gear' for adults and children such as thermal hats, gloves, scarves and socks ,plus hot water bottles. These items have been distributed to people who used the Foodbank across the whole of the Chichester district, including our area.

We have received several financial donations made to us at Petworth Foodbank and these are so helpful in getting hold of stock we need for our emergency food parcels.

Every single tin or packet of food goes towards making a difference to people who are struggling. The Petworth Foodbank team of volunteers are working hard to get all these donations sorted, packed and given out to people in Petworth and all the surrounding villages in this area - we couldn't do this without your continued support.

Thank you.

On behalf of Petworth Foodbank (part of the Chichester District Foodbank)

If you're considering a financial donation and would like to find out more, please e-mail: info@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk and put '**Petworth - Donation Query**' in the heading.

Urgently needed items for Chichester District Foodbank (Trussell Trust)

The donation points in Petworth are at: the Co-op, Petworth Primary School and the Sacred Heart church

We'd be very grateful for:

All types of long-life food that are in-date and unopened

Due to 'Natasha's Law' (a law brought in to protect allergy sufferers), the foodbank is unable to accept items without a full ingredients list. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Do you need help from the Foodbank?

We aim to get food parcels out to people as quickly as possible but please be aware it may take 2 - 3 days.

Full details on how to get help can be found at:

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

You'll need a voucher to get a food parcel. Vouchers can be issued by schools, GPs, housing support officers, social prescribers, social workers, health visitors, your local vicar or priest, local charities, etc.

Alternatively, please contact:

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The Arts Society West Sussex

'Travels with a Trowel'

Adventures of an Archaeologist

This richly illustrated talk will take us to a mysterious city in southern Albania, to two great rivers in Mesopotamia and to the wild mountains of northern Ethiopia.

In the year 2000, having been a Curator in the Greek and Roman Department of the British Museum for 13 years, Louise decided to escape. Given a trowel with a diamond and silver casing in the handle as a leaving present, she set off on a series of extraordinary archaeological adventures. In this richly illustrated talk she will take you with her to a mysterious and atmospheric ancient city on the coast of southern Albania, to the banks of the two great rivers of Mesopotamia - the Euphrates and the Tigr - and then to the wild and wonderful mountains of northern Ethiopia.

Louise Schofield is an archaeologist who was Curator of Greek Bronze Age and Geometric Antiquities at the British Museum from 1987-2000. Her book, *The Mycenaeans*, was co-published by the Getty Museum and the British Museum in 2007. She now writes, lectures and runs international archaeological projects - previously in south-eastern Turkey, Greece and Albania and currently in Ethiopia. And rather wonderfully she has just been appointed Visiting Professor of Archaeology at the American University of Rome.



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The Petworth Village Minibus will be doing shopping trips on Friday 3rd and on Friday 17th February, either to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham, or Horsham. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings, Bingo on 1st and 15th at 2.00 pm and Beetle on 22nd, again at 2.00 pm.

If there is enough interest the Minibus could be available on Wednesday 22nd February for the 7.00 pm meeting of the History Group at Coultershaw, when there is to be a talk entitled ‘Joy Gumbrell, recollections of a Byworth Girl’.

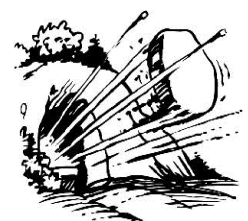
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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

5th	SEPTUAGESIMA - 3rd Sunday before Lent <i>Isaiah 58.1-9a, 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Family Service (Egdean)	9.15 am
	Jubilate Eucharist	10.30 am
12th	SEXAGESIMA - 2nd Sunday before Lent <i>Genesis 1.1-2.3, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
19th	QUINQUAGESIMA - The Sunday next before Lent <i>Deut 11:18-21,26-28, Romans 1:16-17, 322b-28 Matt 7:22-29</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
22nd	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	Mass and Ashing	9.00 am
	Sung Eucharist and Ashing	7.00 pm
26th	LENT 1 <i>Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	Holy Eucharist	9.00 am
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FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

The new year has started at full pace, with meetings and activities keeping our practitioners busy. Our families really enjoyed their Christmas gifts, made possible thanks to the generosity of so many of you, but reality has hit with a vengeance since January and there are many very anxious families needing intensive support. We operate a traffic light system for our families, with red being the most serious cases, and many of our new referrals have started at this level. We aim to reduce this need to amber as soon as we can, but for lots of families this can take some time, so we anticipate that the next few weeks will be quite challenging for our practitioners.

We thought that you might like to read this message which we received from one of our families just before Christmas. We think it is a really good personal explanation of the support we offer:

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... and the list goes on and on... Anyway, this is just a little note to say a BIG THANK YOU for everything you do for us and to say how grateful we are for your support!

Away from our core support work we are planning many group activities again this year, including more visits to Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation and our annual visit to Warnham Park. We are also looking for more volunteers to help our practitioners with individual family support as well as group activities, so if this is something you might be interested in supporting, please do get in touch with our office on 01273 832963.

December's work in numbers

338 individual visits and 845 calls with families supporting 286 adults and 345 children

28 supported meetings with other agencies
40 group sessions held supporting 617 parents and 418 children
193 food deliveries made, plus 180 Christmas hampers and 80 turkeys

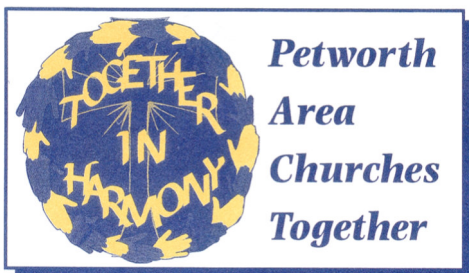
Prayer points

Pray that upcoming funding decisions for some large multi-year grants will be favourable

Give thanks for the success of our Winter Fuel campaign and the help we have been able to give to so many families as a result

Pray that FSW's work will reach new audiences in 2023 and that we will be able to help more families because of this

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising ad Marketing



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FEBRUARY NEWS

There were some very encouraging attendances at Duncton, Fittleworth, Tillington and Stopham churches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Around 350 different people came to church on one or other of those days and when we factor in the Carol Services at the five churches it is probably 400 or more.

The Rev David Crook, Priest in Charge of these Churches says: 'I think that the message accompanying the good news about numbers is that Jesus is not just for Christmas, and we hope to build relationships with those on the periphery of the churches who came at Christmas'.

All local churches in the Petworth area have their own websites so please have a look there for their Services.

Please also watch this News each month as PACT Churches have many different events coming up which will be posted here.

Our Treasurer Kate Ayling has moved, so a new Treasurer is being sought. PACT News editor is still needed. Please contact 01798 342151 - Gerald, if interested.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

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By Alexandra Epps

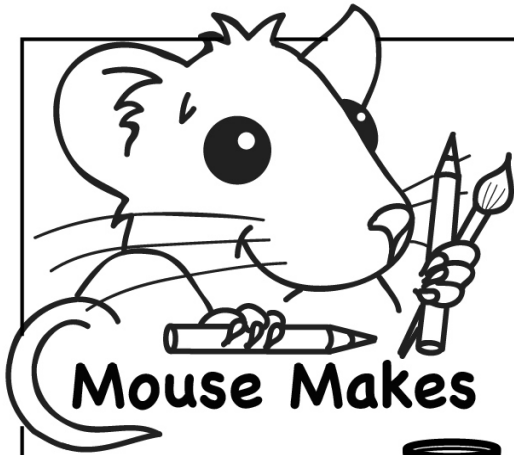
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10.30 am for Starting time **10.45 am**, preceded by coffee from **09.50 am**
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Further details on:
www.theartsocietysouthdowns.org.uk
or Jane Allison on Tel 01798 813314

ALEXANDRA is an Official Guide and Lecturer at Tate Modern, Tate Britain and Guildhall Art Gallery. Qualified Guide to the City of London, offering lectures and walks about many aspects of the arts for societies, corporations and private individuals. Member of the City of London Guide Lecturers Association. Co-author of the book *Lord Mayor's Portraits 1983-2014* (2015). Alexandra's background is in design having practised as a graphic designer running her own design consultancy for many years.

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What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His _____
Matthew 26:27-28



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What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18

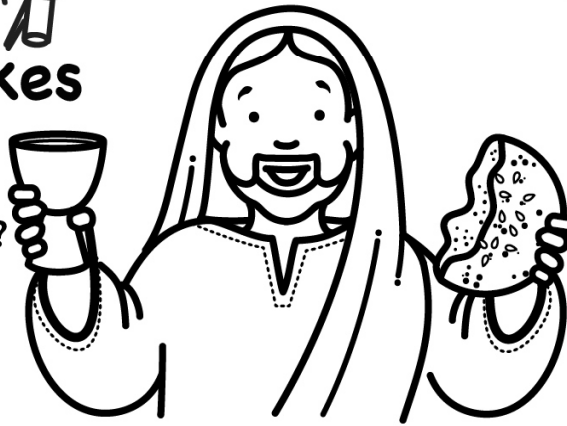


What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His _____
Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

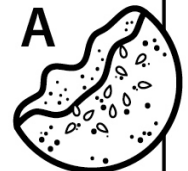
of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



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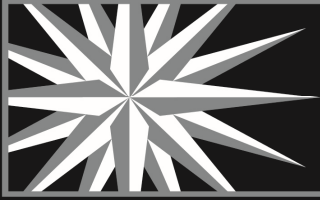
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LIVES REMEMBERED

St Mary's has lost two of its loyal worshippers in the passing of **KEITH SAUNDERS and FLORA PARRACK**.

Keith sadly passed away on 14th December, aged 74 years, at his home in Sheepdown Drive with his beloved wife, Christine, and children, Matthew and Helena by his side. He was born to Hugh and Violet, both prominent members of St Mary's, and he had lived in Petworth for all of his life.

His connection with St Mary's began at 2 years of age, attending Sunday School and then joining the choir. Thereafter he became a Server for 27 years, followed by a six year period as Churchwarden.

A career in local government resulted in Keith working in the West Sussex County Council's property department.

Both Keith and Chris were avid walkers, spending much of their time on family walks, both locally and in the Lake District, where they enjoyed many holidays climbing the fells. He commented that, during the recent Covid restrictions, how lucky we are to have so many local walks available on our doorstep. He clearly loved our surrounding countryside as well as that further afield. A dedicated member of St Mary's congregation, he regularly attended all his life. He will be remembered as a true gentleman with a cheerful smile and unwavering kindness. His funeral service was held at St Mary's on 5th January and was followed by cremation.

The previous day, a Requiem Mass was held for family members.

Flora was born in the Petworth Cottage Hospital on 11th May 1927.

The family lived at Bignor where her father worked as the head cowman at Manor Farm run by the Tupper family. She attended school at Sutton.

After leaving school Flora helped Mrs Bertram who lived in the village. The War was at that time in its early stages and Mrs Bertram's work with the Resistance was in full swing, but later she left to work for NAAFI. In 1944, Flora married Len Pannell who worked for Streeters in East Street and they lived in a cottage in High Street (now known as Pannells Cottage) which was to be their home for 21 years. Some may still remember Flora working on the petrol pumps for Harwoods Garage from the time when it was in Market Square.

There was sadness in her life when in July 2021 she lost her son, Roger. For some 50 years Flora had lived in Grove Lane until, with health problems, she moved to a Care Home, firstly at Easebourne and finally, at Riverside Lodge at Pulborough.

A regular attendee at St Mary's on Sunday mornings, along with her neighbours Rita and Irene, Flora was always willing to raise funds for the church, from running stalls to making Christmas cards. She was also an active member of the Over 60s club and will be remembered as a kind and caring lady.

Her funeral service was held at Chichester crematorium on 18th January.

Our local Town Band has lost a loyal and much valued member with the passing of **MARGARET OLIVE POSTE** who died at Yew Tree Cottage Nursing Home at Yapton on 19th December aged 74 years.

Margaret was brought up in Bignor and she later worked at St Michaels school in Burton Park. There then followed her marriage to Patrick (Paddy) Poste from Ebernoe. The couple eventually moved to Station Road where they brought up their son, David. Margaret continued living there after Pat passed away in April 2016.

Her funeral at St Mary's on 13th January was followed by burial alongside Patrick at Hampers Green cemetery.

JOHN KAVANAGH was a familiar figure about the parish and will be much missed. He always stopped and enjoyed a chat when you met him and spent many hours tending his allotment. John had resided at Edmonds House for a good number of years.

In earlier times he had been a regular worshipper at the Sacred Heart church attending Mass.

He passed away at Rotherlea Care Home on 17th December at the age of 92 years. His funeral took place at Chichester crematorium on 17th January.

PETER RAYMOND AVERN, formerly of Old Walls in Angel Street, passed away at the Cottage Nursing Home on 26th December aged 96 years.

Formerly a keen sailor and member of the West Sussex Golf Club many of his friends attended his funeral service.

This was held at St Mary's on 18th January and was followed by burial alongside his late wife Susan, who died in October 2019, in the churchyard of St Anthony and St George, Duncton.

CHRISTOPHER BERNARD FYNES, along with Juliet, arrived in Petworth on 7th August 1965 straight from their wedding in Middlesex to their new home in High Street. Here they brought up their three children, daughter Jessica and twin sons, Nathan and Justin. The couple had met as teenagers through bellringing. Chris studied graphic design at Twickenham Technical College and spent his working life commuting to London where he worked for the BBC and later his own Company. He was a pioneer in computer graphics, having to teach himself programming.

He was an accomplished bellringer, often ringing 2 bells, as well as conducting, and both he and Juliet were regular members of St Mary's tower.

His great hobby was collecting and restoring musical boxes, he was a founder member of the Association of Musical Box collectors and was responsible for their quarterly magazine right up until the time of his death.

He designed the Jubilee illustrated map by the old NatWest Bank and also the current Tourist Information leaflets.

Chris passed away at St Richard's hospital on 5th January aged 81 years. His funeral service was held at St Mary's on 27th January.

Another well known resident, **TIMOTHY HOLT BOSS** from North Street passed away at Westhampnett Nursing Home Chichester on 24th December at the age of 84 years. Older residents will recall that his father was one of the earlier antique dealers who arrived in the town with a shop in Lombard Street. Later, moving to premises in North Street, his father called the property Hells Bells due to the ringing of the church bells which he did not approve of!

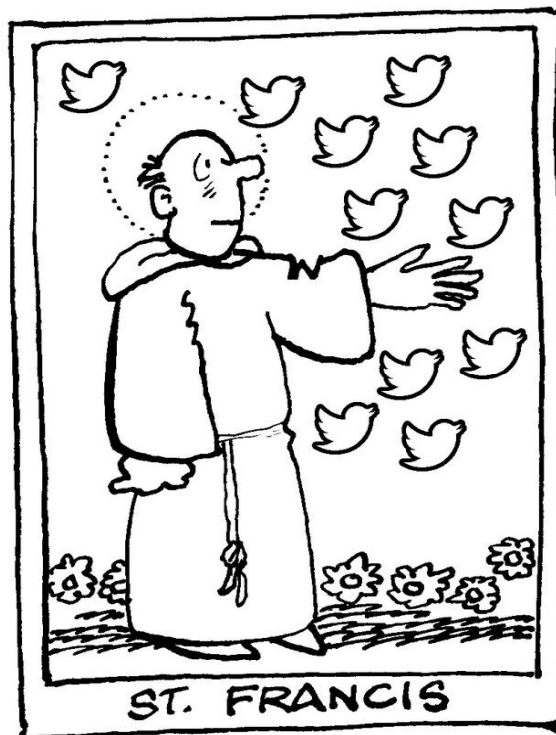
Tim's funeral service was held at St Mary's on 27th January and was followed by cremation.

There will be many in this parish and further afield who were saddened to learn of the passing of **BILL BRYDER**.

He was the fourth generation of the family to run the business, taking over from his father, Charles.

Bill always showed so much genuine care and consideration when dealing with bereaved families and this has happily continued with his son, Ben, now running the business.

The funeral took place at All Hallows church, Tillington on 20th January.



He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!

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Relate (Marriage Guidance).....	01243 788935
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Water (Midhurst & Petworth).....	0845 2720845
Electricity Emergency.....	0800 0727282

CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS A BUSY TIME!

The National Trust invited St Mary's, along with other local organisations, to provide a Christmas Tree bauble for their Christmas Tree Event. Perhaps some of you saw it if you visited the House?



This year, or really I mean last year, the decision was made to have a Christmas Event, rather than a Christmas Fair. The event was a coffee and mince pie morning, and a tea and cake afternoon, on the same day as the Christmas Town Event. We had a gift stall, guess the weight of the cake and raffle as well.

It was a wonderfully busy day with lots of people coming into St Mary's, AND we raised £618.17p!

We also ran another Christmas Draw and this raised a further £1,200.

On Tuesday 20th December we held our Carol Service. It was well attended this year, perhaps at last we are more confident to go to such events, and learning to live with COVID! We had some visitors to augment our choir, for which we thank them. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies, and again far more people stayed to share it. It was a lovely evening.



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And so to Christmas Eve and the Crib and Christingle Service. What a joy, a packed church, with so many children. We sang carols, there were prayers and readings and all the children received a Christingle. Once they were lit the lights were turned out and as can be seen in the photo the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Thank you to all those who helped to make it such a success, by helping, by coming and by supporting us.

Judy Howard