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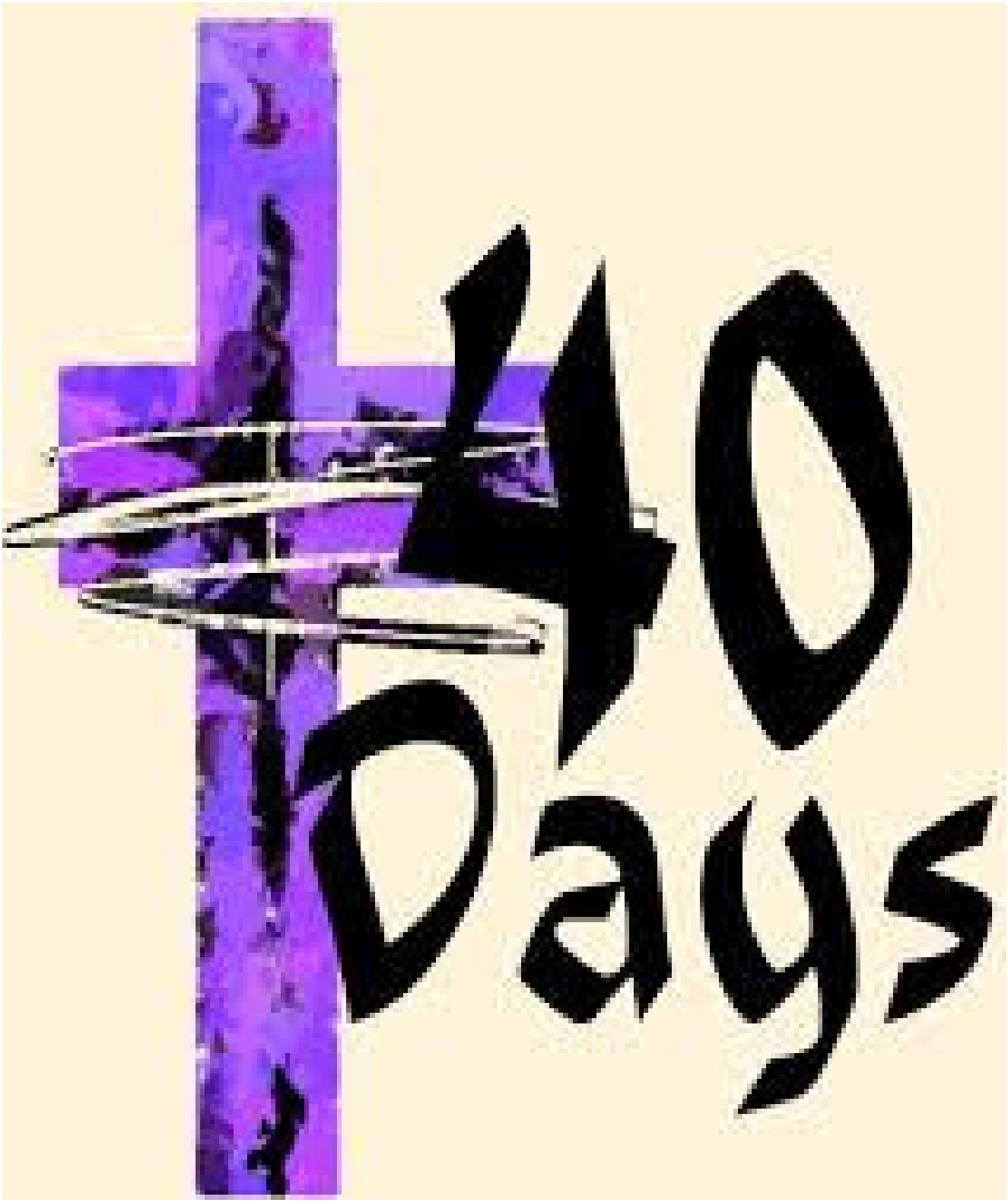

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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

As a child, I always looked forward to the beginning of Lent. This was because of the day before Lent begins. I love pancakes, and one day a year, we had them at home - Shrove Tuesday.

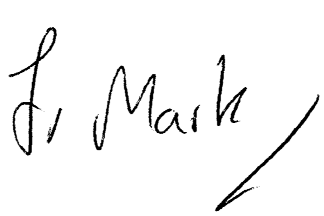
But why is it called Shrove Tuesday, and why eat pancakes? The answers to both questions are spiritual - they are due to Lent starting the next day, and to the seriousness with which Lent was observed.

Because Lent was seen as such an important season for spiritual preparation for Easter and self-examination and discipline, the tradition grew that you ought to prepare yourself for Lent itself. So in the days before Lent began, you would go to a priest (or a confessor), confess your sins and receive the pronouncement of God's forgiveness. The old English word for this is to shrive. So the priest shrove your sins before Lent began. (If we don't accept someone's excuses, we are likely to give them short shrift).

Within Lent, spiritual discipline went alongside bodily discipline - it was seen as the season of fasting. So 'luxury' foods like meat, fish, fats, eggs, milky foods were all avoided. Families wouldn't want to waste any food, so it was eaten up on the day before Ash Wednesday. If you have lots of eggs, fat and milk, then pancakes are a great dish as you only need to add flour. So both aspects of Shrove Tuesday - the name, and the pancakes - come from taking Lent seriously.

This Shrove Tuesday as you enjoy your pancakes you can be reminded that we too are called to take Lent seriously. How can we turn this Lent into a time of fasting that brings us closer to God and prepares us for the joy of Easter?

Yours in Christ,



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Tuesday 25th April at 7.30 pm, which this year will include elections for Deanery Synod Representatives. ***John Townsend***

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LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will be held in St Mary's on the following Wednesdays at 12.30 pm.

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April.

If you would like to come and enjoy home made soup, bread and cheese, please sign the list on Col Maude's table. All donations will go to Family Social Work.

ADVERTISING IN THE MAGAZINE

Due to an increased work load involving additional travelling Jan Shepherd has stepped down from looking after the advertising and I'm very pleased to announce that Carole Goldthorp has agreed to take over from her. A big thank you to Jan who has looked after the advertising for the past 5 years, it has been a great pleasure to work with her. I welcome Carole, her details are under 'Magazine Advertising', and I'm very much looking forward to working with her in the future.

The Editor

ST MARY'S PETWORTH EVENSONG FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION FEBRUARY 2017

The service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Queen's Sapphire Anniversary on 5th February was attended by a large and representative congregation in St Mary's. The Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex, Dr John Godfrey and Mrs Godfrey, were present as were the local Scout group and Primary School who paraded their colours and school banner. The address (printed below) was given by the Right Revd Alan Chesters, the former Bishop of Blackburn.

Thanks are due to Father Richard who did so much in making the arrangements for the service which was enjoyed by so many. It proved, once again, the importance that St Mary's plays in its role in the community life of the town.

It was in the shadow of Table Mountain in Cape Town's Civic Hall that on her 21st birthday the then Princess Elizabeth gave her life to the service of God and those whom she would come to serve as their Queen. 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be dedicated to your service'. Those words of commitment to service were that day broadcast across the length and breadth of the British Empire upon which in those days it was claimed the sun never set. Many were moved to tears as the young princess in the pre TV age was seen on cinema screens from London's Odeon in Leicester Square to the tiny Plaza in the Australian outback or the Roxy in some remote mining settlement in the Canadian Rockies.

The call to honour THAT vow with the great responsibilities it demanded came to the young princess much sooner than she expected or would have liked. I remember that cold misty February morning in 1952 when our Headmaster interrupted classes for a special school assembly to tell us that it had been announced from Sandringham that King George VI had died in his sleep. The Queen and Prince Philip were in the sunshine of the Treetops Game Reserve in Kenya, enjoying a short break en route for a demanding royal tour of Australasia. One story has it that Her Majesty became queen whilst perched on a tree watching rhinos come down to a pool to drink. In fact the rhinos were more likely to have been baboons but no matter, what is noteworthy is how two significant moments in the Queen's life took place not in London, or even the UK but in distant South Africa and Kenya. They set the scene not only for a monarch whose long reign has involved greater travel to more countries than any of her predecessors but more importantly they are pointers to a monarch who has devoted herself unstintingly to the task of creating and sustaining, at times with little support from her Prime Ministers, the Commonwealth which is surely an expression of the vision used to describe post apartied South Africa, namely a rainbow people - a living symbol in the world of that unity which God intended.

Today we give thanks to God for the 65 years of service which she has given to this kingdom and to that wider Commonwealth. The roots of monarchy lie deep in the human story. The rites and ceremonies of the Coronation Service can be traced back at least to Saxon times. Of course down the centuries the style of monarchy has evolved, not least from Tudor times when the first Elizabeth was able to take the mighty Percy family from their stronghold at Alnwick Castle and confine them to Petworth House. Today in a democracy like ours monarchy rests ultimately under God, on the will of the people. Yet from its ancient origins it still retains its own particular mystic. As the National Anthem reminds us it is the role of the sovereign to encapsulate in her person the nation's history, traditions, life and people. That rests on a call simply to serve in contrast to the quest for power which often goes with high office, not least in the political sphere. Sixty five years ago, the Queen had the option to say or no to her destiny. Since like the rest of us she did not choose the family into which she was born, her choice was whether or not to accept what she was asked, even expected to do with her life. The Queen has many privileges, wealth and comfort but with all that, in accepting the role of a constitutional monarch who acts on the advice of her ministers, comes the demand for self denial and a willingness to embrace a path set for her. The Coronation service made that very plain when stripped of her splendid robes the Queen was anointed with oil as a sign of her consecration to a life of service of others. Whilst she has the chief seat at the banquet, the thoughtful person appreciates that burden of responsibility, to say nothing of the relentless media exposure which such privileges carry in their wake.

Royal service entails the ability to encourage others, to show interest and concern. As countless hands are shaken, medals presented, ribbons cut, trees planted and events large and small attended it has required a readiness by the Queen in our name to receive all sorts and conditions of people with many of whom she must have shared very little in common by way of values or interests. It is hard for most of us to imagine the demands when on one person, for good or ill, rests the symbolic representation of the British people and those of Commonwealth countries of which she is head of state in a rapidly changing world. Elizabeth II has been a rock of stability in a restless society which at times seems to be constantly in search of new experiences. As one of her aides once said ‘The Queen's strength is that she does not change very much’. This afternoon each of us will have our own special memories of some aspect of her long reign which has impressed us - the pageantry of the great state occasions from the Royal Weddings to Her Majesty standing alone each November before the cenotaph, the exotic overseas tours of yesteryear or perhaps being presented locally or at Buckingham Palace. As we celebrate her Sapphire Jubilee in a sense the Queen belongs to all of us. In that dedication of her life on her 21st birthday she went on to say ‘I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone, unless you join me …..’. Her jubilee is a national jubilee, another marker in our long history. She has more than fulfilled her promise to serve.

Given her commitment to us, this 65th anniversary of her accession is perhaps a good time to ask what kind of a society are we, what is it that each one of us is helping to create? Is it based on the model of service? Put plainly am I prepared to put myself out to play my part? The turn out in local council elections across country in the last few years suggests we have some way to go. It is so easy to indulge in negative criticism, to be quick to judge others, to sit back and carp about those in government at national or local level. Social media has aided the growing expressions of distrust with established institutions - parliament, the church, the law, police, the teaching professions. In spite of all the talk about the importance of community, too often the emphasis is on the individual, on me and on what I want. The truth is that many of the challenges which face Britain today, not least the resources required to fund our NHS or education, to say nothing of the care for the elderly and frail, for tackling world poverty will not be solved by them at Westminster or in County Hall or even in Washington DC but by a commitment from all of us to seek the welfare of others in practical ways, putting the less fortunate before ourselves.

In her Christmas broadcasts the Queen has often acknowledged Jesus Christ as her inspiration and model. He came along us as one who serves. To Him she dedicated her life. There are those in 21st century Britain who are uncomfortable with that. Britain is now a multi faith, multi cultural society they claim but what is new in that. In 1952 Elizabeth II succeeded to an empire which included people of many different religious faiths and cultures. After the example of Christ from the outset she has served a whole community of people of different faiths and none. Loving and caring for others is central to the Christian way of life and is also in the hearts of many who do not share our faith.

Love knows no bounds. Loving involves tolerance, not because our faith does not matter but because it demands a free response to God's call. The Queen has shown that conviction to one's own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a firm foundation from which to respect the faith of others. What this nation desperately needs is a revival of that faith in God - that recognition that we are part of a greater whole with a sense of Divine purpose which provides that sense of responsibility - that one day - sovereigns and citizens alike we shall all stand before the throne of our Creator to give account for our use of the life we have been given. Without such faith to inspire us we can so easily loose those values which stir us to be concerned for others.

There is speculation as to the Queen's views on Brexit but no matter what her views or ours may be, our leaving the EU means that we shall no longer be able to blame Brussels, that we must set out our values and live by them. As we give thanks for the 65 years in which Queen Elizabeth II, ably supported by Prince Philip, has served this nation and Commonwealth, let us humbly recommit ourselves to the service of others as we pray God save the Queen.
Amen

St Mary's Church, Petworth

Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th March
10.00 am -12 noon

Bring and Buy, Raffle and Refreshments

In aid of Easter Flowers

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Report of Parochial Church Council Meeting

At the Egdean PCC Meeting held on 19th January Roger Dallyn reported that the CCTV was installed into the church at the end of November, but on Christmas Day the computer hard drive broke down. T P Security has now replaced the unit.

The PCC were pleased to report that the renovation of the car park was completed in time for the Carol Service and expressed their grateful thanks to Brian Dallyn for making this possible. It was agreed to plant an indigenous hedge along the short section of bank.

Roger Dallyn informed the meeting he had chased BJN Roofing re the quoted works for rainwater goods and roofing repairs and they have advised they will be on site shortly.

The Treasurer circulated detailed spreadsheets of receipts and expenses for the year 2016 to all members of the PCC. The total receipts amounted to £19,531.39 and total expenses amounted to £18,695.79. The Treasurer also reported that the paperwork has been submitted to cash in the matured Index Linked National Savings which should be banked shortly. The Gift Aid submission had been returned due to the change of Treasurer, the necessary update has now been made on line and the Gift Aid re-submitted.

Jenny Foster reported on the Petworth Deanery Synod meeting held on 12th October 2016 at St Mary's, Fittleworth. The speaker was The Very Revd Stephen Waine, Dean of Chichester, who explained the reasons for Deaneries and Cathedrals. The next Deanery Synod will be held on 28th February at Tillington.

As Mothering Sunday is on the last Sunday of the month (26th March) there will be no family service on the first Sunday of April, instead there will be a communion service and the Sunday after Easter will be an Evensong, followed by a Matins on the 5th Sunday.

The PCC reviewed the Mission Action Plan and it was noted that the overall average attendance per service had gone down from 18.3 to 16.1, it was also noted that the annual average for the family service was 22.8. Fr Mark informed the meeting that Egdean now has a Facebook page which can be included under the heading 'effective outreach'. It was also noted that under Item (4) maintain the condition of the church – following 2016 Quinquennial Inspection an estimate has been accepted for rainwater goods and roofing repairs.

The Annual Church Barbecue was arranged for Saturday 17th June.

There will be a change of venue for the Cream Tea Weekend this year and it was suggested that Stephen and Janet be approached to see it could be held in their garden at Church Cottage. If convenient, it was proposed to hold the event on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd July. This has now been confirmed.

A third fund raising event was discussed and the following suggestions were made: -A Treasure Hunt followed by a picnic and a Beer Festival at the Church. It was agreed to investigate the possibilities of holding a Beer Festival at the Church and it was proposed to hold the event on Saturday 16th September.

Robert Longmore offered his home once again for the venue of the Annual Parish Meeting and the date was arranged for Thursday 23rd March, 7.30 pm at Gofts Hill, Byworth. The next PCC meeting was arranged for Thursday 18th May.
Christine Dallyn
Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean
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Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd March at 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

Please come and join us for our Annual Parish Meeting at Gofts Hill, Byworth, GU28 0HW to elect church wardens and PCC members for the year , to hear reports of the year's activities and have your say. ***Everyone welcome***.

5th March - 9th April Lent Collection for Family Support Work

We will be collecting tin and dried food and monetary donations for Family Support Work again this year, there will be a hamper in church at each service during Lent for all donations.

26th March Mothering Sunday - Family Praise Service - 9.15 am

Children's Society Collection Boxes

The Egdean boxes have been emptied, we raised £72.92 for the Children's Society. Thanks to all who annually continue to hold boxes in their homes for loose change. *Please contact Anne or Christine if you would like to contribute by having a box in your home.*
Christine Dallyn
Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The CHURCH OF ST MARY, STORRINGTON stands on a prominent sandstone mound to the south of the village centre. There was a church here in Norman times, it was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and it was likely there was a Saxon church here earlier. The north aisle and chapel were in fact the earlier church as it was in Norman times, with the north and east walls, over three feet thick, being original from this period. The present nave and chancel were built in the 13th Century together with a tower that supported a tall spire. However, in 1731 it was struck by lightening and the following repairs to the tower were carried out so badly that it fell down in 1745 bringing down about one third of the nave roof. Some nine years later both the tower and nave roof were eventually rebuilt.

In 1873 the east wall was extended out by some nine feet to enlarge the sanctuary and chancel and three years later a south aisle was added. More recent work includes the reconstruction of the chancel arch in 1932 and the installation of the pulpit and clergy stalls in 1938. The east window shows the recognition of the risen Christ at Emmaus and commemorates a previous rector, the Rev William Bradford and his wife, Martha (1811-1857). The beautifully crafted Caen stone reredos showing the wedding at Cana (left panel), the Ascension (centre) and the feeding of the five thousand (right hand panel), was added in 1873. Note the 16th Century brass detailing the face and robes of Rev Henry Wilshaw rector between 1551-91. Of particular interest is the circular anvil window in the tower depicting St Dunstan the patron saint of blacksmiths, and the Archbishop of Canterbury showing the furnace and tools of the trade together with the Canterbury coat of arms. There are other good examples of stained glass including the east window of the Lady Chapel depicting Christ on the cross looking down at a tearful Mary Magdalene and watched by Mary his mother and St John with Angels overhead. In the south aisle is a double window showing the story of Tabitha (Dorcas). There is much else to see in this church including a notable memorial to the Countess of Carnwarth and rare 18th Century charity boards which survive in the tower. There is a ring of five bells which were cast in 1760 with a sixth added in 1928.

The large churchyard is well maintained as is the building itself and well worth a visit.
John Townsend

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Many thanks to all who have paid their magazine subscription. If you haven't yet done so could I please ask you to let the person who delivers your magazine have it as soon as possible, or give it direct to Andrew Howard. This is to enable him to bank the subscription money before the end of the financial year on 31st March.
The Editor

PETWORTH PLAYERS PRESENTS ….

Petworth Players presents an amateur production of the hilarious comedy, Bedroom Farce. Alan Ayckbourn's hit show tells the story of four couples within three bedrooms during one night of madness! One couple is hosting a dinner party to which the other couples are invited. It was all scheduled to be a success but that wouldn't be much of a comedy, would it? The production promises to have you laughing out loud and have you smiling all evening. There's fights and fallouts, breakups and make ups and some pilchards thrown in there too!

Come and join in the fun at the Herbert Shiner Centre, Petworth.
The production will be from 6th - 8th April 2017.
Doors open at 7.00 pm, curtain up 7.30 pm.
Tickets are £10 Adults and £8 concessions.

This amateur production of 'Bedroom Farce' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The March lunch will be on Tuesday 14th in the URC hall. Two courses and tea or coffee. Booking is essential - ring 01798 342942.
Caroline Stoneman

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll will be updated in time for the Annual Parish Meeting in April. If you are not on the roll and would like to be included you will find forms on Colonel Maude's table by the south door, or call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

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Caroline Shenton will give a talk on Tuesday 7th March about
The Day Parliament Burned Down
The story of the fire, through depictions of
the disaster by Turner, William Heath and others
This talk will be preceded by the Ploughman's Lunch at 12.00 pm
Tickets available from committee members or on the website

On Tuesday April 4th, Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski will talk on
Are You Sitting Comfortably?
The History of the chair from ancient to modern times

Meetings are held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm
Doors open at 1.40 pm. Tea and coffee will be served after the lecture
For membership details please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086
Visitors are welcome for a fee of £5

PETWORTH FARMERS' MARKETS

The next Farmers' market will be held on Saturday 25th March.

PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER

Working in harmony

Palm Sunday Procession – The annual procession will be held on Sunday 9th April, 3.00 pm from the Sacred Heart in Petworth. We're praying for lovely April sunshine (not showers!) for this wonderful traditional event. The procession will go through Petworth with the town band, donkeys and a Palm Sunday script read outside each of the churches in the town. The event will end at St Mary's Church with tea and cakes. It would be great if you and your family and friends could join us.

We welcome Rev'd Peter Mallinson, the new Vicar of Bury with Houghton and Coldwaltham and Hardham.

Karl Ayling

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ARUN VALLEY U3A

Wednesday 29th March 10.30 am – 12 noon

Coffee Morning - Come and find out about U3A
Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough RH20 2BF

U3A is for retired people providing groups for like-minded people to pursue interests in common locally during the daytime.

On Wednesday 1st February, on 'You and Your' on Radio 4, the advantages of U3A as an antidote to loneliness were promoted.

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Further information: Email: info@arunvalleyu3a.org.uk
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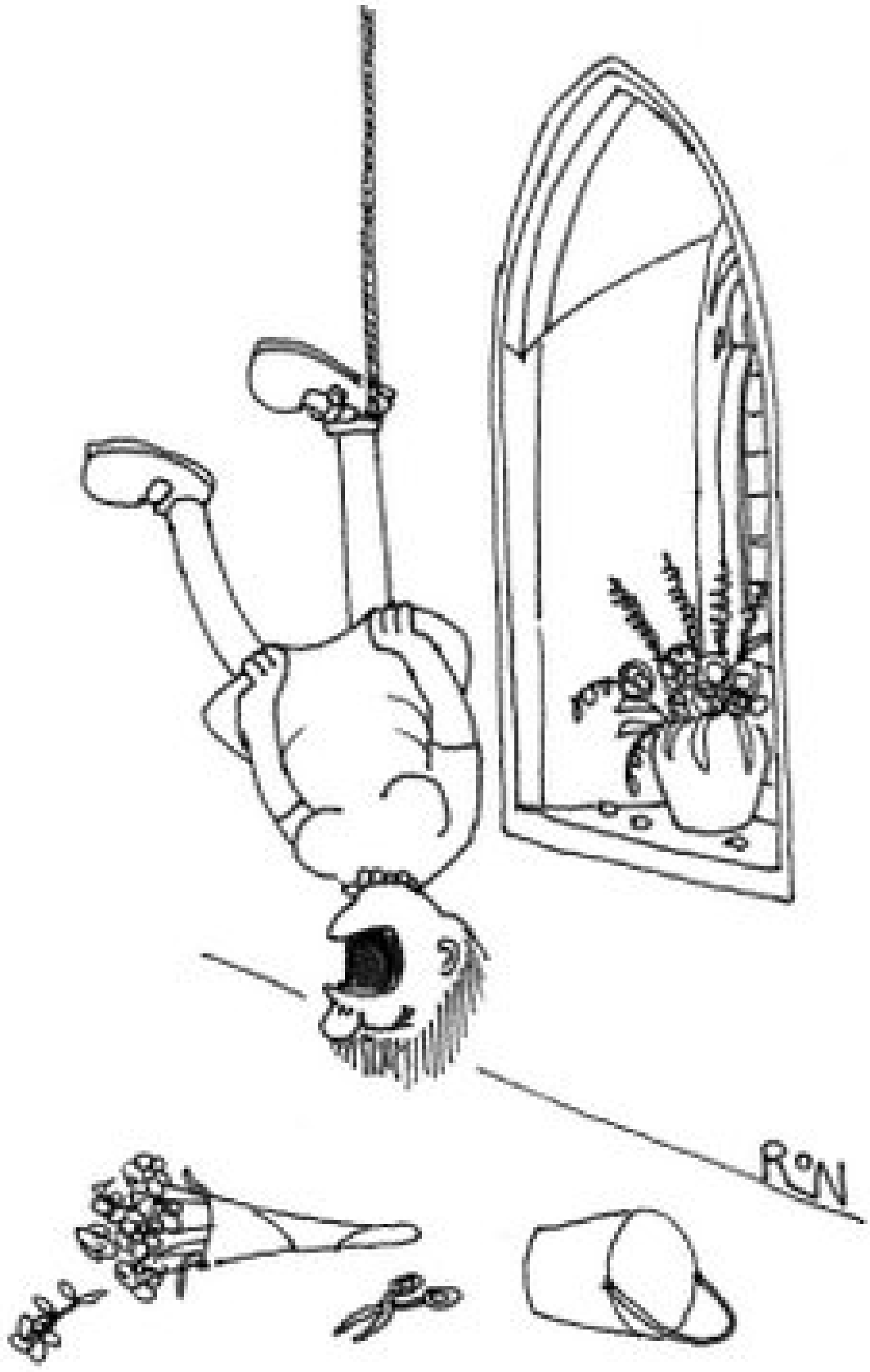
THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Dates for your Diary - March 2017

Wednesday 1st	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 8th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Quiz Afternoon
Friday 10th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Beetle
Wednesday 15th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 22nd	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Card and Board Games

Caroline Stoneman
House Committee Chairman



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Todger soon learned

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PETWORTH, SUSSEX

Between the arches of the second bay of the nave is a monument which appears not quite 18th century in form yet not Victorian, being from the 1830s when the 18th century was passed but 'modern times' - with railways and reforms - had not quite begun. It is a portrayal in relief of a seated figure in academic robes. The inscription is not easy to read but runs as follows:

In the adjoining vault are interred the remains of a lover of God and man
John Johnson DD
Born in this parish and educated at Winchester afterwards Fellow of Magdalen College Oxford a Fellowship he promptly resigned rather than keep it with a fortune against the content and letter of the College statutes and devoted his time to the performance of his parish duties as well as assiduous attendance on several benevolent institutions of late established to the honour of this age and country. He deceased on the first day of July in the year of grace one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Enquiries at his old college produced a reply as interesting as it was full. According to Bloxham's Register, a work of reference compiled in the 1850s, Johnson matriculated from Merton College, Oxford as an undergraduate in December 1792 at the, it seems likely, age of 18, so was probably born in 1774: the actual date of his birth is not given in college records or on his monument. At some date after his graduation first as a Bachelor of Arts, and probably, subsequently, as a Master of Arts, he was elected a Fellow of Magdalen College: this would have been a choice made by its governing body, namely, the existing Fellows.

At Oxford, before the days of reform in the late 1830s, a Fellowship of a college bestowed the right to a comfortable life of considerable leisure with limited duties attached - such the instructing of undergraduate members of the college and great, sometimes neglected, opportunities for scholarship. However, before the reforms of the later 1830s, there was little in the way of serious final examinations conducted by the University which would have tested the effectiveness of whatever teaching the young men had received. Some wished to learn, for example, relatively poor scholars who wished to become teachers. Some young men were taught by those who wished to teach, other were not. Fellows lived comfortably. They dined well each night and drank, it appears, generously. One young man, later famous, was at Magdalen College for fourteen months from 1752 to 1753, about a generation before Johnson. He spoke disparagingly of the Fellows, alleging that they taught nothing and that 'their dull and deep potations excused the brisk intemperance of youth……'.

He recalled the unnamed Dr (----) who '…well remembered that he had a salary to receive and only forgot that he had a duty to perform'. Thus Edward Gibbon, one of the great historians of his own time and all time, on what he believed to have been the state of Oxford in the mid 18th century.

The statutes of Magdalen College then indicated that a Fellow who gained an inheritance or other 'fortune' worth more than £5 per year was expected to resign his Fellowship within six months. This limit had been fixed long before and, by the early 19th century, was no longer substantial. However, it appears to have been 'the done thing' for a Fellow to resign on receiving something substantial. Bloxam's register indicates that in 1827, Johnson inherited a large estate on the death of his mother and, respecting the rule, resigned his Fellowship, as the inscription indicates, and became incumbent of Northchapel. He was apparently held in respect by Magdalen, since he was allowed to retain his College rooms until his death, which occurred, as the monument indicates, in 1831 at, presumably, the age of 57, just before the onset of **reform!** - of one institution after another, by which, over the next fifty years or so Oxford, and Magdalen with it, would be changed utterly, along with so much else.

Desmond FitzPatrick

WALSINGHAM 2017

Following the last two years' successful and uplifting pilgrimages to Walsingham a further visit has been arranged for this year. Cars will leave St Mary's on the morning of Tuesday 29th August and return on Friday 1st September.

If you're interested in going, or would like to find out more, please speak to Judy Howard or phone her on 01798 343220.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

CHINA AND VIETNAM

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While Islamic persecution holds our attention, persecution by atheist Marxism in the Far East and Cuba crushes its victims, mainly Christians. As **China** tries to eliminate the illegal house church movement, it finds itself challenged by human rights lawyers (many 'disappeared') and by its official '3-Self Patriotic Church' which itself becomes more 'Christian'. **Vietnam**'s faithful Christian tribal groups away from urban centres are suffering grievously. Hundreds who escaped to Cambodia have been refused asylum and are being repatriated, while a few find haven in The Philippines. Of those remaining, many are in prison where torture is endemic, for up to 20 years, (including dissident Buddhists and their human rights defender). It is sobering to observe that the church is growing fastest where the persecution is greatest, even in North Korea! Is there a moral for us there?

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Matthew 4.1-11 and Mark 1.12

After Jesus' baptism and his realisation that he had God's mission before him to fulfil – a huge undertaking - the inevitable happened: voices telling him God's power could be used in an easy way, free from bodily needs, with overt miracles and instant success. Temptations come to many newly experiencing positions of power, but Jesus recognises these as promptings of the devil, and uses Scripture to refute him, even when the devil uses the same source to tempt. While Mark only refers to this in one verse, Matthew, writing for fellow Jews, spells out each episode in detail with Scripture quotations. Jesus' final 'Away from me, Satan' marks his victory, but knowing well that its destination will be the Cross.

Rosemary Harris

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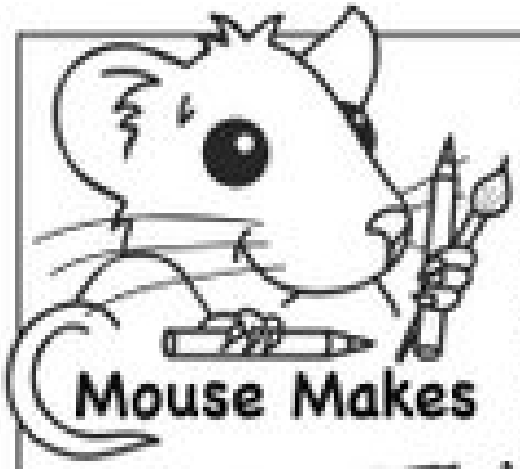

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WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone. For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.

This time is called LENT

SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did. Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**. It is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance. In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.

While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil *three* times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.

1. The devil said, *"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."*
   Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 4** and **Deuteronomy 8: 3**
2. The devil said, *"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."*
   Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 7** and **Deuteronomy 6: 13**
3. The devil said, *"If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."*
   Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 12** and **Deuteronomy 6: 1**

Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for
.....
Amen

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The Butterflies of Sussex

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

As we head into spring our butterflies will start to emerge and, after seven years of research and writing, my book, *The Butterflies of Sussex,* will shortly be emerging too. I've been reflecting on how all this came about. It started with a small boy captivated by a big yellow butterfly. When he got home he opened a wildlife book that his parents had bought him. There were lots of butterflies: blue ones, brown ones, orange ones, but only one big, yellow one – the brimstone. I had identified my first butterfly and discovered the thrill in giving something a name. That identification was the key to unlocking information on what that brimstone was doing, why it does it, where and when. The door to a parallel universe of butterflies, caterpillars, metamorphosis and beauty was flung open. I was like Alice lost in Wonderland, an adventure that has lasted a lifetime.

The brimstone is one of 45 resident Sussex butterfly species - we are home to a sizable slice of the 58 species which live in the UK. Between 2010 and 2014, I co-ordinated the Sussex Butterfly Atlas Survey. Over that five year period a small army of dedicated notebook-wielding foot soldiers roamed the county's downland, farmland, heathland and gardens reporting brimstones on their buddleia in Battle and silver-washed fritillaries on sunlit woodland footpaths in south-west Fittleworth. From my home headquarters the whole project felt like a military operation. Maps were spread across my desk, target areas were identified and conquered squares were routinely crossed off. Slowly our current knowledge of our county's butterflies increased.

Looking back, we couldn't have chosen a more exciting period to study the butterflies of our county. In a changing environment, both physically and climatically, Sussex's butterflies have had to contend with habitat loss, wet summers and warm winters. Some species have adapted while others have required increased conservation efforts as their numbers have fallen. On top of this, we've seen unprecedented invasions of long-tailed blues and continental swallowtails from Europe as well as a new species for Sussex – the scarce tortoiseshell – arriving rather unexpectedly. All this has provided exciting stories and discussion in the upcoming book.

The Butterflies of Sussex, co-written with Neil Hulme, will be printed and published by Pisces Publications. It's packed with beautiful photos and contains commentaries on all the butterflies found in our county with information on where and how to find them alongside many other features. In fact there's so much information in the book we've had to increase it from the original 288 pages to 352 pages while keeping the same pre-order price of £20. Bargain! This special pre-publication offer is available until the end of March at www.naturebureau.co.uk

Hopefully other people will look through its pages and it'll inspire them to get lost in Wonderland too.

JAZZ EVENT AT GRAYSWOOD

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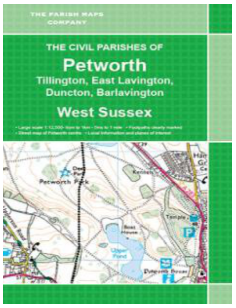

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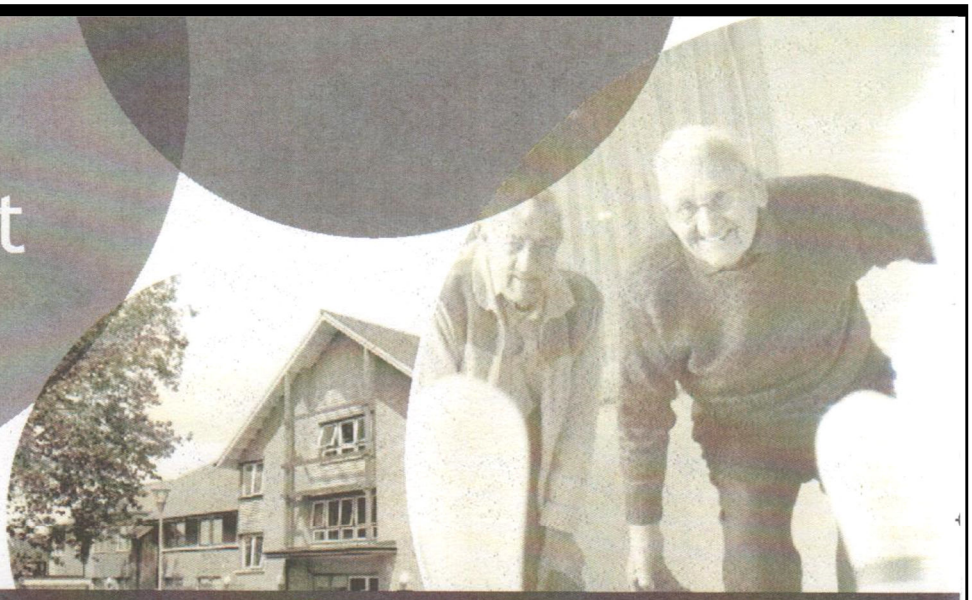

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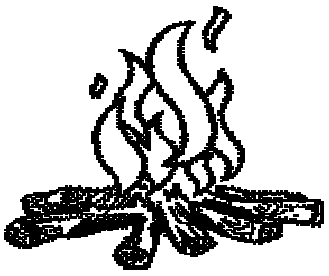

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Pray for the repose of the souls of

MAUD DORMER of Orchard Close who passed away at St Richard's hospital on 3rd January aged 91 years.
Maud was brought up in Upperton and attended Tillington school. It was while she worked at the former Blackbirds Tea Rooms in Church Street that she met Jim and the couple were married at Tillington church in October 1946.
They had four children, Carole, Brian, Sue and Christopher and had lived at a number of homes in Petworth, the last 32 years having been at Orchard Close.
Amongst the jobs Maud had were working at Jerrome's shop in Pound Street and for the 12 years up to her retirement as a home help
The funeral service took place at All Hallows, Tillington on 20th January and was followed by burial in the village cemetery.
We extend our sympathy to Jim and all the family at this time.

PHYLLIS DOROTHY SEELEY formerly of Hampers Green who passed away on 13th January aged 96 years.
Phyl, with her late husband David had lived at Hampers Green for some 60 years, where they had brought up a family of 10 children.
With the children growing up Phyl had a number of jobs from working at Petworth House, at a mushroom farm and for a number of years for Mrs Ramsay Rae at her home in Bedham.
She had a great love of animals from keeping chickens in the garden, to her cats and dogs. In the latter part of her life her eye sight failed, but it did not prevent her from her routine of dog walking, often up to 4 or 5 times daily whatever the weather.
She was widowed in December 2005 and continued living at the Green until the last few months of her life which was spent at a Nursing Home at Bognor.
The funeral service at St Mary's on 2nd February was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.
We offer our condolences to Brian, Douglas, Yvonne, Linda, David, Victor, Kaye, Penny, Rosalind and Richard and all of her family, which includes her 40 grandchildren, in their loss.

'DICK' DENLEY

In our tribute last month of the late 'Dick' Denley we omitted to mention his other daughter, Clare. For this omission we apologise and our sympathy goes naturally to all of his family.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

MARY JOYCE CARD of Cedar Court who passed away on 26th December aged 74 years.
Mary was a member of an old local family, the Wakefords, and was brought up in one of the estate cottages in North Street. She attended the Infants and then the Girls school, before moving on to the Midhurst Secondary school.
In April 1967 at St Mary's she married Richard Card, whose father ran an electrical and plumbing business in High Street.
For a number years Mary worked at the local newsagents in Lombard Street.
The committal service was held at Chichester Crematorium on 30th January.
We offer our sympathy to Richard and to Mary's family in their loss.

Calendar and services for March and early April 2017

MARCH

1st **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass & Ashing	**8.30 am**
Sung Eucharist and Ashing	**7.00 pm**

5th **LENT 1**

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
FAMILY SERVICE AT EGDEAN	9.15 am
Jubilate Family Mass	10.30 am

12th **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12.1-4a, Romans 4.1-5,13-17, Matthew 17.1-9

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

19th **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 17.1-7, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
Evensong (Egdean)	4.00 pm

26th MOTHERING SUNDAY

1 Samuel 1.20-28, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25-27

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
FAMILY SERVICE AT EGDEAN with POSIES	9.15 am
JUBILATE FAMILY MASS with POSIES	10.30 am

APRIL

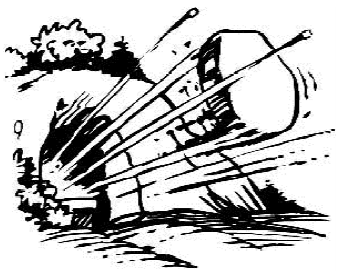
2nd 5th Sunday of LENT

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	**Holy Eucharist**	**8.30 am**
Wednesdays	**Holy Eucharist**	**8.30 am**
	Lent Lunch	**12.30 pm**
	Holy Eucharist & LENT COURSE	**7.00 pm**
Thursdays	**Holy Eucharist**	**8.30 am**
Fridays	**Holy Eucharist**	**8.30 am**



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