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**Saturday 11th March
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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 19th March. It has been celebrated on this, the fourth Sunday in Lent for several hundred years. Known variously as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin for rejoice, or Refreshment Sunday, from the text associated with the day, it was the day when some relaxation of Lenten observances was allowed. Music played on an organ, flowers decorating the church and marriage ceremonies were all permissible. Worshippers were encouraged to visit their mother church, the church in which they were baptised or the area's cathedral, a custom known as a-mothering, from which the day assumed another name: Mothering Sunday.

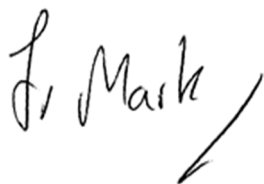
However, over time it fell out of custom and by the Victorian era had all but died out. It was the daughter of a vicar, Constance Penswick-Smith, who set about revitalising Mothering Sunday. But she moved with the times and through her efforts Mothering Sunday became set in the calendar once more, but this time with the emphasis on giving thanks for motherhood.

We commonly think of it as a day when we give thanks for our mothers. Children will give cards and sometimes little presents. Many families will go out for Sunday lunch that day to give mum a treat!

I would guess that every church marks the day in some way now. In our Churches we give special attention to all ladies on that day, be they mothers themselves or not, with every lady being given a posy of flowers at the end of the service.

Do join us this Mothering Sunday to give thanks for motherhood.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Mark", followed by a long, sweeping diagonal stroke.

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



ST MARY'S

Who then is this?

**A Lent course for the
Diocese of Chichester's
Year of the Old
Testament**

Commencing 2nd March

Thursdays at 6.30 pm

Starting with Supper

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

[Bank Details for online giving: CAF Bank, Account Name St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean; Account No. 00010862; Sort Code 40-52-40]

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

Fundraising for 2023/24

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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th May	6 - 8 pm	Coronation Drinks Party
Thursday 11th May	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting at Woodruffs Farm Egdean
Saturday 7th June	5.00 pm	Church Barbecue
Saturday 26th Aug	4.30 pm	Patronal Evensong
Saturday 9th Sept	9 am - 5 pm	Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride
Friday 6th Oct	7.00 pm	Harvest Supper at Woodruffs Barn

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

PCC Meeting Report

Fr Mark welcomed Monica Lloyd, our new Safeguarding Officer, to the meeting held on 19th January. Monica reported that she had completed the Basic and Level 1 online training and found it very helpful. She now needs to do Level 2, Fr Mark also said he needs to update his Level 2 training in March this year.

The Treasurer went through the Financial Statement for the year ending 31/12/2022 and commented that the planned giving roughly staying the same, which he would like to see increased. Donations were up last year, mainly due to the successful applications for grants received for the church ceiling repairs. Together with extra fundraising, Beating the Bounds, Barbecue and Ride & Stride, the total income was £34,756. With our Parish Contribution up to 100% giving of £13,381, and an increase in church maintenance for the ceiling repair of £16,571, total payments were £33,027.

Christine informed the meeting that a new 3 year term begins on 1st July 2023 and we will need to re-elect two Deanery Synod representatives at our Annual Parish meeting this year.

The Mission Action Plan was reviewed, Fr Mark asked if we would like another book for Lent this year. 33 services were held last year with a total of 904 people attending, 33 were children. There was one wedding and one interment of ashes.

Christine suggested we altered the Family Topic for 7th May to reflect the Coronation instead of Rogation. The PCC agreed, and Fr Mark outlined the type of service we could provide as it is the day after King Charles III is crowned.

Fr Mark informed the meeting that the Prayer Book Society had approached him about them advertising our Patronal Evensong on Saturday 26th August at 4.30 pm at which some of their members would join us. He suggested we invite people to bring a picnic for afterwards in the churchyard. The PC agreed it would be a nice way of marking the end of our 400th year celebration.

Lucy informed the meeting that she proposed to bring forward the date of the Drinks Party at High Hoes to Friday 5th May, 6.00 - 8.00 pm, to celebrate the Coronation. The PCC welcomed this idea which will encourage everyone to bring a friend.

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

The Sussex Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride will be held on Saturday 9th September.

The Harvest Supper will be held in the Barn at Woodruffs Farm this year, and Friday 6th October was proposed.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th May at 7.00 pm at Woodruffs Farm, Egdean. and the next PCC Meeting to be held immediately afterwards.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC



PETWORTH VILLAGE MINIBUS

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

There will be a Pub Lunch on Friday 24th March at The Cricketers in Duncton, booking essential through me.

For booking and further details please contact local organiser

Caroline Stoneman on 01798 342942

THE TURKISH/SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE

The recent Earthquake, which has brought so much death and destruction and so shocked the world, has brought much worry and concern to local resident Nihat Polat and his wife, Dilans.

Nihat, who operates the Turkish Kebab van at Hampers Green, learnt that the homes of his parents, his sister and two brothers were all destroyed in the Earthquake. They were uninjured but are all homeless and have lost everything. Dilans has lost an aunt and uncle in the tragedy.

A Just Giving page has been set up to help Nihat and Dilans' families and has received strong support from our local community.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN PETWORTH

PCC Meeting Report

A meeting of St Marys PCC was held on Wednesday 18th January.

Minutes: The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 9th November 2022 were approved, there were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by the Agenda.

Finance: There was no update.

Fabric: Andrew Howard expressed concern that the Friends' funds were being rapidly exhausted. It was unknown how this would affect us. Considerable concern was expressed by the PCC. Nick Wheeler to be asked what was meant by this.

Matthew Cooke asked if the grand piano could be French polished, whilst we have the polisher in to do the woodwork; it was agreed that we would get a quote. Jean Huggett suggested that a coffee morning could be held in aid of this.

Fr Mark would like to see a children's space created in the church, but this would have to be movable. Jackie Smith to liaise with Di Parr and look into it.

Event planning/fundraising: The Quiz night was in hand and would take place on the 17th March. Simon Watson to be Quiz Master.

Safeguarding: Jackie Smith and Eileen Lintill have both had safeguarding certificates approved. Eileen Lintill has requested that Judy Howard is also approved which she is arranging, she then spoke about the need to have a Serious Incident lead. Andrew Howard would follow up and lead on it, and would report on non-safeguarding Serious Incidents. He and Eileen Lintill would look into what is required and bring their findings back to the next meeting, when a resolution would need to be passed.

Pastoral Care: Judy Howard reported that there had been several requests for visits which were being followed up. The next meeting would be on 16th February.

PACT: The Christian Unity service would be on Sunday 22nd January. During the following week there would be 3 days of prayers and lunches at the URC. The next PACT lecture would be on 28th April - topic Street Lights Supporting Women. The speaker would be Helen Croft. The next lecture would be on 6th October.

Deanery Synod: The Laity Chair, Mike Pavia, died just before Christmas. There was a packed memorial service for him which was held at his church in Lurgashall.

Family Support: Jackie Smith reported that there is a drop-in at Sylvia Beaufoy Centre on Mondays from 9.00 -11.00 am. It is well supported and we were able to donate some produce, which was gratefully received. There was general awareness that some families are struggling, and the church had been able to use the Morphy Bequest fund to help.

Music: Relating to the Mission Action Plan, the family with the young boy who is interested in an Organ Scholarship should be in church this coming Sunday.

Mission Action Plan: Fr Mark had spoken to John Galvin and it was agreed to reinstate the annual Eucharist service at the school. Fr Mark would also like to do an activity session, followed by an Easter Service in church, for children, he would discuss this with Jackie Smith. The Christingle Service was very successful. It was agreed to send invitations for Mothering Sunday to toddler Mums, and those recently baptised, and a notice will also put in the school's news email inviting families.

Services: The Lent Group would be on Thursdays. There would be no Lent lunches, but it was suggested that we meet at 6.30 pm to have supper together, prior to the course. The Diocesan Lent Course would be used.

Father Mark's Remarks: Christmas went well, we had good congregations and it had felt more or less back to normal.

AOB: Carole Goldthorp asked what the PCC felt about the recent announcement, by the Archbishop, that £100 million was able to be given, from the Church Commissioners' funds, regarding slave trade reparations when the Church is having to reduce the number of parishes, and priests, due to lack of funds? All agreed that if there was this amount of money available then why were parishes experiencing such hardship? Fr Mark suggested that PCC members should write to the General Synod representatives and the Archbishop.

Proposed dates of the PCC meetings for 2023

22nd March

17th May including the AGM

5th July

27th September

22nd November

(Please note that these dates may be subject to change)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ST MARY'S QUIZ

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.

IDENTIFICATION OF APPLE, PEAR AND CHERRY VARIETIES USING DNA

My Experience of DNA ID at Duncton Mill Orchard

Now in its 8th year, the fruitID DNA Scheme is again offering DNA analysis of Apple, Pear and Cherry Varieties at £32.50 plus VAT per sample.

If you would like to participate, please go to www.fruitID.com/#help where you can find the Announcement and Timetable, a Request Form to ask for sample bags, detailed collection guidance, results from previous years, and an Introduction to DNA Fingerprinting, or contact Peter Laws, Volunteer DNA Scheme Administrator and fruitID.com Webmaster, on Peter_Laws@msn.com.

My experience of DNA ID at the Sussex Apples National Collection at Duncton Mill Orchard has been interesting and I would strongly encourage anyone with old trees in their garden to submit a sample for DNA identification.

Of the 32 Sussex Apple varieties planted by the Brighton Permaculture Trust at Duncton Mill all but one tested true to the accepted name when we submitted our DNA samples.



The exception was HawkrIDGE which is a golden yellow apple flushed bright crimson with red stripes from HawkrIDGE Farm near Hellingly. This was genetically tested and actually found to be Puffin, a variety from Somerset which is similar in appearance and ripening time of early September. To find where the error in naming has occurred we need to look back at the different people and

nurseries who have propagated the variety over the last 30 year and look at the area around Hellingly where the tree was first recorded in 1851. This investigation is ongoing, and meanwhile we are searching for a 'true' HawkrIDGE to replace the Puffin (not a Sussex native!)



The DNA samples also threw up another important result: the positive identification of an apple called First & Last. Our tree tested true, but it also matched many samples in the UK National Collection which had not been firmly identified. Again, this is being further investigated, but it seems that First and Last should be added to the National Col-

lection and the other mystery apples reassigned to this variety.

Old fruit varieties are an important part of our heritage and are easily lost to neglect, and their gene pool might have commercial as well as historical importance one day. Old orchards, or even single old trees, are important for biodiversity too, supporting many mammals, plants, invertebrates, fungi, and birds. (<https://ptes.org/campaigns/traditional-orchard-project/orchard-biodiversity/> is a good place to learn about them.)

I encourage everyone with old Apple, Pear and Cherry Varieties in their garden to take part in the fruitID DNA Scheme. Who knows what you might discover?

Sir Sebastian Anstruther Bt

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

On Wednesday 8th February Lady Egremont, President of the Petworth & District Over 60s Centre, planted an oak tree in Hampers Green Cemetery to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II and to remember past members of the Centre. The event was attended by current members, we are very grateful to Lady Egremont for donating the tree, and to W Bryder and Sons for the commemorative plaque.



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.

Thank you for those of you who responded to our plea for help on the rota. We are still only open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings but hope to extend this to Thursday mornings in the not too distant future.

We are holding a Coffee morning in the URC Hall on Saturday 25th March and any contributions to the raffle, tombola, cakes and produce stalls would be gratefully received.

Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Inspiring Students for Their Futures

The start of the Spring term at Midhurst Rother College has seen activities and visits aimed at inspiring the students for their futures and encouraging them to go the extra mile and reach their full potential. In the last fortnight, all students attended the MRC Careers Fair and over 100 MRC students have attended events at two universities, to inspire and motivate them about future studies.

A group of Year 10 students have started the Young Scholars programme with the University of Reading. They attended the launch event to learn about the research project they will undertake over the next four months, with the support of undergraduate student ambassadors. Students also enjoyed a campus tour as well as an introduction to choosing and applying for degree courses; a first chance to ask questions about higher education and look ahead to what they might like to study in four or five years' time. Now, the student ambassadors will visit MRC regularly and run the research projects with students. In June, students will present their work to an audience and hear from students meeting back again at Reading.



Next it was the turn of fifty Year 11 students to see the Reading campus and learn about the huge range of courses on offer. University staff had come over to MRC, as part of our careers offer, to inform students about the benefits, costs and entrance requirements of studying for a degree. As we returned to visit them, our students had a Q and A session, a scenic walk around the sites including the impressive library and modern student accommodation, followed by a lecture on Land Management, tailored to their age and stage. The day gave students a lot to think about and many reasons to work very hard towards high grades in their GCSEs this summer.



A mixed-age group of students were then lucky enough to attend an outreach event at St John's College (SJC), Oxford. Each college there adopts a UK region to encourage state school students to find out about and apply for Oxbridge. SJC links with West Sussex. Our 40 students toured 3 colleges, saw rare books in the Bodleian library, met a new undergraduate and enjoyed a delicious lunch in the beautiful Hall.

The students were naturally impressed by the beautiful college grounds and historic buildings. They had lots of questions to ask and certainly made the most of this chance to find out how they might make a good application, what grades are needed and what student life is like at SJC. We were fortunate to be in Oxford on a cold sunny day and do our walking tour of the famous college buildings looking their best beneath blue skies. A memorable day was had by all, and the students were a credit to us!

The inspiring theme continued with the annual careers fair, which saw 30 businesses and universities visiting the College for a day. They came along to share their knowledge of what careers are on offer within their area, qualifications students need to enter each field, how they can gain these and what progression there can be once employed in a field of work. Every student spent time in the marketplace area, asking questions and enquiring about future career opportunities. Some took part in challenges and competitions winning prizes from the exhibitors. After winning the Tristan Eves Hairdressing competition, a very delighted year 9 student took home a large bag of luxury hair products. Second and third prize winners were also delighted with their prizes of smaller bags of the similar goodies. Students said they found the event very useful to their future career planning and really enjoyed attending the event. One said 'The businesses had a very good and positive approach to everyone. They were well prepared for all our questions and gave very good and impressive answers and solutions to my questions'.



PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Petworth Lunch Club meets on Tuesday 14th March at 12 noon in the URC Hall when the menu will be Chicken, Bacon and Tarragon Pie with vegetables followed by Lime and Ginger Cheesecake. Price £7.50 including tea or coffee.

Booking essential through Caroline on 342942.

The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 7th March at 2.00 pm Roger Butler will give a talk on

“Canal History & Heritage”

(Including the Wey & Arun Canal)

Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £7 (Cash only please)

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

or email westsussex@theartsociety.org

www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

Roger Butler is a landscape architect and an experienced writer, photographer and lecturer. He has a particular interest in the unique history, architecture and traditions of our canal network and worked on some of the UK's major canal restoration projects. He has also acted as a consultant to bodies such as Waterways Ireland, Natural England and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

He regularly contributes to waterway and heritage magazines and writes and provides images for a range of countryside and outdoor titles. Roger is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society and a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute. He lives near Stratford upon Avon and lectures to groups such as the National Trust, RSPB, U3A, history societies, etc. across the Midlands and further afield.



The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 4th April, Imogen Corrigan will give a talk on
Charlemagne

Charlemagne, the first Carolingian Emperor,
had an extraordinary life. He reigned for over 40 years,
steadily increasing his vast territories.

Talks held at 2.00 pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £7 (Cash only please)

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

or email westsussex@theartsociety.org

SPORTS QUIZ

1. **Snooker:** What is another name for the white ball?
2. **Darts:** Who is the new PDC World Darts Champion?
3. **Cricket:** Which Australian batsman has signed a part-time contract to play for Sussex in some County Championship matches for the 2023 season?
4. **Tennis:** How many majors did Pete Sampras win during his career?
5. **Football:** Which nation surprised the footballing world by reaching the semi-finals of the recent World Cup, for the first time in their history?
6. **Table-Tennis:** What is the board associated with World Table-Tennis called?
7. **WWE Wrestling:** Which pay-per-view event is going to be staged at London's O2 Arena in July?
8. **Rugby Union:** Who is the current coach of the Welsh national team?
9. **Golf:** What term is referred to when someone hits a 2-under par shot?
10. **Formula One:** What nationality is Sebastian Vettel?

Mark Thomas

Answers at the back of the magazine

THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 1st March

ALL DONE ON GINGER BEER BY SARAH LENTON

The interesting achievements of Lilian Baylis, manager of The Old Vic and Sadlers Wells, founder of the English National Opera, the National Theatre and The Royal Ballet.

Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
10.30 am for Starting time **10.45 am**,
preceded by coffee from **09.50 am**
Members Free Visitors £7

Further details on:

www.theartsocietysouthdowns.org.uk
Or Jane Allison on Tel 01798 813314

PETWORTH FOODBANK

Urgently needed items by Petworth Foodbank (one of the Chichester District Foodbanks, 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:

Tomato soup

Jam

Long-life sponge puddings

Long-life fruit juice

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

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/>

PETWORTH FOODBANK

Petworth Foodbank Race Against Hunger on Saturday 1st April at Petworth Park– why not join us?

On Saturday 1st April, some of the Petworth Foodbank team will be taking part in the Race Against Hunger which will follow a 5k route around Petworth Park. Some will be running and others walking. If you just want to do part of the route then that's fine too.

We will meet outside the United Reformed Church in the centre of Petworth at 2.30 pm.

If you'd like to join us, it would be lovely to see you there. We're asking everyone that takes part to donate £10 online - although how much you choose to donate is entirely up to you. If you can wear a green top, the colour of the Trussell Trust logo then all the better!

If you can't come along but would like to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.

To donate please use the link below and put 'Petworth Race Against Hunger' in the comment box.

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

If you want to make contact,
please e-mail: info@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk
and mark your e-mail 'Petworth Race Against Hunger'.

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.

SPRING SONG

Winter's nearly gone; spring is on the way;
Birdsong awakens, frogs are at play.
Witch hazel flowers, snowdrops peeking;
Buds on trees begin to show a greeting.

March is here; new life is on the way,
The fields are greening, lambs are at play.
Primrose and violet petals unfurling;
Hibernating creatures waken uncurling.

To march in March helps raise vital funds,
For helping combat stress in veterans;
With friendly encouragement to join in
Have fun, be brave, take part fundraising.

Spring brings freshness to everything around
In cities, parks and towns all abound.
Gardeners make a start, with happy faces
Smile at winters disappearing traces.

Teresa Charman©2023



PETWORTH HOUSE

Explorations in Paint will be on show at Petworth House.

6th March – 24th September Explorations in Paint Exhibition
10.30 am – 4.00 pm Free (normal admission charge applies)

No booking required.

Explorations in Colour, a specially curated exhibition from the Royal Academy of Arts, features artworks not previously lent by the Royal Academy and a new work never before exhibited by Rebecca Salter PRA.

Specially curated for the National Trust by Dr Lois Oliver and the Royal Academy Collections.

NEXT LENT I
THINK I MIGHT
GIVE UP LENT
FOR LENT!

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DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - THURSDAY 4TH MAY

Because we are, in March, entering a period of purdah, whether you are standing or not for the elections I have taken advice from the Solicitor at CDC and he has advised that I only use my private e-mail and mobile for people to contact me until after the May elections. I hope you will agree not make it Political, but more factual about what is happening, so I can continue to do that. It is janetdunton@gmail.com or phone me on 07979 152898.

Thank you.

Janet

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

An issue that I know has concerned some in the community is, with elections in May, ID will have to be produced at Polling Stations or you will be unable to vote. Driving Licences, Passports and Bus Passes can be used as identification and, if you don't have any identification with a photograph on it, you can get a special letter direct from Chichester District Council electoral department. Of course, if you have a postal vote the ID is not required.

Supporting You has been set up by Chichester District Council and this is particularly to advise and point in the right direction those who are find their finances are hard to meet. Items like Rent, Household bills, Housing, Health and Well-being are all there to help people through these difficult times. Just contact Chichester District Council.

The time has now come to make our budget decisions. By the time I attend your meetings in the next week or so the decisions will have been made and, although I cannot be definite about the decision, it looks likely that the County increase will be 4.99%. I will let you know if there is a different outcome. What I can say though is that if the budget goes through it is a positive budget that delivers positive outcomes for our residents and businesses, whilst protecting valuable services.

Having got the dreaded potholes under some control with the 25,000 done within 9 months we then had the winter weather which, although not too prolonged, was quite bad and the hard frosts and the continued wet weather earlier has given us many more potholes and other issues that have to be dealt with. I can assure you that I do report all that I personally see, and those that residents and Parish Councils let me know about.

The news on the A29 at Pulborough is not good. It is also not simple. The banks that collapsed are in private ownership and, as you all know, that adds complications.

As Hallelujah Corner affects many, not just Fittleworth, I reported it and, some 4 weeks ago, the contractor was booked to do the work. It didn't get done and the Highways Officer didn't know he was going to be let down. I am hoping that by the time we get to next week's meetings it will have been taken care of.

Janet Duncton

County Councillor for the Petworth Division

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

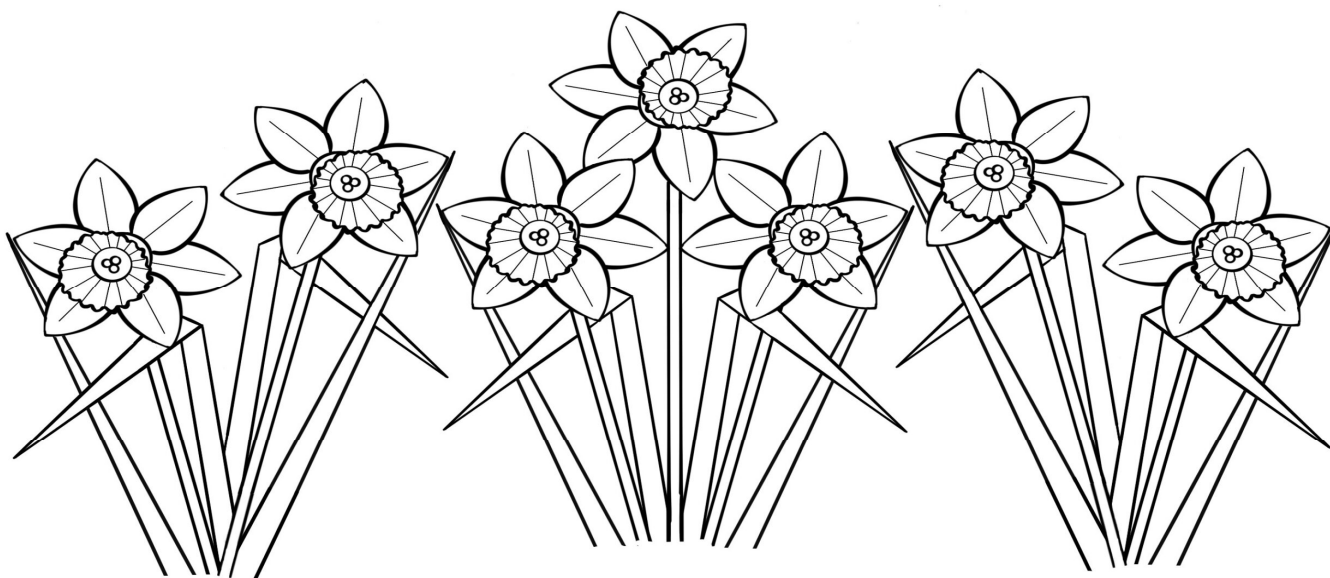
With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR MARCH

5th 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

12th 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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

19th MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

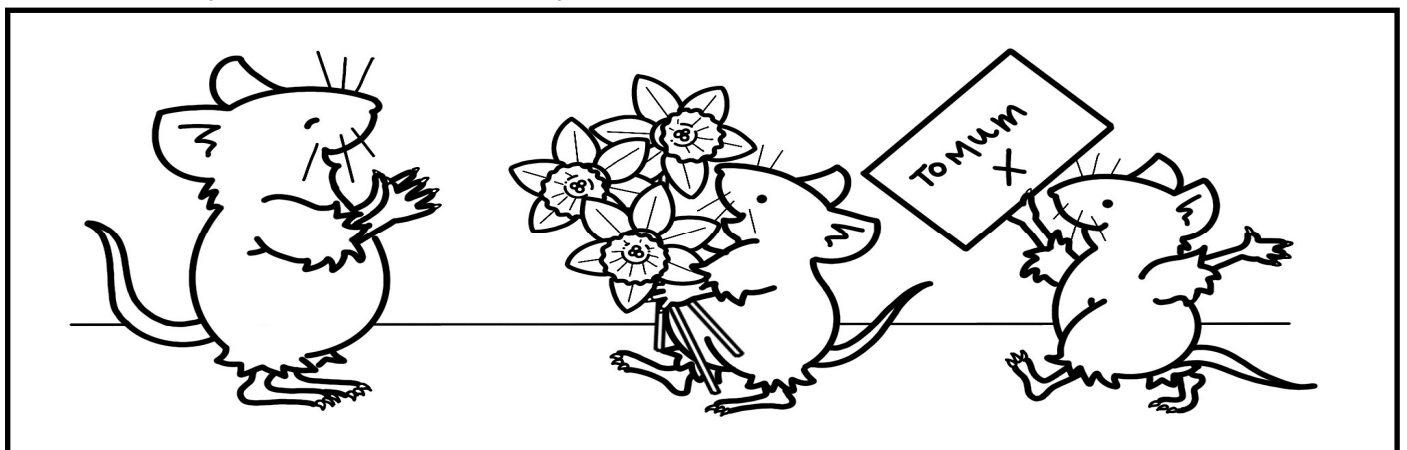
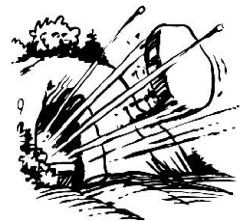
26th 5th Sunday of LENT

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

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



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Common Frog by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

My friend Alf passed away a few years back. He loved Sussex and he loved wildlife but Alf's real passion was amphibians: newts, frogs and toads. Alf loved them so much his funeral service ended with that Paul McCartney Frog Chorus song. That's commitment for you. I spent the rest of the week with that annoying 'bom-bom-bom-aye-e-aye' tune rolling 'round my head. I'm sure Alf was laughing somewhere. While I was helping Alf's family clear his house I was honoured to be given one of his prized possessions: a clock that chimes each hour by playing a variety of frog croaks. Long ago Alf's wife Iris had made him take the batteries out because it was unbearable.



But there was no silencing Alf's pond each spring. Each year it would come alive with the sound of a real frog chorus. Alf was proud of his pond. Creating a garden pond, no matter what size, is one of the best things you can do to help wildlife in your garden. If you're lucky, in March it will turn into a hotbed of activity as Common Frogs return to mate and lay their eggs. After spending the winter hidden away in the garden, it's time to go a-courting.

Approach the pond quietly with a torch and you can observe the mating frogs. Look closely and you may be able to identify the male frog (darker with a bluish tinge to his throat) and the female (white granulations on her flanks). But if you can't notice these features then the males are on top and the females are on the bottom. The lustful male will hop on the female and grasp her as tight as he can. He even develops special extra-grip pads on his forearms and he'll use those powerful back legs to boot off any rival males who try to muscle in. In theory, the males with the longest and loudest croaks are the most attractive, but with females sometimes outnumbered ten to one by males the pond party can get loud, chaotic and confusing. Amorous male frogs will grasp anything: a log, a fish, even another male (males have a special croaking signal which politely informs other males there has been a misunderstanding). Female Common Frogs can lay up to 4,000 eggs, although 1,000-2,000 is more normal. These are fertilised by the male as they emerge and form into those familiar clouds of jelly spawn.

So, in tribute to Alf I decide to restore his croaking clock to full working order. I re-installed the batteries and nailed it proudly on my office wall. After two hours I turned it off. That croaking was unbearable! I'm still sure Alf was laughing somewhere.



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With events and meetings really getting into full swing now, we are looking forward to having lots of occasions to talk about our work and encourage support of all kinds. Our Easter Monday sponsored walk is now open for registrations, so if you would like to join us at Alfriston for what we hope will be a really enjoyable day then please get in touch with the fundraising team by email or phone. If you would like to invite someone to speak at a Sunday service or at any local community group then we would love the chance to let more people know about our work – please email admin@familysupportwork.org.uk.

Our Eastbourne shop is currently running low on donations, so if you have good quality second hand items you would like to donate (please no electrical items or anything you wouldn't be happy to buy yourself) then we would be very grateful. We can arrange collections of large quantities of donations so please contact Spencer in the office on 01273 832963 if you would like to discuss this.

With thanks for all your continued, and crucial, support of our work.

January's work in numbers

274 individual visits and 904 calls with families supporting 257 adults and 210 children
248 supported meetings with other agencies
37 group sessions held supporting 492 parents and 172 children
105 food deliveries made

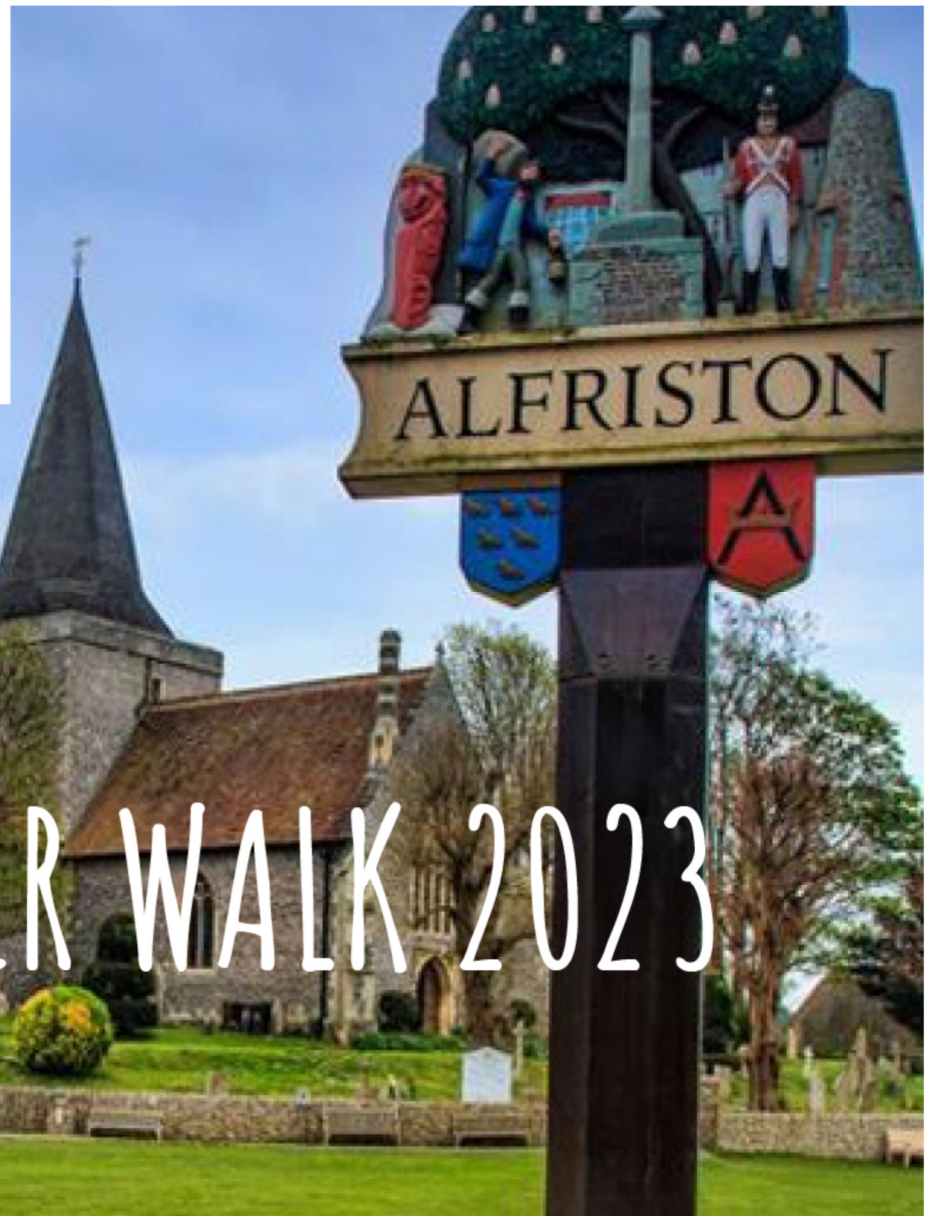
Prayer points

Give thanks for a recent successful multi-year funding bid that will be a huge support to our core work over the next 3 years
Pray for our two new student social workers, Abbie and Sophie, who are with us until early June
Pray for all our families experiencing mental health struggles in particular, as specialist support is extremely hard to find due to budget cuts and waiting lists of over 2 years

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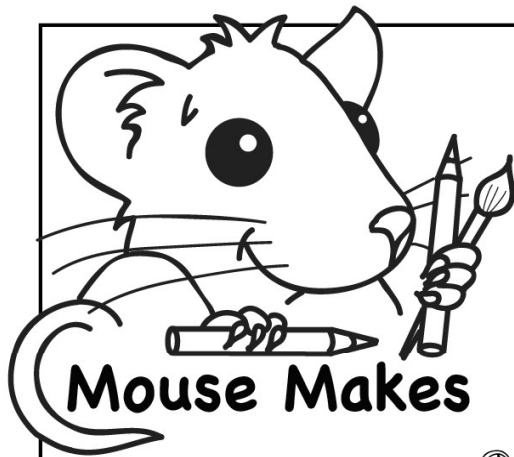
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Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — — — —
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — — —
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — — —
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — — —
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — — —
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — — —
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M — — — — —
Matt 1:16

O — — — — —
2 Tim 1:5

T — — — — —
1 Kings 1:11

H — — — — —
1 Sam 1:20

E — — — — —
Gen 34:1

R — — — — —
Gen 30:22

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



CAIN	ELIZABETH
ISAAC	HANNAH
JESUS	RACHEL
JACOB	REBEKAH
TIMOTHY	EVE
JOSEPH	MARY
SAMUEL	SARAH
JOHN	EUNICE

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

REBEKAH
ELIZABETH
EUNICE
RUTH
MARY
RACHEL
LEAH
ZIPLAH
MOTHER
MUM



How many other words can you make from:
MOTHERING SUNDAY



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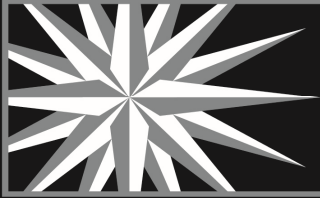
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A LIFE REMEMBERED

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Committal took place at Guildford crematorium on 20th February.



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4. Fourteen 5. Morocco 6. International Table-Tennis Federation (ITTF)
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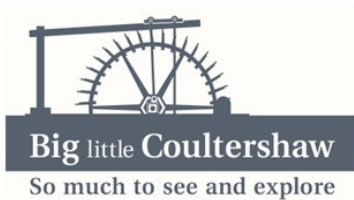
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The children started their tour in the Main Hall, where the Queen was laid in state, and where many political leaders have stood to address our politicians. During the tour of the Houses of Parliament the children watched both houses debating. After the tour, the children had their own debate and they chose to ban smoking over banning homework. Once the debate had finished, Andrew Griffith, MP, joined the children in a question and answer session.

Once we left the Houses of Parliament, the children walked along Whitehall, saw Downing Street and then we had our dinner as we sat in Trafalgar Square. A walk through St James Park, then they admired Buckingham Palace as they hoped King Charles would pop out. Finally, we returned to Victoria train station as we started our journey back to Pulborough.

The children were very impressed by the vastness of what they saw, the history, the place names and they were very tired.

