

# PETWORTH MAGAZINE

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COVERING THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY'S, PETWORTH  
&  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN

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**St Mary's Church,  
Petworth**



**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 9th March  
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle  
and Refreshments**

**In aid of Church Funds**

**Mothering Sunday**

**9.15am Family Service Egdean**

**Breakfast from 9.00am at St Mary's**

**10.30am Jubilate Eucharist St Mary's**

**Give your Mother a Posie (In Both Churches)**

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AND ST BARTHOLOMEW, EGDEAN**

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## FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear All

As we welcome the arrival of March, a month that heralds the blossoming of spring, it is fitting that we take a moment to reflect on the significance of Mothering Sunday, Mother Church, and the loving mothers who shape our lives. This month's magazine serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of family, faith, and the upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

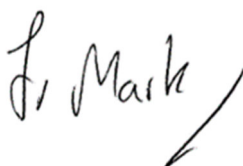
Mothering Sunday, observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent, holds a special place in our hearts as we honour the maternal figures who have guided and nurtured us. It is a day to express gratitude for the love and sacrifice of our mothers, grandmothers, and all those who have played a motherly role in our lives. Let us take this occasion to reach out to these remarkable women, acknowledging the impact they have had on our spiritual and emotional well-being.

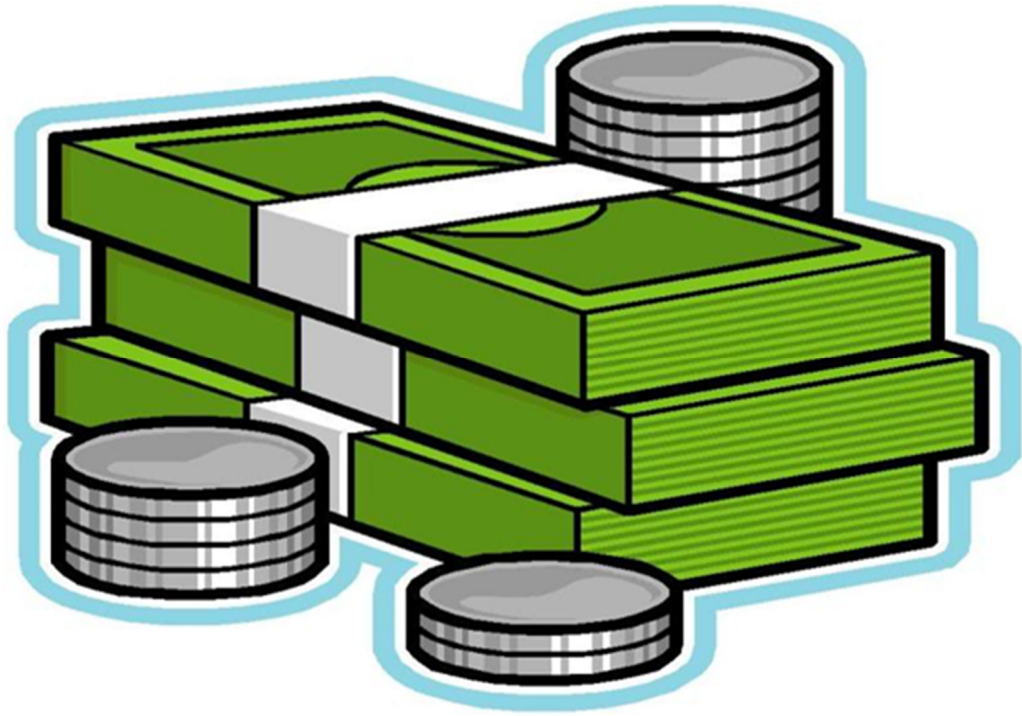
In parallel, we must not forget the origins of Mothering Sunday the nurturing presence of Mother Church. The church, often referred to as our spiritual home, provides a sense of belonging, guidance, and comfort. It is a place where we gather as a community to share in the joys and challenges of life, finding solace in our shared faith. Let us celebrate the richness of our spiritual heritage and the sense of belonging that comes from being part of Parish Churches.

As we approach Holy Week, a sacred time in the Christian calendar, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the profound journey ahead. From Palm Sunday's triumphal entry to the poignant reflections of Maundy Thursday, the sombre observance of Good Friday, and ultimately the joyous celebration of the Easter Vigil, culminating on Easter Sunday - each day holds its own significance in the story of our faith. Let us engage in these observances with reverence and gratitude, contemplating the ultimate sacrifice and the promise of redemption that Easter brings.

This March, let us cherish the bonds of family, honour the nurturing spirit of Mother Church, and embrace the profound teachings of Holy Week and Easter. May this season of renewal bring joy, reflection, and a deepened sense of spiritual connection to each of you and your families.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Mark". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.



***St. Mary's is in need of a Treasurer!***

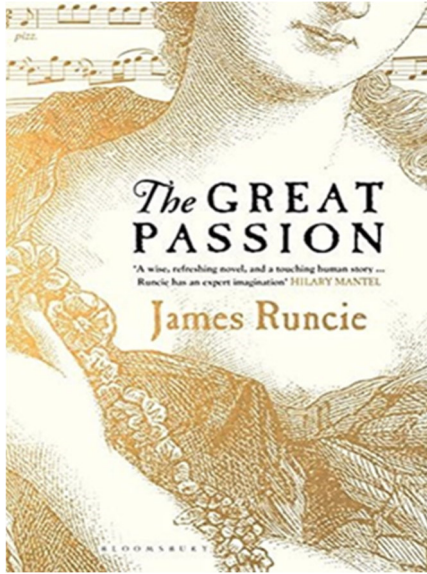
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***Can you help?***

***Please contact Father Mark to discuss***

# *Egdean our Lent Book*



## *The Great Passion by James Runcie*

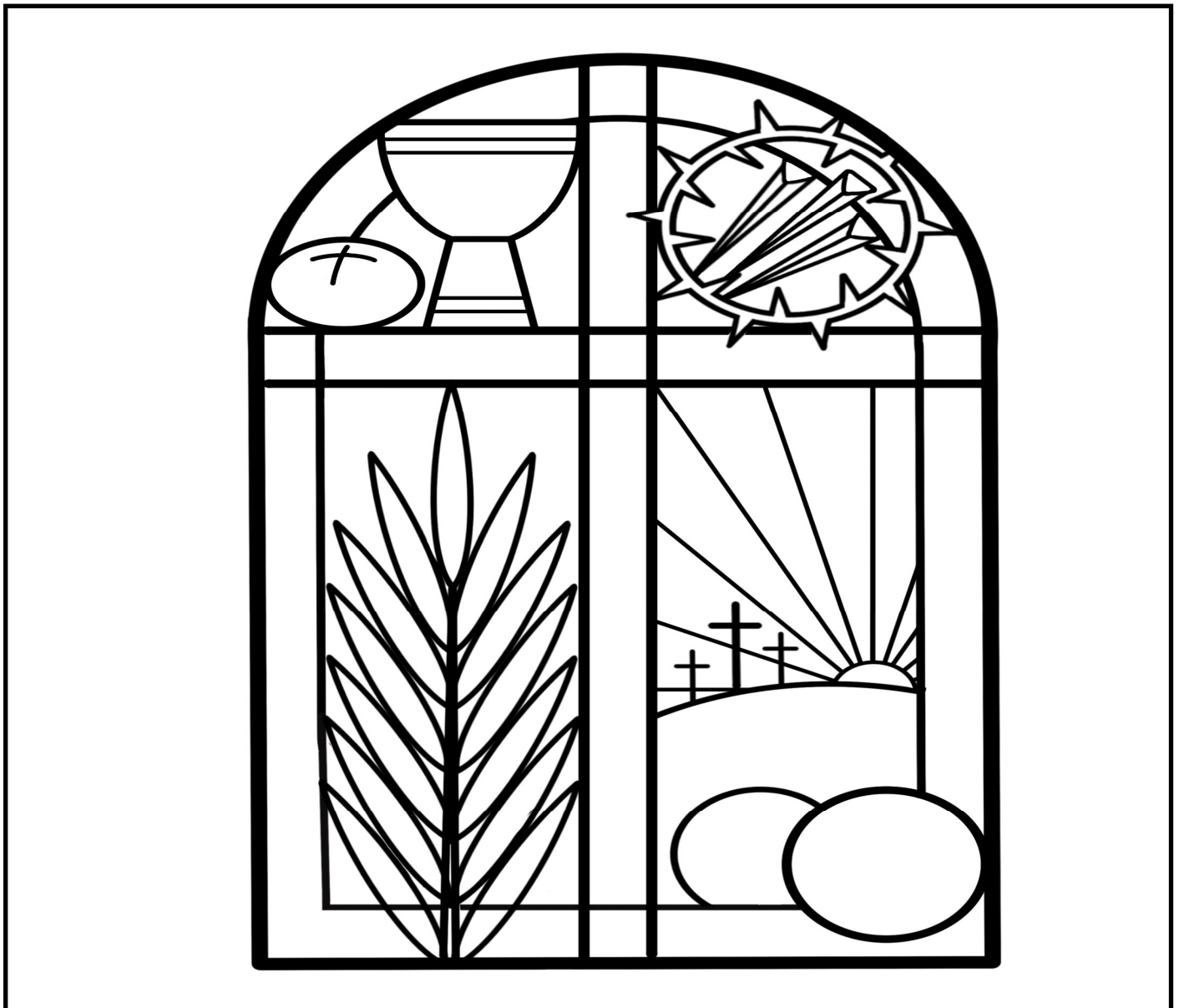
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<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/14-april/audio-video/video/james-runcie-in-conversation-with-lucy-winkett>

The Great Passion by James Runcie will be discussed on Thursday 19th March at 7.00 pm at High Hoes.



# *St Mary's Petworth*



Bread of Life is a major new multi-media resource that aims to meet the needs of communities in the Church of England. It consists of six modules which broadly follow the structure of the Eucharist.

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1 I am the bread of life | 2 He has reconciled us to God            |
| 3 The word of the Lord   | 4 Hear our prayer                        |
| 5 The body of Christ     | 6 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord |

Each teaching session follows the structure of Gathering, soup bread and cheese, Word (teaching supported by video, audio, slides), Communion (discussion among the group) and Sending out (practical applications and optional closing liturgy).

Thursdays from 22nd February at 6.30 pm.



You are welcome to join us for a free family breakfast at 9:15-10:15 am at St. Mary's Petworth. Followed by family jubilate service on 1st Sunday of each month!

**THE BREAKFAST IN MARCH WILL NOT BE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY, BUT ON MOTHERING SUNDAY, 10TH, WHEN THE JUBILATE SERVICE WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE.**

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PETWORTH

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held  
on Wednesday 24th January

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2023 were approved.

Finance: There was little to report regarding the finances. Eileen was awaiting the year-end figures from Tulip. We were also waiting for year-end figures regarding our investments, the latter however was not money for us to spend. There is £14,652 in CAF and just over £29,000 in Santander. We will have made a loss, though less than last year, but until the figures are received Eileen could not put a figure on it.

St Mary's Fabric: There was no further update.

2024 Quinquennial: Jane Warner Jones has retired. We therefore need a new Architect. Richard Andrews, who also looks after Egdean, would be willing to work for St Mary's. The Quinquennial is carried out every 5 years. Richard is known by the Diocese and is on the DAC. The PCC approved the appointment.

2024 Visitation: Arch-Deacon Luke would be visiting. The Charity Commission says we are overdue with the financial return for 2022. Father Mark is trying to resolve.

The Bell Tower: Andrew Brook is to be asked if he would lead on the work for the Bell Tower and be willing to report as and when to the PCC Secretary.

To receive updates on:

Safeguarding: Nothing to report

Pastoral Care: Rotherlea has restarted services, Fr Richard Hoyle both visits and takes a monthly service at Petworth Cottage Nursing Home.

PACT: A report is attached.

Deanery Synod: There would be no meeting in February, partly because of the early Lent.

Family Support: A report is attached.

St Mary's Music: Nothing to report.

The St Mary's MAP: The Lent Course is entitled 'Bread of Life'. It is to be held at the Rectory, preceded by Supper.

Notice Board: Derek suggested having a Notice Board in the new porch. This was agreed. On line there are boards that might be suitable. Derek would look into this and report back.



## **Proposed dates of the PCC meetings for 2024**

13th March

8th May PCC and AGM

3rd July

18th September

20th November

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

### **PACT**

The Friday coffee mornings are well supported at the URC, with friends and neighbours coming together over a cup of tea or coffee for a chat.

The Christian Unity Service was held at St Giles, Graffham on Sunday. The prayer and lunch meetings are taking place at the URC from Monday to Thursday of this week (22nd - 25th January). The speakers are from local churches, and this will be followed by soup.

Plans are underway for the Palm Sunday procession.

The Spring lecture on Friday 26th April entitled 'Renewing Hope in the Rural Community' will be given by Rev Gary Cregeen, Rural Officer for the Diocese of Chichester.

### **FSW**

The drop-in sessions each Monday during school time is going well.

Mainly mothers with very young children attend. Refreshments are provided and there will be people from other organisation there to offer advice, for example MIND dealing with depression and other mental issues.

There is a plan to hold social and supper sessions at the Primary School after school once a month. FSW are holding a food hygiene course for those who are helping with this.

## **ST MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT**

A Quiz Night will be held on Friday 19th April  
in the Hampers Green Centre

Full details in next month's magazine

Please make a note of the date in your diary

# 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*

## NOTICES

**Please Note: Our Family Service will be on Sunday 10th March at 9.15 am to celebrate Mothering Sunday**

**During Lent our Collections will be donated to Family Support Work**

**Electoral Roll Revision** - I will be revising the Church Electoral Roll for Egdean, prior to our Annual Parish Meeting, from 18th March to 6th April

**Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 2nd May at 7.00 pm, Woodruff Farm, Egdean**

**Annual Church Barbecue and Stalls - Saturday 15th June from 5.30 pm**  
*Christine Dallyn*  
*Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*



Slindon College is an Independent Specialist Day and Boarding school for boys aged 8-18 located in Sussex



Slindon College provides a stimulating, broad and balanced educational experience for pupils of all academic abilities, taking into account their strengths and talents.

**Open Mornings**  
**9.30am-12noon**

- Saturday 9th March 2024
- Saturday 28th September 2024
- Saturday 1st March 2025

Private visits available throughout the year



Register Attendance: 01243 814320 • registrar@slindoncollege.co.uk • www.slindoncollege.co.uk

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SCHOOLS  
GUIDE

## PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

### The Friendship Centre

The Centre, in Trump Alley, is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon, come along to meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy a chat.

Bingo will be played at the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) on 6th and 20th March starting at 1.30 pm. The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

We have been invited to join Easebourne Ladies for a Beetle session on Tuesday 2nd April at St Mary's Church Easebourne at 2.00 pm. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

There will be a Coffee morning on Saturday 6th April in the URC Hall and we would welcome contributions for the raffle, tombola, cakes and bric-a-brac.  
*Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942*

## 2024 FOODBANK WISHLIST

KETCHUP AND OTHER TABLE SAUCES  
JAM  
TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT PULSES OR  
POTATOES)  
TINNED MEATS  
CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE IN DATE!  
THANK YOU!



# PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth>



## **Spring Festival**

Our sensational new festival will celebrate the arrival of spring, featuring talks, demonstrations, art and craft workshops, family activities, a community art installation and an enhanced display of radiant daffodils.

The festival will run for three weeks from 23rd March to 14th April. Normal admission applies.

## **Spring Makers Market**

You'll find a range of artisan gifts and beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop-Up. Normal admission applies.

Saturday 23rd March 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Sunday 24th March 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

## **Gardening Talks and Demonstrations**

Gardening enthusiasts will be treated to a series of talks and demonstrations from specialist speakers including Gardeners' World's Frances Tophill, author Robyn Booth and curator of Munstead Wood Caroline Ikin.

Please see our website for dates and times.

## **Spring Workshops**

Get into the spirit of Spring with our creative workshops. Suitable for all skill levels. Materials will be provided. Booking is essential. Please call 0344 249 1895 or visit our website.

### **Lino Cut Spring Cards**

26th March 10.30 am - 1.00 pm, £60 per person

### **Spring Wreath Making**

26th March 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm, £60 per person

### **Willow Weaving**

27th March 10.30 am - 12.00 noon, £28 per person

### **Botanical Drawing for Beginners**

29th March 10.30 am - 4.00 pm, £65 per person

## **Foraging Walk**

This guided walk with Terra Vitum will explain the myths, folklore, history and edibility of common and unusual wild food, and offer a unique chance to explore the park and gardens.

Saturday 23rd March, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm, £49 per person.

<https://terravitum.co.uk/courses/p/spring-guided-foraging-walk>

## **Spring Family Trail**

Discover games and activities for all ages along the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden on our family trail and look out for six sculptures inspired by nature.

23rd March - 14th April. Pick up a free map on arrival, normal admission applies.

## **West Chiltington Floral Club**

(Affiliated to NAFAS)

**Tuesday 19th March, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start**

We welcome Claire Bryant with her demonstration  
**'Grand Floral Affair'**

Visitors are most welcome

**FREE** entry for the March meeting

(Other meetings normally £5.00 on the door)

The meeting will be held at  
West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington  
RH20 2PZ.

For more information, please contact:

Brenda on 01798 813712 or

Carol on 01798 813608

Email: [wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com](mailto:wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com)

# The Arts Society West Sussex

Tuesday 5th March

Chris Aslam is now unable to give his talk on

## **The Golden Road to Samarkand**

but Sue Rollin has stepped in and will be giving a similar talk

In Transoxiana, at the hub of the Great Silk Road, are some of the loveliest historic cities of Central Asia. Bukhara, the 'Dome of Islam', was for centuries a leading centre for artists and scholars. Its emirs resided in the austere Ark Fortress, as old as the city itself. Samarkand was the glorious capital of the ruthless conqueror Tamerlane, who is buried in a stunningly beautiful mausoleum, beneath a brilliant blue fluted dome. Khiva, which grew rich in the 19C, boasts one of the most homogeneous collections of Islamic architecture, a museum city, frozen in time.

Sue Rollin works as a tour guide and lecturer in India and the Middle East, and as a freelance interpreter for the European Union, United Nations and other international organisations. Formerly staff interpreter at the European Commission, Brussels, and tutor and lecturer in Assyriology and Ancient History at the Universities of London and Cambridge. Has worked as an archaeologist. Publications: Blue Guide: Jordan and Istanbul: A Traveller's Guide.

On Tuesday 2nd April Prasannajit de Silva will talk on

## **The Art of Captain Cook's Voyage**

Cook's expeditions were the first to include professional artists amongst the crew. They recorded the places, people, flora and fauna they saw but how did they react to these novel surroundings?

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

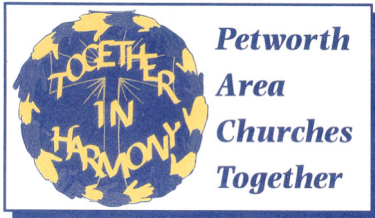
**Doors open 1.15 pm. Coffee and tea afterwards**

**Non-members welcome for £8**

**Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086**

**or email [westsussex@theartsociety.org](mailto:westsussex@theartsociety.org)**

[www.theartsocietywestsussex.org](http://www.theartsocietywestsussex.org)



## PACT NEWS

### Petworth Area Churches Together

*working together in harmony*

On Sunday 24th March, the weekend before Easter, our annual Palm Sunday Procession takes place in Petworth, starting at the Sacred Heart Church in Angel Street at 3.00 pm.

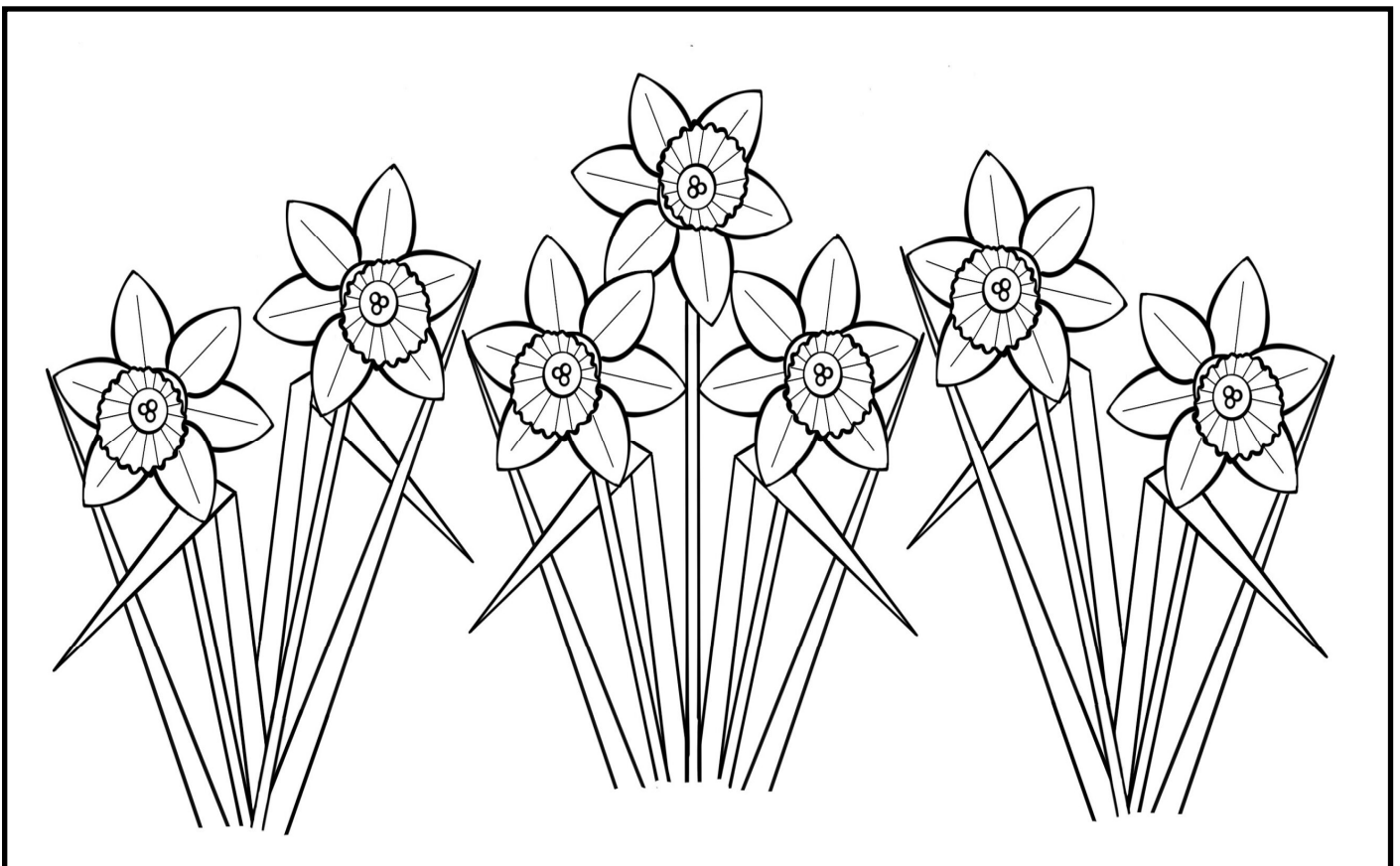
This is a great occasion with hopefully, two donkeys, the Petworth Town Band marching and playing. We walk to Middle Street, High Street, and then to stop outside the URC for a short telling of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

On to Market Square - the traffic stops for us - and ending at St Mary's Church for a cup of tea.

Last year about 100 people walked with us - do join us this year, either at the start or along the route.

Palm Sunday is a day when Christians remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and being greeted with palm branches by the crowds. This momentous event foreshadowed his ultimate sacrifice for humanity, as he would be crucified and resurrected a week later.

[Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com](mailto:Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com) <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com>





**Slindon College, near Arundel, has achieved the School Mental Health Award, delivered by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools. Slindon College was awarded a Silver standard for its outstanding mental health and wellbeing provision.**

**Headteacher at Slindon College, Sotiria Vlahodimou** said: ‘We are delighted to receive this award and the recognition that goes with it for our hardworking team who are so very skilled and experienced at looking after our pupils’ mental fitness. Each pupil at Slindon College is supported and nurtured to ensure their personal development and all round wellbeing.’

Slindon College provides a wide range of activities to boost the wellbeing of pupils and staff, including weekly woodland walks, time to talk sessions, termly wellbeing focussed staff meetings and a range of events that support the college community’s mental fitness including the Slindon Memory Tree which encouraged pupils to reflect and journal their feelings in a safe space.

**Slindon College SENCo and Mental Fitness Lead, Adam Sharpe** said: ‘The award process has helped us to recognise just how much we do to support the mental health of those in our College community. It provided an excellent framework to improve the ways we can monitor wellbeing and adapt the support we offer to our pupils. The award has also been a catalyst for the College to look beyond Slindon House and at how we can support other local settings to improve their mental health provision and share good practice.’

To achieve the Silver Standard Carnegie Award, a school’s mental health provision needs to be having an impact at a local and regional level. Slindon College’s SENCo has visited local primary schools to deliver sessions to pupils on mental fitness and share information with local Headteachers on how the College is helping to improve the mental fitness of staff.

Sotiria Vlahodimou (Headteacher) has written nationally published articles on aspects of education that directly impact mental health. She also led a workshop on engaging reluctant learners (with a focus on Mental Health) at Chichester University’s SEN conference 2023: Engaging Voices for Change in Inclusive Education.



The Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools aims to strengthen pupils' mental health by supporting schools to make a positive change at all levels of the UK's education system, improving students' outcomes and life chances.

Rachel C. Boyle, Dean of Leeds Beckett's Carnegie School of Education, said: 'The achievement of the Mental Health Award is a demonstration of the school's significant commitment to improving children's and staff's mental health and wellbeing.'

Dean Johnstone, founder and CEO of Minds Ahead said: 'This award shines a light on the excellent work schools are doing to promote mental health for their community of children and adults. It is thrilling and humbling to learn about Slindon College and the many other schools engaged in the quality award process. I'd like to offer my congratulations on this deserved recognition.'



*Slindon College SENCO, Adam Sharp, and pupils  
with the Carnegie Schools Mental Health Award*

**About Slindon College:** Slindon College is an independent day and boarding school for boys aged 8-18, set in the historic Slindon House located in the South Downs National Park. The College provides a specialist learning environment enabling pupils with additional learning needs, to thrive in our nurturing provision. Our pupils have had setbacks in mainstream settings and the College offers individualised pathways for their future success. We work with each pupil on a rounded social and educational development foundation, offering nationally recognised examinations and vocational qualifications.

To find out more about Slindon College visit [www.slindoncollege.co.uk](http://www.slindoncollege.co.uk).

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**Sussex**  
Wildlife Trust

## The Wheatear by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

It's been a long winter, but rest assured that our summer migrant birds will soon be with us. As you read this, beating hearts and beating wings are powering tiny bodies through north African skies.

Wheatears are our earliest returning African migrants. It's a fast 3,000-mile flight from sub-Saharan Sierra Leone to Sussex for a 1-ounce Wheatear, and they've been recorded migrating at 500 miles a day. The dashing males arrive first, their soft, sun-bleached shades of pink and buff topped with a dapper black bandit's mask. At Sussex Wildlife Trust's Southerham nature reserve near Lewes, you'll see them scurrying over the grazed downland turf or perched along the valley's fence lines. When they fly, Wheatears flash the white rump which gives them their name. Because Wheatears have nothing to do with wheat or ears. Their original name...well, courtesy prevents me from writing their old English name in such an upstanding publication - but let's just say they were named after their white behinds. Victorians and vicars bird watching in mixed company blushed when they were called upon to identify one, so their name was subtly censored.



Wheatear is a more palatable name for a tragically palatable bird. In Sussex, Wheatears were considered a local delicacy and were served at the finest banquets in Lewes, Brighton and Eastbourne. Sussex shepherds would trap them to increase their income; in the late Century the birds fetched 3/6d a dozen (£17.50 today). Shepherds could earn £14 per season (£1,260 today) trapping Wheatears - half their annual wage. Around the town, shepherds were eventually banned from trapping Wheatears as it distracted them from their sheep.

Gluttonous gourmets were so desperate for fresh Wheatear that they would prowl the downs and take birds straight from unmanned traps, leaving a pile of coins for the shepherds. In 1900, outspoken and outraged Sussex conservationist W.H Hudson wrote, 'It is not fair that Wheatears should be killed merely to enable London stockbrokers, sporting men, and other gorgeous persons who visit the coast, accompanied by ladies with yellow hair, to feed on them at the big Brighton hotels.'

But the damage was done. Trapping and the gradual loss of their sheep-grazed downland habitat caused the birds to disappear from the Sussex downs. The Wheatears we now see around Lewes unsurprisingly don't hang around. Each spring they briefly return to their old downland haunts, flash their behinds at the people of Sussex and keep on moving. From Lewes, they'll head onwards



to breeding sites in northern England and northern Europe. But for some of these birds, their amazing migration continues for a further 2,000 miles across cold oceans to Greenland and Arctic Canada.

## **JUNKTIQUE COLLECTABLES & CLUTTER SALE**

West Chiltington Village Hall  
Mill Road, RH20 2PZ

**SATURDAY 13th APRIL**

**10.15 am to 12.30 pm**

**(No Public Entry BEFORE 10.15 am)**

Adults - £1 / Children under 12 Free

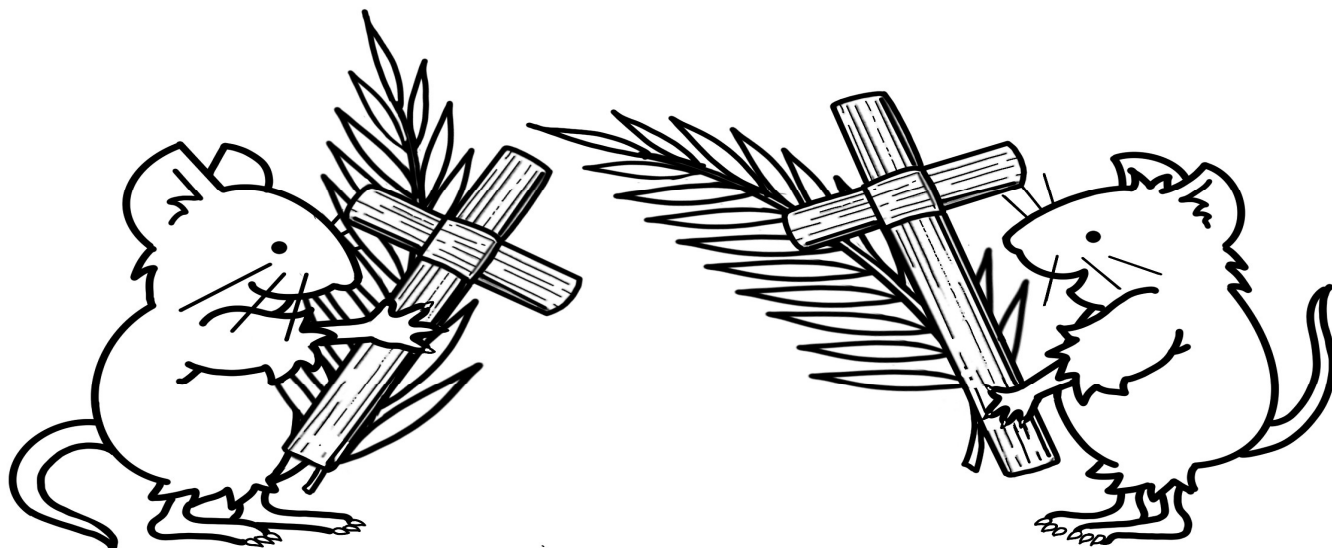
Cakes/Produce/Plant Stall (Refreshments Available)

**SELLERS 9.15 am TABLES £12.00**

**Must Book in Advance before Thursday 11th April**

For more information, please contact:

**Tel: 01798-813608 (07803-658377); 01798-839188**



# CHICHESTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

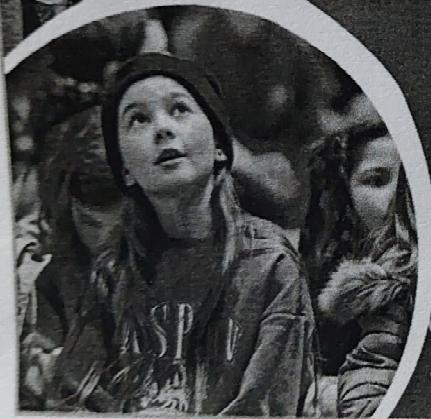
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## CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

FRIDAY 1ST - SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024

# MARY'S SONG



[www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk)

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 2024

Fr Mark Gilbert & Mrs Vicky Townsend will lead a team of Adult leaders (groups may bring their own leader)

Children aged 7-11 (Year 6) Cost

£130 for transport, accommodation, and all meals. (Cost for Adult leaders £150)

**Fun Work Shops**  
drama, music, art &

craft **Great Worship** with young people from all over Britain **Disco Party & Outdoor Games** and lots to discover and explore in Walsingham.

We will ask permission for you to be excused from school on the 1<sup>st</sup> March as it is an educational trip, but this is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

[www.sswshchichester.weebly.com](http://www.sswshchichester.weebly.com)

## WALSINGHAM CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

## CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd March

Here at St Mary's Church we are hoping to take a group of children to Walsingham this year. It is a fun weekend where the youngsters get to meet others from different Churches within the diocese. We are looking for sponsors to help with the cost to take the children with us which is £130.00 per child. This could be a sponsor per child or part sponsorship with others.

*Please see Fr Mark or Di Parr for more details*



### PETWORTH VILLAGE MINIBUS

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 1st March to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and a trip to Horsham, or a destination of your choice, on Friday 15th March. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on Wednesdays 6th and 20th March in the afternoon.

On Friday 29th March (Good Friday) there will be a lunchtime trip to the Toby Carvery in Goring (to be confirmed).

The shopping and pub trips must be booked through me on (01798) 342942.

We always welcome new volunteer drivers and escorts; please contact me for further details.

*Caroline Stoneman, on (01798) 342942.*

### PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The next Petworth Lunch Club will be on Tuesday 12th March at 12 noon in the URC Hall when the menu will be Sausages in Onion Gravy with Potatoes and Vegetables followed by Jam Sponge with Custard. We regret that due to rising costs we have had to increase the cost of this meal by 50p to £8.00, this includes tea or coffee. Don't forget to book on (01798) 342942.

If you would like to join us or find out about the Club please contact me - we would particularly welcome anyone who would be willing to help serve - no washing-up involved!

*Caroline Stoneman*

# THE ANNUAL PETWORTH PARK ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR OPENS FOR THE TENTH YEAR RUNNING

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th May



**The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair** returns for three days in May to the grounds of the National Trust's Petworth House, Petworth, West Sussex from **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th May**. Unusually, this event has taken place successfully every year since its inception, despite having to move dates on more than one occasion, last year as a result of King Charles III's coronation. Even in 2020 and 2021, when the fair had to move months to take place safely during the pandemic, this fair has always been extremely well attended by collectors, interior designers, south of England residents and others from around the UK and abroad. Brilliantly supported by the local market town, which looks forward to this annual event with much anticipation, the businesses in Petworth put on a great show for the influx of visitors and this year will be no exception. With some 60 exhibitors are gathering in the purpose-built marquee with their latest and finest stock.

**Opening Times:** Friday 11.00 to 19.00, Saturday 10.30 to 18.00, Sunday 10.30 to 17.00.

**Tickets:** \*£10 including catalogue (and re-admission) through Eventbrite  
\*Tickets include complimentary access to Petworth House and Park over the three days. Free entry to the Antiques Fair for National Trust members.

## MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Year 12 and 13 students studying A level Economics and A level Politics took a day trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Bank of England. They enjoyed a full tour of Parliament and were able to sit in on sessions in the House of Commons and House of Lords to observe the government in business action. Among the notable faces they saw during their visit were Penny Mor-dant, Leader of the House of Commons, Lord David Blunkett and Barley, his guide dog. Outside the building they were shown unrestored part of the exterior walls, which bare shrapnel and bomb damage scars from bombing during World War 2. The tour included passage through the oldest part of the Palace, West-minster Hall, familiar to most as where our late Queen's lying in state took place in 2022. Crossing London by underground, they then made their way to the Bank of England for a talk about Monetary Policy and the history of the Bank of England. They paid a visit the Bank's museum where students were challenged to pick up a real gold bullion weighing 13kg. The day finished with a walk back to Waterloo taking in many sights of the capital enroute. Overall the students had an excellent day taking in the inner workings of Parliament, seeing for themselves how the Bank of England works both bringing to life their A level courses studies to date.



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# CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR MARCH AND EARLY APRIL

## March

<b>3rd</b>	<b>LENT 3</b> <i>Exodus 20.1-17, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist at Egdean (BCP) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am
<b>10th</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> <i>(1 Samuel 1.20-28), Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25-27</i> Holy Eucharist Family Service at Egdean with Posies <b>Breakfast from 9.00 am at St Mary's</b> JUBILATE Family Mass with Posies	8.00 am 9.15 am  10.30 am
<b>17th</b>	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - PASSIONTIDE</b> <i>Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am
<b>24th</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Mark 11.1-11, Philippians 2.5-1, Mark 15.1-47</i> Holy Eucharist Passion Eucharist (Egdean)  <b>PROCESSION &amp; PASSION EUCHARIST</b> <b>Procession from the Lych-gate</b>  <b>PACT MARCH OF WITNESS</b> <b>from the Sacred Heart</b> <b>Monday - Tuesday 25th, 26th</b>  <b>Mass &amp; Stations of the Cross</b>  <b>COMPLINE Monday -Wednesday</b> <b>Zoom Meeting ID: 781 000 4062</b>	8.00 am 9.00 am  <b>10.30 am</b>      <b>10.00 am</b>  <b>8.00 pm</b>



**Wednesday 27th**  
**Petworth Church of England School Easter Service**      **9.30 am**

**Wednesday 27th**  
The Bishop of Lewes will preside at the Eucharist  
and bless the oils at  
St John's, Preston Park, Brighton (All welcome)      **12 noon**

**28th**      **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.      7.30 pm

**29th**      **GOOD FRIDAY**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS**      2.00 pm

**30th**      **EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER**      **7.30 pm**

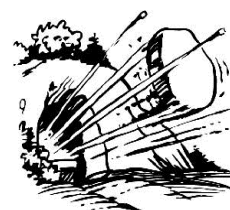
**31st**      **EASTER DAY** (Summertime - Clocks go forward 1 hour)  
*Acts 10.34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18*  
Holy Eucharist      8.00 am  
EASTER FAMILY Eucharist at Egdean      9.00 am  
EASTER FAMILY Eucharist      10.30 am

**April**

**7th**      **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EASTER 2**  
*Acts 4.32-35, (1 John 1.1 - 2.2), John 20.19-31*  
Holy Eucharist      8.00 am  
Family Service Egdean      9.15 am  
Jubilate Eucharist      10.30 am

**Weekday Services**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>



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# THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 6th March

## **The Grand Tour By Peter Le Rossignol**

Peter has degrees in Decorative Arts & Historic Interiors and Fine Art Valuation; he also holds a DPhil in Art History. Has forty years' lecturing experience, including to the Art Fund in Jersey and Guernsey, the Ringwood Antiques Club Hampshire, the Jersey College for Adult Education, and various after-dinner engagements. Has given talks on local radio, and held antique road shows for various organisations. Interests include eighteenth century fine & decorative art, the Grand Tour, Oriental decorative arts, and silver and jewellery. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. The great names of the mid-to-late 18th century travellers will loom large in this lecture; Payne-Knight, Townley, Mann, Hamilton, together with the artists who travelled with them to record these magnificent cultural and social sojourns abroad. The hazardous conditions that could be encountered, methods of travel and the necessity in some areas to employ bodyguards, are interspersed with the architectural beauty of the major cities of Italy, and the decorative arts are viewed with an 18th century eye.



Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB  
Doors open 09.50 am for coffee  
10.30 am for 10.45 am start  
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Further details on:

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# WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE SOUTHDOWNS NATIONAL PARK

As mentioned both the County Council and South Downs National Park are looking to recruit new Chief Executives and, at County, we also have to recruit a new Finance Director as she has obtained a position with a London Borough. We are very sorry to see her depart. She has left no stone unturned to see that we produced a balanced budget and, working with the Cabinet Member, and indeed all the West Sussex Staff, this has been achieved with no cuts to our Services. Because of a late extra Grant from central Government we do not have to touch reserves either, and our budget will balance without.

It gets more and more difficult with, as you know, many demands on our finances, the biggest of which are Adult Services and Young Persons Services, including children in care, SEND education and many other factors. Still, we've made it again for the 2024/25 Council Plan and Budget, plus of course our Capital Strategy.

As ever I have been busy at the National Park, mainly with Planning issues. You will know the Park stretches from Winchester in the west to Eastbourne in the east and I seem to have spent a lot of time on site visits which take a whole day in places like Beachy Head and Lewes. Although undeniably interesting it does involve a lot of time and travel but I've found out a lot about the County I was born and bred in over the last few years, and I have to say visited some Parishes I didn't know existed before.

Sadly, the weather has not let us complete all the projects on highways, etc. that we would like. No sooner do you get a road or right of way cleared than another rainfall comes along, more trees come down, roads flood making it sometimes difficult for people to move around as they would like. I can assure all residents that as soon as I am aware of any problems I report them to the appropriate departments, but as you can imagine with 70 Councillors trying to get help in our divisions when problems arise they don't all get attended to immediately, but we are trying.

Some of our village schools need help and their finances are tight. Loxwood at the moment is particularly in need of assistance which we are all working hard to help with, and I'm hoping to get some good news soon.

It has been asked why can't CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) or S106 money be used to help, but this money comes with development and some of the items that are required do not meet the requirements for either of these pots of money. However, I am not unhopeful that we can find a solution because we have some great schools in the rural villages I represent.

It was said at a meeting recently that a local town looking at a possible influx of 1,000 houses would enable them to get a Secondary School. This is absolutely not the case and even if there was a chosen site it would need many more than 1,000 houses to even touch what the cost of building a new Secondary School would be. A close eye is kept by departments on the amount of development around the County so they know when and if they need to look at developing a new school. This would most likely be an Academy, as County is not allowed to build a new school, only carry out developments on the sites they already maintain. Governments expect Academy's to build new, Counties have a say but don't carry out the build.

March and Spring are with you by this time and I really do hope we can look forward to better weather when we can all really enjoy this beautiful part of the world. I for one am fed up with being constantly rained on. Take care especially if driving in bad weather conditions and flood.

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*Janet Dunton, County Councillor for the Petworth Division*

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# Coultershaw History Group

## *Petworth and surrounding area*

The history group meets twice a month on Wednesdays in The Warehouse at the bottom of the Heritage Site. We aim to provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where we can learn together about history and heritage in the Petworth area.

There is no fixed charge but donations are welcome towards refreshments and, when required, speakers' fees. Surplus funds are used to buy books for the research team's library.

### **January to July 2024 programme**

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
10/01/24	10:30	1000 years of Arundel's history	John Barkshire
24/01/24	19:00	Bignor Roman Villa	Liz Leggett
14/02/24	10:30	The historic & modern role of High Sheriffs	Andy Bliss QPM
28/02/24	19:00	Midhurst then and now	Dave Rudwick
13/03/24	10:30	Chichester & District Archeology Society - fieldworks and finds	Steve Cleverly & Richard New
27/03/24	19:00	Petworth Friendly Societies	Miles Costello
10/04/24	10:30	Mrs Barlow, a 19th century archaeologist from Midhurst	Dawn Cansfield
24/04/24	19:00	A life on the Rother - connections to the past	Andrew Thompson
08/05/24	10:30	The Coultershaw Story - Water, Water Everywhere	Tony Sneller
22/05/24	19:00	Limeburners, Lords & Labourers	Richard Howell
12/06/24	10:30	The Coultershaw Collection - introducing the archive.	Miles Costello
26/06/24	19:00	Life at the turn of the 20th century	Anne Morrill
10/07/24	10:30	Messages from the Ministry - documentaries from 1930 - 1950 (Videos)	Tony Sneller
24/07/24		No meeting as it is the Petworth Festival	

Up to date information can be found on our website: [coultershaw.co.uk/events/](http://coultershaw.co.uk/events/)

For further information contact Tony Sneller - [tonysneller@gmail.com](mailto:tonysneller@gmail.com) - 07860 186 847

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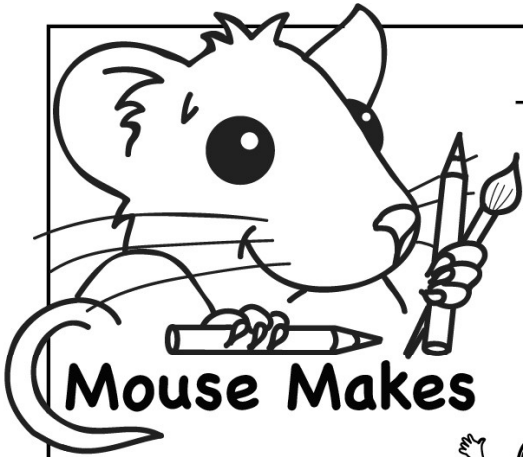
While the children that West Sussex County Council cares for are all in safe accommodation, a number are living a significant distance from their school and friends. 65% of these young people are aged 11 to 17 and they are waiting to find a local foster family - someone like you - to guide them through this important time in their lives.

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# Mouse Makes

"I am the **resurrection** and the **life**.  
The one who believes in me will live  
even though they die."

John 1:25



READ the Bible passages to find the answers to the crossword clues

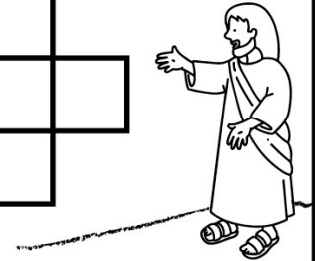
Matthew 21:1-11

- Which city did Jesus ride into?
- What did he ride on?
- What did the crowd shout?
- What did clothes did they put down?
- What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

- What feast did Jesus celebrate?
- Who did he celebrate it with?
- What did Jesus break to eat?



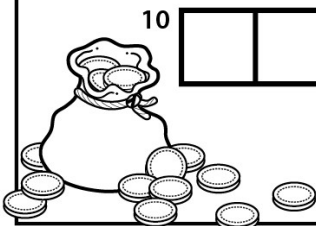
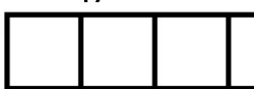
Matthew 26:36-75

- What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
- Who denied Jesus?



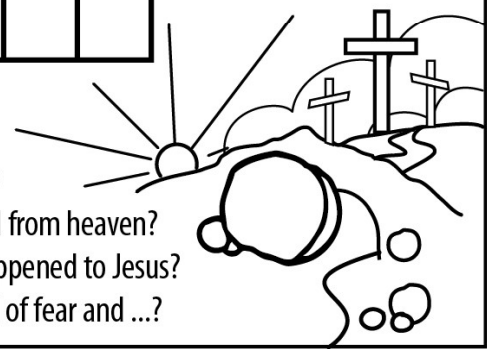
Matthew 26:14-16

- Who betrayed Jesus?
- How many silver pieces was he paid?



Matthew 28:1-10

- Who descended from heaven?
- What had happened to Jesus?
- Mary was full of fear and ...?



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## FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Already Easter is approaching, and the first part of the year has gone by so quickly. With all our practitioners at capacity, and the longest waiting list we have ever seen, it is a sad reflection of our times and the struggles that so many families are facing at the moment. It also highlights just how crucial it is that we are maintaining our service in all areas, as there seems to be nowhere else for families to turn.

The biggest issues by far that we are dealing with at the moment are financial problems, support for children with SEN and mental health difficulties, all of which require intensive long-term help which is keeping our practitioners extremely busy. We are on course by the end of March to have supported over 650 families in the year. We so value all the support we receive from you in so many ways. One of our biggest needs at the moment is for more volunteers in all areas to help practitioners run group sessions as well as support for individual families, so if you feel that you may be able to help then please get in touch with the office and speak with Jane (West Sussex) or Alison (East Sussex).

Our events calendar for the year is filling up fast. For those of you in East Sussex, we will not be running our Easter Walk this year but are currently planning a new event in May half term, so please keep an eye on our communications for more information in due course. We are also looking forward to our skydive at the end of April as well as various fundraising events happening in many areas, and our Open Garden season which starts at the beginning of April. Do look at the Events page of our website for information about all of these.

Thank you as always for all of your prayers, offers of help and donations. We really feel so supported in our work by you all.

### January's work in numbers

216 individual visits and 1080 calls with families supporting 255 adults and 168 children  
50 supported meetings with other agencies  
45 group sessions held supporting 766 parents and 235 children  
112 food deliveries made

### Prayer points

Pray that the right people will be found to fill our current practitioner vacancies  
Pray for wisdom as we seek to fill Trustee vacancies which will be arising later in the year  
Give thanks for the generosity of all who contributed to our Winter Fuel campaign

***Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising ad Marketing***

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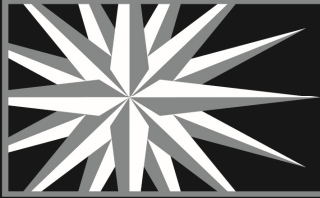
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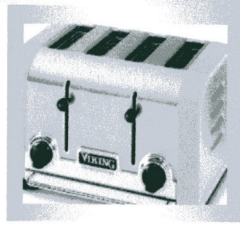
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## THE EGREMONT QUINTET CONCERT

On Saturday 27th January the Quintet gave a lunchtime concert in St Mary's Church. The musicians were Flute - Claire Bradder, Oboe - Clare Thornton-Wood, Clarinet - Gordon Curtis, Bassoon - Angela Kirsten and Horn - Matthew Cooke.

The first piece was an arrangement of Elgar's 'Chanson de Matin', then a Quintet by the 19th century French flautist and conductor, Paul Taffanel, featuring a dramatic horn solo.

Matthew then played 'Arabesque No. 1' by Debussy on the piano. An arrangement of MacDowell's 'To a Wild Rose', written for the piano originally, was played by the Quintet. This was followed by Norman Hallam's 'Dance Suite' written in 1980. There were 3 contrasting movements, Waltz, Bossa Nova and Charleston, some interesting sections in the work. Hallam was a Clarinetist with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

It was great to hear instruments, usually forming part of an orchestra, playing pieces written for them.

A lovely concert, and a well spent lunchtime. Thank you.

A retiring collection raised £580 for Chestnut Tree House.

*Sarah Barstow*





## **PALM SUNDAY 24th**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Passion Eucharist (Egdean)

**10.30 am PROCESSION & PASSION EUCHARIST**

**Procession from the Lych-gate**

3.00 pm MARCH OF WITNESS from the Sacred Heart.



### **Monday and Tuesday 25th 26th**

**10.00 am Mass & Stations of the Cross**

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### **Wednesday 27th**

9.30 am Petworth Church of England School Easter Service

12 noon the Bishop of Lewes will preside at the Eucharist and blessing the oils at St John's, Preston Park, Brighton. All welcome

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th**

7.30 pm Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

followed by the WATCH PLEASE SIGN UP

## **GOOD FRIDAY 29th**

2.00 pm THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS

## **EASTER EVE 30th**

7.30 pm EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER (Party)

## **31st EASTER DAY**

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10.30 am EASTER FAMILY Eucharist

