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&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN**

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

The first apostles were all sitting in the upper room after the ascension, not knowing what they were waiting for when the Holy Spirit came upon them. It literally set them on fire. They were so full of the Spirit that it manifested itself physically like tongues of fire on their heads and, like a whipping wind, filling the room and their very beings. It forced them out of the room on to the street where they shouted the message of the risen Christ and the gift of eternal life. People were amazed because they could hear them in their own languages.

Our bishops are the successors to the apostles and God still gives us the gift of the Spirit in a particular way through them at confirmation.

In baptism we have the light of Christ set in us; we are God's light in the world. At our confirmation the Bishop confirms the Holy Spirit upon us; we are set on fire, like those first apostles in the upper room.

Please pray for our confirmation candidates preparing for the confirmation on Thursday 10th May and please do join us on Ascension Day when Bishop Martin will preside.

We are fortunate to have two Bishop's joining us this month. +Martin on the 10th and +Peter on Corpus Christi.

Those first 12 men changed the world. As we celebrate the birth of the church on the feast of Pentecost, Whit Sunday set us on fire, Lord, that we may change not only our lives but those around us.



COVER PHOTOS

My grateful thanks to Vic Constable who provided last month's photo of his beautiful Easter Garden, and to Christine Dallyn for this month's lovely photo of St Bartholomew's church.

The Editor

ADRIAN EASTON

After 15 years Adrian Easton has retired as St Mary's Churchwarden. Adrian has seen our Church through two interregnums both following tragic deaths. It cannot be underestimated the work involved in keeping a church together during such a time.

He has brought his considerable experience to the role, having also been Churchwarden in Tillington previously. He has ably looked after the fabric of St Mary's throughout his tenure. There is always something that requires attention in a building the age of St Mary's.

Adrian must have answered hundreds of questions and made numerous decisions throughout his time. We are indebted to him.

There will be a thank you party and presentation for Adrian after the service on Sunday 6th May.

Should you wish to show your appreciation for all he has done for us please see either Eileen or Judy.

CATHEDRAL INTERCESSIONS DAY

St Mary's will be prayed for at Services in the Cathedral on Saturday 5th May at the 12 noon Holy Communion service and again at Evensong at 5.30 pm.

St Bartholomew's will follow on Monday 7th May at the 8.00 am Holy Communion service and again at Evensong at 5.30 pm.

Anyone wishing to attend and to accept an invitation for complimentary tea in the Cloisters Cafe at 4.30 pm is asked to contact John Townsend for arrangements to be made.

JAZZ AT THE RECTORY

On Saturday 30th June there will be a Jazz evening at The Rectory with David Saunders and his band.

Please make a note of the date. Help will be needed before and on the day

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday 17th April

Warm tribute was paid to Adrian Easton, who after 12 years in office did not seek re-election as Churchwarden. During his period as Churchwarden he had covered two Interregnum's and had overseen a number of projects including the re-lighting of the church, installation of a new sound system, major repair work to the roof and the replacement of the boiler.

Eileen Lintill was re-elected and Nick Wheeler was elected as the second Churchwarden.

The Secretary reported that although there were 28 funerals, with 17 having a service in St Mary's, and 12 Baptism's there were no weddings arranged and likely to be the only time in the church's history that none have taken place over a year.

The Financial Report detailed income for the year amounting to £117,858 against an expenditure total of £97,865.

An assurance was given that plans to create a Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard for the interment of ashes would be actively pursued.

The Organ Appeal fund has raised sufficient funds to allow work on the soundboards and the missing pedal notes to commence.

There was a serious shortage of Bell Ringers and a strong appeal was made to recruit new members to join the tower. There have been some occasions on a Sunday morning when there have not been enough people to ring at all. This year, being the 40th anniversary of the Festival, it will not be possible to ring a peal to mark the occasion.

John Townsend

ST MARY'S WEBSITE

Can all contributors who are advertising events etc., please let me have as early as possible, (preferably by email to petworthstmarys@yahoo.com), any posters and information so that I can put it onto the website and so advertise their events for as long as possible.

Gordon Stevenson

St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean

Annual Parish Meeting Report

Thirteen people were present at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd March at Gofts Hill, Byworth by kind permission of Robert Longmore.

Roger Dallyn and Jenny Foster were elected as Churchwardens; Charles Bray was re-elected as Treasurer. Christine Dallyn was re-elected as secretary and also as Child Protection Safeguarding Officer.

As Jenny Foster has stepped down as one of our Synod Representatives Harold Green was appointed as her replacement.

Fr Mark opened his report expressing what a wonderful person the late Anne Dallyn was and gave a big thank you to her for all that she did for the church and community. It was a privilege to know her, always greeted with that lovely smile. He also gave a big thank you to Roger and Christine Dallyn for their support to Anne and for all their work to support the church and community and the continuation of communications by emails. He also thanked Charles Bray for all his work as Treasurer, and his wife Elspeth for the very successful Christmas wreath making event.

Jenny Foster reported on three Deanery Synod meetings in July and October last year and February this year. John Sherlock spoke about the Parish Giving Scheme at the July meeting in particular about the benefits of the direct debit system rather than standing orders that are indexed linked. Also a safeguarding website has been launched. At the October meeting the speaker was The Revd Daniel Inman, Director of Ordinands. We had 110 entering the ministry in 2017 in Sussex, up almost 50% on 2016. Egdean gave a parish report which was well received. In February the speaker was Jessica Meal, who gave a very helpful report on the Children's Society. She is willing to speak at Sunday services and also pointed out that this year is the 50th Anniversary of the Christingle Service.

The Treasurer circulated The Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st December 2017. He informed the meeting that 20 people are regularly giving and he would like to increase the giving from £4,747 to £6,000 per annum. The forms are available in church or from him and asked if anyone would like one or knows someone who might like one. He also said for this new tax year he would like to receive new gift aid forms from all givers to update his records.

The Church fund raising events are financially important, but are also important from a community point of view. We need to think of different things that could be done by different groups of people in the community of St Bartholomews. The investments in the Charibond Funds yielding 3% is good in the current financial climate. We received £1,197 from Anne Dallyn's funeral collection being the 50/50 split with the Marsden Hospital. The Treasurer reported a legacy of £2,500 from the Late Adrian Tuck's estate which will show in 2018 accounts.

As a community we are now supporting three local charities for £150 each, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Stonepillow and Midhurst Macmillan. In addition special collections for the Chichester Diocese Harvest Appeal, Poppy Appeal, Children's Society and Family Support Work, each are made up to £150 as necessary.

The accounts were approved by the meeting and Edward Brewster was re-elected as auditor.

Roger Dallyn commenced the Churchwardens' Report recording the sad passing of Anne Dallyn in September last year after a long, bravely fought illness. When Anne became Churchwarden for Egdean her aim was to bring children into the church and to this end she revamped the annual carol service and encouraged the then rector David Pollard to commence family services in 2006, which as everyone knows has been a great success and which we are all very keen to continue in the same spirit. In 2017 we held 48 services with a total of 791 people attending, 109 were children, giving an average attendance of 16.5. We also had two burials and four interment of ashes.

The Carol Service again had good attendance of over 100 people and our thanks to Matthew for organising our Egdean musicians to play for the service. Also many thanks to Brian Dallyn for arranging transport from Byworth to the Church. He thanked our director of music and organist, Matthew Cooke, for all he does on our behalf towards the services and also grateful thanks to Sarah Barstow the assistant organist for her contribution. Roger thanked everyone for the assistance they have given him to cover services when he has been unable to attend.

Christine has taken over from Anne as our Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer for Egdean and attended with Roger the C2 Safeguarding Training at St Mary's in November last year. The Mission Action Plan and Risk Assessment for Egdean were reviewed by the PCC and a copy is available on the notice-board.

Roger thanked Nancy Goodyer for continuing to clean the church before each service and thanked all the flower arrangers who decorate the church throughout the year. The churchyard has continued to be maintained by Mr Taylor from April to end of November.

We held the annual working party in August, applied timber preservation treatment to all exterior timber work and strimmed around the graves in the old churchyard and the wild area. We cleaned the interior of the church after removing the high level cobwebs.

The annual fund raising Barbecue was held in the church grounds and again was well attended, it raised £1,220.18. We had a change of venue for the Cream Tea Weekend last year at Church Cottage by kind permission of Janet and Stephen Goy. Even though it was a very wet weekend we raised £375.50. Thanks to Stephen Goy's new yellow road signage it drew more people in from the roadside.

A big thank you to Robert Longmore for actively organising the Sponsored Ride and Stride for the Historic Churches' Trust. It raised a total of £1,804.00, an increase of £306 from last year, which was shared equally between The Trust and our church funds. Roger expressed grateful thanks to all the readers for their continued support. Anyone who would like to join the list of readers would be very welcome.

Forthcoming Church Community Events

Sat 16th June from 5.30 pm	Barbecue, fund raising stalls and activities in the churchyard
Sat 28th and Sun 29th July	Cream Tea Weekend in the garden of Church Cottage
Saturday 8th September	Ride and Stride
Friday 28th September	Church Supper - Woodruff Barn, Egdean

Christine Dallyn reported that the Electoral Roll had been revised and the numbers on the Electoral Roll have decreased from 58 to 55, owing to five deaths and two moving away, but was pleased to report that four new people have enrolled.

Fr Mark thanked Revd Richard Hoyle for his continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

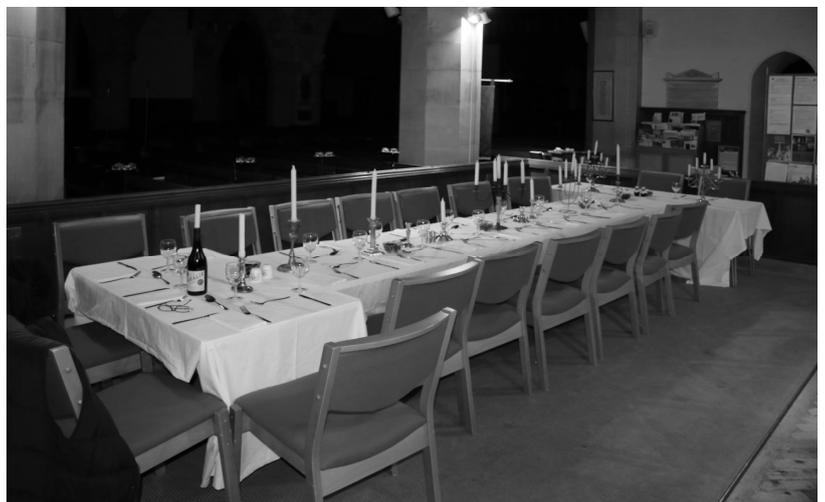
PASSOVER SUPPER

Friday 23rd March

Passover Supper is now becoming something of a St Mary's tradition, practised by parishioners and their forefathers before them - ever since 2015 (with apologies to Spike Milligan and his Bal-ham sketch!) and even before that to Canon Pollard's time. The format changed slightly this year. Instead of lamb tagine, a dish inspired by Moroccan cuisine, we opted for simple roast leg of lamb. This brought Judy two issues for immediate resolution, how many legs, and how much to pay for them. A trawl of most of the supermarkets, discount stores, and wholesalers of West Sussex inevitably brought her back to where she started! She decided to risk just three, because they were very large ones. She threatened the poor treasurer with short rations if supplies ran short. His only consolation was to sit there looking at all the electric lights that had been turned off, thus avoiding any need for him to keep feeding the meter with shillings. OK, wax drip is a problem, but it comes out using blotting paper. OK again, sourcing the blotting paper is another problem these days. (For those too young to remember blotting paper (which probably excludes most of our readers) it was something one would spend one's time searching for while the ink dried. Not even your present author can recall sprinkling sand to absorb the ink. Ink!? He was ink monitor in his day.) He stands corrected, Gill 'The Oracle' Ticehurst, I am told, swears (Gill swears? Surely not! Not Gill.) by brown paper. So now you know, and so do I.

To be more serious... Father Mark led us through the ritual this year, explaining the origins of the meal at the time of the Jewish Exodus, and commentating upon its various stages. This year only three of us were able to wear the kippah. Richard Smith had produced three, dating back to his days singing in a synagogue choir. (Your author took care on that one to make sure that Spellcheck hadn't produced its own unfortunate substitution!)

All in all it was a splendid occasion, with food contributed generously, ably, and willingly by participants. And what is always so good about a St Mary's 'do', everybody stayed to help clear up, which therefore meant it took no time at all.



Contributed by Anon, that well-known composer of songs & rhyme



PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

Dates for your Diary May 2018

Wednesday 2nd	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Wednesday 9th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 23rd	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

SATURDAY 5TH MAY

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the URC Hall on SATURDAY 5TH MAY from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All donations to the Raffle, Tombola, Cakes & Bric-a-Brac gratefully received either at the Centre beforehand or in the Hall on the day. Come along and join us.

The Centre, in Trump Alley, is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00 am to 12 noon and 2.00 to 4.00 pm, and on Friday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. We would welcome anyone willing to help at these sessions, greeting members and making tea and coffee. Please phone Maureen Purser on 343102 if you are able to help.

Caroline Stoneman

House Committee Chairman

DOMINIC ALLDIS TRIO ●●●

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Saturday 5th May at 7.30pm



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St Mary's Church, Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday 19th May
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Corpus Christi Flowers

WALSINGHAM

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st August

St. Mary's Pilgrimage

We are again making what has become our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Some people might find the term pilgrimage worrying! Don't let it, Walsingham is a lovely setting in a small village in Norfolk. It is a most peaceful place. You can go to as many, or as few, of the services as you wish. There is usually an outing at some point, either to the coast on the little train to Wells-on-Sea, or another place of interest, that you can join, again if you wish.

Walsingham can provide peace, calm and spiritual renewal in the midst of our very busy lives. If you would like to know more please contact either Father Mark or myself.

Judy Howard

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

Monday:	Parent Toddler Group	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday:	Keep Fit with Chair Exercises	10.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday:	Art Group	10.00 am -12.00 noon

Do come and join us for any of the activities, a warm welcome awaits you



Your Prayers

We would like to create a Parish Prayer Book

Do you have a prayer that is a favourite, or is particularly meaningful to you?

In this Year of Prayer it would be good to mark it by creating a Parish Prayer Book.

If you would like to include a prayer, either that you have read or created, please either email it to me or give me a paper copy in Church.

PLEASE LET ME HAVE IT BY THE END OF MAY

Judy's Email - aandjhoward@btinternet.com

CORPUS CHRISTI

This year Corpus Christi falls on Thursday 31st May and we are planning to have a carpet of flowers from the Altar to the steps by the Rood Screen.

This is not a small undertaking and we would welcome anyone who would like to help. We will need some who are prepared to sit and dehead the flowers as well as those who would be happy to be on their knees.

The next coffee morning in church will be raising funds to help with the costs but donations are always welcome.

We will not be charging an entrance fee but hope to sell light refreshments on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, perhaps you could help.

If you feel you would like to help in any way please contact either Fiona Kemp (343099) or Eileen Lintill (342948).

CHURCH INFORMATION BY EMAIL

We would like to be able to inform our congregation and parishioners of the various events that occur throughout the year. Using email is one of the ways to achieve this. At the moment we use posters and notices in our church services, but unless we attend every week (which isn't of course always possible) it is easy to miss something. We would circulate items via blind copying as we are aware that not everyone wishes to share their email address.

Under the new Data Protection Act, which comes into force on 25th May this year, the church is required to obtain permission from the recipient to send out information.

If you would like to be included in this way, please email me, Judy, on aandjhoward@btinternet.com also specifying that you are happy to receive emails from me. I will also be circulating those people whose email addresses I already have and seeking their permission too. Thank you.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source: Open Doors UK, Barnabas Fund, Release International Christian Solidarity Worldwide and general.

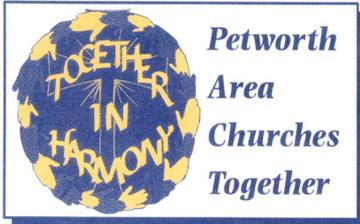
How inspired we can be reading about the faithfulness and courage of persecuted Christians around the world, and how broken we may be by their stories! Although just being an ethnic Christian may cause discrimination, to be a truly faithful, worshipping Christian can be deadly. Throughout the 'Communist' (autocratic?) world, from Cuba to North Korea (Eritrea is one), and the world of Islam, punishment for owning a Bible, to attempts to worship together can cause "disappearance", harsh imprisonment, or death. Yet, when it happens, conversion of the persecutors sometimes happens. This is happening to an astonishing degree, fuelled by the authorities' fear or internal conflicts. India and Nepal, Vietnam and Laos too, are reacting with new legislation to discourage conversion.

Rosemary Harris

CREAM TEA IN LADY EGREMONT'S GARDEN Saturday 12th May

Tickets, at £10, are still available from Judy Howard

Tel: 01798 343220 or E-mail: aandjhoward@btinternet.com



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PALM SUNDAY

PACT had a most successful Palm Sunday Procession around the streets of Petworth. In cloudy but dry conditions we gathered in front of the Sacred Heart RC Church in Angel Street, Petworth with Father Peter Newsam welcoming us.

The Petworth Town Band led us along the streets as we sang hymns. Outside the United Reformed Church (URC) in Golden Square, we heard a re-telling of the Passion Story from the Bible. Then we crossed into Market Square stopping by the Post Office where we heard a further part of the story. Essential crowd participation here as the children shouted: 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'; the men shouted: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'; and the ladies shouted: 'Hosanna in the highest!'.

Moving on to St Mary's Parish Church, we gathered in front of the south door and heard the final piece, with a Blessing being given by Canon Mark Gilbert, Rector.

Mr Darcy the donkey, now 20 years old, lead the Procession and was kindly lent by Elaine Whitcombe of Kirdford.

Kate and Karl Ayling

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 14th April raised £241.75 for Family Social Work. As ever, a great thank you to all who helped and to all who came and supported the event.

Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club meets in the URC Hall on Tuesday 8th May for Bouef Bourguignon, potatoes and vegetables followed by Victoria sandwich and tea or coffee. All for £7.50. Booking essential. Please phone **Ann Morrill** 342658 (not the usual number)

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

**On Tuesday 1st May
the talk by Christopher Rogers will be
'Sir John Soane: Architect of a Lost London'
A collector and connoisseur, Soane was a leading architect
at the beginning of the 19th century**

On Tuesday June 5th Sue Rollin will give a talk on
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Visitors most welcome - £5
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THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

**On 2nd May
Tobias Capwell will speak on
The Scoliotic Knight
Reconstructing the real Richard III**

**Fittleworth Village Hall
At 10.30, coffee from 9.50
Visitors warmly welcomed (£5)
Please call 01403 785302**

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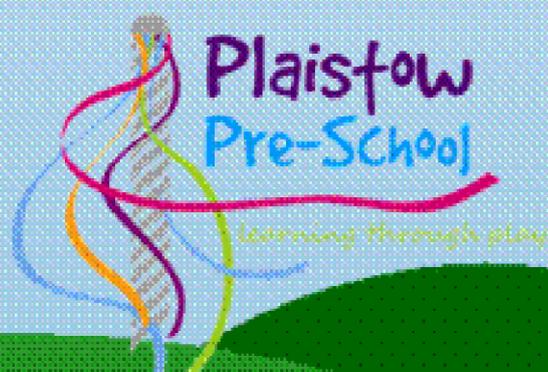
Bank Holiday Monday
7th May 12pm-4pm

What's on

Bouncy slide ★ Cake stall ★ Book stall ★ Dog show
Bake off ★ Stress tent ★ Pony rides ★ Face painting
Plant stall ★ Games stalls ★ Barrow of booze ★ External stalls
Fairground rides and more!

Refreshments

Beer tent ★ Pimms tent ★ Vintage tea room ★ BBQ ★ Soft drinks



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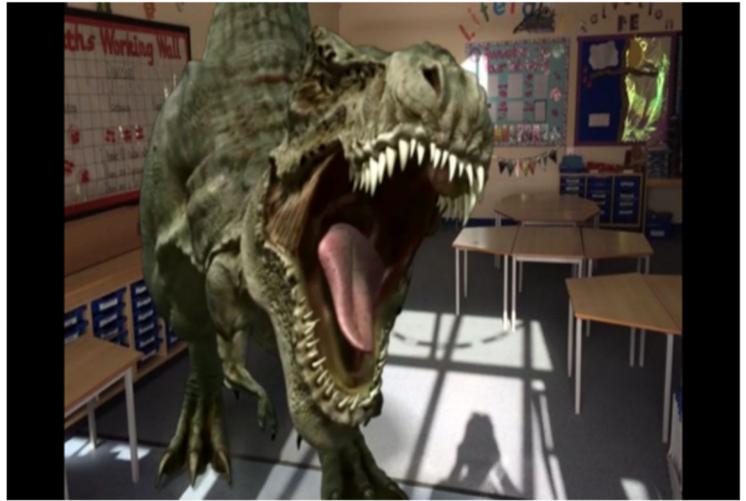
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PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROARSOME DISCOVERY!

In Rowan class at Petworth Primary School the children have been enthralled by the discovery of dinosaur eggs this half term! Ferne said ‘I hope they are herbivores or we’re in trouble!’ After contacting a dinosaur trainer called Geoffrey they found out that the dinosaur picked them due to their fantastic dino-sitting skills.



Over the last few weeks the eggs have hatched and vanished (after eating some of Miss Rawlings’ salad from her lunch box).



The children have been writing newspaper articles, here’s an insight into how the eggs have engaged our children;

On Sunday 18th February a huge green dinosaur leapt into Petworth School so the dinosaur made a nest and laid 3 polka dot eggs. The children are excited to be dino sitters and watch them. They have written letters to Geoffrey the dino trainer and he's giving them advice. Especially about how to not get eaten! The wild dinosaurs could eat meat. Harriet said ‘people were scared when they saw the gigantic dinosaur on video’.

By Harriet.

The Dangerous Discovery!

Miss Rawlings teacher of Rowan Class came back from her holiday, she walked in to the class room and saw wild eyes. So does anyone know what to feed them? Luke said 'it needs clean food and water'. Mrs Groves was shocked because there were cool, but dangerous discoveries. What will turn up next? The story developed on Friday when Rowan found dinosaur foot prints. Miss Rawlings took them on a walk. They did not find anything. That is all on dino news.

By William.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

Petworth Church of England Primary School was inspected by the Diocese of Chichester on 5th March 2018. The school was graded as 'Good'.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Petworth as a Church of England school are good.

Pupils understand and explain that the school's distinctively Christian values have a significant impact on their daily lives.

The school's strong Christian values, demonstrated in the inclusive and caring relationships across the school community, enhance pupils' personal development.

Pupils show clear awareness and understanding of the Trinity.

Strong links are securely established between the school and the parish church, and in addition the school has significant involvement in the local community.

To read the full report go to

<http://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/news/9193>

PETWORTH FARMERS MARKET

The next Petworth Farmers Market will be on Saturday 26th May.

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Going Nuts in May

By Michael Blencowe

Learning & Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust

You could set your calendar by it. Around the first day of May our ancestors would step outside to find foamy white clouds erupting across the Sussex countryside; the hawthorn was blooming, spring was turning to summer. The sight was so visually stunning and so linked with the arrival of May that hawthorn became the only British plant to be named after the month in which it blooms. Well, the name hawthorn is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'hagathorn' ('haga' meaning hedge). I'm referring to that other name for hawthorn; May.



Unlike the impetuous blackthorn, which flowers in March before it's even bothered to grow leaves, the hawthorn is more dignified. It waits until it has clothed itself in its lobed leaf undergarments before it dons a resplendent gown of exquisite white flowers. This stunning costume and perfect timing meant hawthorn took centre stage at May Day celebrations and it partied with Green Men, Morris Dancers, Maypoles and May Queens. 'Gathering nuts in May' actually refers to 'gathering knots of May' to make May Day garlands and decorations.

Then, in the middle of the eighteenth century, tragedy struck. I don't know about you but I get thrown into disarray twice a year when the clocks change. My life would have gone into meltdown in 1752 as our whole calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian and we lost an entire 11 days. In this new timeline hawthorn now found itself late for the party, blooming around 12th May on the new calendar.

It wasn't the first time hawthorn had been cast aside. Superstitions dictated that bringing hawthorn indoors led to misfortune – even death. This could stem from the fact that hawthorn blooms release trimethylamine, which gives the flowers that unpleasant smell of cat's wee and attracts pollinating insects. It's also a chemical formed in decaying tissue and reminded people of the smell of Black Death – and nobody wanted to be reminded of that.

Hawthorn folklore still continues. I remember at primary school being taught ‘Ne’re cast a clout ‘til May is out.’ I translated this gibberish into the fact that you should keep your warm clothes on until the end of May. I’ve only just discovered that ‘May is out’ refers to hawthorn blooming. My clouts could have been cast weeks earlier.



But the world has changed since I was a nipper – we’re warming up. For a temperature-sensitive plant like hawthorn, the blooming times they are a-changin’. Hawthorn is responding by flowering up to two weeks earlier than it was three decades ago. It has crept back to bloom around May Day and is now more commonly seen flowering at the end of April. So this May Day get yer clout off, get out into the great outdoors and welcome the return of the real May Queen.

‘GOOD NEWS’ BOOK CLUB AT SOMERSET LODGE

**2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm,
and also 6.00 - 7.00 pm every Wednesday (except Jul. Aug. and Dec.),
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Rosemary Harris

Calendar and Services for May

6th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Acts 10.44-48, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	FAMILY SERVICE (Egdean) 'Rogation'	9.15 am
	JUBILATE EUCHARIST	10.30 am

10th	ASCENSION DAY (Thursday) <i>Acts 1.1-11, Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
	Parish Eucharist and Confirmation	7.00 pm
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	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean - BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

20th	PENTECOST - WHIT SUNDAY <i>Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.22-27, John 15.26-27,16.4b-15</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
	Evensong (Egdean - BCP)	4.00 pm

27th	TRINITY SUNDAY <i>Isaiah 6.1-8, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

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CORPUS CHRISTI (Thursday)

Acts 1.1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53

Holy Eucharist

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Parish Eucharist and Procession

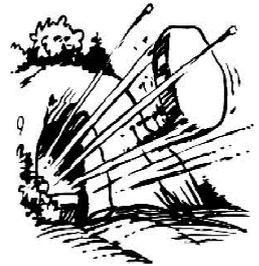
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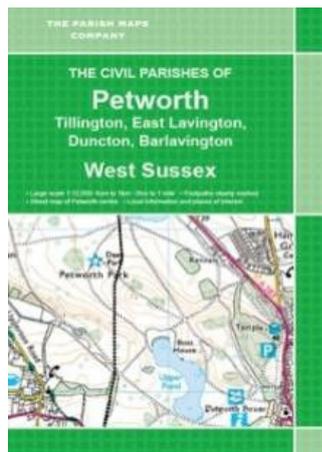
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We welcome into the family of our church

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and also

CHARLIE LUKE HOWARD from Park Road who was baptised at St Mary's on 29th April.

HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to WILLIAM JOSEPH ARCHER and ANNABEL LOUISE WATERS of Adelaide Lodge, London Road following their marriage at St James church, Elstead, Surrey on 4th April.

FUNERALS

We pray for the repose of the souls of

GORDON REMNANT of 8 Meadow Way who passed away at the Cottage Nursing Home on 15th March aged 80 years.

The Committal service took place at Chichester Crematorium on 5th April.

We offer our condolences to Mary and to her family in their loss.

PHILIP SYDNEY HERRINGTON of 38 Wyndham Road who passed away on 18th March aged 92 years.

Phil, with his wife Kathleen, moved here from Kirdford where he had worked for the Kirdford Growers for a number of years. With a keen interest in playing bowls he had been a long term member of the local Bowling Club.

The Committal service was held at Guildford Crematorium on 12th April.

EVA WOOLLCOMBE of Stone Cottage, Byworth who passed away suddenly on 27th March.

Eva had been a resident of Byworth for many years where she and her late husband, Robert, who died in 1995, had brought up their family. She had been well known in the village and her sudden passing came as a shock to many of her friends. Eva had supported St Bartholomew's church and had until recently delivered the parish magazine's to readers at her end of the village.

The Committal service was held at Worthing Crematorium on 20th April and was followed by a service in St Bartholomew's.

We offer our sympathy to her children and all the family at this time.

BETTY (BUNNY) CHRISTIE, formerly of 4 Rosemary Close who passed away on 22nd March.

Bunny had been a well known member of the community, had served on the Parish Council and could often be outspoken in her views. With health problems, she had been a resident at Rotherlea for the past recent months.

The Committal service was held at Guildford Crematorium on 17th April.

EDITH MARGARET SMITH who passed away at Willett Lodge Nursing Home in Worthing on 29th March aged 73 years.

Edie had been a member of the Baigent family and had previously lived in Wyndham Road. She had lived a quite life, her pleasures being her cats, the garden and the surrounding countryside. She had been widowed since 1986.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 19th April and was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to her relatives in their loss.

MARGARET (Peggy) SYNGE who passed away at her home, Farthings, School Lane, Fittleworth on 4th March, 3 weeks short of her 103rd birthday.

Before moving to Fittleworth, Peggy lived at Byworth Edge, and was to move there after the death of her husband, Patrick, in 1982.

Peggy was an enthusiastic rambler and led many walks around the countryside. In the early 1980s she actively supported the St Mary's Organ Appeal by organising a number of fund raising walks in aid of the appeal.

The funeral service was held at Fittleworth Parish Church on 27th April and was followed by burial at Egdean churchyard alongside Patrick.

We also record the passing of Doctor RICHARD MORGAN who sadly died on 11th April aged 70 years. There are many who benefitted from his care and support during his time as one of the Partners at the Petworth Surgery. Before coming to Petworth Richard was based at St George's hospital in London. On leaving General Practice he took up a role at the Army Training Centre at Pirbright, Surrey. The family had lived at Hills Green, Kirdford. He had been a patient at the Cottage Nursing Home for the last 3 weeks.

The Committal service will take place at Chichester Crematorium on 4th May.

We extend our condolences to the family in their loss.

At the time of copy date for the magazine we have learnt of the passing of Commander ROBERT de PASS of The Stable House, New Grove.

The Committal service is planned for 4th May to be followed by a Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's later in the day.

A fuller tribute will be published in next month's magazine.

Our thoughts are with Philippa and the family at this time.

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