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&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN**

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ST MARY'S HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 7th October

How time flies! It seems no time at all since we were all gathered in the Beckett Chapel for our annual lunch. And nothing changes either; Jean was making urgent appeals to people to buy their tickets. Only a few days off, hardly anyone had bought tickets, and few had committed to providing dishes.

On the day? Well, 40 plus arrived, all duly ticketed. Was there enough to eat? Of course there was, and more besides. Luvverly grub it was too!

A wonderful feature of all such church events is the willingness of so many present to help set up, and clear up. A case of many hands make light work, (which reminds me of an old joke, but I'll spare you). Only one near disaster – at 11.30 pm the previous evening it dawned on she who had undertaken to collect the wine earlier that day, that they had both forgotten all about it.



For your information, you can buy wine at 9.00 on a Sunday morning. Phew!

The final result and thus the cheque to go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, is not yet known, but it will be good, not least because of the Raffle, as usual a wonderful money spinner.

Andrew Howard



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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends,

The war which started in 1914 was supposed to be over by Christmas. Only 4 of the 75 people who are on our memorial list had died by that time.

PRIVATE JESSE LUXFORD Royal Sussex, 2nd Battalion. Jesse was a sheep herder living at New Lodges on the Tillington Road, he enlisted on 14th August at Petworth. On 14th September 1914 Jesse was killed in action with the British Expeditionary Force on the Marne just 41 days after Britain had declared war on Germany.

GUNNER GEORGE ARTHUR PALMER Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. By 1901 the family were living in the Shimmings; his father was a carter in the garden at Petworth House and George was a stable groom. George was already in the army when war started; he was therefore among the first to go to battle and the second person from Petworth to be killed. Date and place of death: 27th October 1914 in France.

STOKER HERBERT CHARLES CLARKE Date & place of birth: June-Sept 1895 in Petworth. Date and place of death: 1st November 1914, off the coast of Chile. Stoker 2nd Class Herbert Clarke is one of only 3 naval men commemorated on the memorial. He lived at Railway Cottages, close to Petworth Station. His father, Stephen, was working as a platelayer on the railway. In 1911 he was a newsboy, presumably taking papers delivered to the station from London to addresses in the town. He worked as a Stoker in the engine room of the Armoured Cruiser 'HMS Good Hope'. Herbert Clarke died when his ship was lost at sea during the Battle of Coronel Islands off the Chilean coast.

LIEUTENANT THE HON REGINALD WYNDHAM known as Reggie, fought in the Boer War as well as the First World War. Reggie Wyndham was born in Petworth, the son of Lord and Lady Leconfield. He was the third youngest of seven children. Reggie was killed in action at Ypres on 6th November 1914 aged 38.

The war was not over by Christmas but one of the most moving moments of the first World War was the Christmas Truce of December 1914.

Christmas trees were put up in the trenches. The noise of bombardment was displaced by silence. Slowly along the front in various places there was a meeting of Germans and British.

In some places they just allowed each other to bury the dead. In other places, as the spirit of Christmas began to overcome the hate, beer, chocolate and cigarettes were exchanged. One oft-repeated part of the Christmas truce is the story of football matches played out in No-Man's Land, with varying versions of the final scores. The duration of the truce seems to have varied according to location - a few hours in some places, some days in others. The truce extended into the New Year. A remarkable interlude amongst such horror.

On Remembrance Sunday, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of such horror, we remember the sacrifice of those 75 men. As the example of the four mentioned we can see they come from diverse backgrounds, but all gave their lives.

We also remember the hope that it would be a War to end all wars. The Christmas truce shows us the ability of the human spirit to overcome hatred and hostility and for us to commit ourselves for a world striving for peace.

Our Remembrance Sunday will be different for this year. It seems important that we join in with the nation and hold our main act of Commemoration at the 11th hour on the 11th Day on the 11th Month on this the 100th anniversary.

The bagpiper to play before dawn at 6.00 am. 'Battle's Over - Sleep in Peace, now the battle's over' at the War memorial.

The sound of 1,000 bagpipes will fill the air before dawn has broken on 11th November. In cities and towns throughout the land individual pipers will play Battle's O'er - a traditional air played by pipers after battle. Heralding the start of the day's commemoration, they will play the haunting tunes outside churches and cathedrals, in market squares and village greens throughout the United Kingdom, and overseas. A lone piper will be playing Battle's O'er in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey, and at the same time everywhere pipers will be playing the same tune in their local communities.

At 9.00 am at Egdean and 10.00 am at Petworth we will have a Parish Said Requiem for those who wish to receive communion on the day. At 10.45 am we will gather for the Act of Remembrance and the Remembrance Service outside St Mary's Church.

This hundredth anniversary we also mark the ending of the war with a celebration. The Battle's Over WW1 Beacon of Light on the evening of 11th November to mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

This year at

6.00 pm Petworth Town Band will be playing and leading a Parade from the Royal British Legion Club, Grove Street, muster at 5.45 pm for anyone who would like to join in and parade. The Band will lead down into the High Street, Market Square, through into the Pound Street Car Park and then into Rosemary Gardens where everyone is invited to come and hear music and the Petfringe Chorus sing.

6.50 pm there will be some words from the Rector.

6.55 pm the Last Post will sound.

7.00 pm the Beacon of Light will be lit by Lord Egremont to signify the light that came out of the darkness of war

7.05 pm Town Crier Nigel Flynn will be reading 'A Cry for Peace Around The World' and then the church bells will ring out for Peace.

The Town Band will then entertain us for a while afterwards.

Throughout the evening from 6.00 pm there will be free soup and bread, and an outside Bar run and supplied by The Royal British Legion Club in Petworth. Please come them.

L. Mark

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

7.00 pm Requiem Mass for All Souls.

Please come to St Marys Church at 7.00 pm



If you would like a loved one remembered, please leave their name on the list at the back of the Church.



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 1st December

11.30 am - 1.30 pm

By the time you read this the Christmas Fair will be just over a month away!

We would be grateful for donations for the tombola, raffle and cake stalls.

We would also be grateful for donations towards the following stalls,

BUT please may we respectfully ask for only 'good as new' items for these, pictures, puzzles, gifts, toys, jewelry and Christmas decorations.

We shall also be looking for help on the stalls!

POPPY APPEAL CONCERT

The Petworth Branch of the Royal British Legion is organising a concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal at the Champs Hill Music Room in Coldwaltham on Friday 16th November. The concert is being given in memory of Adrian Tuck, the Petworth Poppy Appeal organiser who died very suddenly two years ago, by Martyna Jatkauskaite. Martyna is recognised as one of the leading pianists of her generation; she will play works by Prokofiev, Beethoven and Kapustin together with a new composition by her husband Mihali Paleologou, entitled 'The Flight', dedicated to Adrian Tuck. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Nicholas Wheeler, Coppards, Middle Street, Petworth, GU28 0BE. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Royal British Legion'.

Further information 01798 343777 or nicholasnwheeler@hotmail.com

ST MARY'S LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property, consisting mainly of spectacles, spectacle cases and umbrellas, which has accumulated in and around Colonel Maude's table, has been placed in a box in the Baptistry. So, if you are missing any of these items, please check. Otherwise they will be disposed of at the end of November.

TOWER NEWS

St Mary's bellringers would like to thank all those who have responded so generously to their appeal for the cost of new bellropes with gifts or grants of cash. On the strength of promises of money we were able in September to buy a new set of ropes, which arrived in time to be dedicated at the Harvest service on 7th October. These were fitted during the following week. One of the old ones had already worn through and broken, and on removal of the others it also became apparent how close to wearing through some of them had been.

After the dedication, the ringers welcomed a number of members of the congregation who came up to the ringing chamber to visit a part of the church many never see. Several people who inspected the new ropes noted that the colour of the woollen 'handle' woven into the ropes (technically called the 'sally') has gone from being plain yellow to green, black and gold stripes, and asked whether there is any reason for this. The simple answer is no. The colour of the sally is purely a matter of choice and the ringers decided it was time for a change!

Some people also noticed that the rope above the sally was slightly brighter in colour compared with the 'tail end' below the sally. This is because the tail end, which is the part which the ringers hold, is of old-fashioned hemp which is easier and safer to handle. In contrast, the upper part can be man-made fibre as it is out of reach, and as it is constantly passing over blocks, something more hard-wearing is appropriate. Ropes that are predominantly man-made fibre also have the advantage that they do not stretch so much, or shrink in damp weather. Even so, the ringers will find the new ropes a bit 'stretchy' for the next month or two.

Please do come and join us any time you hear the bells ringing, and encourage others to do so, whether or not they are members of the congregation. If the tower door is open, just climb the stairs to the ringing chamber and take a seat until there is a break in the ringing. We hope that this way more people will learn about how the bells are rung and perhaps decide to learn. You do not need to be especially strong or musical - just ready to give it a try!

Andrew Brooke

St Mary's Church, Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday 10th November
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Christmas Flowers

OBITUARY FOR A BANK

There must be many amongst us who miss the presence of a local bank. The Post Office and the weekly visit of the Mobile Bank are just not the same. How we miss the cheerful 'Hello' from Jill and the other members of the staff who over the years we all got to know so well.

On a recent visit to Nat West in Chichester there were twelve customers waiting to be served, it took almost ten minutes to reach the counter, with an equal number having joined the queue.

The history of the bank makes interesting reading.

The origins of the Petworth branch can be traced back to the private banking partnership of Upton & Co, believed to have been founded in 1806 by local merchant Willian Upton and his son. When the Upton's retired, William Stoveld became the senior partner and the bank continued under the name of Stoveld & Co. By the 1830s some British banks had begun developing branch networks across a wide geographical area. One of these, London & County Banking Co, was keen to open offices throughout the Home Counties. Stoveld & Co caught the bank's attention, as its purchase offered 'an opportunity to open a branch on a prime location in the prosperous market town of Petworth'. An 1846 report to the board stated that their representative 'had seen Mr Stoveld's balance sheet for the previous twelve months and had agreed for the purchase of the business for the sum of £2,000'.

The bank's new branch flourished and by the turn of the century was seeking a more prestigious home. In 1900 it negotiated a deal to swop its building for the adjacent Half Moon Hotel. The hotel was demolished and in 1901 the imposing new bank was erected in Edwardian baroque style to the designs of architect Frederick Wheeler.

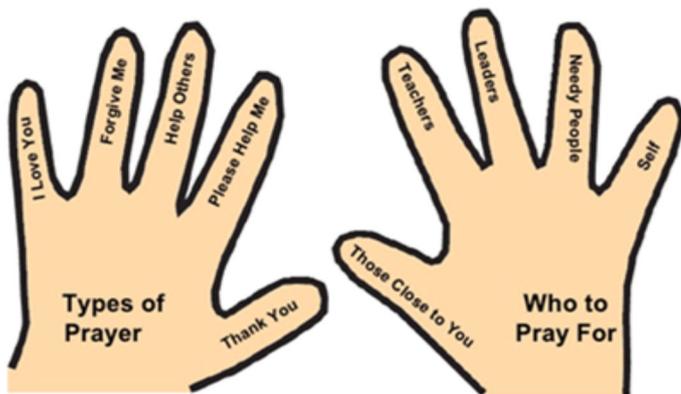
In 1909 the London & County Banking Co merged with London & Westminster Bank. It then amalgamated with Parr's Bank in 1918 to form what was later to become known simply as Westminster Bank. The outbreak of the Second World War ushered in a period of shortages and control. Many clerks joined the forces, and two from the Petworth Branch were sadly killed on active service. The post war years saw a number of changes including a merger with the Nation Provincial Bank in 1970 to form the present NatWest. In 1985 the building was Grade 11 listed for its architectural importance.

It is interesting to recall that it was almost a tradition that over a period of many years the Manager at the branch (who were all regular members of the congregation) also took on the roll of treasurer of the Parochial Church Council.

O W Mossman, who was also a Diocesan Lay Reader, succeeded F Turner in the early 1950s and he was followed by H Folkard, E P Bull, N J Horwill and Guy Wildish, until 1971 when a non bank manager (Reg Battams) took over.

John Townsend

Hands For Prayer



Prayers

We would like to produce a Prayer Book for St Mary's and St Bartholomew's

Do you have a prayer that is a favourite, or is particularly meaningful to you? Maybe one that you have seen in a Baptism, a Wedding or a Funeral Service?

In this Year of Prayer Fr Mark would like to produce a Prayer Book.

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

Judy's Email - aandjhoward@btinternet.com

Christine's Email - christinedallyn@hotmail.com

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

PCC Report

Roger Dallyn reported at the PCC Meeting held on 11th October that BJN Roofing works are scheduled for November to replace the eave boards on the south side of the church and redecorate on the north and south side.

Everyone agreed that the Outdoor Patronal Service had been much appreciated and hopefully next time more people will attend, Charlie Bray suggested that everyone invite a friend or two.

It was noted that the Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive had been a great success and enjoyed by all ages.

The Treasurer presented a Financial Statement to end September and the proposed Parish Contribution figures and it was agreed that Egdean should pay 90%.

The PCC approved the following list of donations for 2018:

Petworth Cottage Nursing Home	£150
Stonepillow (for the homeless in Chichester area)	£150
Midhurst Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Service	£150
Missions for Seamen	£150

Special Service Collections:

Harvest Festival	Chichester Diocesan Harvest Appeal
Remembrance	Poppy Appeal
Christingle	Children's Society
Throughout Lent	Family Support Work

Harold Green reported on two Synod meetings, one in Kirdford on 27th June, which was about discovering prayer, a thoughtful session based on The Lord's Prayer. The second meeting was on 3rd October, Bishop Mark of Horsham attended and explained the problems that the church is facing with a large number of elderly priests retiring and financing new ordinands for support and training. He also explained about the proposals for group-type ministry which would include PCCs.

Christine reported that the Wardens and Treasurer have now been CRB checked.

As Evensong has low attendance it was agreed that it should be replaced on a regular basis, as from November 2018, with a further BCP Eucharist (9.00 am) on the third Sunday of the month.

Roger Dallyn thanked everyone who attended the Church Working Party in August, preparing and treating the exterior timberwork and cleaning in the church.

Fund raising events for next year were discussed and in addition to our usual BBQ and Cream Teas, several ideas were put forward; a concert by a local musician, a treasure hunt for all the family, meet for a hymn and prayer at the church and then a pub ramble with dogs, return to the church for a final thanks giving. Erica Brewster and Bea O'Connor are going to organise their own fundraising event.

Roger Dallyn said he had reported to Sussex Police last week the lead theft from the top of the church gate post and noticeboard and PCSO Daryl Holter, Heritage Crime Officer & Adviser, has taken the matter up and is using our photos to publicise the matter.

Christine Dallyn informed the meeting that Judy Howard is compiling a list of their congregations' favourite prayers to create a parish book as it is The Year of the Prayer and would like to include Egdean.

The next PCC Meeting was arranged for Thursday 17th January 2019.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

11TH NOVEMBER BEACON LIGHTING

We all warmly invite you to take part in making history in Petworth for the 100 years of the end of the First World War. This evening has been organised for Petworth and the community and for family and friends by Petworth Town Council, the Royal British Legion Petworth Branch and the Royal British Legion Club Petworth, Petfringe Chorus, Petworth Town Band, Petworth Scouts, the Cadets, St Marys Church, the support and equipment of P&DCA, and also with help from the many friends and supporters of Petworth. This evening is open to all and you are invited to join us.

Also the Royal British Legion Club wants everyone to know that the club will be open from 12 noon till 11.00 pm for all. Open to non members for the day.

Fiona Kemp

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

There can be few, if any Sussex churches that have graced the covers of calendars or pages of guide books more than **BOSHAM'S HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**.

Its location as a backdrop to the waters of Chichester harbour has made it, over the years, a must for artists and photographers. Bosham is said to boast the oldest Christian community in Sussex dating back to the 7th Century. The Venerable Bede (673-735) recorded in his book that an Irish monk named Dicul lived in a small monastery at Bosanham. It is thought that the present church was built close to the site of the monastery. It was about this time that Wilfrid (later to become Saint) arrived in Sussex to set about converting the pagan inhabitants to Christianity.

It was probable that the powerful nobleman, Godwin, Earl of Essex, had a residence in Bosham. The Bayeux Tapestry shows Godwin's son, Harold, praying in Bosham Church in 1064 before setting out on his ill-fated journey across the Channel to Normandy to claim his throne. Note a replica of part of the Tapestry is on display on the wall of the north aisle. King Canute had a home in Bosham in the 10th Century and the story is told that his 8 year old daughter drowned in a nearby stream and was buried in a stone coffin in the church. During work to lower the floor of the nave in 1865 a stone coffin was discovered which was found to contain a small skeleton. Although there was no proof that it was the little princess, the coffin was reburied with honour where it now lies by the chancel arch.

The oldest part of the building is the Saxon tower and parts of the chancel wall. A top story was added to the tower during the Norman period and the broach spire, built between 1406/1407, has been re-shingled on a number of occasions since, the last time in 1979.

The chancel arch is a fine example Norman workmanship. The north aisle, which was to include the Fishbourne Chantry, was added towards the end of the 12th Century. The chancel which diverges by 5 degrees southwards as measured from the east end of the nave was built in three stages. The first part (Saxon) built 1040/50, with a further stage added in 1121 and finally a third stage completed early in the 13th Century. At this time a five light lancet east window was inserted. The 14th Century saw the building of the south aisle which contains a raised All Hallows Chapel over the top of a Crypt, which is now used as a small chapel.

Unusually there are no stained glass windows, but in one of the windows in the chapel there are 4 small stained glass roundels from the 15th Century.

The font is dated late 12th Century and is supported by a thick shaft and four angle shafts. There is a ring of six bells, the oldest dated 1572.

John Townsend

EVENTS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Chichester Cathedral's Gospel Day: Learning with Luke

Saturday 17th November, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

An Afternoon at Chichester Cathedral to explore and celebrate St Luke's Gospel through word, music, prayer and art. Tickets £7.50. Advance booking is highly recommended. Session titles and further information at the 'What's On' section of the Cathedral website: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk Or in person from the Chichester Box Office, Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester. Tel: 01243 816525.

Hot Topic Talk 'In Praise of Non-Remembrance'

Wednesday 21st November, 4 Canon Lane, 10.30 am – 12 noon

A lively counter-cultural dialogue on how best we should Remember, with reference to neuroscience, Sierra Leone and Miroslav Volf, with Simon Keyes, Professor of Reconciliation and Peacebuilding at the University of Winchester. The sessions will be introduced and chaired by the Cathedral Chancellor, the Reverend Canon Dr Anthony Cane. Tickets £7.50, refreshments included. Advance booking essential. Chichester Box Office, Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester. Tel: 01243 816525.

Exhibition at Chichester Cathedral

'Star of Bethlehem' by Jayson Haebich

Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Sunday 3rd February 2019

A spectacular morphing geometric laser star created by coding artist Jayson Haebich. Powered by two laser projectors set high up in the Cathedral's Triforium, the star will appear suspended above the Arundel Screen. At low light levels the haze machine will transform the star image into a three dimensional, floating star, creating a mythical spectacle. The effect will be mesmerising. Open daily with free entry.

Christmas Carols and Services: Throughout December 2018

Get into the festive spirit with the many carol services held in the Cathedral throughout December. For full details visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last month our children have been engaged in a multitude of activities. It is great to see our reception children settling in so well and how they have become a valued part of our school community. Also it is always pleasing to see how the older children help to nurture them.

Our local businesses in Petworth have embraced our ideas and welcomed the children into their premises. This gave our year one and year two children an insight of what is on offer in Petworth as they learn essential geography skills in a very practical way. You can read more about this venture on the Ash Class blog (<http://ashclasspetworth.edublogs.org>).

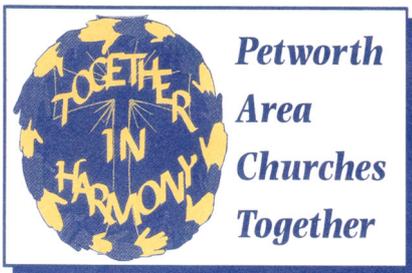
Our year six children participated in their annual residential at Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. This experience gives children the opportunity to inspire, nurture and challenge themselves and their peers. The trip started with a dip in the sea and finished as we saw a variety of boats and ships, including the US aircraft carrier, as we crossed the Solent. During the four days the children ab-seiled, climbed 10m high poles, zip wired, problem solved, quad biked and much, much more. The children grow in confidence as they tackle activities they would not normally engage in, and when you see children leaping off a 10m pole to catch the trapeze, who were at first reluctant to go beyond the 2m point, it enforces that all of our children can achieve with the right encouragement and environment.

To learn more about the ventures of all of our children, each class has a class blog which is continually updated, about the various learning opportunities and activities the children have experienced. These can be found on our school website www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/classes/19227.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

November and December is the time when the collecting boxes are opened. If it is possible to bring them to Church I will be very grateful, or if more convenient give me a call so collection of your box can be arranged.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.



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NOVEMBER NEWS

Friday coffee mornings are still going strong - from 9.45 am in the United Reformed Church every Friday with a hive of activity amongst the stalls and refreshments.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – an advance date for the diary – 20th to 25th January 2019 with the theme of ‘Only Justice’ which is about demonstrating the kingdom justice that comes about when we listen to God’s heart for the people and situations around us, rather than using our own judgements. It will be a great opportunity to spend some time in the bible together and also get to know more faces from the Petworth area churches.

The Petworth Foodbank continues with about two/three calls a week – it is a privilege to be able to provide a practical helping hand to those in need. A big thank you to John Riddell who has steered the operation for the last 5 years – he’s now stepping down but the trusty team of volunteers will continue to support the recipients of food parcels. An enormous thank you to you all! Rev Andrew Smith of Tillington has taken over.

Kate & Karl Ayling

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Petworth Lunch Club meets on Tuesday 13th November in the URC Hall at 12 noon. £7.50 buys you a two course meal including tea or coffee. Booking essential, by 9th November on 342942.

The Christmas Lunch, at Manor Nurseries, Runcton, will be held on Tuesday 11th December and you will be able to make your menu choices at the November lunch.

Caroline Stoneman

**COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER MAGAZINE
IS
MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**

CHANTRY QUIRE

with soloists Hilary Cronin, Rebecca Leggett, Dan Turner, Benedict Kearns
and baroque instrumental ensemble

conducted by Peter Allwood

A Concert of Choral and Instrumental
Music to mark the 1918 Armistice Centenary including

J S Bach *Motet: Jesu, meine Freude*
Cantata 106 "Actus Tragicus"

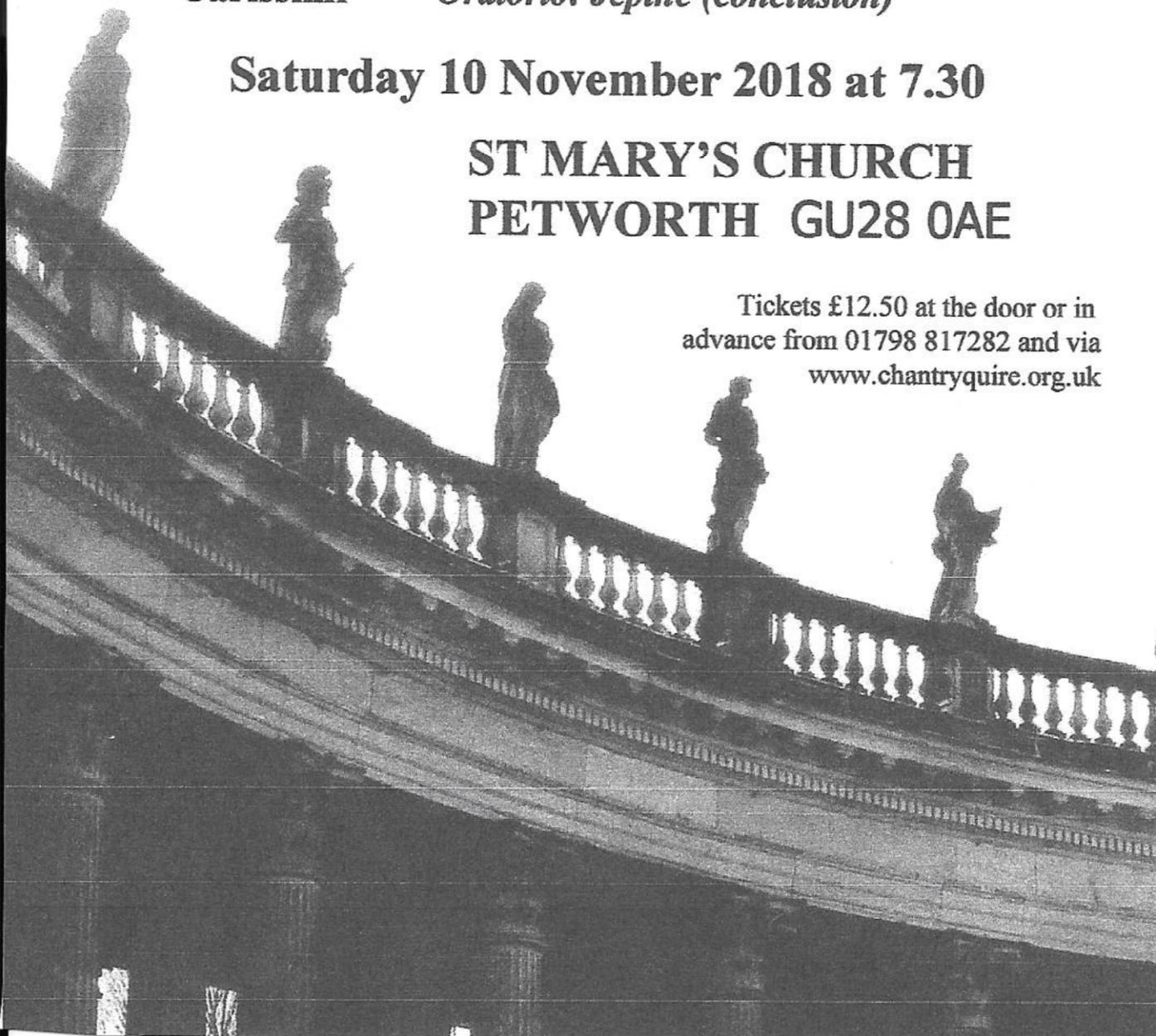
Purcell *Jehova, quam multi*

Carissimi *Oratorio: Jepthe (conclusion)*

Saturday 10 November 2018 at 7.30

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
PETWORTH GU28 0AE**

Tickets £12.50 at the door or in
advance from 01798 817282 and via
www.chantryquire.org.uk



Fernhurst Choral Society

Conductor Timothy Ravalde

Mendelssohn **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Parry

I WAS GLAD



Saturday 17 November 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church

Petworth

Tickets: £15 (£7.50 under 14's & NUS students)

From www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk

from the treasurer: 01428 654893 and on the door

Danger amongst the dead leaves

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Iconic. Seminal. Timeless. Combining the quintessential parasol structure with a vivid red cap topped with white flecks the fly agaric is a design classic. In autumn these beauties burst from the earth around the bases of bleached-barked birch or dark pine. They're such a familiar sight in fantasy art and films that encountering one in the woods is almost comical, like you've stepped into a cartoon. I half expect Bambi or some Smurfs to skip past. They've been adopted as our clichéd link to a magical kingdom of gnomes and fairies. If you're into all that nonsense you'll probably already have a ceramic pixie sitting on a fly agaric somewhere on your mantelpiece amongst your crystals and birthstones.



The name fly agaric comes from the old practice of crushing the fungi into a glass of milk, where its smell apparently attracts and kills flies. Other chemicals within the mushroom cause hallucinations and, in our dark past, we revered mystics and shamans who believed they had travelled to mystical realms after eating fly agaric. One legend claims that the effects were stronger if you fed the fungi to reindeer and then drank their urine. But eating the fungi can also cause



extreme sweating, salivation, nausea, psychotropic poisoning, seizures and coma. Far out, man. These days, if we see a sweaty, dribbling man drinking pee, we tend to cross the street.

Others claim that fly agaric is the origin of our Christmas traditions. These neat little packages in Santa red-and-white, clustered under a pine tree (not to mention the sky-high reindeer) certainly tick a few festive boxes. Another legend tells of Vikings who (as if they weren't violent enough) would allegedly eat the mushroom to make them extra berserk.

I don't need to eat an agaric to send me into a rage. You just need to mention the F-words, stand well back and watch me explode because nothing winds me up more than fungi foragers! Each autumn they emerge from underneath their Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall cookbooks and skip into the woods, designer trug under their arm. These selfish truggers are nowhere to be found when I ask for volunteers to help with actual wildlife conservation.



Yet each autumn they suddenly have the urge to get closer to nature...by destroying it. And they're taking a real risk. These pillagers have no idea what they're doing and could easily pick the wrong mushroom and end up in the toilet for a week. But other side effects can be much, much worse. There are thousands of different species of fungi in the UK and they are notoriously difficult to identify. So be safe. Leave the fungi where they are and enjoy their natural beauty. The risks are too high; kidney failure, liver failure, death or even worse – you may bump into me.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source Barnabas Fund

Barnabas Fund, in its Prayer Diary, reports on persecution from all around the world, some of it very distressing, some inhuman treatment of poor and defenceless Christians, some a violation of justice, with very many thousands in prison or labour camps.

Surprising, therefore, to read that:

'A driver delivering a takeaway curry to a home in north London ripped a Palm Sunday cross from a wall by the front door and scattered the fragments on the doormat. Moments later the door was answered by a teenage boy who took the curry and gave the smiling driver a generous tip. The cross had hung by the door for years...' and also:

Allan Coote, a Christian bus driver from London likes to stand on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and read aloud from the Bible... Earlier this year he was reading... 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me' (Matt 5.11) when he was arrested by police, who had been called by Cathedral staff. Let us hope it was not the clergy who had objected!

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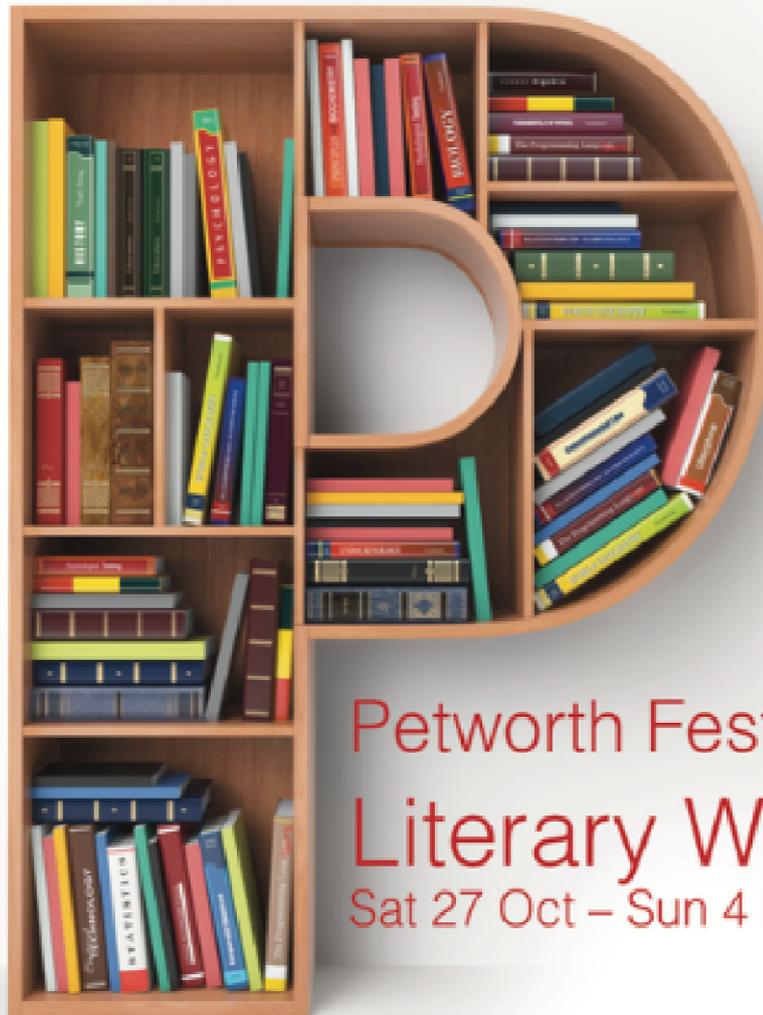
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November

1st	ALL SAINTS DAY Mass	8.30 am
2nd	ALL SOULS SUNG REQUIEM MASS for All Souls	7.00pm
4th	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <i>Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44</i> Holy Eucharist ALL SAINTS Family Service (Egdean) Jubilate Family Mass	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30am
11th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>Micah 4:1-5, Romans 8:31- end, John 15 9-17</i> 8.00 am Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) Parish Said Requiem Eucharist (No sermon) Act of Remembrance (gather around the war memorial) followed by the REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	NO SERVICE 9.00 am 10.00 am 10.45 am
18th	TRINITY 25 <i>Daniel 12.1-3, Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25, Mark 13.1-8</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am
25th	CHRIST THE KING <i>Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am

December

2nd	ADVENT SUNDAY <i>Isaiah 64.1-9 1, Corinthians 1.3-9 ,Mark 13.24-37</i> Holy Eucharist Christingle (Egdean) Parish Eucharist Christingle	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am 5.00 pm
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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
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While the groups have not met during July and August, it was time to reflect on the truly exciting aspect of working through the New Testament (with references to the OT looked up). It is that God's purpose throughout his plan to rescue fallen mankind, starting with Abraham stepping out into unknown territory in faith. God patiently waited thousands of years for a response from Abraham's vast progeny, sending prophets with warnings, but to no avail, so he came himself in the form of Jesus.

Jesus' mission was first to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel', which explains his rudeness to the Gentile woman who asked for help, even calling Gentiles 'dogs'. His astonishment at her reply 'even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from the master's table' demonstrated that faith could be found outside Jewry which was greater than that within. This was repeated throughout his ministry even by Roman centurions, high fliers in the hated Roman army. The gospels reveal how this all led to Jesus' trial by the Jewish elders, who persuaded the Romans to crucify him. The resurrection took even the disciples by surprise, and led to their baptism by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with seismic results.

Rosemary Harris

STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2019

The application process for children due to start school in September 2019 will begin on Monday 1 October 2018. We try to advertise the application arrangements as widely as possible and it is in this connection that I now write to you.

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NATIVITY EXHIBITION

The annual exhibition is planned for this Christmas. Petworth Primary School and other regulars will be taking part. If anyone would like to be involved this year please give me a call. We are hoping to start setting up on Sunday 9th December and have everything ready for the School Carol Service.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

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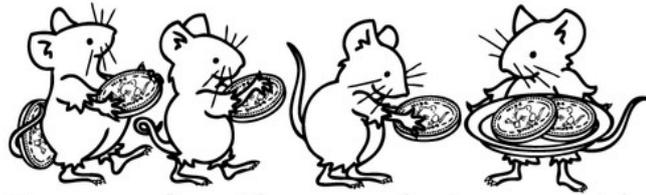
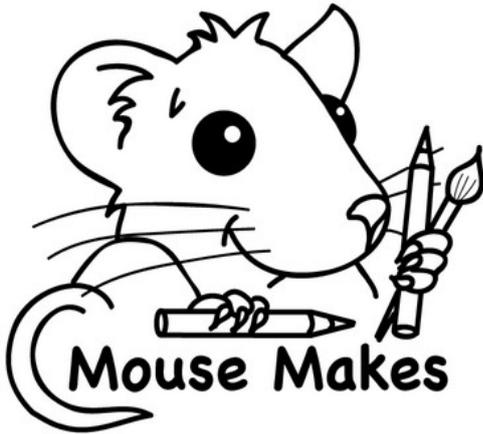
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Colossians 3:25

Remember
all the
commandments
of the Lord
and obey them

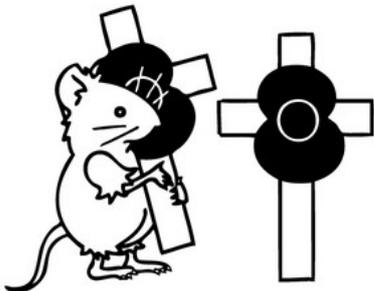
Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks,
broke it and said,
*"This is my body
which I am giving
for you, do this to
remember me."*

Luke 22:19



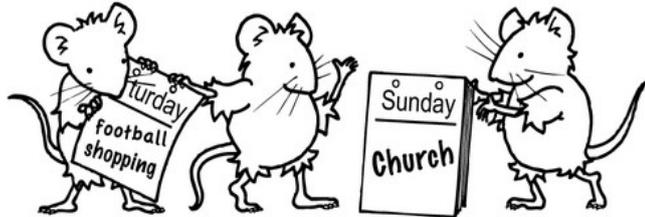
Jesus said:
*"No one can have
greater love than
to give his life for
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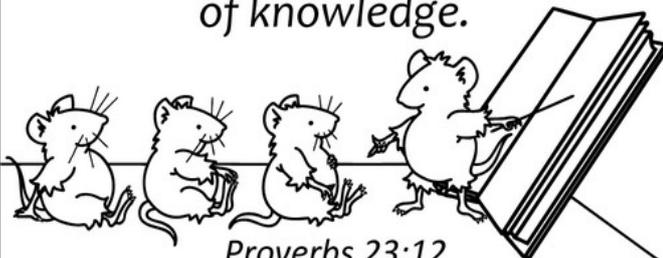
John 15:13

Remember to keep
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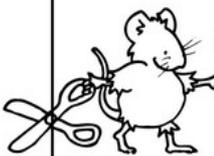
Exodus 20:8



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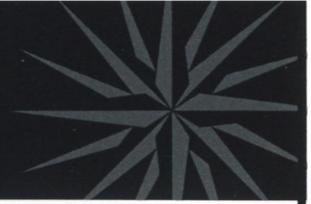
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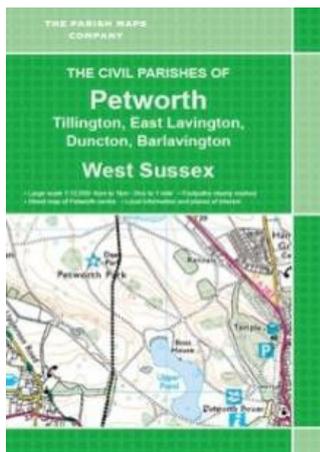
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HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to
CAMILLA BAKER and EDWARD JOHNSON following their marriage at St
Mary's on 6th October.

FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the soul of
CAROL ANN BAKER of 323 High Street who passed away at Westhampnett
Nursing Home on 7th September aged 77 years.

Carol was born in Worthing on Christmas Day in 1940. She later came to live in
Petworth and it was whilst she was working at ICI at Fernhurst that she met
John Baker whose family came from Lodsworth. John and Carol were married
at St Mary's in October 1962, they went on to have two sons, Simon and Cory.

Sadly, John passed away in 1985 at the early age of 46.

For many years, Carol was employed at Courtlea Care Home as a cook and also
undertook caring work if needed.

In retirement she was involved with the Over 60s Club and contributed on many
occasions to providing prizes for various tombola and bingo events, as well as
shopping for the local food bank. She had been ill for more than two years, but
remained positive despite the worsening of her condition.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 5th October and was followed by
burial at Hampers Green Cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to both Simon and Cory and all the family in their loss



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EGDEAN HARVEST SUPPER & BEETLE DRIVE

Just over 50 people of all ages enjoyed the Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive on Friday 28th September in the barn at Woodruffs Farm, Egdean, by kind permission of Charlie and Elspeth Bray.

Fr Mark explained the rules and was MC for the evening. It proved to be very lively with hot competition on the beetle drive and at half time everyone enjoyed home cooked lasagne and a great array of puddings. Brian Dallyn won a magnum bottle of white wine, Mark Hobden won a magnum of Bordeaux, kindly donated by Hennings Wine Merchants of Petworth and Charlie Bray the Harvest Hamper.



At the end of the evening the Beetle score sheets were tallied and Charlie Bray with the most points won a model beetle car and chocolates, Ed and Erica Brewster with the least points won a turban squash (which is shown in the picture above with Erica wearing it on her head!)

Fr Mark thanked Hannah Hobden and Claire Cox for all their work organising the evening and cooking the large lasagne dishes and presented them both with flowers in appreciation.

We had a very convivial social evening and raised £760 for St Bartholomew's Church funds.

Christine Dallyn



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Dates for your Diary

Please Note:

As we have low attendance at our regular Evensong services, it has been decided to substitute it with a BCP Eucharist service on the 3rd Sunday of the month as from **Sunday 18th November at 9.00 am.**

Sunday 16th December – 4.00 pm – our annual Carol Service at Egdean

Church and Churchyard Working Party

Many thanks to all who helped at our annual working party we were so pleased with the amount we achieved.



*Christine Dallyn
Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*