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

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

THE INVESTITURE OF THE ORDER OF ST RICHARD

It was such an honour to be present at the 'Investiture of The Order of St Richard' to Roger and Christine Dallyn at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 30th September.

What an amazing space the Cathedral is. As we entered, we were awe-struck by the 'Doves of Peace' installation, presently in situ, and seemingly appropriate in that we were honouring those who work tirelessly in the Chichester Diocese for the church community and so much more. This award celebrates exceptional service to the parish, local community and diocese. The breadth and range of contributors by those receiving the awards was heartwarming and inspirational.

Roger and Christine are the epitome of this in their dedication and work for St Bartholomew's, Egdean.

St Bartholomew's, Egdean is so much richer for their commitment with NOTHING being too much for them.

To show the high regard with which this honour is placed, the service, choral evensong, was led by the Bishop of Horsham and was also attended by The High Sheriff of East Sussex and the HM Lord Lieutenants of West and East Sussex.

After the service, Christine, Roger, Fr Mark, Margaret, Robin and I headed for a sumptuous tea which began with a celebratory glass of bubbly.

Jenny Walker
Churchwarden



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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

In this month of November, as we approach the celebrations of All Saints, All Souls, and Remembrance, it is a time for deep reflection on the Kingdom of God. These special days in the liturgical calendar offer us a unique opportunity to contemplate the profound connection between the saints who have gone before us, those who are at rest, and our responsibility as stewards of God's Kingdom on Earth.

The feast of All Saints reminds us of the countless holy men and women who have lived exemplary lives, serving as beacons of God's light in the world. They inspire us to follow their footsteps, striving for holiness and dedicating our lives to God's purpose.

All Souls' Day, on the other hand, provides us with an occasion to remember our departed loved ones and pray for the souls of those who have died. We remember that, in God's eyes, all lives are sacred, and our prayers can help bring solace to the souls awaiting their eternal rest.

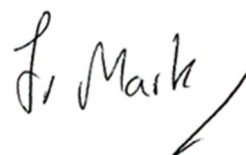
In addition to these sacred commemorations, we cannot overlook the challenging times we find ourselves in today. The conflicts in the Holy Land and Ukraine weigh heavily on our hearts. The loss of life and suffering in these regions is a stark reminder of the brokenness of our world. In such times, our faith calls us to be instruments of peace, to pray fervently for an end to these conflicts, and to work towards reconciliation and justice.

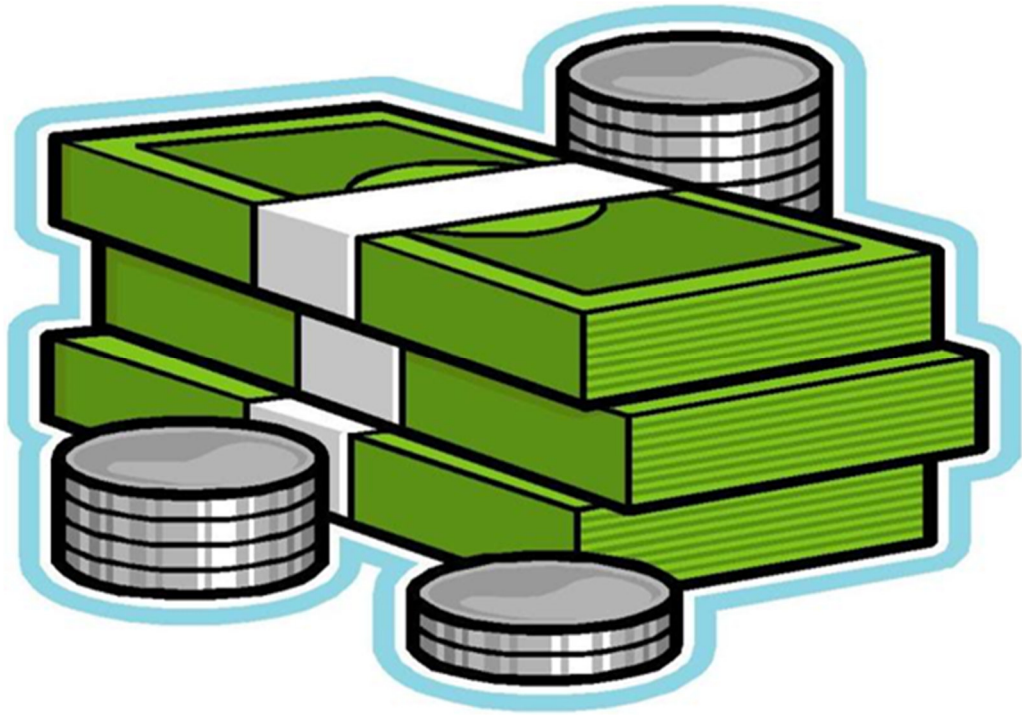
As a community of faith, let us join our voices in prayer, seeking God's mercy and grace to bring peace to those affected by these conflicts. Let us be the embodiment of God's love, extending our support to those in need and advocating for peace on the international stage.

In the midst of these global challenges, we must remember that God's Kingdom is not a distant dream but a living reality. It is our duty to manifest His Kingdom on Earth by promoting love, compassion, and justice. Through our prayers and actions, may we contribute to the fulfillment of God's Kingdom, striving for a world where peace and harmony prevail.

Let us come together in prayer and action during this November, holding in our hearts the saints who inspire us, the souls we remember, and those who need our prayers for peace. In doing so, we become the hands and feet of Christ in a world in desperate need of His light and love.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark" with a long, sweeping underline stroke.



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

Can you help?

Do you love/are you good at finances?

Can you help?

Please contact Father Mark to discuss

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

Christmas Service Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd December 9.15 am Family Service - Christingle
There will be a collection for The Children's Society at this Service.

Sunday 17th December 4.00 pm Carol Service

Monday 25th December 9.00 am Christmas Day Family Eucharist with
Carols

Sussex Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride

Three people and one dog took part in the Ride and Stride for Egdean this year, they raised £600, half of which goes to Sussex Historic Churches Trust and half to St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean. Thank you to all those who took part, to all the sponsors and to all who helped man the church throughout the day.

Jenny Walker has kindly offered to run the event next year for Egdean.

Harvest Festival Collection

This raised £130 for Petworth Family Support.

Harvest Supper Donations

Thank you to all those who donated, following the cancellation of our Harvest Supper Community Event we have received over £500. Your support is very much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

November and December are 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 can be arranged.

This will be my last year as Parish representative for the Children's Society. If there is anyone who would like to take over, please let me know and I will be happy to explain what it will involve.

Jackie Smith on 01798 342676.

ST MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT

Another Autumn, and another Quiz Night has come and gone. 31 contestants sat down to an evening of challenging - well mainly challenging - questions set by Alan Sutton and Eileen Lintill. 'Let them eat cake' was not beyond even the Vestal Virgins, even they got that one right. Just who was 'Femme Fatale' was never made clear, nor was the inspiration for 'Quivering Brethren'. 'Absent Friend' was easy. The Northend Close team was unfortunately missing Carole Field. 'Odds and Sods' was easy to comprehend too. Andrew Brooke's team won, as usual; the real contest was to see who would come second. 'Absent Friend' clinched that place, only 3 points behind the winners. Maybe Carole's absence was the reason?

Hampers Green Hall once again proved an excellent venue in all regards. Its parking facilities are excellent, as is its kitchen.

The Event Planning Group have always regarded Quiz Night not primarily as a fund raiser, more as a social event that raises money for church funds. It did just that too - just clear of £300 profit, despite numbers being down on last time. Just one inexplicable appearance in the takings, the origins of a Scottish tenner are unclear! I have my suspicions as to the culprit!

Andrew Howard

ERRATUM: 'Vestal Virgins' should read 'Vestry Volunteers' throughout this document. (With acknowledgement to Sellas & Yeatman 1930).

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

We plan an exhibition of Nativities for this Christmas. Petworth Primary School has said it will take part, and also some of our regular exhibitors. If there is anyone who would like to take part, we will be very pleased to hear. The exhibits are mostly homemade or modified. Please give me a call for details.

Jackie Smith on 01798 342676.

ST MARY'S RIDE AND STRIDE

Well done to our two Riders & Striders from St Mary's who once again took part in the Event on 9th September.

Vic walking around Chichester's churches, and Lewis cycling over towards Midhurst.

Between them they raised £345, half of which will support the Historic Churches Trust and the other half for St Mary's. Thanks to all who supported them.

ST MARY'S RIDE AND STRIDE

Chichester Walk mark 3!! (September 9th)

I only decided to 'stride' about a week before The Ride and Stride (in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and our Church), so it was a rush to get sponsors for the event. As I don't like to do the same visits each year, I had already thought about how I could vary what I had done the last 2 times.

As I was not having lifts to Chichester this year I knew I would be restricted by the timing of the busses. I thought that I may be able to add something to the North of the main city, and as the bus was to approach via Lavant I looked at the Summersdale area. Catching the 10.10 am to Midhurst the connection with the service 60 was good, and I disembarked at The Broadway, to make my way to **St Michael, Summersdale Road**. Interestingly this Church was built in 1931 and paid for by the Misses Peacock, apparently to save them having to go by taxi each Sunday to St Paul's at Northgate! There was an art class in the building, so I could not go in, but the sign-in sheet was outside.



Turning south again I headed to Blomfield Drive running along the northern edge of the open area of Havenstoke Park and on to **Graylingwell Chapel**.



An Early English style building built in 1897, the architect being Arthur Blomfield. When I last visited on the Ride and Stride many years ago it was being used by Immanuel Church, but it is now owned and managed by Chichester Community Development Trust and has been converted into a community space and café.

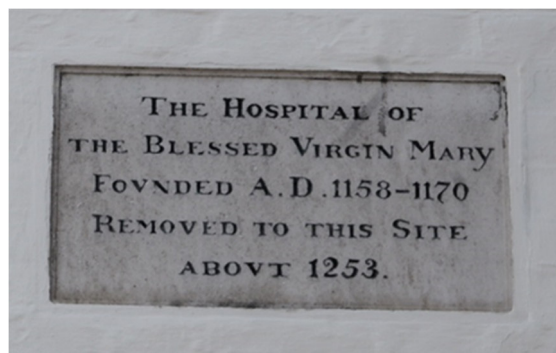
As well as a children's play area and meeting rooms it houses an exhibition about the history of Graylingwell Asylum. I rested here a little, and had a refreshing soft drink in the café. On leaving the café I travelled south of the park on Connolly Way to get to Oaklands Park. I did not want to take the roads to Northgate so I cut through the park via the rugby club, and eventually came out on the main road by the Festival theatre entrance.



A few yards down the road was **St Bartholomew's Hospital Chapel**, which I have only seen open once. It was an Alms House chapel built in 1625 by Cawley - one of the only 2 buildings to the north of the city prior to 1769. The Alms House was housing for 12 'poor and aged persons', 6 of each sex.



Across the road on the roundabout sits **St Paul's**, built in 1836 as a satellite to St Peter the Great in the city centre, though it then became the main church (more of this later!). Now I entered the city walls to book in at the **Providence Chapel** in Chapel Street. It was opened in 1809 for a congregation of dissenters of Calvinistic persuasion, and contains its original fittings and is still in use. English Heritage assisted with its restoration in 1989. I crossed North Street to Priory Park (the site of the Franciscan friary, Greyfriars). The building in the park is the Priory Church which was built by 1287, but became the city's town hall (**The Guildhall**) in 1541. It is now a museum. Last year I discovered a nice little café near the edge of the park, and this year I made this my lunch stop.



Just outside the park is the modern **Friends Meeting House** built on the site of an earlier Quaker Meeting House of 1700. It was one of four sites where there were welcoming people on duty. In St Martin's Square I was disappointed to find **St Mary's Hospital** closed, and no sign-in sheet available as it was on the list of sites open. It is one of my favourite Chichester churches. No medieval hospital in England has retained its original character as much as this one. Just around the corner is **St Martin's garden**. This is the site of the Church of St. Martin's or St. Martin's in Hoggelane or the Pig Market which dates from 1260. It was united with St Olave in North Street, and was in disrepair by 1906 and was pulled down. The garden is on the site of the original church.

Within the car park by Marks and Spencer is the 13th century **St Andrew Oxmarket** which is another redundant Church. It suffered bomb damage in 1943, and is now an arts centre. I was interested to see modern etchings on the glass of three windows.



I was determined to go to another of my favourites near the eastern end of East Street, so I headed that way, detouring into Baffins Lane to sign in at **Baffins Hall** – now Henry Adams. A Presbyterian chapel, it dates after 1671, originally privately owned (for Church use) but bought by a congregational trust in 1721. Now on to **St John the Evangelist** in St John's Street. I have talked about the interior of this building in previous years - a lovely example of a Georgian Church.

As I was beginning to tire I headed back to the centre to my last 4 venues. **St Faith** on Cathedral Green is a ruin dating originally from the 11th century, but converted into a dwelling house in the 16th. **St Peter the Great** (now **The Duke and Rye**) is opposite the Cathedral in West Street. This Church (which was where the Cathedral is now) was the Mother Church of the city, and the parish originally stretched north to Lavant. When the Cathedral was moved from Selsey the Church was housed in the North Transept of the new building. The present building was constructed in 1852. As the population increased St Paul (mentioned earlier) was constructed as a chapel of ease. In 1979 St Peter was made redundant because of dwindling congregations and the need for major repair as well as the proximity of the Cathedral, and St Paul took over as the Parish Church.

Although the building was closed, my penultimate visit was the **Bishop's Chapel**. Unfortunately I have only found it open once through the years. Of course, my last call was the **Cathedral**. I have talked about it many times in the past, and, of course, it is well known.

With relief - but satisfied - I went to the bus stop just outside to wait for my trip home. Initially I was concerned about the hot weather, but the area north of the city was nicely tree lined, and, of course, within the city I had the shade provided by the buildings.

Enormous 'Thank you' to all who have sponsored Lewis (on his ride) and me. Half of the money we have raised will come back to our Church.

Vic Constable

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Petworth Lunch Club will meet in the URC Hall on Tuesday 14th November at 12 noon when the menu will be Sausages in Onion Gravy with Potatoes and Vegetables, followed by Fruit Crumble and Custard. Including tea or coffee the price will be £7.50.

Please note that I will not be available after 31st October so if you need to book, or cancel, please contact Ann Morrill on 01243 780010.

On Tuesday 5th December our Christmas Lunch is at the Cricketers in Duncton, price £15 for regular members and £25 for visitors.

If you have not already made your menu choices please do so at the November lunch or contact Ann Morrill as above.

Caroline Stoneman

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PETWORTH

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held on
Wednesday 27th September

Co-option to the Council: Di Parr was co-opted to the PCC, proposed by Andrew Howard and seconded by Jean Huggett.

The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 5th July were approved.

Sarah Rogers attended the meeting to talk about Stewardship.

We need to project a motivation for giving, such as keeping the building maintained. Be transparent and show what the money is being used for, specific needs are inclined to bring money in.

The Revd Andrew Smith is the Diocesan Advisor on Generous Giving and would work with us. He can help raise the giving.

Use donations to raise money for specific items.

Look at the Church of England website to gain ideas.

Work towards attracting legacies. People are more likely to leave the church money when being asked directly to consider doing so. Some may wish to say specifically for what they are leaving it.

One way of easy fund raising are charity shopping sites to which you can sign up. Ask family members to also sign up naming the church even if they do not attend.

Be up front, ask people at weddings and funerals to donate electronically. Have someone tap the electronic donation hub and others will follow.

When we have events at the church and collections are taken ask that half goes to their chosen charity and half to the church.

Always make sure people are thanked for their giving.

Put up a notice to say what our expenses are such as heating, light, etc.

We can claim gift aid for any donation up to £30 without signature.

Create a small group to look at fund raising.

An update on St Mary's Finances: It was felt that the Tulip papers were not easily understandable. We would also like to know this year's expenditure as opposed to last year. This would help establish trends in our main expenses, apart from the stipend and heating. The PCC therefore asked for clarification of the finances. Eileen would ask for a meeting with Tulip and discuss it with Nick.

Visiting Organist fees: Matthew wonders if we should we consider putting up the visiting organist fees, to £75. This was accepted and was proposed by Andrew Howard and seconded by Jean Huggett.

St Mary's MAP: This is ongoing.

St Mary's Fabric: Nick Wheeler's report was circulated. The new mat at the South door needs attention as it is rising up. The window used for access to the roof is to be mended.

Flagpole: it was reported that Mark Thompson was concerned that the flagpole had still not been erected, as he had raised money from the businesses for it. There had been a request that it was placed back on the tower and someone be employed to put it up and take down. This was not felt to be sustainable.

The Terrier inventory of our church was overdue. One of the books from NAD-FAS the Art Society, was missing. Eileen would check with Jackie Smith and Lord Egremont.

The Quinquennial will be due in 2024, and we will need to employ a new architect following the retirement of Jane Jones-Warner.

Updates were received on:

Safeguarding: there was no further update

Pastoral Care: Rotherlea would like a monthly communion. Jill Easton would take a lead.

PACT: Lecture next Friday. Spring and Autumn arranged for next year. Coffee mornings were going well

The Deanery Synod had met at Graffham last week. They talked at length about climate, and what can the church do to help. Next month here we have a meeting with Diocesan reps talking about the Diocese financial situation.

Family Support: Monday drop in is going well, mainly referred families attend. Plans to open an after-school group are being looked at. There was good Orchard Close support.

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

St Mary's Voluntary Charitable Contributions: We have for the many years given 1% of our parish pledge to FSW, and 0.1% to PACT. This equates to approx. £400. It was debated whether we should either pay as usual, or do a specific fund-raising event for FSW instead. It was agreed that we would pay this year as usual but, because other parishes are questioning the way we all give, put it on the agenda for discussion at the next Deanery Synod.

Father Mark's remarks: A complaint had been made about the hazel trees along Barton Lane, that they were overhanging. The Diocese won't pay to have them pruned; might the PCC pay? It was felt that our church couldn't afford it either. Fr Mark would ask the if the Leconfield estate would kindly help.

The Junior church corner was looking good, and breakfast on the first Sunday was to take place again. Our thanks to the Parr family! Parents and Toddlers was also going well under Jackie's leadership.

Children's Society: Jackie Smith has been doing the boxes for many years, and would now like to stop. It had become too difficult to bank the coin. Jackie would collect this year but stop after that. Would someone else be prepared to take it on?

Christingle would again happen together with the Crib service, which had been so successful last year. Should the Christmas Nativity exhibition continue to take place? Eileen would check whether the school would still be like to be involved, if so, we would go ahead. Jackie would like it to remain in St Thomas's Chapel from the first weekend in December.

All Souls service would be on Sunday 29th October at 4.00 pm. We would let the Festival know in future they cannot book an event on Sunday 3rd November during the afternoon.

Proposed date of next meeting for 2023 - 22nd November.

(Please note that this date may be subject to change)

Judy Howard

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee morning on Saturday 14th October raised £153.90 for Church Funds. Many thanks to all who helped, came and spent.

The next one will be on Saturday 11th November, 10.00 am to 12 noon, with the usual sales table, raffle and refreshments.

There will be the opportunity for those who wish to go to the War Memorial for a short service of Remembrance at 11.00 am.

Jean Huggett and Jackie Smith

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

We are delighted that we now have a smooth and easily accessible route to the Friendship Centre, our thanks to Petworth Town Council for making it possible.

In November there will be Bingo sessions on Wednesday 1st and 15th at 2.00 pm, and a Beetle session on 22nd. Please come and find out how to play, if this is new to you - there are prizes! The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre to all of these activities.

Make a note in your Diary for The Christmas Tea on Sunday 3rd December at the URC, and there will be a Christmas Raffle in the Centre later in the month.

Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942



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 Sunday 5th of November!



FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Christmas is approaching fast and one of the great needs will be toys and gifts suitable for families who are having difficult times and be unable to afford Christmas presents for their children. The red box will be left out for any donations. Apart from toys and gifts, some nice Christmas goodies, which could be made up into Christmas hampers for families. These would be very acceptable, as well as the usual tins and packets. There is no need to wrap any gifts as FSW will need to know what will be suitable for individual children, and their families. Donations of wrapping paper will also be greatly welcomed. We would be grateful if any contributions could be brought to Church by 30th November.

Jackie Smith on 01798 342676.

PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK

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



Colours of Christmas at Petworth House

Saturday 25th November - Monday 1st January

Celebrate Christmas with a colourful and tree-mendous display at Petworth House.

Explore the rooms and see show-stopping trees decked with colour and decorations bringing the collection to life.

Select rooms of the house and servants quarters will be open for Christmas from 10.30 am, with last entry to the house at 4.00 pm.

On weekends in December there will be choirs performing in the courtyard. The Christmas Makers Market will return on 2nd and 3rd December, with more stalls than last year.

Lino cut Christmas Cards Workshop

27th November, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm

28th November, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm

Get into the festive spirit on this lino cutting workshop to make your own Christmas cards. You will learn how to use the tools and experiment with mark making to create five A6 cards to take home.

All materials will be provided, including a work sheet to take home for future help. Suitable for all skill levels, there will be design templates for inspiration, or to trace.

Includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Tickets are £50 each.

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10am - 4pm

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For the old, the memories are there.

Each village has still its tradition,
The quaint, queer customs of old;
A Goose Fair, a Horn Fair, ambition
For living 'the good life', I'm told.

Now the Fair is not so extensive
As it was in the days long past;
(And yet it is far more expensive
With its joys that do not last).

Our forebears, who lived by their muscle,
On this special day we'll remember;
Though living today is all bustle,
We've one wonderful day in November.

by D.B. November 1981

West Chiltington Floral Club **(Affiliated to NAFAS)**

Christmas Workshop

with

Lucinda Knapman

on

Tuesday 21st November, 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm

at

**West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington
RH20 2PZ**

Visitors are most welcome £5.00

*(Visitors must please book in advance and contact Brenda or Carol
for the worksheet regarding materials for the Workshop)*

For more information, please contact:

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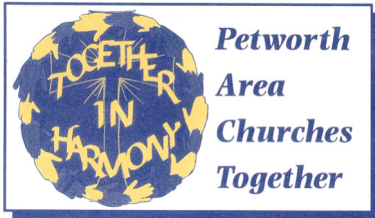
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NOVEMBER NEWS

PACT Petworth Food Bank Fundraising Concert

At 7.00 pm on Saturday 25th November PACT is organising a Concert with the UK Forces Veterans Show Band in aid of the Petworth Food Bank. The Band, which is under the Musical Directorship of Petworth resident Ian Young, will be appearing at the Herbert Shiner Hall, South Grove, Petworth GU28 0ED.

The band consists of personnel who have served as musicians in the armed forces' bands, The Army, The Band of HM Majesty's Royal Marines and The Central Band of the Royal Air Force. They are all now active professional musicians and will display their versatility with the styles of music that creates a party atmosphere, including tributes to:

Earth Wind & Fire, Chic, The Drifters, Tina Turner, Tony Bennett and many more. The programme will also include an ABBA singalong. The evening would not be complete without the sounds of Glenn Miller and the foot tapping golden age of swing.

There will also be guest appearances from local singers and musicians including Sasha Kramp, and a Christmas arrangement by Brian Knowles, so an evening not to be missed. There will be a bar, raffle and free parking for all attendees.

Listen to the Band: <https://on.soundcloud.com/kgS3a>

Free Parking Bar Raffle prizes

Tickets (£16) are available online via Eventbrite web site at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/petworth-fundraising-concert-with-uk-forces-veterans-show-band-tickets-717739426947?>

and at

Austens Home Hardware, Market Square, Petworth (cash only)

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MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER



Coultershaw History Group *Petworth and surrounding villages*

Programme - Autumn 2023 (revised)

13th September	10:30	The Story of Iping Paper Mill	Hazel Flack
27th September	19:00	Coultershaw People	Tony Sneller
11th October	10:30	Almshouses	Juliet Fynes
25th October	19:00	Fernhurst Furnace	Sam
8th November	10:30	Petworth Town Band	Michelle Clifford
22nd November	19:00	Wey & Arun Canal	Richard Shenton
13th December	??	Christmas special !	

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Coffee Morning

**Saturday 11th November
10.00 am - 12 noon**

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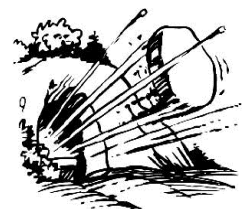
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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

1st	ALL SAINTS DAY Mass	9.00 am
2nd	ALL SOULS REQUIEM EUCHARIST	9.00 am
5th	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <i>1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12</i> Holy Eucharist ALL SAINTS Family Service (Egdean) Jubilate Family Mass	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am
Saturday		
11th	Act of Remembrance (Gather around the war memorial)	10.45 am
12th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, Matthew 25.14-30</i> Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) Parish Said Requiem Eucharist (No Sermon) Followed by Act of Remembrance in Church	9.00 am 10.15 am 10.55 am
	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	3.00 pm
19th	24th Sunday after Trinity <i>Zephaniah 1.7,12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean BCP) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am
26th	CHRIST THE KING Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46 Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean BCP) Parish Eucharist	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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



FOLLOW THE SERVICES

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For Egdean here are the following links 9.00 am

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Slugs

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I've had a strange fascination with slugs since I was a little boy. Back then I believed that they were homeless snails that had lost their shells. It turns out I was right. Sort of. The whole eviction process had started as far back as the murky Mesozoic when some land snails cast off the shackles of a shell and evolved into slugs for some truly independent living. Sure, shells are great for protection and will help you to avoid drying out but they're clunky and require calcium to construct. Without them you can roam anywhere and (to namecheck another mollusc) the world's your oyster.

The slug's shell has never been completely lost - a fragment remains hidden under their skin, a tiny, shrunken souvenir of their snail ancestry. Another link to their slimy dynasty is that all slugs, like all snails, are both male and female. As hermaphrodites, they possess both sets of sexual organs and this means that, if the situation dictates, they can go it alone and simply self-fertilise to produce their offspring. A true state of independence.

Self-fertilisation creates a clone - or in a slug's case hundreds of clones - but the problem with inbreeding is a lack of genetic variability. Clones all possess the same weaknesses. An entire slug population can be wiped out by the same parasites and pathogens. To produce varied and resilient offspring, most slugs go in for the more old-fashioned approach of finding a partner for a quick rustle in the undergrowth.

But one garden slug species has turned this chore into art - a flamboyant celebration of a lack of independence. The spotted and striped Leopard Slugs start their performance by chasing each other around a tree, giving each other sonic, sensuous strokes and cheeky nibbles. Then they climb, shimmy along a branch, and descend on a rope made of their own mucous. Here, hanging in mid-air, the slugs evert their sexual organs, entwining them to create a moonlit globe. This graceful, balletic trapeze performance must be one of the most mesmerising sights on our planet. If you search hard enough, you can find beauty in the strangest places. Still, if I was strolling through the woods at night, I'd hate to walk into it face-first.

The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 7th November Ian Swankie will give a talk on

‘The Gleaming Spires of London’

London boasts a remarkable range of architecture.
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great buildings



On Tuesday 5th December Sarah Linton will give a talk on

‘Christmas: Backstage at Covent Garden’

Every year the Opera House puts on a season of
Christmas shows, both ballet and opera. This talk takes us
into the wings and down the traps to see how
they cope with magic coaches and snow bags,
plus 17 Sugar Plums and 12 Princes.

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

Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £7

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

or email westsussex@theartsociety.org

www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

It's October and at the time of writing the weather, although colder, has certainly been pleasant to be outside. We all know that winter is nearly with us so this has been a bonus.

County as ever has been busy especially working on the budget for 24/25. It never gets any easier but you can be assured that the County will have a balanced budget come February.

At the recent County Council meeting we passed a motion to try and make sure that all our children in care, as they move into adulthood, are given help as any young person would get if they were your own children. Some really super adults have come through the Care system and many just need a helping hand. Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Another motion that didn't get full support, but a big majority, was regarding ULEZ and any possible future extensions. It now follows the line of the M25 with a little extra bump to include Chessington. Who knows what the future holds but we have passed a motion to say we don't want it extended. If your car is compliant, as most are if built after 2006, you should be alright, with only the congestion charge to worry about if driving into London.

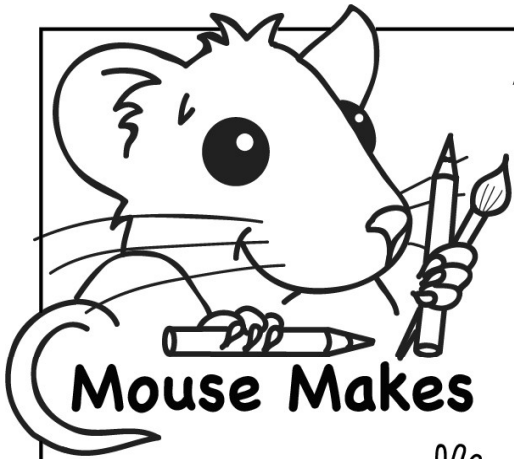
I may have mentioned that we reused or recycled 200,000 tonnes of waste in the last year, one of my Parish's wanted to know what percentage this was of all waste collected. This is 54%. It is not bad but will get better.

You may have heard about the long distance Coastal Path known as the King Charles 111 England Coast Path. The section from East Head to Shoreham-by-Sea is now complete. If you're interested in walking it there are websites to help, and one called NationalTrail.co.uk

The Waste and Recycle sites are now on winter opening times. Billingshurst is open 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Wednesday and Saturday and Sunday. If you prefer to go to Chichester it is 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday and then Wednesday through to Sunday.

If you're looking for a day out not too far away, have you tried Buchan Park along the A264 just outside of Crawley? This Park has just been recognised as one of the best Parks in the Country.

Please contact me if you have a County issue and as ever it's janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or my mobile 07979 152898



"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and

with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The

is

to all who
_____ on him in
_____."

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three

in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

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PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

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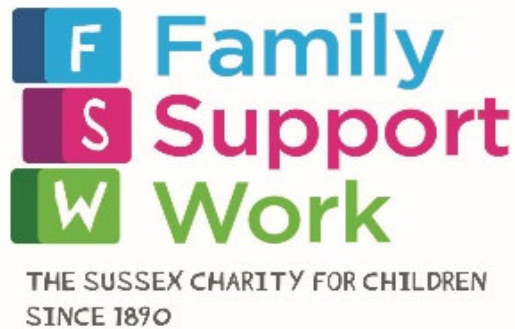
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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore,
_____ your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
Colossians 4:2



I am writing this as the Harvest donations arrive thick and fast following Harvest Festival services at the start of October. The foodbank is starting to fill up nicely after a period of being rather low on stock, and we are extremely grateful to all the churches and their congregations who have been so generous during the last few weeks. More and more of our families are asking for food support now so it is wonderful to be able to provide them with help in this way.

Since September there has been a continued stream of new referrals, as the new school year brings issues to the surface that may have been hidden over the summer. We are spending a lot of time in meetings with schools, supporting parents in achieving the most appropriate help for their children so that they can thrive.

One parent wrote to their practitioner earlier today after such a meeting, saying: *'Thank you so much for meeting me this morning. It was so lovely to finally feel there is light at the end of the tunnel.'* We were able to take 12 families to Dalesdown for a weekend residential in early September, which proved to be a wonderful time with unseasonably nice weather. Activities included cake decorating, stick man craft, football tournaments and the ever-popular prize bingo!

Our charity shop in Eastbourne was closed for 2 days at the start of October whilst staff and volunteers carried out a refurbishment. It is now fully open for business again, but we are in urgent need of donations, particularly ladies' and men's autumn/winter clothing and children's toys and games. If you have any good-quality items you would be willing to donate to the shop, we would be very grateful – these can be dropped off directly at the shop (26 Cornfield Road, Eastbourne) during normal opening hours (Mon-Sat 9am-5pm) or sent to our head office in Brighton.

Our Christmas plans are well under way, with parties being planned by nearly all our practitioners, as well as arrangements for Christmas toy and food collections. If you would like a member of staff to come and speak at any point during Advent we would be delighted to do so, but do get in touch with us soon as diaries are already filling up!

Please contact Spencer on 01273 832963 or spencer@familysupportwork.org.uk if you would like to discuss.

September's work in numbers

234 individual visits and 1,169 calls with families supporting 279 adults and 185 children

53 supported meetings with other agencies

50 group sessions held supporting 369 parents and 190 children

152 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray for all the new parents we are supporting, who are finding parenthood very challenging and isolating

Give thanks for the generosity of churches all across Sussex for Harvest food donations

Remember with thanks a number of our long-term supporters who have gone to glory in recent weeks

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising ad Marketing



PETWORTH VILLAGE MINIBUS

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 3rd November to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and to a venue of your choosing on Friday 17th November. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 1st and 15th and Beetle on 22nd at 2.00 pm.

The Pub Lunch on Friday 24th November will be to the The Barn at Chichester, when there will be a chance to do some Christmas shopping at the local retail park, booking essential.

I will not be available throughout November so for booking please add your name to the lists in the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) and for further details please contact Roz Staker on 01798 342953.

If you would like to visit Wisley for their Winter Glow or Leonardslee for the Winter Illuminations please see the notices in the URC Hall and in the Friendship Centre. Any trips will be in December.

For booking and further details please contact local organiser

Caroline Stoneman on 01798 342942

THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 1st November

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London's Art and Museum treasures
By Caroline Shenton

Caroline Shenton was Political Writer in Residence at Gladstone's Library in 2017, has appeared at the Cheltenham, Hay and Henley Literary Festivals and on BBC radio and TV. This is Caroline's third book,

National Treasures, will tell the extraordinary and sometimes hilarious stories behind the saving of London's art and museum collections in World War Two, which is the subject of this lecture. Dr Caroline Shenton is an archivist and historian. She was formerly Director of the Parliamentary Archives in London, and before that was a senior archivist at the National Archives.

Wednesday 6th December

Who is Santa Claus? Art from St Nicholas to Father Christmas
By Christopher Bradley

Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
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The Sacred Heart church
Southdowns Chiropractic

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**Any long-life, in-date and unopened food donations including treats
(such as chocolate bars), tins of soup, long-life milk,
pasta and pasta sauces.**

Due to 'Natasha's Law' (a law brought in to protect allergy sufferers), the food-bank is unable to accept items without a full ingredients list.

If you would prefer to donate money - only to be used for food - please donate via Bankuet, please see the link below:

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

CAN YOU HELP PETWORTH FOODBANK OVER THE WINTER MONTHS?

We're looking for someone to volunteer with us from the end of November through to early February. We need help with sorting our donations and keeping our stock in order at this very busy time of year. You will be working within a small friendly team and given full guidance on what to do.

This voluntary work is on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm (we close over Christmas) and does require being able to lift (up to 15kg) and a good attention to detail.

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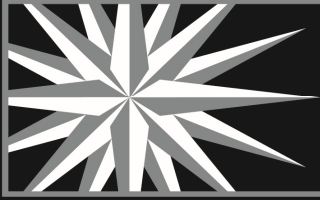
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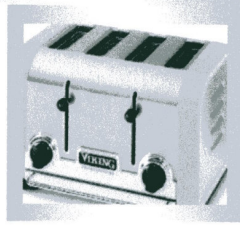
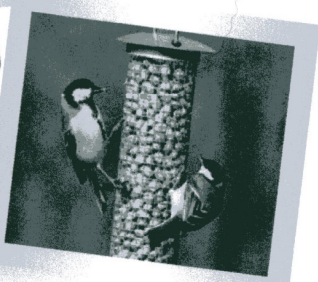
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to **EDWARD CLEE and REBECCA HOLMWOOD** from North Street following their marriage at St Mary's on 21st October.

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving the recently departed

KATHLEEN WALTERS moved from Ebernoe to live at Ricketts Cottage in High Street over 30 years ago.

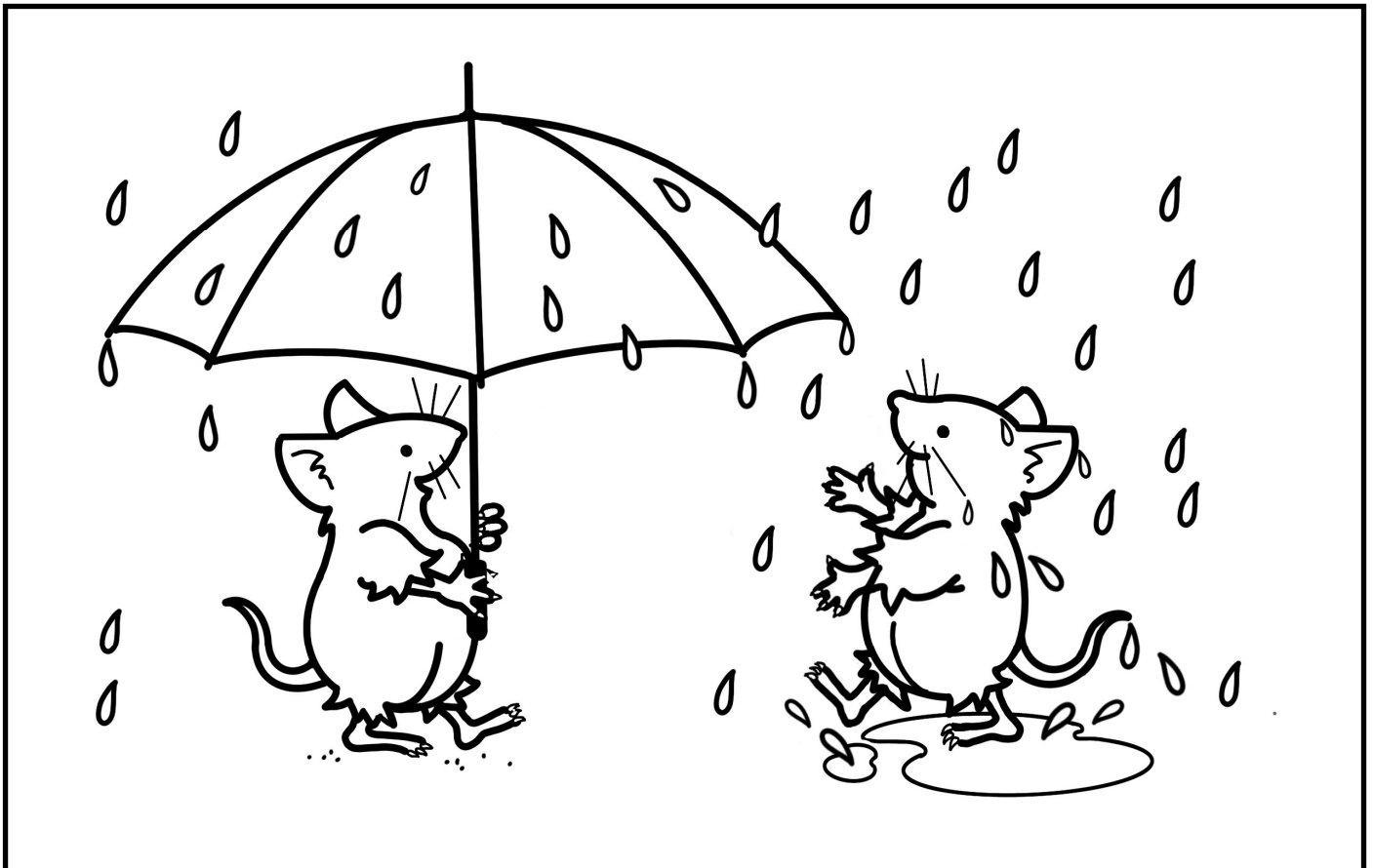
Here, she became a regular worshiper at St Mary's.

Earlier this year Kathleen celebrated her 100th birthday whilst residing at the Cottage Nursing Home.

A Thanksgiving Service has been arranged to take place on Thursday 2nd November at Ebernoe.

At the time of copy date, we have learnt that **MARY WAKEFORD** has died.

Also, a former resident, **MELVYN BRIDGER** has passed away.



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PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Isle of Wight 2023

At the beginning of October our year six children embarked on the school's annual residential to Little Canada (Isle of Wight). Early Friday morning, the children arrived at school packed and ready to start their new adventures.

This year we caught the ferry from Southampton, which gave the children a different perspective of The Solent. For some of the children it was their first time on the ferry and it was great seeing all of the children's faces as we passed huge tankers, saw the refinery and the many sailing boats.

Once we arrive at PGL, we always go to the beach and have lunch. The weather was fantastic and the children beach combed and paddled in the water. After a couple of hours, the children were having an orientating visit around the site and were very excited in seeing their new homes for the next three nights.

During the next three days, the children challenged themselves on various activities including trapeze, abseiling, challenge course and of course the intrepid giant swing. The children constantly challenged themselves, nurtured each other and inspired all.



The children made the weekend so special and enjoyable. I am so grateful to each and everyone of them! A huge thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs Gill for accompanying the children and allowing us to give the children experiences they will remember for a long time.



ST MARY'S HARVEST LUNCH

It's mid-September already, and time - more than time, as it's happening on October 1st (!) to gear up for Harvest Lunch! History will continue to repeat itself, slow ticket sales, slow sign-up for food contributions, anxiety over how much wine should we order, given that no-one seems to be coming.

And history continues to repeat itself! Almost 40 there on the day, with little room for any more, tables laden with more food than can be eaten by those present, and drink to spare, which we put away ready for Quiz Night. Then, thanks to Derek and Valerie Rudge and our generous prize givers, another highly successful raffle.



History continues to repeat itself yet again. Those present then set to clearing up, and in no time at all there's no sign it ever happened! It is a constantly repeating feature of all such St. Mary's events, that our supporters stay on and clear up. It makes light of the work.

So, an enormous thank you to all who came, to those who donated dishes of delicious food, and to those who gave prizes, bought raffle tickets, and helped clear up.

The results? A highly enjoyable day, and a profit to church funds clear of £300.

Andrew Howard

