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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Happy Christmas!

I am sure you are thinking that I have got my letters mixed up with December rather than January. However Christmas may start in December but the celebration goes on for 12 days after Christmas the 12th day being of course the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men presented the gifts to Jesus. They recognized in their Kingly and Godly gifts, the revelation of God in the infant child. At the end of the month, on the Feast of Candlemass, we see Jesus presented in the temple as a Light to the World, which is the traditional end to the Christmas celebration and a turning towards lent.

The world of course celebrates Christmas long before the start of Advent, shops full of Christmas goodies from October, trees and lights seem to adorn everyone's house long before Christmas, by the time it comes to Boxing day, the first day of Christmastide, it seems like everyone is packing away the Christmas trees and putting away the decorations.

I of course resist the temptation and our decorations stay firmly up until at least January 6th if not the following Sunday. (No it's not bad luck!) It is always sad to see the decorations disappear long before the twelfth day, the feast of the Epiphany. This year even though you can't wait to get back to normal and clear all the clutter away, try this Christmastide to enjoy every day. Why not have a special celebration on the last day when Jesus' divinity is shone forth by the wise men.

A very happy new year to you all as well and every blessing for 2016.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark" with a stylized flourish at the end.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll will be updated in time for the Annual Parish Meeting.

If you are not on the roll and would like to be included you will find forms on Colonel Maude's table or call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean

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Thirty attended the Christingle Service at Egdean, including 10 children. Father Mark's address explained the meaning of the Christingle with a demonstration, using an orange cloth tied with a wide red ribbon, four children came forward dressed appropriately in the four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, then finally he explained the meaning of light using the Paschal candle.

During the carol Silent Night, the lit Christingles were handed out to the congregation and the final verse was sung by candlelight.



**Our next Family Praise service will be held on 3rd January at 9.15 am
Epiphany, the coming of the Kings.
Do come and join us.**

*Christine Dallyn
Egdean PCC Hon Secretary*

5TH SUNDAY CHARITY LUNCH

The lunch held on Sunday 29th November raised £326 for The Children's Society. Ticket sales - £235, raffle - £65.50 and drinks - £25.50. A terrific result, many thanks to all who supported it. The next one will be held on Sunday 31st January 2016. Nearer the time full details will be on Col Maude's table.

Jean Huggett

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - 5TH DECEMBER

How quickly the year goes round! It hardly seems a whole year since we all worried whether we'd have enough to sell, and that the financial result would be disappointing. Hard work Friday evening meant less panic on Saturday morning before the 11.30 opening time. Hard work clearing away Saturday afternoon saw the church returned to good order in amazingly quick time. But then it is all down to a band of enthusiastic volunteers and 'pressed men' who worked so willingly together, without direction; they all knew what had to be done without being told.

There were some novelty stalls this year, framed pictures, a splendid Christmas hamper donated by a very generous person by the name of A. Non, a 'name the duck' competition, and a 'how many sweets in the jar?' stand. And then there was Father Mark sat at the entrance, inviting all to contribute to the cost of Christmas candles. He was clearly very persuasive.

Was it all worthwhile I hear you ask? Very much so, you hear me reply. We raised £1,305.06, which handsomely beat last year's £1,118.35. It was almost enough to make a gloomy treasurer smile! ALL treasurers are naturally gloomy, it is part of the 'essential characteristics and attributes' of their job spec. Just ask yourself – did you ever meet a cheerful treasurer? The only thing that really made him smile was when he'd re-counted all the various takings into one single enormous pile of cash, and it came out right first time!

An enormous thank you to all who worked so hard, gave so much, and supported the event so generously. It was so encouraging to see the ready support from the town community beyond the church doors, and to experience and share the warmth of the occasion! A lot of comment to that effect was received from the public.

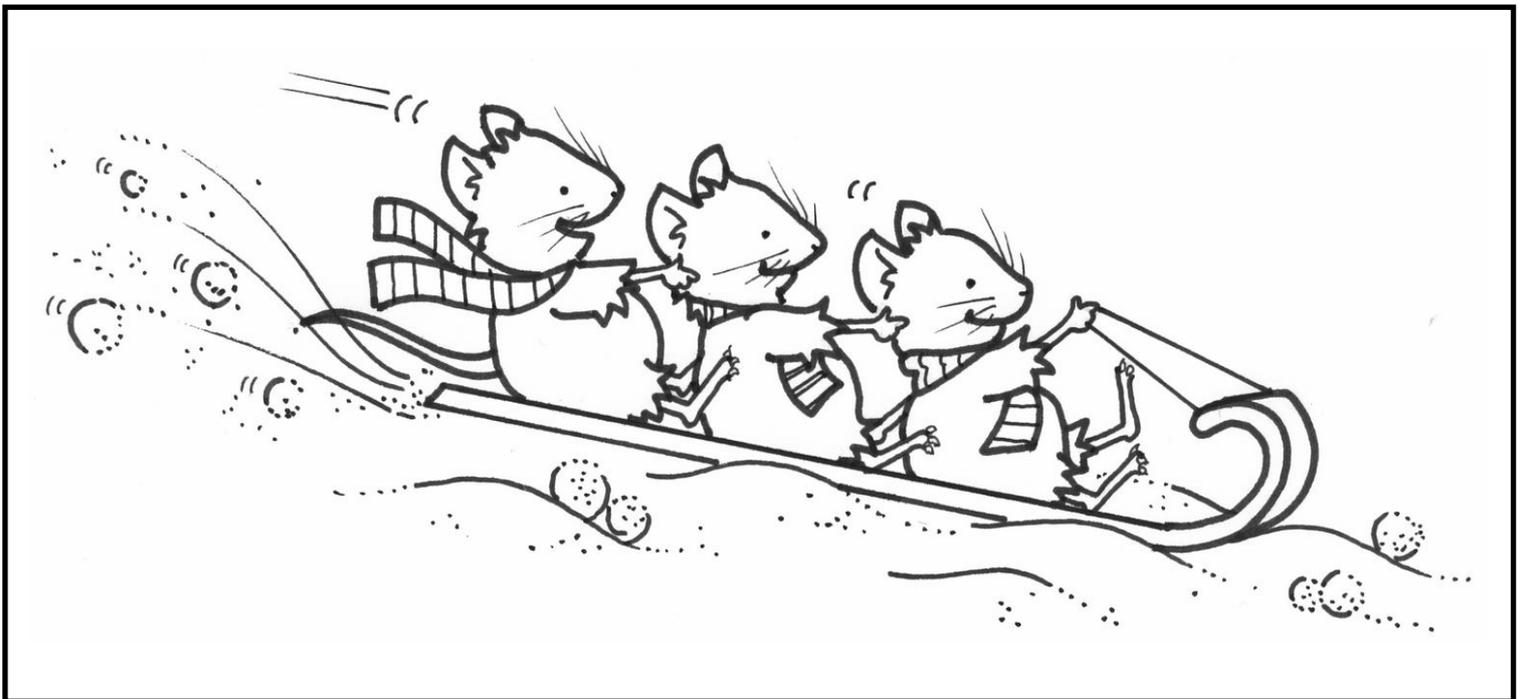
THANK YOU ONE & ALL!

Andrew Howard



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - 5TH DECEMBER

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| Book stall | | 17.50 |
| Sweets in a jar | | 23.47 |
| Toys | | 32.00 |
| Plants | | 153.00 |
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| Pictures | | 110.00 |
| Hamper | | 116.25 |
| Cakes & sweets | | 191.55 |
| Raffle | | 174.50 |
| Name the Duck | | 10.50 |
| Refreshments | | 112.50 |
| Tombola | | 112.00 |
| Candle donations | | 90.49 |
| Donation | | 10.00 |
| | Total | 1,300.06 |



CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATIONS

We had a very enjoyable time at our Christingle afternoon and the service which followed. Approximately thirty children came along to join in with the activities and even more joined in for the service.

The crafts included painting clay tree decorations, 3D Christmas trees, angels, lantern making, special boxes to contain sweets, jewelled crowns and Nativity scenes using foam stickers.

It was a very busy afternoon and soon we had to scramble all our crafts away to prepare for tea. The children enjoyed their tea and were still eating when everyone started arriving for the service.

Games were arranged to fill the gap between tea and the service.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the afternoon so successful, a great team. Hopefully we will all be back again for next year's Christingle. The collection raised a total of £116.74 for The Children's Society.

Jackie Smith



Christingle Ted

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 these activities, a warm welcome awaits you

St Mary's Church Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday 9th January 2016
10.00 am -12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Church Funds

I'm re-printing this article as the bottom line, although reproduced on my computer, was missing from the final copy. This is due to problems when using the church version of Publisher which is an older version than my home one.

My apologies to Alison Follis. *The Editor*

A CELEBRATION OF PETWORTH

Flower Festival in Aid of the Friends of St Mary's Petworth

During the week before the Flower Festival the 'home team' laboured with great success to transform the approach to the church by weeding and clearing and then decobweb, clean, polish and clear the church in readiness. After the services on Sunday all moveable church artefacts, furniture, notice-boards, hymn books, kneelers, etcetera were safely stored. The eight urns we had borrowed from Chichester Cathedral were brought over from their temporary storage in Jan Clarke's garage and placed on the hessian covered boards over the pews in the nave.

At 6.45 am on Monday 10th August the first van with the flowers arrived, 45 minutes ahead of schedule, but an early arrival was expected! The team from South East Flowers worked hard to get the buckets of prepared flowers in position for each of the 20 displays before the arrangers arrived.

From 8.30 am on the Monday through to lunchtime on Wednesday, St Mary's was host to a team of over fifty, first of all constructing the displays and then arranging the flowers. The atmosphere was superb, no complaints about the lack of space, yet masses of buckets of flowers around the area of the final displays. That everyone remained so cheerful and constructive was amazing. On Wednesday morning Douglas and Lesley Cooper collected the six gallopers from Catherine Walters's barn in the High Street (where they had been created by Douglas and his team of local painters) and walked them down to St Mary's where they were mounted in the nave. It was so exciting seeing them being raised up between the urns – the dream becoming a reality!!

The launch of the Flower Festival took place later that afternoon followed by a reception in the garden of Petworth House by kind permission of Lord and Lady Egremont who were there to welcome over 300 guests who supported this event. The weather was kind which made for a very happy occasion. Those who came to support us that evening and on the following days were bowled over by the incredibly high standard of each of the displays. We were very blessed to have so much support from our friends outside Petworth; without their huge contribution such a grand standard encompassing the whole of the church would have been impossible.

The festival remained open for the following four days and culminated in an informal Said Evensong led by Fr Richard Hoyle, before all was taken down. Somehow, though, there seems to be a spirit generated by the Flower Festival which lingers within St Mary's.

A few statistics: The Creative Team (including flower arrangers, display builders and painters) numbered 56. There were 30 sponsors whose donations supported the festival. In addition Lord and Lady Egremont kindly opened their garden for the much-enjoyed launch reception and many in and around the town gave or lent items for use in the festival. Finally, the invaluable team of 40 volunteers cheerfully sold tickets and programmes, stewarded and manned the tea tent on four very miserable August days. Thus far a splendid £12,500 has been raised to further the work of the Friends of St Mary's.

Copies of the Flower Festival programme/brochure giving historical background information and some 37 illustrations covering the 20 Displays are available in the church for £1.

Alison Follis

Chairman of the Flower Festival Committee: David & Peggy Burrell, Vic Constable, Douglas Cooper, Alison Denny, Judy Howard, Gillian Oakley, Sue Rance, Mark & Anne Tarver and Ronagh Wheeler.

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB.

We will meet next at Megdhoots Indian restaurant on Thursday 14th January 2016 at noon.

This is near the church in East Street. The cost will be £10.00 for 2 courses and coffee and tea will be served in the over 60's centre.

ALL WELCOME.

Please phone Catherine on 01798 343162 to book a place.

Michael and Catherine Perschke would like to say thank you to the community for their kind thoughts and prayers. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s CENTRE

Dates for your Diary - January 2016

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WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

Situated between Bepton and Elsted is the tiny parish church of ST ANDREW, DID-LING. The small community consists of just a few houses and a farm. The church lies on the northern slope of the Downs and is reached by a single track. Known as the Shepherds Church, St Andrew's was built around 1220, and likely replaced an earlier Saxon building. The south wall of the chancel was partly rebuilt in the 14th Century and the east and west walls have been repaired in brick in the 18th Century. The plain nave and chancel come under a single span of roof and are without any division. They survive without any noticeable changes. The north wall of the chancel is narrower than the nave whereas the south wall continues along the line of the nave wall.

Two Early English lancets form the east window. The altar rail is Jacobean and the pulpit was made from a 17th Century church chest. The tub shaped font on a round base is roughly made, hewn by hand, and could well date from the 12th Century. The medieval bench pews of thick blackened oak are plain with rough rounded ends. The north porch and bell cote are of a later date, the north door being the only entrance to the church. The bell cote houses one single bell dated 1587.

Even today, there is no electricity connected and the church is wholly lit by candles. The ancient yew tree in the churchyard had a narrow escape in 1945 when workmen, sent to lop a large branch which was damaging the roof of the church, misunderstood the order and began to cut the whole tree down. A local farmer noticed what was happening and contacted the Rector who prevented what would have been a tragic event. A Special Service to re-open the church was held in September last year at which Archdeacon Fiona was present.

On the day of my visit the only distant sound that could be heard in this remote setting was from the sheep that were grazing on the downland turf that rises to the summit of Didling Hill to the south of the church.

John Townsend

WEST SUSSEX DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

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Goldfinches Galore

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Let's start the New Year off with some good news; we are doing really well and the population has increased significantly in the past 20 years. Goldfinches are exotic, the bright red faces of the adults, jet black wings with bright yellow wing bars, light brown back and ring around the neck and breast contrasting with a white chest and white rump leading to a black tail, makes it one of our most colourful birds.

To see a flock, or charm as it is often known, feeding in a field or on waste ground and then flying up to extract seeds from the dead heads of teasels is a sight to cheer you up even on the most miserable of days. These flights are accompanied by a high pitched chattering, often described in field guides as 'liquid twittering', though I'm not really sure if that is an apt description of the sound they make. As winter progresses the flocks get larger and can number in hundreds, particularly when the weather becomes severe.



Like many farmland birds, goldfinch numbers declined drastically in the 1970s and 80s with agricultural intensification identified as the major cause, but unlike most of the other birds they have recovered extremely well and are now a familiar sight not only in the countryside, but also in our villages, towns and even cities. This winter, the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) wants to find out what is causing the recovery in their numbers where other similar species have been nothing like as successful.

One of the main reasons proposed is you; the fact that so many people are putting out bird food, the goldfinches have been better adapting to these new sources of food than other species. In particular, they have become very partial to sunflower seeds and also nyger seeds, although a number of people have said to me that when they have put out nyger seeds for the goldfinches, they won't touch it! The BTO are asking people to record the finches' food preferences on their website to help understand their feeding habits. If you wish to become involved in this survey, you can go to their website www.bto.org.uk to find out how to take part.

As well as the increase in the availability of garden food, one of the other reasons could be a coincidence with a decline in greenfinches that have a similar food preferences and can be dominant at feeding stations.

Unlike greenfinches, goldfinches have not succumbed to the trichomonosis disease that has had a considerable impact on the population of greenfinches.

Whatever the reasons, it is a good news story that goldfinches are currently doing well. In an age where so many of our birds are declining, to report a success provides a welcome relief and it may be that success is down to you encouraging these beautiful birds into your garden, providing a ray of sunshine on cold winter days.



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There will also be Lunch Time Gatherings at 1.00 pm, Monday 18th to Friday 25th January, at the United Reformed Church (URC) in Petworth for half an hour. Soup and rolls afterwards. All welcome again - come and refresh yourself in the middle of the working day both spiritually and physically!

Further details from Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com Tel: 01798 342151



**Family Activities: Pop up and Play:
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Monday 15th February 2016

10.00 am – 3.00 pm (Last entry 2.30 pm)

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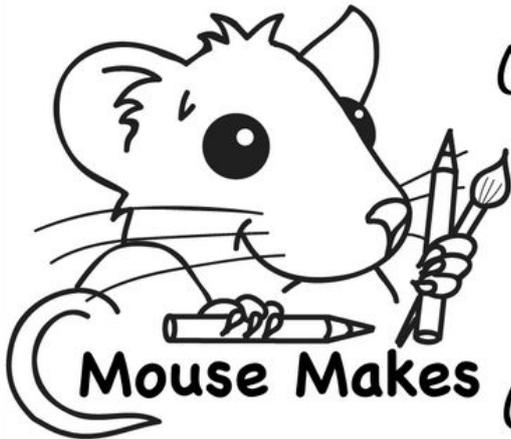
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I am pleased with you".

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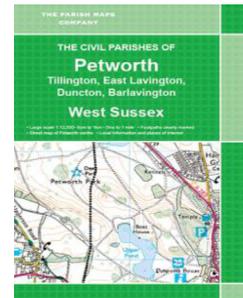
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The Suffering Church and God's Work - I'm re-printing these two sentences as they became jumbled up in the last magazine. This is due to problems when using the church version of Publisher which is an older version than my home one. My apologies to Rosemary Harris.

The Editor

Dear Readers, I regret this is my final contribution to this column. I hope it will have opened your eyes to the suffering of our church family, and also the Christian agencies doing God's work on our behalf, very worthy of your support!

I regret that, although these two initiatives, the remnant of the 'Spirituality, Renewal and Mission' directive from Chichester Diocese, will continue (all welcome!), it will be independent of St Mary's from 2016 on.

Rosemary Harris

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of our church

FINLEY RHYS PARR, NIKITA TAMARA PARR and REBECCA ANNE HARRISON who were all baptised at St Mary's on 22nd November.

FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the souls of

ELIZABETH HUNTER of Quarry Hill, Grove Lane who passed away at her home on 11th November at the age of 92 years.

Born in Berlin, Elizabeth married late in life and sadly, her husband passed away after just two years of marriage. She moved to Petworth and was very much involved in a number of organisations including the Conservative Association, the Women's Institute, Leconfield Hall and the Petworth Society.

She had one sister who predeceased her, and three step-children.

The Committal service was held at Chichester Crematorium on 26th November.

We send our condolences to her step-children in their loss.

The Ashes of EDDIE STEER were interred at St Bartholomew's Garden of Remembrance on 29th November.

The Steer family were well known at Egdean, with strong connections with the church. Eddie and his wife lived in Byhill Cottages before moving to the Medway area in Kent some 30 years ago.

MARGARET VALERIE FIELD who passed away at Conifers care home in Selsey on 20th November aged 75 years.

Margaret, the daughter of Winifred and Victor, was born on 2nd December 1939. With her sister Joan the family lived in Sheldon, part of Birmingham. On 16th June 1962 she married Bob and were soon to move to Staplehurst in Kent. They had two children, Kevin and Helen, who both shared the same birth date, 3 years apart.

In 1970 the family moved to Petworth, living in Sheepdown Close which was to be their home for many years. Margaret became involved in the community, having been a member of St Mary's church choir, Chair of the Mothers Union branch, and a leading member of the Petworth Edwardians, a group that gave many performances around the area and are still much missed today. She and Bob were both long standing members of the Petworth Lawn Tennis Club. For 8 years she served on Chichester District Council representing the Petworth ward.

In 2009 the couple moved to Earnley, to live alongside Kevin and his family.

Sadly, Margaret's health began to decline and after a spell in hospital she spent the last few months of her life in Conifers care home at Selsey.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 30th November and was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to Bob, to Kevin and Helen and all the family in their loss.

RAYMOND GOVETTE HARRIS who passed away suddenly on 13th November aged 87 years.

Raymond was born in Cambridge where he won a scholarship to the Perse School and, after winning a further scholarship, he arrived at the Architectural Association in London. His subsequent career was spent with T P Bennett & Son, a major London firm, where he eventually became Senior Partner. He mainly designed large public and commercial buildings in the City. However, one of his most notable designs was for the Norwich Union Headquarters in Norwich.

Raymond and Rosemary were married at St James church at Heyshott by her father, the Revd Frederick Palmer, who was rector of the parish at that time.

Following retirement they moved to Somerset Lodge in North Street in 1989. Here, Raymond was to make a huge contribution to this community.

His high standard of work is evident in all the projects that he was involved in. He played a major role in the 15 year project to restore the Leconfield Hall. He was a Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Hall's Management Committee from 1993 to 2008. He worked with others in setting up the Cottage Museum and had been a strong supporter and one time Chairman of the Petworth Festival. Raymond had been a member of St Mary's church choir and was responsible for initially drawing up plans for the project to provide toilets, a kitchen and meeting room in the church. He was a skilled woodworker, and there is much evidence of his restoration work carried out work at Somerset Lodge. He also enjoyed painting and was a talented watercolourist.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's on 3rd December and was followed by committal at Chichester Crematorium.

We extend our sympathy to Rosemary and all her family at this time.

JOYCE COX of 3 Dawtrey Road who passed away at the Royal Sussex County hospital in Brighton on 13th November aged 93 years.

Joyce was born on 7th March 1922 and brought up in London. Her mother worked in Service and the family moved to Sussex. In later years her husband, Clarence worked at Moor Farm along the Horsham Road. With the family growing up and moving from home Joyce and Clarence moved around themselves quite a bit having lived at Northchapel, Kirdford, Fittleworth and Mant Road before settling at Dawtrey Road where Joyce lived for the past 20 years. Clarence sadly passed away in 1998.

Despite her advancing years Joyce visited her daughter, Janet, in Canada for six weeks every year until 2014. She had been a familiar figure around the town and will be missed by many.

The Committal service took place at Worthing Crematorium on 7th December.

We send our condolences to Janet, Joy, David and Ian in the loss of their mother.

We also record the passing of KATHLEEN NORAH GILBERT who sadly lost her battle with cancer on 4th December. Kathy was a daughter of Walter and Edith Exall. She was born in 1940 and lived in Grove Lane until she married Howard Gilbert at St Mary's in October 1962.

They farmed near Bodmin in Cornwall for many years.

She will be sadly missed by Howard and their two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kathy was a special sister-in-law to Betty and a dear friend of Adrian and Jill Easton.

The funeral will take place Cornwall.

Calendar and services for January 2016

3rd THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Family Service at Egdean 9.00 am

Jubilate Family Mass 10.30am

10th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 43.1-7, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist at Egdean (BCP) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

17th THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Isaiah 62.1-5, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
 PACT UNITY SERVICE AT SUTTON 3.00 pm
 Evensong at Egdean 4.00 pm

24th THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
1 Samuel 1.20-22&24-end, 1 John 3.1-2&21-end, Luke 2.41-end
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

31st CANDLEMASS
Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am
 Parish Eucharist & Procession 10.30 am

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| Tuesday's | Holy Eucharist | 8.30 am |
| Wednesday's | Holy Eucharist | 8.30 am |
| Thursday's | Holy Eucharist | 8.15 am |
| Friday's | Holy Eucharist | 8.30 am |

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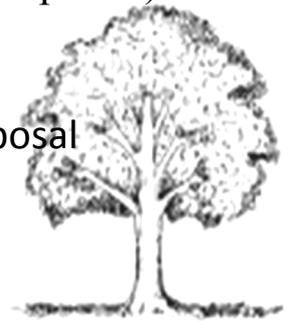
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