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&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN**

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St Mary's Church, Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

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

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
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In aid of Processional Candles

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From Canon Mark Gilbert

A New Year Wish: that Parishioners become renewed people in loving God and their neighbour.

New Year's Day for us in the Church of England is the feast of Mary the Mother of God. In this year dedicated to vocation in the Chichester Diocese we discern what it is to be a Christian. It is a message of hope, of good will, of finding a purpose and meaning to life for us all.

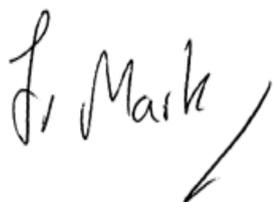
I hope that nobody wastes the time that we have in front of us and in the present moment, use the time well, use it to grow as human beings, and that means to grow in loving of God and of our neighbours.

My hope is that in this next year each person will grow and develop to become a person that will make a difference for good in his or her life.

I hope and pray that the town of Petworth with the support of many others of other Christian denominations, will become a friendlier town than it is already, for the glory of God and for the good of all of us, and for the Church and, dare I say it, to the wider community and even the world. Our hopes and dreams can be as large as our hearts!

Have a blessed and fulfilled 2019 facing all the challenges that the year ahead will bring in confident hope because of our trust in the Saviour of the World, born of Mary the Mother of God whose feast we celebrate on Tuesday 1st January 2019.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Mark" with a long, sweeping underline stroke extending to the right.

**COPY DATE FOR THE FEBUARY MAGAZINE
IS
MONDAY 14TH JANUARY**

THE YELLOW ENVELOPE SCHEME

To all current participants,

Your 2019 envelopes are now ready for collection from Colonel Maude's table. After last year's dramatic change from pink to yellow you will be relieved to know that they are yellow again. They are in alphabetical order, with your name on the box.

Your ongoing help is enormously appreciated and highly valuable, essential even. It accounts for 9% of our income, along with a further 17% from our regular monthly donors. Then on top of that a further 10% of our income comes from tax claimed back on these donations. So an enormous thank you is indeed well deserved.

And to non-participants,

For anyone who is not already giving in this way, and feels inclined to do so, then please contact me for details. I'll try not to bite your hand off, tempting though it be!

Andrew Howard

Honorary Treasurer

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

There is no talk in January 2019

**On Tuesday 5th February, Douglas Skeggs will talk on
David Hockney - The Old Master of Modern Art**

Hockney's paintings show a charm and humour that sets them
apart from others of his generation.

This talk will follow the career of an artist whose wit
and imagination has never faltered

Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture

Please call 01903411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com

Visitors most welcome - £5

www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

SERMON FOR THE 100TH ARMISTICE DAY

by Bishop Martin
St Mary's, Petworth
11th November 2018

I am very conscious of the responsibility that goes with preaching on Remembrance Sunday this year because, of course it has an especial historic significance. It is not only Remembrance Day, it is the 100th Armistice Day, exactly one hundred years since the end of the 1st World War.

At least today, we call it the First World War, for many years it was simply known as 'The Great War' and to countless people like my grandmother, who lived through it, the idea that there could ever be another such war reduced her to sobbing in 1939, sobbing that would be echoed in Petworth and countless other places when the Second World War took its toll - not least when lives were lost at the boys' school.

I understand that it was the writer HG Wells who in 1914 first coined the phrase '*the War that will end all war*'. That became a hope and aspiration; it was a phrase that stuck in people's minds and, at least for some, offered a purpose to the horrendous slaughter going on in Europe.

'The War to end all war' had a philosophical ring to it, in biblical terms, you might almost say 'apocalyptic', to do with the ultimate purpose of the world. This was meant to be the Last Battle that would lead to peace and a new world order.

Fans of Downton Abbey will have some kind of picture of British country life around a hundred years ago, with its strict social rules and distinct classes of people. The popular Television series paints a fairly benign and compassionate version of class differences, but it could also be harsh and unjust.

If the great world war was going to end in a new era of peace and justice for all, it was going to have to be the beginning of a great deal of change. There has, of course, been a good deal of change over the past hundred years and many of the old social injustices have been swept away, but those that remain, or have arisen since, are a lasting threat to peace.

If injustice is not recognised and addressed by the goodwill of the people, it is inclined to fester in ways that lead to violence. Those who believe that they are victims of one group or another are inclined to unite against their foe.

It will be two hundred years next year since the massacre of Peterloo in Manchester, when the forces of the Yeomanry and then the army put down the peaceful protest of those ignored by a government in whose election they played no part. You may have seen the recent film which tells the story.

Those whom we remember today were, they hoped, fighting for a new world, for a new earth, and perhaps one that was better fitted for unity with a new heaven than the old world. The new world for which, many were hoping, is always to be fought for, always to be aimed at.

The faith of the Church is that this new Kingdom will come, indeed it is already coming wherever God's reign breaks into the world and into the hearts and minds of human beings. Never does violence bring it any closer, though sometimes, perhaps, it may prevent it from getting further away.

The new heavens and the new earth will be characterised by peace, by reconciliation, by justice and mercy, by healing, joy and the absence of tears and deaths. In this perfect kingdom God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

There is a real link between the dreadful battles and suffering that we recall on this hundredth Armistice Day and the purposes of God in 2018. Fighting to end all wars, however unlikely or misguided, was a noble purpose. Striving for a world of justice, mercy, peace, reconciliation, life and health remain a noble purpose, indeed a holy purpose.

It is important that we gather today to remember the suffering and sacrifice of the men of Petworth among countless others. It is important that we redeem their sacrifice of life in two vital ways: First. It is important that we do everything within our power to ensure that there is peace in Europe.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the organisation of the European Economic Union, we must not allow our frustrations to put at risk the instruments by which peace has been maintained for the last seventy three years. If we allow frustration to erode the mechanisms by which peace and harmony are sustained, we shall betray those who fought to end wars and their blood will cry out from European soil that we have wasted their sacrifice.

Second. If new (or for that matter old) injustices are not to lead to unrest and to violence, we must address them.

Like many soldiers of the Great War, my grandfather, who had fought at the Somme and at Ypres and witnessed the misery of the trenches, when he came home he joined an organisation called Toc H. It was founded by a wartime chaplain who went by the name of Tubby Clayton. Clayton founded Toc H in London, and it developed into an interdenominational association for Christian social service. Wikipedia tells us today, despite reduced numbers, Toc H members seek to ease the burdens of others through acts of service. They also promote reconciliation and work to bring disparate sections of society together. Toc H, which I understand was once a force in Crawley, is not a lead player in social reform today; it is too reduced, but there are countless other groups seeking reform and social justice.

If the Great War had been intended to put an end to war, it also inspired its surviving soldiers to work towards a better world, and that is the job and the vision they have left us, and once again the blood of the fallen will cry out against us if we do not carry on their fight for a new earth and for what they may or may not have recognised as the Kingdom of God.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee morning is on Saturday 12th January from 10.00 am to 12 noon with the usual sales table and raffle. It is impossible, especially on a windy day, during the part of the Remembrance Day service which takes place outside by the War Memorial, to keep the candles carried by the Acolytes burning. The ideal solution is to purchase two glass covers but with the church's financial situation this is not an option. It is therefore proposed to start a fund to raise money towards these and the January Coffee morning will be dedicated to this.

Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst

A LIMERICK FOR 2019

When the fog of dishonesty clears,
When good common sense reappears
We will see that a huckster
Has had too much luck, stir-
ing up people's hatreds and fears.

Zelda Dvoretzky, Haifa, Israel

Rosemary Harris

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR	
	Total
Cakes	152.70
Christmas cake	32.30
Christmas decorations	36.50
Christmas Tree labels	37.00
Gifts	117.04
Hamper draw	68.00
Pictures	12.00
Plants	205.50
Puzzles	14.61
Raffle	173.00
Refreshments	105.00
Scarves & jewellery	41.50
Tombola	101.00
Toys	16.70
Candles	90.70
Total	1,203.55

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The January Lunch will be a Curry Banquet cooked by Kate and served in the URC Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2019 costing £10.00. Booking essential through me Caroline Stoneman 342942, or sign up on the list posted in the Over 60s Centre, the Friendship Centre, Trump Alley.

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Short-eared owl

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

They come from the land of ice and snow

On soft, silent wings they came. Gliding over forests and skimming across the lowlands until the seemingly impassable dark sea stretched out ahead of them. But still they flew on.

The first signs of this Nordic invasion came in on October. Observers stationed on the Norfolk coastline watched the first of them glide overhead. Another followed. Then another. Elsewhere along our eastern seaboard, more silent invaders were arriving.

Short-eared owls are scarce winter visitors to Sussex. Swiss ornithologist Paul Geroudet described them as ‘nomads who camp where the table is laid’. This winter dozens of these wandering diners were reported in Sussex and small parliaments (the collective term for owls, pub quizzers) lingered around the meadows along the county’s river valleys where they have tucked in to a bountiful rodent buffet.

In Sussex we have four breeding owl species. The most familiar will be the tawny owl – whose hoots and twit-to-woos can be heard in our woodlands. The barn owl is that pale spectral spirit that may be glimpsed in the headlights along country lanes at night. The long-eared owl is our rarest, most elusive species. The little owl was introduced here in the 19th century. It eats worms.

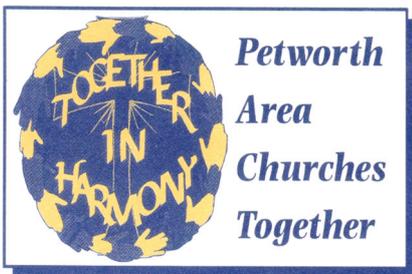


So when short-eared owls arrive it’s an extra owl to get excited about. The meadows around the Ouse, Arun and Adur become popular destinations for owl watchers to observe these graceful daytime hunters.

And a hunting short-eared owl is a sight to behold. It's a large bird - with a one metre wingspan - but agile. It twists, weaves and glides low over the ground before dropping hard on its prey. Its 'short ears' are just feather tufts. Its bright yellow eyes are set in a face which seems fixed in a permanent impatient, angry expression.

I recently led a walk to see these owls and our group waited patiently on the Ouse banks. Our first sighting was high, distant and disappointing. But another hunting owl, seemingly oblivious to us, flew closer. And closer...and closer still. There is something eerie about the sound of seventeen people not breathing, but as the owl passed by we were stunned and as silent as its wingbeats. After hunting the owls will gather and roost, no doubt dreaming of Northern Lights, lemmings and the long journey home





P A C T NEWS
Petworth Area Churches Together
working together in harmony

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JANUARY NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: the theme ‘Only Justice’ draws on the scripture Deuteronomy 16:18-20 which includes this part from New Living Translation – ‘Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you’.

The whole week provides the opportunity to reflect on how we bring hope and life into our communities, bring growth and restoration into places of struggle and bring strength and love into our relationships with God and each other.

Sunday 20th January at 3.00 pm at St Giles, Graffham for the opening ecumenical service.

Monday to Friday 21st - 25th January at 1.00 pm at the United Reformed Church in Petworth for the lunchtime sessions with 30 minutes of reflection/prayer followed by soup and rolls. There will be a different speaker every day and lots of inspirational content to encourage us in living with ‘true justice’ in our hearts and minds.

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. No need to book, just come along!

Monday 21st Jan	1pm	Justice like a river	TBC Petworth Community Church
Tuesday 22nd Jan	1pm	Keeping your word	Rev'd Pauline Lucas
Wednesday 23rd Jan	1pm	Grace and mercy to all	Fr Peter Newsam
Thursday 24th Jan	1pm	Content with what you have	Rev'd Anne Lewitt
Friday 25th Jan	1pm	Good news for the poor	Rev'd Peter Hayes

For more info, the leaflet for the week can be downloaded from:
<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/WPCU-2019-English-pamphlet-for-web.pdf>

Kate & Karl Ayling

DO YOU LOVE YOUR GARDEN?

Do you value it as much as we do?

Would you be willing to share it?

In aid of health charities?

The National Garden Scheme, West Sussex is searching for local gardens in your town or village, to be shared for just a few hours in 2020 with fellow garden lovers, in aid of nursing, cancer and health charities.

If you prefer to open jointly with friends or neighbours, we can help coordinate community group openings.

We will support you, provide help, offer advice, and ensure 'your' garden open day is successful.

**Please help us hang our 'Garden Open Today' sign on your garden gate by contacting:
Mrs Patty Christie, NGS County Organiser,
West Sussex
for an informal chat on 01730 813323 or
sussexwestngs@gmail.com**

WANTED

CURIOUS CHILDREN



Westbourne House School seeks intellectually curious girls and boys to join its Prep School (Years 3 to 8) in September 2019.

Children at Westbourne House discover their full potential through an exceptionally broad range of experiences: academic, music, drama, art and sport.

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Scholarships available for children with strong academic potential and/or musical talent. Apply by 11 February.



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HOW TO STIMULATE YOUR CHILD'S CURIOSITY

The latest research tells us that intelligence can be developed, and that every child has the potential to be a high performer. Parents often ask us how they can help at home. There is no generic answer as every family and child is different, but if I had to pick one thing, it would be conversation.

Children pick up almost all their values and attitudes from their parents. Modeling behavior through conversation is incredibly powerful. If parents concentrate and talk about a child's effort rather than their achievement, then children will learn to value perseverance.

Taking it in turns to talk and listen to family members helps children develop empathy and an understanding that not everyone shares the same opinions. Talking about a shared book can spark imagination and develop intellectual playfulness. The ability to take one situation and see beyond the obvious is one of the key skills that top performing children are able to do.

Play games together. Jigsaws help pattern spotting and non-verbal reasoning. Playing football or catch helps gross motor skills and coordination. Chess develops strategic thinking. Silly games let children enjoy themselves and develop the sense of the esoteric and ridiculous.

The sense that learning something new, what ever it is, is fun and exciting is a gift that we can give our children.

We offer scholarships for children with strong academic potential who enjoy a challenge and are curious about the world around them. Westbourne House is an independent school for children aged 2 ½ to 13.

Barbara Langford, Director of Studies at Westbourne House School





INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Rudgwick Village Hall

Have you or anyone you know ever thought of keeping bees, but need to know more? This one day course will provide enough information to answer these questions

- How much time do I need?
- What equipment do I need?
- How much does it cost?
- Is my property large enough to keep bees on?
- Can I look inside a beehive to judge whether or not beekeeping is ‘for me’?
- Is help available if I need it?
-and much, much more

Come along and find out without obligation. This is a popular annual event, now in its fourteenth year, organised by the Wisborough Green Beekeepers Association, whose members live in West Sussex and South Surrey, within about 20 miles of Wisborough Green. This day makes a good grounding for the practical ‘Preliminary Sessions’ that we will be running at our teaching apiary near Wisborough Green next Spring.

We have vouchers for those who want to give the course as an unusual but worthwhile Birthday or Christmas present.

Further information for beekeepers and non-beekeepers, including our Preliminary sessions which provide the opportunity to handle bees, can be found at www.wgbka.org.uk

Contact

Roger Patterson 01403 790637 or 07976 306492, rogerpatterson@btconnect.com for course details, or John Glover 01403 751899 wgbees@gmail.com to book.



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the new year starts it gives everyone a new impetus. At Petworth CofE Primary school we use this opportunity to work with the children to discuss their targets for the coming year both personally and academically. We ask the children what they want to achieve and what they want to do during the coming months. This is always an interesting discussion! We believe that the children's voice is imperative in developing our school. During the last term the children have instigated the creation of book clubs, a pupil newspaper and more intra competition. These are now becoming established in the school week. The children also have taken responsibility for developing our outdoor areas e.g. new tyre challenge course, chicken coop and keeping the grounds tidy. It is amazing how many children want to pick up litter when you have a gadget! The children have also asked us to redevelop our library area and they have come up with some interesting ideas.

Over the festive period we have been lucky enough to be invited to sing at numerous events, which include Petworth Christmas Fair, The Cottage Hospital and Rotherlea Care Home. Our children are always keen to meet the residents.

We have a very strong choir in the school, which is run by Mr Parsons and Mrs Wilson. As it is so popular, at the end of January we are taking over 50 children to The O2 Arena London as part of the Young Voices initiative. Our children are very enthusiastic and eager to sing whenever we give them the opportunity. The dedication the children show through their participation in Choir Club is admirable.

To find out more about what each of our classes get up to please check out our class blogs at

https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs/307598

and these will give you a brief insight into how our children engage with the curriculum we offer.



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Pam's sermon illustrations did not
always work out...

THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

**Wednesday 6th February 2019
Leslie Primo will give a talk on
Leonardo's Portraits and Madonnas**

**Wednesday 6th March
Colin Davies will give a talk on
Zaha Hadid Architectural Superstar
Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall
Coffee from 9.50 am Lecture 10.30 am**

**New Members, Visitors (£5) warmly welcomed
Please call Hilary 01403 785302
www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk**

'GOOD NEWS' BOOK CLUB AT SOMERSET LODGE

**2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm,
and also 6.00 - 7.00 pm every Wednesday (except Jul. Aug. and Dec.)
followed by separate prayer group all year round. Tel 343842.**

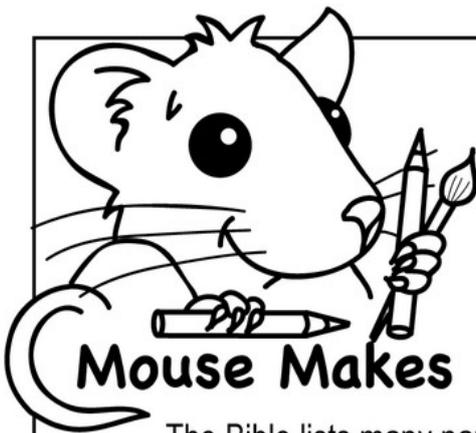
There is a sense of anticipation in each group as we approach the Book of Revelation of St John, the final book in the New Testament, and therefore, the whole Bible. Perplexing, because of its visionary language, it is the outpouring of fervour by St John, exiled to the remote island of Patmos because of his fiery (and effective) preaching. In Revelation he uses the language of the OT Book of Daniel to express the overwhelming love of Christ bursting out of him, as well as giving advice to the new churches in Gentile territory, some of which were growing cool.

The **Tuesday** group will start the NT again on 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm in June, a good time to embark on this exciting study. I shall be recruiting then; this study is too valuable to miss.

The **Wednesday** group will reach Revelation by the end of the year, having started much later, but being weekly. Meanwhile it will continue this month with the letter to Galatian, which contains some gems.

However, all are warmly invited to join at any time.

Rosemary Harris



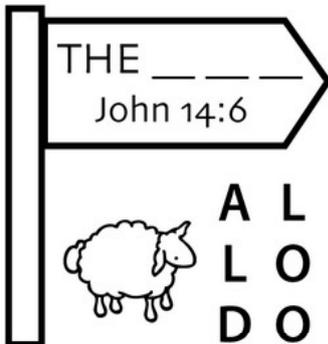
Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.



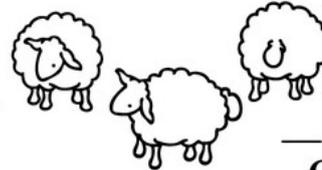
"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!

Read Luke 2:21-38



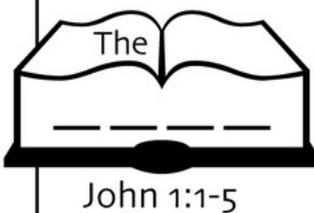
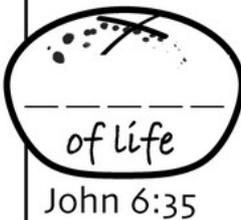
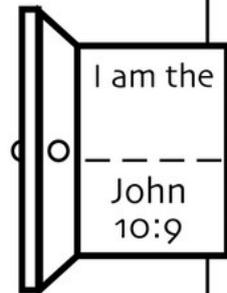
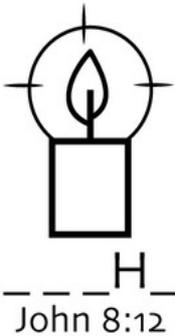
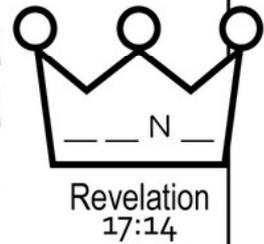
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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY

January

- 6th 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 9.15 am
Jubilate Family Mass 10.30 am
- 13th 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 (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
- 20th 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 (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
PACT UNITY SERVICE AT Graffham 3.00 pm
- 27th THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21
Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

February

- 3rd CANDLEMASS**
Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40
Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
Family Praise at Egdean - Shine on Me 9.15 am
Jubilate Eucharist & Procession 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Fridays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am

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THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source: Release International, PO Box 54, Orpington BR5 4RT

Nigeria: It is hardly believable that the depravity practised on Christians in Nigeria can exist today. Fulani herdsmen, (nomads who want to settle down), have been armed for, and taught how to disrupt the lives of Christians in this formerly majority Christian country, by Boko Haram, intent on destroying education, especially that of girls, hundreds of whom are still held by them as wives. Fulanis, less sophisticated than Boko Haram are murdering farmers and occupying their land, while destroying the villages and inhabitants too.

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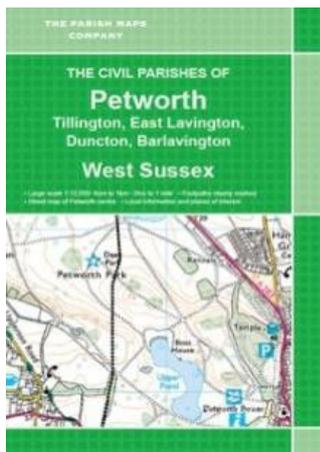
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FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the souls of

THOMAS ARTHUR WHITTINGTON of 78 Hampers Green who passed away at St Richards hospital on 14th November aged 89 years.

Tom was born on 16th December 1928, one of a family of seven children, having three sisters and three brothers.

He married Lorna Case at St Mary's on 9th October 1954 and they went on to have two sons Andy and David. In 1960 the family moved to Hampers Green.

His working life was spent as a woodman and he became familiar with many of the wooded areas around the district.

Always a keen sportsman, Tom was particularly involved with cricket, both playing and umpiring at Ebernoe and being a long term member of the Petworth Bowling Club.

Sadly, Lorna died in 2005, but Tom continued living at his home at the Green up until his final stay in hospital.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 7th December and was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to Andy and David and all his family in their loss.

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Rosemary Harris

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