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&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN

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Mothering Sunday

March 31st 9.15 Family Service

at St Bartholomew's, Egdean

Give your Mum a Posey in Church this Sunday

10.30 am Jubilate Family Mass

at St Mary's Petworth

Ash Wednesday 6th March



8.30 am Holy Eucharist

7.00 pm Sung Eucharist

PASSOVER MEAL

Following the great success of the Passover meal last year we will be putting it on again.

Please sign up in Church
Wednesday 10th April
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm



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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

As a child, I always looked forward to the beginning of Lent. This was because of the day before Lent begins. I love pancakes, and one day a year, we had them at home - Shrove Tuesday.

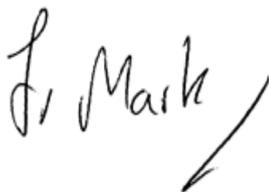
But why is it called Shrove Tuesday, and why eat pancakes? The answers to both questions are spiritual - they are due to Lent starting the next day, and to the seriousness with which Lent was observed.

Because Lent was seen as such an important season for spiritual preparation for Easter and self-examination and discipline, the tradition grew that you ought to prepare yourself for Lent itself. So in the days before Lent began, you would go to a priest (or a confessor), confess your sins and receive the pronouncement of God's forgiveness. The old English word for this is to shrive. So the priest shrove your sins before Lent began. (If we don't accept someone's excuses, we are likely to give them short shrift).

Within Lent, spiritual discipline went alongside bodily discipline - it was seen as the season of fasting. So 'luxury' foods like meat, fish, fats, eggs, milky foods were all avoided. Families wouldn't want to waste any food, so it was eaten up on the day before Ash Wednesday. If you have lots of eggs, fat and milk, then pancakes are a great dish as you only need to add flour. So both aspects of Shrove Tuesday - the name, and the pancakes - come from taking Lent seriously.

This Shrove Tuesday as you enjoy your pancakes you can be reminded that we too are called to take Lent seriously. How can we turn this Lent into a time of fasting that brings us closer to God and prepares us for the joy of Easter?

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Mark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Fr. Mark".

**COPY DATE FOR THE APRIL MAGAZINE IS
MONDAY 11TH MARCH**

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years each parish has to produce a completely new Electoral Roll of church membership and this falls due this year.

As a result it will be necessary for everyone on the existing Roll to re-apply to have their names included on the new one. To conform with data protection the new Roll, which will be available for inspection, will only contain names, not addresses.

Everyone on the current roll will receive a letter and an application form. Anyone not on the Roll is more than welcome to apply. Please complete the form and return to:

Jackie Smith, 8 Sheepdown Close, Petworth GU28 0BP
or leave it in church.

Forms must be with Jackie by **Friday 15th March**. Any forms received after this date cannot be processed until after the Annual Meeting has taken place.

Further details are available from *Jackie Smith Tel: 01798 342487*

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held on

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL
commencing at 7.30 pm
in the South Aisle

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club will meet in the URC Hall on Tuesday 12th March at 12 noon. By popular request Kate is cooking Bacon Pudding! 2 courses and tea or coffee costs only £7.50. Please book through **Ann Morrill on 342658**.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

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PCC Meeting Report

The Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31st December 2018 was approved at the PCC meeting held on 17th January 2019. The Treasurer reported that our voluntary receipts are down due to the death of a number of individuals who regularly gave by direct debit/standing order and that we need to action getting more planned giving.

CAF Bank had requested the PCC to review and update the church account and it was agreed that the four signatories should be the two Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary.

Fr Mark reported that Bishop Mark will be visiting the Petworth Deanery Synod on 2nd and 3rd April.

Christine reported that the Safeguarding Policy had been reviewed and the Rector and Wardens signed the Statement to be displayed.

As there are two family services in March, because Mothering Sunday is on the 5th Sunday, it was agreed that the first Sunday in April should be a Matins service.

Fr Mark reported that a wedding has been booked for Friday 31st May 2019.

The Mission Action Plan and Attendance Figures for 2018 were reviewed. The Church Log Book and Inventory were checked and duly signed by Rector and Wardens.

Christine informed the meeting that she had contacted Erica Brewster and Bea O'Connor re their proposed fundraising event and they have confirmed that they will be holding a curry and quiz night on Thursday 2nd May at 7.00 pm at Moncrieff - Bray Gallery, Egdean.

Annual Church Barbecue was arranged for Saturday 15th June from 5.30 pm
Cream Tea Weekend - Church Cottage, Egdean 27th/28th July 2.30 - 5.00 pm

Fr Mark informed the PCC that following his recent review, he is taking a very outstanding sabbatical this year for 3 months and will be away June, July and August.

Roger Dallyn reported that one of the original overhead heaters needs to be replaced which is on order with Hamilton & Cole, and also reported that the scaffolding has been erected for the works to replace the eave boards on the south side of the church and redecoration of the guttering.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th April, at 7.30 pm at Woodruffs Farm, Egdean and the next PCC Meeting was arranged for Thursday 16th May.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd March, 9.15 am Family Service – Topic ‘Pancakes’ – Come and join us for a pancake race

Sunday 31st March, 9.15 am Family Service – Mothering Sunday

Community Fund Raising Events:

Thursday 2nd May, 7.00 pm Curry and Quiz Night at Moncrieff-Bray Gallery, Egdean

Saturday 15th June, 5.30 pm – Church Barbecue

Sat 27th/Sun 28th July, 2.30 - 5.00 pm – Cream Tea Weekend – Church Cottage, Egdean

NOTICES

**Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 11th April at 7.30 pm
Woodruffs Farm, Egdean**

by kind permission of Charlie and Elspeth Bray. Please come and join us for the election of Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, to hear the Wardens’ and Treasurer’s reports, and future community events, and have your say – EVERYONE WELCOME.

Family Support Work – Throughout lent we will be collecting in our hamper at the back of the church, dried food, tins and donations for FSW, please give generously for this much needed work.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

EGDEAN

A lane so little trodden it seemed
Few feet could ever find it,
It led me to a little church
With the Weald and the Downs behind it.

So small a church would seem well filled
If twenty folk should pray there,
So quite a place that God could teach
Even me a prayer to say there.

Through windows set in massive walls
The April sun was glancing,
Out in the church-yard everywhere
Wild daffodils were dancing.

Like guardian angels of the dead,
The happy dead that sleep there,
Symbolic of the heavenly spring,
A faithful watch they keep there.

Lifting gold trumpets to proclaim
The earth's glad resurrection,
They guard that place of ancient peace
With beauty's brave protection.

A shrine of sweet serenity,
Few feet there are that find it,
Remote from busy crowded ways
With its daffodils to mind it.

I shall remember all my life,
(For I was one that found it)
That graveyard green, that little church
And the daffodils around it.

I shall be glad when I am old
That once I found the way there,
And in my heart kneel down again
With the daffodils, to pray there.

PETWORTH COTTAGE MUSEUM

New Stewards are needed at Petworth Cottage Museum (Mrs Cummings's Cottage)

Petworth Cottage Museum will once again open its door on Tuesday 2nd April as the new season begins, offering people the chance to step back to 1910 with a visit to Mrs Cummings's cottage.

Mrs Mary Cummings was the tenant of 346 High Street from 1901 to 1930 and the reconstruction takes account of her Irish Catholic background and her work as a seamstress, both at Petworth House and in her own home. The museum captures life in 1910 in an estate worker's cottage. The range and gaslights are lit, the table is laid for tea and the kettle is boiling.



Visitor's comments are always positive and one reason for this, frequently written in the Visitors' Book, is the friendly, helpful stewards, many of whom have been supporting the museum for years. New stewards are always welcome and necessary. As circumstances change a small number of people may have to drop out, but new ones join us. The atmosphere is relaxed. Visitor numbers are seldom over-whelming, so there is time to talk to the visitors and also to meet other

stewards and make new friends. There are always two people on duty each afternoon, with a flexible monthly rota. Most people volunteer to do one or two afternoons a month. New stewards are given a guidebook and helpful literature, and have the opportunity to look round and learn the ropes from an experienced steward before their first afternoon on duty.



To learn more about stewarding at the Cottage Museum ring Gordon or Debby Stevenson on 01798 343496. Or email us at petworthcottageuseum@yahoo.co.uk

St Mary's Church, Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday 9th March
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Easter Flowers



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PETWORTH**

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Imagine if we had to do it. Imagine that first thing every morning we had to stake a claim to our property by pulling on our dressing gowns, marching out onto our front lawns, taking a deep breath and singing a song. Sussex would awaken to a cappella cacophony of show tunes, power ballads and rock anthems pouring from porches and patios, backyards and balconies.

Blackbird singing

And if you weren't out there, patrolling your property with a raspy rendition of 'Hey Jude', your neighbours would assume you'd gone and they'd muscle in. If you overslept you'd wake to find Jeanette from two doors down screeching 'I Dreamed a Dream' on your doorstep and you'd have to see her off with your version of 'River Deep, Mountain High'.



Robin singing

Throughout March male birds are aggressively establishing their breeding territories. In the absence of bricks and barbed wire, their songs build the boundaries around their little bits of Sussex. It's vital they sing every morning. After a day dodging cats, cars, windowpanes and sparrowhawks their defiant songs (think 'I will survive' meets 'My way') inform their neighbours that they're still alive and they're still king of the hill.



Top of the heap. To our ears this warzone of warbles and whistles is a stirring celebration of the passing of winter and the arrival of spring, which fills our hearts with the promise of the summer to come. Bernstein, Britten, Beethoven and Brian Wilson rolled into one.

Wren

At the first hint of dawn, in the still, silent air, this free music festival begins. And what a line-up! Local duo Robin and Blackbird open the show with their laid-back, soulful crooning. Then that little bird with the big attitude, the Wren, cranks it up with his rockin', rollin' rattle. The symphony builds as the sun rises.

We're joined by a supergroup; CSD&G (Chaffinch, Song Thrush, Dunnock and Great Tit). For our headliners, international singing sensations The Warblers (ft. Blackcap & Chiffchaff) will be flying in from Africa to add their voices to this avian opera. There's another reason for this performance.



Chaffinch

Because if you've got enough spare time to stand around and sing then you must be good at finding food. So females flock to the lead singer – a familiar phenomenon (let's face it, Jagger wouldn't have charmed all those women if he'd been a dentist). So take a morning stroll in your local woodlands in March and enjoy this free performance.

THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 6th March 2019

**Colin Davies will give a talk on
Zaha Hadid, Architectural Superstar**

Wednesday 3rd April

**Sarah Lenton will give a talk on
Opera, The Melting Pot of Culture**

**Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall
Coffee from 9.50 Lecture 10.30**

**New Members, Visitors (£5) warmly welcomed
Please call Hilary 01403 785302**

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

**On Tuesday 5th March there will be a Spring Lunch at 12.30 pm
followed by a talk at 2.00 pm given by Sian Walters on
Leonardo and the Festa Del Paradiso**

2019 marks the 500th anniversary of Leonardo de Vinci's death.
The talk will explore art and dance in Milan
and Leonardo at the Sforza Court.

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm
Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture
Please call 01903 411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com**

Visitors most welcome - £5
www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE The Friendship Centre

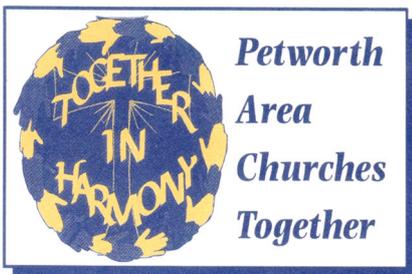
Dates for your Diary March 2019

Wednesday 6th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Tuesday 12th	Petworth Over 60s Film Club – Florence Foster Jenkins	
Wednesday 13th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 27th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

Petworth Over 60s Film Club - On the 2nd Tuesday in the month we are lucky enough to see a film in the comfortable surroundings of our Friendship Centre. This film is free to all members and is shown on superb modern equipment. We have recently seen 'First Wives Club' and the latest Mama Mia film. But you must be a member of the Over 60s to enjoy these films. March's offering will be the magnificent 'Florence Foster Jenkins' starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Annual Subs will be due on 1st April - still only £3.00 and a good opportunity to join so that you can come to the film afternoon!

Caroline Stoneman
House Committee Chairman



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MARCH NEWS

Spring Lecture – Friday 5th April 6.00 pm at St Mary's Petworth

Damian Hinds MP, Minister of Education, to speak on

'Developing Character Through Education'.

We hope the Bishop of Horsham will chair this important meeting. Please note the earlier start time of **6.00 pm**. **All welcome, especially School Governors, Head Teachers, and Teachers.**

Palm Sunday Procession – the annual procession will be held on

Sunday 14th April at 3.00 pm from the Sacred Heart Church, Petworth.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people went wild with excitement – the entire city was thrown into an uproar! Some asked 'Who is this man?' And the crowds shouted back 'This is Jesus! He's the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!' Matthew's Gospel Chap. 21 Verses 10 and 11.

This wonderful procession through the streets of Petworth depicts Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the story being told along the journey, and hymns as we process through the streets. We'll have the Petworth Town Band, Mr Darcy the donkey, and a Palm Sunday script read by a variety of church goers in the town. The event finishes at St Mary's where participants are made welcome with tea and cake. Do join us.

Kate & Karl Ayling

CHICHESTER DIOCESE 'YEAR OF VOCATION'

Your calling (or 'vocation') is an essential part of your being, the part God has chosen for you, so it matters that you are following that path. To be on the wrong path, or to have missed a by-way, or not to have reached it yet, deprives you of the use of your unique skills or of a discovery awaiting you. A closer walk with God will reveal things undreamt of, with exciting prospects.

Rosemary Harris



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There are many occasions whilst you are working with children in a school that you go 'WOW' and you just know the experience you have had with the children is incredible. On Monday 28th January, we took a quarter of the school, 51 children, some of their parents and many members of staff to participate in the annual Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. This event is a culmination of hard work by the children, who have had to learn a number of songs and dances so that they can perform in a 8,000 strong choir in front of a sold out O2.

The day is a long one for the children and with 2½ hours of rehearsal, the heat of the arena and the insistence that the children stand while they sing, the children were starting to wane. However come show time the children sang, danced, screamed and cheered their hearts out. They sang along with Tony Hadley and Beau Dermott; they sang songs with passion, pride and professionalism; danced with Urban Striders and the two hour show went in a blink of an eye. The children were tired; the children were hoarse; the children were fantastic!



The children will remember this experience long after they leave our school and many of the children are looking forward to repeating this event. As for adults... we tried to sing, we tried to dance and, yes, we were totally captivated by the whole experience.

I am always so grateful for the staff of the school, who organise this wonderful experience for our children. This is just one example of the dedication and commitment all of our staff have for our children as they give up so many hours to offer experiences children would not normally have. However after sleeping on the floor, being alert to every movement, we are enthusiastic to return to normality.



Then on Friday 8th February, 62 children participated in a sleepover, which had the theme of Leonardo da Vinci as this year is the 500th year since his death. During the evening the children explored mirror writing, art, parachutes and helicopters as they gained a brief glimpse of the genius of da Vinci. Throughout the evening the children participated in a variety of other activities although for many the highlight was 'Hide and Seek', which has become a tradition. It is incredible how many nooks and crannies the children know and can fit into around the school. It is also incredible how quiet they can be when they want to be!

After a meal from the local chippy, a blessing from Father Mark, the children settled down to watch a film. Having 62 children in one room is not a recipe for children to go to sleep quickly!

ST MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT

Despite the snowy weather over 50 people braved the elements and came to St Mary's Quiz on Friday 1st February. Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes, this raised £120 and, after paying for the hall, the prizes and the wine, £270.63 goes to church funds.

Also thanks to Gordon Stevenson who set the questions but, as he was not able to be there, his role as quiz master was taken by Eileen, who also acted as scorer. As usual there was a delicious spread of food, many thanks to everyone who provided it, and also to all who ran the bar and raffle, helped set up and clear up afterwards. All in all a very enjoyable and happy occasion.

PETWORTH COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP

Over £1000 Raised by 'Reusing'!

In 2018, their first year, Petworth Community Craft Group raised £1,040.40 for Petworth Community Garden. They managed this mainly by making items out of previously used, unwanted or natural products and selling them at local events. These included Petworth Farmers Markets, Fete in the Park and the Petworth Christmas Event.

A cheque for £1,040.80 was presented to Kate Green - who heads up the Community Garden - after the January craft group workshop at The Coultershaw Trust Warehouse. Kate was overwhelmed by the amount raised. She said 'I am so amazed by the lovely things you make and this generous amount could not have come at a better time for us to continue our work.' Tony Sneller, Chairman of Petworth & District Community Association (P&DCA), who presented the cheque, together with Tricia Stephens who set up Petworth Community Craft Group (PCCG), both added that it was great to be able to support such a brilliant cause.



PCCG welcomes anyone - whether they have previously crafted or not. The group makes things together and members learn from each other and have plenty of laughs and companionship along the way. Some members also make things at home. The group meets on the second Friday morning in the month and it is hoped that an evening group will be started soon.



Currently we are making items with Easter and Mothers' Day in mind and our first sale of the year will be in the Leconfield Hall at the March Farmers Market on Saturday morning, 23rd March. We will also have older stock available at reduced prices so pay us a visit and find something a little bit different.

PCCG's charity for 2019 is the Sylvia Beufof Youth Club and the group hopes to raise even more this year. If you would like to join the Craft Group - or help in any way - please email Tricia at petworthccg@aol.com or telephone 01798 342016. Petworth Community Craft Group is supported by Petworth and District Community Association, Reg. Charity No. 1059152.

We are very grateful to the sponsors of our 2019 workshops: Sorella, Therapy, Kevis House Gallery, Spriggs, Tristan Eves, Forest Gallery, Rowntree Tyron Galleries, Keyfox Farms, Caroline Laurence, Rugs of Petworth, Petworth MOT Centre, Artful Teasing, Savills 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.**

The Book of Revelation, the final book of the Bible, is a mystery to most, with its visionary language. In fact this language was often used by poets or others wanting to convey something extraordinary in Greek society. Language was prized and was being developed to promote philosophies beloved by intellectuals in this developing society. We have plays, books and stories of the gods being invented for worship.

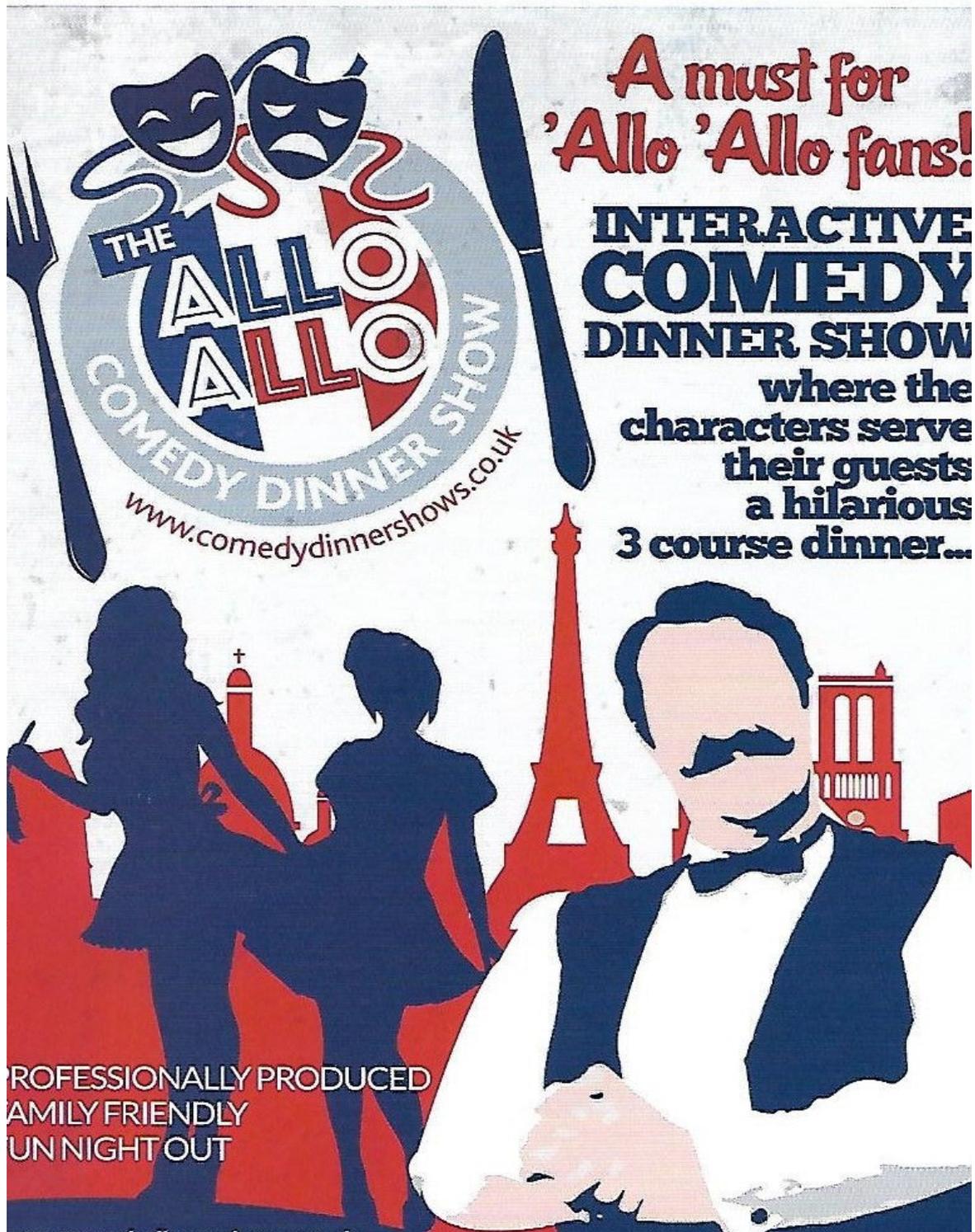
We cannot deny the beauty of their architecture, and specially their temples for worship. This, and its successor, the Roman Empire developing infrastructure to complement this organised society is the background for the Book of Revelation.

There are four sections:

- . Explanation of God's revelation to Jesus passed on to him, the author, John. 1:1-20
- . Letters to seven of the new churches in Asia (now western Turkey) 2:1-3:2
- . The visionary section revealing Jesus as Messiah. 4:1-18:24
- . Promise of God's return. 19:1-22:5

The Tuesday group will be following this until the summer break. All welcome to enjoy this exciting journey.

Rosemary Harris 343842



An evening of hilarious entertainment in aid of the Petworth Cottage Nursing Home provided by the professionally portrayed characters of 'Allo 'Allo together with a 3 course dinner.

Audience participation, so come dressed, if you wish, to create the authentic atmosphere for Rene's café and support this worthy cause.

Saturday 6th April, 7.00 pm The Empire Hall, Graffham

Tickets £30/head. Telephone 01798 867486 Email crossbow2@btinternet.com

B  **Billingshurst**
C **S** **Choral Society**
Musical Director: Cathal Garvey

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St. John Passion

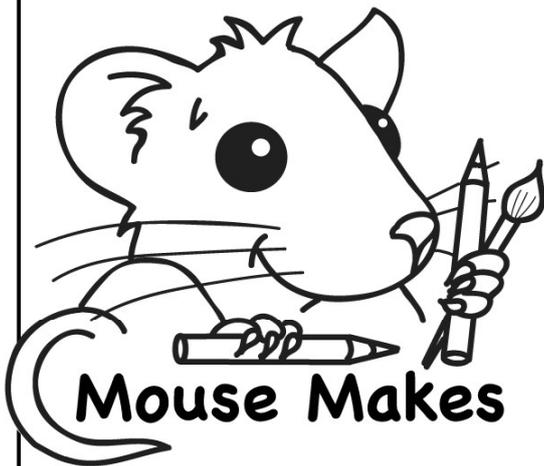


Saturday 13th April 2019 7:30pm
Billingshurst Leisure Centre

TICKETS £15 STUDENT £7.50

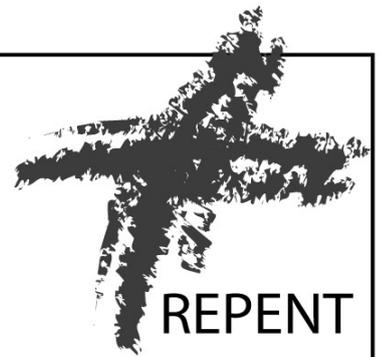
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During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

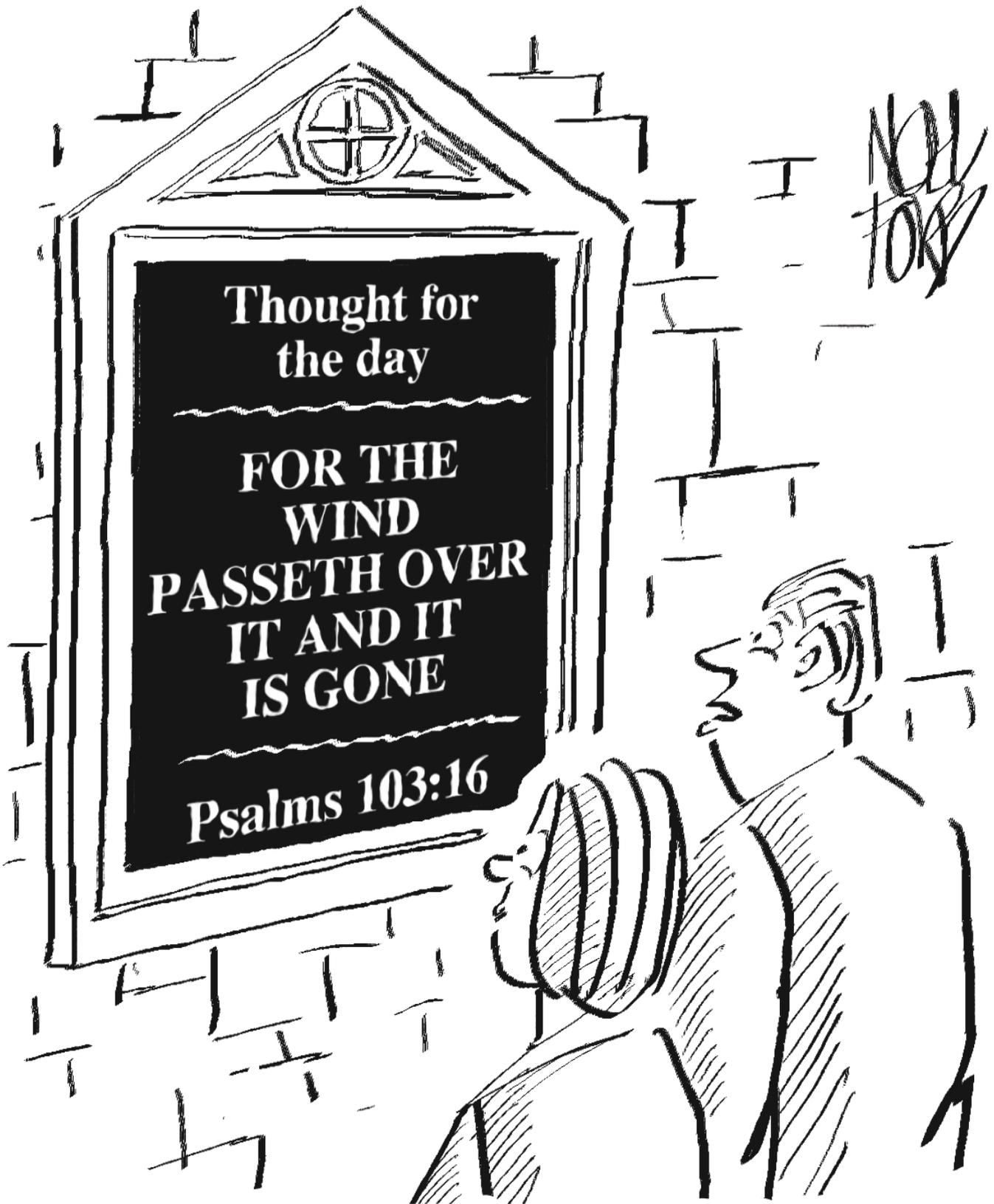
Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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"The vicar's looked at the weather forecast and is preparing us for another roof-appeal."

31st MOTHERING SUNDAY

Exodus 2.1-10, Colossians 3.12-17 John 19.25-27

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Mothering Sunday Service Egdean	9.15 am
Jubilate Mothering Sunday Mass	10.30 am

LENT LUNCHES AT ST MARY'S WEDNESDAYS 12.30 PM

Four lunches will be held on Wednesday 13th, Wednesday 20th, Wednesday 27th March and Wednesday 3rd April at 12.30 pm

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO EASTER

Ash Wednesday 6th 7.00 pm - Sung Eucharist and Ashing

Wednesday 13th 7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 20th 7.00 pm - Holy Hour

Wednesday 27th 7.00 pm

The Cross Broken for me, broken for you

Wednesday 3rd 7.30 pm - Meeting with Bishop Mark

Wednesday 10th 7.30 pm - PASSOVER MEAL

THURSDAYS IN LENT

FROM 14TH MARCH

11.00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee

All Welcome, a short Communion Service followed by Tea or Coffee

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
From 14th March	Holy Eucharist	11.00 am
Fridays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am

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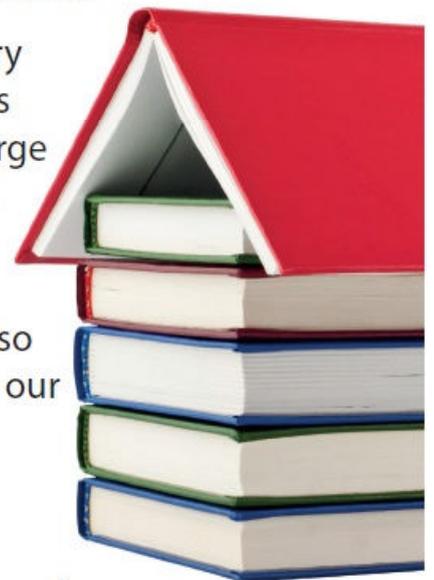
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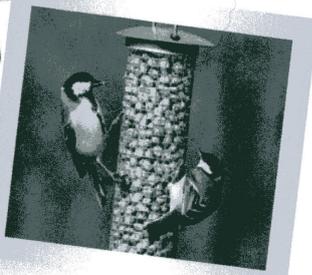
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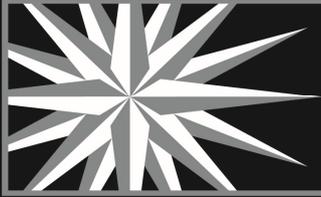
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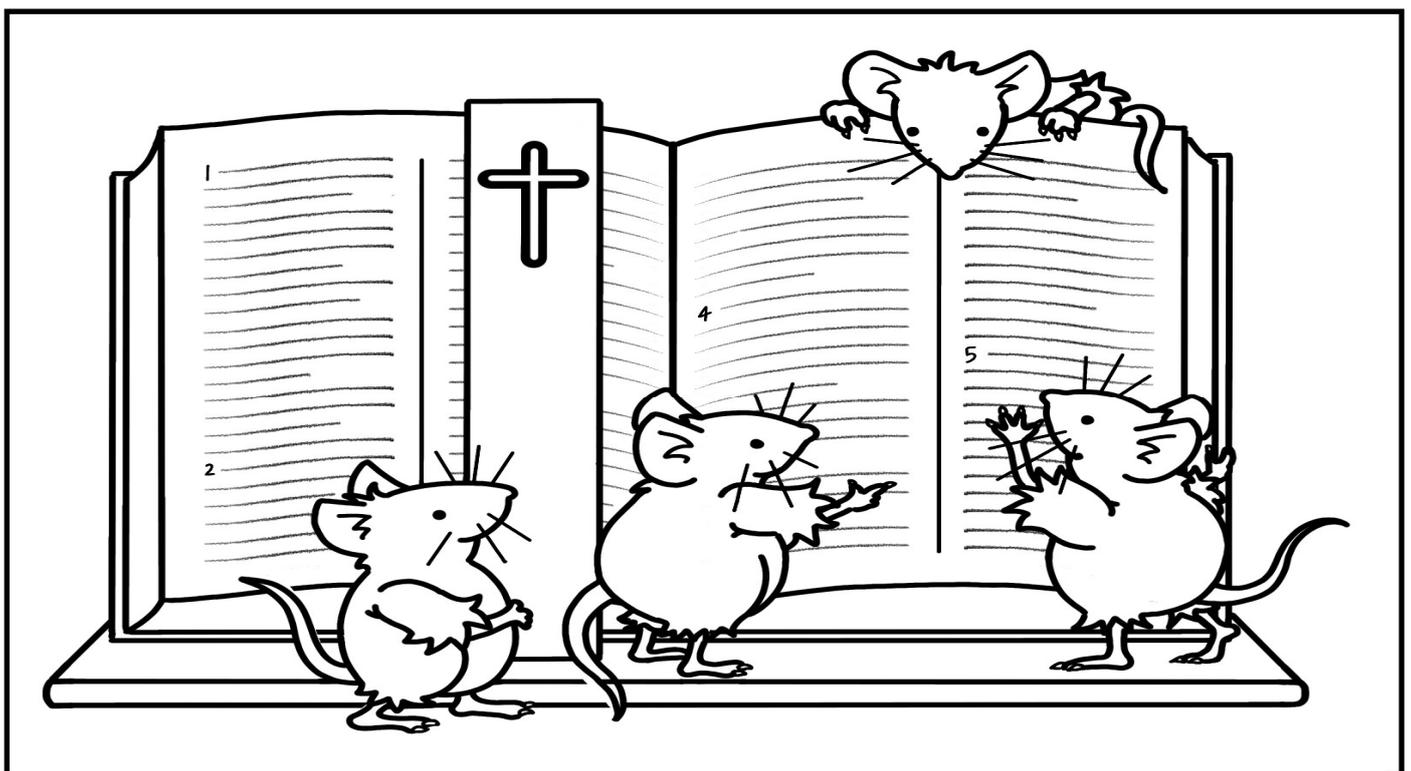
DAVID NICOLLE. David was born on 3rd April 1947. His family had previously moved from the Channel Island of Jersey to live in Weymouth.

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He also undertook the catering for the Chichester Freemasons.

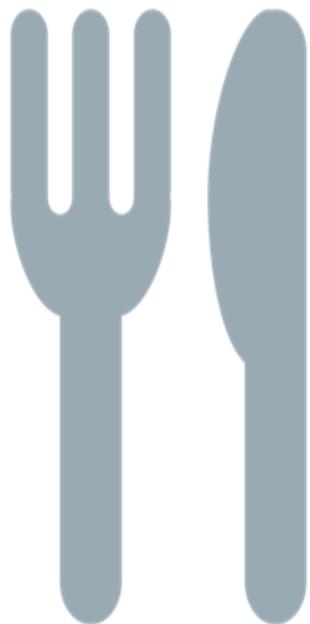
David had a sister, Mary, but here in Petworth where, for the latter part of his life he lived in Cherry Row, High Street, his many friends were regarded as his second family.

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