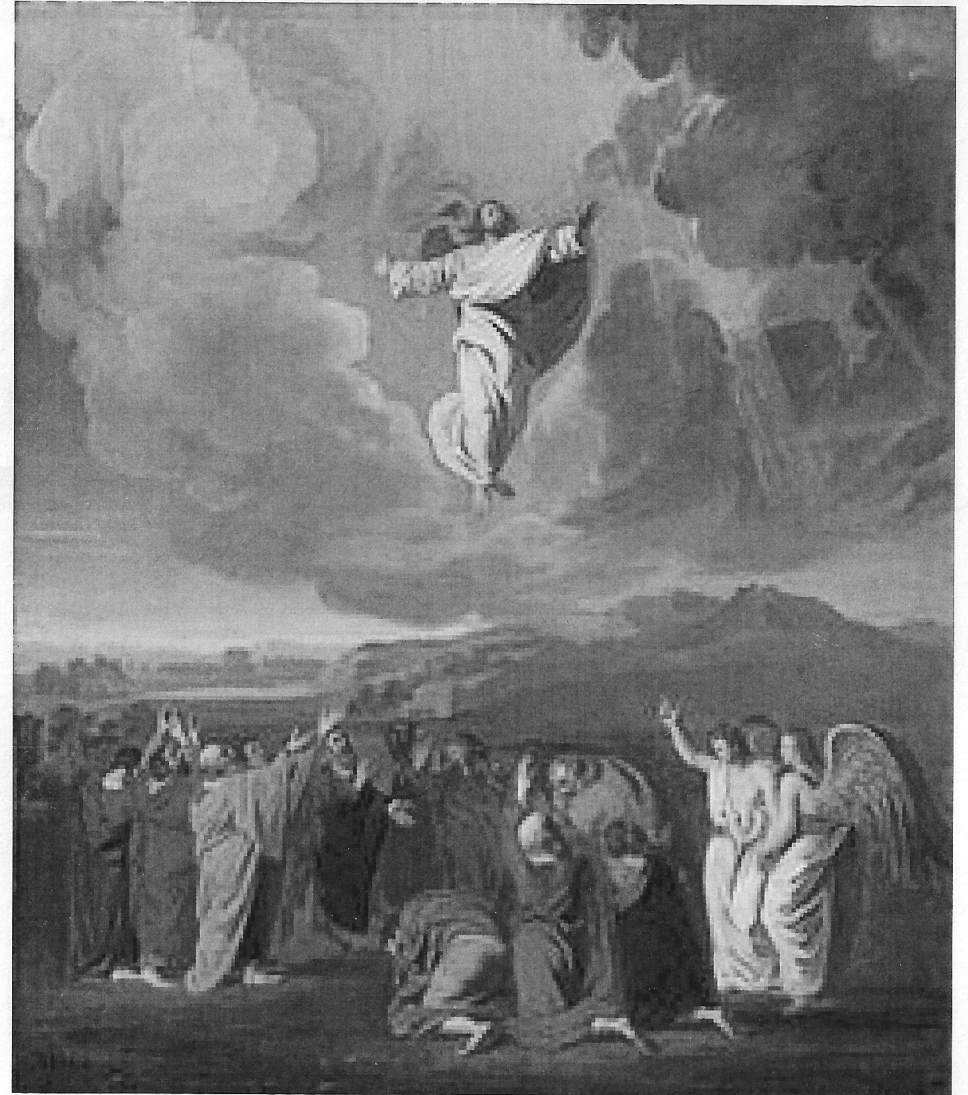


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MAKING OUR MARK

1. That Election

Not long now before we mark our ballot papers with crosses for our chosen candidates - though hasn't the long build-up to the election felt interminable!

Personally, I just want it to end, much as I value the privilege of having a vote and the importance of using it. And I won't be the only one hoping and praying that we shan't end up with an unworkably spilt parliament.

But do vote responsibly. And do spare a thought for all who have been campaigning hard for their candidates and their parties, and for the candidates who have put themselves on the line.

True, some of them may appeal less to us than others. But without their passion and political energy we just wouldn't have the robust and widespread debate that helps us make informed choices about how we want to be governed, and by whom.

For myself, I gladly follow the Church's lead in officially commending sincere and frequent prayer for our nation and our Sovereign, for her government and for parliament, and for all engaged in the country's political life, both nationally and locally.

For Christians, not praying enough is sometimes a sign of not caring enough, and society's future is too important to put at risk by that.

2. More Christenings

What a joy it has been to see more requests for Christenings coming in lately.

Families can have different feelings about the Christian faith and what is best for their children, and at what age.

But so long as Christening is desired for a child and there are baptised godparents happy to support him or her, we warmly encourage families not to hold back. And it is *never* too late.

A child's Christening is a most wonderful occasion. The water tells us God's loving forgiveness is always there to wash us clean, whatever we do, when we are truly sorry. It also reminds us that God is even more essential to life than water is: no water, no physical life; but no God, no spiritual life - indeed, no any kind of life!

In one respect a Christening is like an election, for the priest always signs the child's brow with the Cross. 'You are *my* child, too, now,' God is saying. 'I'm for you!' And now Jesus is *your* Saviour - it's personal. Now you too belong to his great Christian family. There are things to learn, and perhaps you'll stray sometimes. But I shall always see that holy mark and know that you are mine. I shall always be waiting with love.'

Best of all perhaps, children who have been christened grow up knowing they officially *belong* both to their own family, and to God's special family, the universal Church of Jesus. They don't need to feel left out.

Fr Richard Hoyal SSC

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE OF NONES

3.00 pm Sunday 3rd May - honouring the connection of St Mary's Petworth with St Thomas Becket and the legacy of the influential medieval Augustinian foundation of Merton Priory, where Becket and so many other great English churchmen were educated.



Following last year's first for St Mary's, and in common with over a hundred churches sharing this legacy, we are once again holding this short traditional service (just a quarter of an hour) in our St Thomas Becket chapel.

The service is a link with important aspects of our national and ecclesiastical history, and with the many other churches celebrating them simultaneously. All warmly invited. No sermon! Tea served afterwards.

REV MARK GILBERT

It is with great pleasure that the Rt Rev Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, announces the appointment of Rev Mark Gilbert as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary the Virgin, Petworth and St Bartholomew's, Egdean. He will take up his appointment some time during the summer.

He will be contributing an article to the magazine at some stage to introduce himself. He is currently at St Wilfrid's church, Chichester and was previously at St Giles, Graffham.

Any queries regarding his appointment should be made to the Arch Deacon, Fiona Windsor.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
PETWORTH WERE HELD IN ST MARY'S ON TUESDAY 14TH
APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

*The Annual Meeting of Parishioners
John Townsend in the chair*

The Election of Churchwardens

Warm tribute was paid to Mark Tarver who, after five years in office, did not seek to be re-elected for a further term. Two nominations were received. Adrian Easton was willing to continue for a further year and Eileen Lintill was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

*The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Adrian Easton in the chair*

Election of 4 members to serve on the Parochial Church Council for 2015 - 2018

Gill Ticehurst, Anne Tarver, Mark Tarver and Andrew Brooke.

Election of Sidespersons

All current Sidesperson were elected.

Electoral Roll Report - Jackie Smith

There are 130 parishioners on the roll, 5 fewer than last year.

PCC Report - John Townsend

The past year, it has to be said, was not an easy one. We were without a Priest for practically the whole of the year due to Tim's prolonged absence which finally resulted in his resignation. We wish him and Debbie our good wishes for the future. At this point mention must be made of the two Churchwardens, Adrian and Mark, who had to cope with the added responsibilities the situation brought about. The situation was eased considerably by the outstanding assistance given by Father Richard and Father Keith who have maintained all the regular services at both St Mary's and St Bartholomew's.

The original application to carry out the re-lighting scheme for the nave, north aisle and north transept did not meet the approval of the DAC. The Committee's concerns were addressed and a revised application was duly prepared and approved. With the work now well under way we look forward to a brighter future due to the support given by 'The Friends' and a recent Legacy.

A new architect, Jane Jones-Warner was appointed and has taken on the lighting scheme and the Quinquennial Inspection. I think it fair to say that this was a good appointment, working from Chichester Jane is locally based and is easily accessible. Our thanks go to Catherine Perschke who, after running her Charity Lunches on the fifth Sunday, has now given up. A number of good causes have benefited over the years.

Judy Howard was nominated as a Foundation Governor at the Primary school in place of Anne Dallyn.

It has to be said there are some of us who are more than pleased that the church gates are no longer locked due to improved security measures taken by the National Trust. One of the highlights of the year was the World War 1 Exhibition held in August which attracted much interest and thanks were due to so many who provided material for the exhibition. The Civic Service on the Sunday afternoon, at which the leaders of all the four church denominations took part, was well supported. It was a shame that the Town Council had not been able to have the war memorial cleaned in time for the commemoration events, but the work is now apparently planned for a future date. As you will note from the parochial figures, our parish church faces a challenging future, particularly so as we are very much an ageing congregation. The average attendance at both of the two normal Sunday services over the year was only 53, and the number of Acts of Communion fell to 3,170, a drop of 575 from the previous year. Six years ago Acts of Communion totalled 4,794. Baptisms too suffered a drop in figures, with six children being baptised, half the number of 2013, but the six were drawn from just two families in the parish.

There were three weddings (five last year) and a total of nineteen funerals with nine having a service in church.

We remember in particular some much missed members of our congregation who have passed away, Marjorie O'Dell, Rita Callingham, Tony Whitcomb, Fiz Neligan and just recently, Betty Wade. Among others who died were Hannah Stanton, Bill Field, Rose Chadwick, Annette Kerridge, Barbara Blackman, Peggy Booth, Andrey Martin, Mick Tunks, David Wort, Martin Dallyn, Ivy Boniface, Jeremy Franks, Ethel Price, Max Bradley, Barbara Sargent and Ted Ireland.

Financial Report and Adoption of the Accounts for 2014 - Andrew Howard

No financial year is ever truly typical and 2014 was certainly not that - because of the very generous legacy from Mary Furnival that came to almost £80,000. Although in 2013 we defaulted on our diocesan contribution twice, in 2014 we never once defaulted. Moreover, we were able to use part of the legacy to clear our £6,827 debt to the Diocese. The agreement to keep £10,000 of the legacy unspent to act as a buffer against cash flow irregularities will help greatly! What would the year have looked like without the legacy? Like this:

Income:	£85,547
Expenditure:	£83,050
Surplus:	£ 2,497

Without Lady Egremont's generosity in opening her garden we would have been in deficit to the extent of some £250. Such events are hard work, and cannot happen too often. I have mentioned legacies before in this magazine, so please give serious consideration to remembering St Mary's in your will.

Church Wardens Report on the Fabric - Adrian Easton

The new lighting is now being installed in church and should be completed by 8th May. Unfortunately it has been necessary to close the church during the week to enable the works to proceed and to ensure public safety. The project is being funded in part by The Friends of St Mary's who have donated £25,000, the remainder from

the recent bequest from the estate of Mary Furnivall. The Quinquennial Inspection of the church was undertaken by our newly appointed Architect, Jane Jones-Warner. A number of issues were identified the main one being the roof on the north side of the church which is in need of repair. The government has agreed to release funding in the form of grants for repairs to historic buildings and, thanks to the efforts of our Architect, and Treasurer Andrew Howard, a grant of £77,200 has been secured. Our insurance company have recently carried out a comprehensive inspection and have submitted a report. They identified the need to remove all calor gas heaters and cylinders and this has been done. Finally he would like to record his personal thanks and gratitude to Mark Tarver as he stands down as Church Warden. He has been unfailingly helpful and reliable and he will miss his support.

REPORTS from

Deanery Synod - Andrew Howard

The usual three meetings were held at Tillington, Coldwaltham and on 'home territory'. Last March Bishop Mark explained some of the changes that would happen in the Deanery because of four vacancies that occurred simultaneously. Wisborough Green would retain its full time priest, plus a mission priest appointed to work with children and families across the Deanery. All four vacancies have been filled, the other three with 'house for duty' appointments, but the mission priest has yet to appear. In June the Rev Angela Martin gave a presentation on the Diocesan Environment Action Group's new policy. This year the financial deficit was £200,000, compare to £700,00 the previous year. The October meeting heard Mark Eyre speak on 'Redeeming our Communities'.

Petworth Area Churches Together - Catherine Perschke

Due to wind and rain the Palm Sunday procession had to be moved to the Roman Catholic church, where the service was led by Father Peter with hymn singing accompanied by the Town Band. The coffee mornings and table top sales continue to be well supported.

Choir - Matthew Cooke

The St Mary's organ has had some problems again this winter due to low humidity and temperature and services during Lent were accompanied on the piano. Some £10 - £12k is needed to sort all the problems out but some work is being carried out after Easter which should alleviate some of them. The organ at Egdean is in fine fettle. The choir has continued nobly for another year, an anthem being performed most weeks, they have taken part in the Festival Service, and at the Diocesan Choirs' Festival at Chichester Cathedral. Once again thanks to Sarah Barstow for her support, and of course to the Church Wardens and the congregation.

Bell-ringers - Geoff Rix

The bells have been rung for nearly every Sunday 10.30 am service, the help by Tillington ringers continues and is much appreciated. The tower membership currently stands at eight with five ringers living in the town so more members are needed. Regular practice evenings are on Thursday from 7.30 - 9.00 pm. It is planned to ring a Festival Peal this year which will be on the morning of the Festival Service.

Children's Church - Jackie Smith

An irregular number of children attend Sunday school, which does make planning difficult as a certain amount of preparation has to be done. There are now just two who will take turns in running sessions, which causes a problem with child protection rules which says that there must be a second person in attendance. We try to offer children a good range of activities and, when available, they take part in the monthly All Age Service. Other activities for children include the Fete in the Park, members of St Mary's regularly take part in the Holiday Club organised by PACT in July and at the Christingle activity afternoon which is followed by tea and the service. The Nativity Exhibition was, once again, a great success. Parent and Toddlers on Monday mornings continues to be well supported

Magazine - Jean Huggett

She thanked everyone for all the articles sent in, Richard Smith, who collects the empty box from Mary Wakeford, brings it to the choir vestry, takes it back with the magazines to Mary to sort out for delivery, and to everyone who takes them round. The help and support given when she first took over as Editor by Lloyd Pocock, the previous Editor, Vic Constable and Mark Tarver had been invaluable.

Safeguarding - Eileen Lintill

Safeguarding remains a priority for St Mary's Petworth. Children's activities include Sunday School, parent and toddler sessions, the Fete in the Park and Christingle. For adults there are charity lunches, keep fit classes and an Art group. There have been no reported Safeguarding incidents during the year. Seven church members all have current CRB checks which are renewable late in 2015, and five have completed the foundation training. She has completed the Safer Recruitment Training delivered by the Department of Education. Information files are kept by the Church Wardens (held in the vestry) and a copy will be given to the new incumbent.

Event Planning - Judy Howard

2014 was busier than ever, with not only its regular programme of summer and Christmas Fairs, the Harvest Lunch, Quiz Night, Carol Service refreshments, Lent lunches, and providing support at the All Souls Day Service, but with additional special events as well. Four major events took place. Lady Egremont opened her wonderful gardens to raise funds to great effect for St Mary's. The Group organised the Great War exhibition and the Great War commemoration service, with its wonderfully moving order of service so superbly compiled by the Rev Richard Hoyal. Both these latter events invoked a wonderful sense of community involvement. Finally, Lord Egremont hosted a truly memorable evening in October, on the theme of the Great War poets. The event was well supported and raised substantial funds for St Mary's as well. All in all, the Event Planning Group had a busy, challenging and rewarding year.

To appoint the Independent Examiner

Subject to his agreement Mr Alan Copus was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

John Townsend

COFFEE MORNINGS

Due to the fact the Over 60s are having a coffee morning in the URC hall on Saturday 9th May it has been decided not to hold one in the church that day. Neither will there be one in June as the summer Fair takes place that month.

Jean Huggett

St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean

New Web site: www.egdeanparish.com

Dates for your Diaries:

20th June from 5.30 pm Annual Church BBQ, fund raising stalls, raffle and activities

12th July Egdean Garden Experience

Anyone willing to open their garden for this event please contact Anne or Christine Dallyn

25/26th July 2.30-5.30 pm Egdean House Cream Tea Weekend

12th September Annual Church Ride & Stride

Lent Collection:

Thank you to everyone who filled the hamper in church with dried, tinned food and £25.00 in cash during Lent for Family Support Work. We have now handed this over to the charity, which will assist with their good work.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary

KEEP THE FAITH - PETWORTH DEANERY

A deanery training evening has been organised in June for those working with children and families. Please click on the link below for details. This event is not only for those in licensed ministry but all who are working with, or would like to start working with children and families. Please publicise the event and encourage people to attend. To attend it's important to register on the website.

This is the link: <https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/16336762697/>

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The Parish Church of ST MARGARET of ANTIOCH, FERNHURST is situated a short distance from the main road near to the village green. The church dates from the Norman period, although it is possible an earlier building existed. From the time of the earlier crusades, over two hundred churches across the country took St Margaret as their patron saint. The Norman church consisted of the present chancel and nave and at the west end a timber framed shingle hung spire. All that now remains of the original building are the font, some tie beams and the north wall with its two lancet windows, one in the chancel and the other in the nave. Outside on the north wall is a flat buttress built by the Normans to give additional support. A small 12th Century aumbry with some later added decoration was found some distance away and was restored to the chancel in 1940. In the 14th Century two Early English windows were inserted in the north wall of the nave, the original sill and parts of the mullion and jambs of the easterly one still remain. It is known that there were wall paintings in the chancel but the fragments which remained were inadvertently washed off during redecoration in 1914. During the 16th Century a narthex (or open porch) was built against the south wall to provide shelter and was used by the priest as a school. A similar one still exists today at Lurgashall. The 19th Century saw major restoration work. A rounded brick arch replaced the screen in 1826, however, some 30 years later this was also replaced by the existing pointed arch we see today. In the early 1880s the architect, Antony Salvin, undertook extensive alterations. Salvin, who lived in Fernhurst, was renowned for similar work in churches and cathedrals throughout the country. The west wall, tower and gallery were replaced by the tower and spire with a vestry underneath at the west end of the south aisle. A new east window and porch were added as well as a new west wall at the end of the nave. The old box pews were replaced by the present bench type ones.

The 20th Century has seen a few changes, the rood was erected in memory of the Rev G Ranking, Vicar of the parish who lost his life in the Great War.

The font was removed from the west end of the nave to its present position by the south door to make way for the new organ which was dedicated in 1970. Choir stalls were removed leaving the chancel open and where the patron saint was installed in the Norman lancet window. Note the tapestry kneelers depicting the flora and fauna found in the area.

In 2012 a new Parish and Community Room was built adjacent to the church. The main room is approx 35 square metres in size and can accommodate seating for 50, with a smaller room of 6 square metres. It has a fully equipped kitchen including dishwasher. Glass sliding doors from the main hall give access to an Amphitheatre, the outside space that can be used in good weather. How lucky Fernhurst is to have such a facility.

John Townsend

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s

Dates for your Diary – May 2015

Monday 4th Bank Holiday - closed
Wednesday 6th 2.00 – 4.00 pm Bingo
Friday 8th 2.00 – 4.00 pm Beetle
SATURDAY 9TH 10 – 12 NOON
COFFEE MORNING IN THE URC HALL
Wednesday 20th 2.00 – 4.00 pm Bingo
Caroline Stoneman

THE FACES OF ST MARY'S

I am compiling an electronic archive of photographic images showing the life of the community at St Mary's over the years. So far I have – believe it or not – over 2,500 images (mainly photographs) from 67 events dating from 1981 on!

If you have any images – electronic or actual photographs – that may reflect our community life could you contact me? I can arrange for electronic images to be e-mailed to me, and if you have photos I can scan them and return the originals to you.

I really need to know the year of the event and the title of the occasion (electronic data usually includes the dates).

You could contact me via the Church, or on 343070.

Vic Constable

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

We shall be holding our **Spring Fair** in aid of the NSPCC in the Leconfield Hall on **Saturday 2nd May 9.00 am—12.00 noon**. Stalls will include gifts, cakes, bric-a-brac, books, toys and good quality second hand clothing. There will also be a tombola stall and various raffles. Refreshments will be available. Free entrance.

If you have any items you would like to donate for this Fair we would be happy to collect them from you. Thank you.

Please contact Chris Hirons on Petworth 342672 or
Ann Blunden on Petworth 343076

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

GARAGE SALE

at

The Rectory

Rectory Lane, Petworth

on

Saturday 30th May, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Come and rummage! All sorts of bargains –
toys, garden stuff, clothes, bric a brac

PETWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Petworth Twinning Association is seeking hosts for guests from Petworth's Twin town Ranville, Normandy from Friday 26th June to Monday 29th June. We anticipate that our guests will arrive by minibus on Friday evening at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst Road, Petworth about 6.00 pm but this may change according to their plans.

Various activities are planned for the week end but are still at an early stage though an itinerary will be available nearer the time.

Our guests will leave for Normandy very early (6.30 am) on Monday 29th June.

For further information please contact Mrs Janet Duncton on 01798 342528.

EMILY ELIZABETH WADE OBE

Betty - *Emily Elizabeth Wade* - I speak with deep regard for a lady who gave so graciously and energetically of her time and energy to the service of others. I with so many of you have been humbled by her achievements over so many years.

It is a privilege to share these moments with you and to embrace Betty's contribution to the Red Cross world for whom I speak today.

The bond between Betty and I as Hon Vice Presidents of the Sussex Red Cross has run deep, and I will miss her as will so many others who have benefitted from her long and devoted service.

As we honour Betty we remember the charm and kindness in her character that fitted so marvellously with everything she held herself out to do – Humanity and warmth for everyone including those prisoners of war during her military nursing years.

Betty's approach to giving service has been a role model and as we respectfully think about her life with the British Red Cross, we should allow a moment to remember that our Society is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement with all its global applications and responsibilities.

These are onerous and very valuable throughout the world.

We in the Red Cross follow our strategic principles of giving impartial, humane and neutral service. Therefore when feedback reaches us, as it does from time to time rather unexpectedly, we feel happy that the good work given by us here has been of the highest order and is also highly respected by other countries.

Betty shared these values and through her endeavours contributed to the status of our national society within the international scene.

You can see her as a VAD in 1931 – a young woman training for she knew not what.

Then came the war and she was called up immediately serving in the Aldershot military hospital for over five wartime years – saying that she expected it to be for a short time!!

We can see her with her very natural talents in the rehabilitation of all those casualties she cared for.

As the war emergency in Europe drew to its end in 1944 Betty was posted to Rome, then to Klagenfurt, Austria as these areas were slowly returned to the allies. She looked after the injured before they returned to front line duties.

Her war service ended in 1946 and for a short time she served as Commandant of the Brockenhurst Red Cross detachment.

But her determination and indomitable spirit did not fold up because war had ended. The bit was between her teeth and she could see other needs and opportunities in our post war world.

Transferring for one year to Denmark as Welfare Officer caring for British children suffering from tuberculosis – a duty that she later said she found particularly rewarding.

Later Betty joined our National HQ in Grosvenor Crescent – no follower here but again leading from the front by helping evacuees from the Hungarian uprising reach safe locations within UK, Canada and Austria. The life of our world seems to develop emergencies almost as we speak

In 1958 Betty was assigned to Mauritius and then visited Bangkok, Fiji, New Zealand and Hong Kong with a brief to assess the Red Cross needs in those countries particularly looking at their “welfare and Youth services” .

Dear Betty used to describe this as her “slow boat to China”

She again returned to our National HQ and became our Director of Training in 1968 – helping to compile various training manuals including the one that I was using at that time – which was frightening for me!!

In recognition of her arduous and dedicated service during the war and her commitment to the BRC Betty was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1972.

She retired a year later and “took on” our RC work here in Petworth helping to open the new Centre building just across the road before becoming its Centre Organiser. The strength of this Centre continues to provide our standard services for the community.

During this time I grew to know Betty and work with her meeting up regularly and visiting her in Sutton and Petworth for our chats, advice, talks, cakes and those occasional and affectionate glasses of sherry...

For all her fantastic work she was awarded the Badge of Honour for Distinguished service in 2006, her VMS medal plus 6 clasps and then at our 2013 National Assembly in Brighton she received her 80 year service badge from our CEO, Sir Nick Young - very special indeed.

This unique award was presented to Betty in front of the full assembly with much affection and joy.

In this short time I have spoken with sincerity and affection about Betty and for our most noble cause – the British Red Cross.

In her commitment to the Society Betty has been an inspiration for us all leaving a valued legacy to be shared.

In May 2015 our nation will pause to reverently recall the moment in May 1945 when

the war in Europe came to an end – Betty more than played her part in this success!

We owe her both gratitude and appreciation for in the annals of voluntary service to humanity here in Petworth and wherever she followed her calling very far from our shores she was naturally kind, determined and caring.

As we celebrate her life, we thank her, remembering the large numbers of beneficiaries she served over so many years.

It has been a unique privilege to have shared her life, a life that she said she truly loved, and to realise just how much we can achieve if we can follow her way and by that enrich our time to come.

We in the British Red Cross deeply treasure her legacy -

THANK YOU BETTY

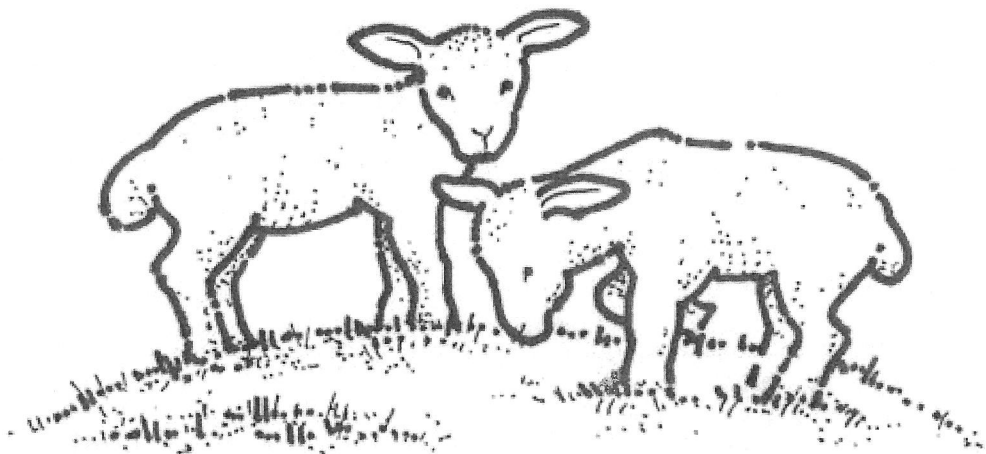
Sheila Maynard

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

PETWORTH LUNCH will meet on Thursday 14th May in Petworth House Restaurant at noon. As ever, telephone 01798 343162 reserving a place and with any dietary or transport requests.

NOB. For the June meeting on 11th June the kitchens in Petworth House will be closed. We are looking for an alternative venue. SO look in the June magazine for details. ALL WELCOME.

Catherine Perschke



CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Sheila, Jackie, Jane and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our coffee morning and to thank all those who came on the day. We were, with donations, able to raise £500.

Our next outing will be at the Fete in the Park. This is the tenth anniversary and this year we are very pleased to say that Chestnut Tree House will share, with Petworth and District Community Association, the proceeds from the Grand Draw. We will of course be manning a stall and this year it will be larger than the last two. We will be grateful for any contributions as usual and also for any help to arrange this.

This year Gold Cup Day at Cowdray will be having Chestnut Tree House as their charity and we will be going, with sixteen other volunteers, to collect and run a stall.

The Hungry Guest have been very supportive in helping us. By the time you read this, Brett who is the Manager, with his friend Rob (who is coming all the way from Australia) will have undertaken a Cycle-Climb-Run challenge for Chestnut Tree House. Their programme is as follows:

They will cycle 500 miles, climb three mountains and run a marathon!

Days 1 - 4	Cycle from John O'Groats to Ben Nevis
Days 3 - 4	Climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdonia
Days 5, 6, 7 and 8	Cycle down to Brighton via London
Day 9	Run the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 12th April

After that I would think they would need a very good rest! Our best wishes to them both and good luck.

Rupert Jones-Warner dropped into Chestnut Tree House for a quick visit before departing on his adventure to be the first Briton to summit Mount Everest not once but twice! Rupert will be away for 84 days and is hoping to raise £50,000 for Chestnut Tree House.

Joan Chatwood

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all Children's Society box holders from both St Mary's and St Bartholomew's. Together we raised £280.55 for the Society.

Jackie Smith

GRADS at The Leconfield Hall, Petworth
in
Murder at Checkmate Manor

It is with some trepidation the Graffham Rustics Amateur Dramatic Society have agreed to the members of Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild staging a murder mystery under the GRADS banner!

The four ladies of The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society (F.A.H.E.T.G.D.S.) are a force to be reckoned with. The sheer scale of their ambition in mounting 'Murder at Checkmate Manor' is only matched by their overwhelming confidence in their abilities to master all fourteen parts. As with so many well intentioned dramatic enterprises, it is with a degree of luck everything will go all right on the night for our intrepid ladies. Or will it? The play is set in the drawing room of Checkmate Manor. The family gathers for the reading of the will of the late Sir Reginald Bishop. However, someone else has designs on the Checkmate millions, and will stop at nothing to get them. A string of grisly murders ensues, where everyone has a motive and everyone is a suspect in a classic whodunit farce. The crunch comes in the final denouement when the murderer is about to be revealed. Luckily Mrs Reece, doyenne of the group, can be relied on to save the day with a final twist to the plot. And just in case the audience should get bored there are a few extra surprises from the indomitable Mrs Reece and her ladies.

The reputation of the ladies of this infamous dramatic society (along with their much put upon stage manager!) go before them but none the less, The Graffham Rustics have agreed to lend some of their actors to help them along – so there will be some familiar faces on the Leconfield Hall stage this May as "FAHATGDS" stage "Murder at Checkmate Manor".

David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. have written 10 Farndale plays starting in 1976 with the ladies' version of "Macbeth" for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This murder mystery is the third of the F.A.H.E.T.G. series, premiered in 1980 and the Farndale ladies are known and loved worldwide. For three nights The Graffham Rustics Amateur Dramatic Society (GRADS) become the FAHETG Dramatic Society!

GRADS will be at a new venue for their May production. After receiving feedback from some potential audience members about the challenges of access, parking, and convenience of location, The Rustics have decided to do this production at The Leconfield Hall in Petworth. This new venue provides GRADs audiences with raked seating, a separate downstairs bar, disabled access direct from the street with lift access to the auditorium, a hearing aid loop induction system as well as plenty of free car parking directly next to the venue.

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Vic Constable

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Peter Laughton, who was a resident of the Nursing Home for two years and is well known for his support for the British Legion, is now back home in Petworth. Few will forget him, whilst he was still at the Nursing Home, rising from his wheel chair in St Mary's Church two Remembrance Sundays ago to give a most moving account of his platoon's experience at the battle of Monte Casino, in support of the Poppy Appeal.

As a thank you for the way he was looked after by the staff, Peter has got together with Harry Enfield, his father Edward and June Whitfield to stage an 'evening of anecdotes' in the Leconfield Hall, Petworth on Friday 8th May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Spriggs Florist, New Street, Petworth; telephone 01798 345133.

It should be an entertaining evening for a very worthy local cause.

Ian McNeil



This term Year 2 children in Rowan Class have been finding out about the life cycle of a sunflower and exploring how sunflowers grow from a tiny seed. We have found out about all the things that are needed to help a seed grow.

We explored 'The Tiny Seed' storybook by Eric Carle for inspiration and then decided to carry out an experiment to find out how well a seed would grow depending on the amount of water we gave it.

In groups we planned out our experiments and planted our seeds ready to begin testing. We used measuring equipment to measure out different amounts of water to give our seeds. Every few days we checked on our seeds and gave them fresh water, making sure to measure out the same amount each time to make our test fair. Soon we began to see our tiny seeds grow shoots that popped out of the soil. They grew taller and taller. Unfortunately, some seeds didn't grow; they had too much or too little water.



We are looking forward to planting our seeds outside in the Summer Term and watching them grow even taller until we see their beautiful yellow petals. We are even going to try measuring how tall our sunflowers grow and to see if they really do follow the sun!

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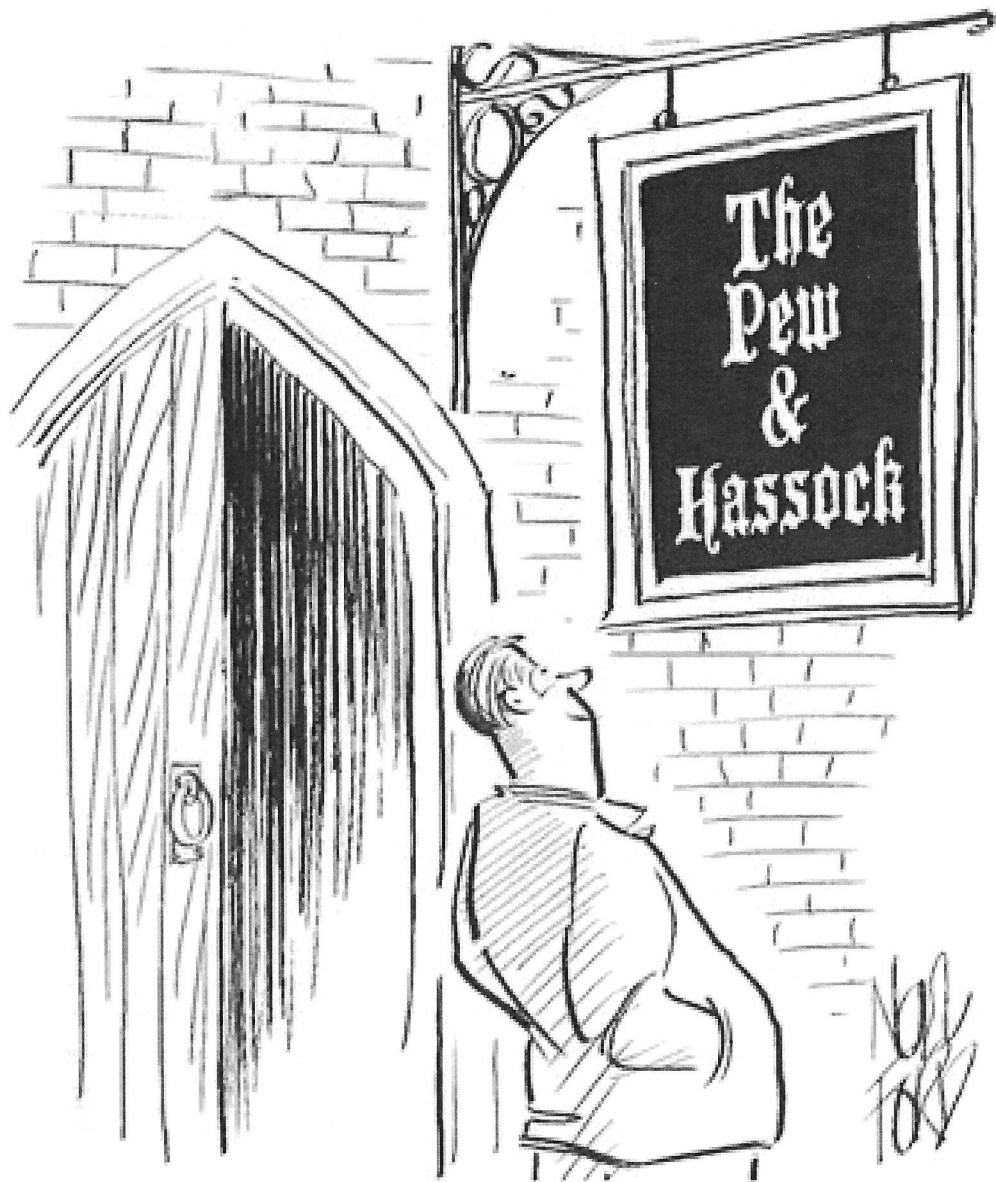
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PACT continues to be very busy with a successful Palm Sunday Procession in Petworth, albeit curtailed by the weather and needing to be held in the Sacred Heart Church.

We are also delighted to hear that St Mary's Church, Petworth has received a Government Grant of £77,200 to repair roofs, stonework and guttering. Wonderful news.

Michele Guinness will speak on Friday 15th May, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's Church, Petworth GU28 0AD. Michele is a Jewish convert, married to an Anglican Vicar, Peter, who is a great, great grandson of Arthur Guinness the brewer. She has written numerous books including *The Heavenly Party* and *Recover the Fun*. She is an amusing and inspiring speaker. Peter will come with her.

Free entry; refreshments, including cans of Guinness, and lavatories at Church.
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Nature at the Heart of Politics

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Another general election is upon us, another chance to raise the environment and wildlife as fundamentally important issues, another potential groan of disappointment as they get buried in the melee of bruising political debate centred on the management of the economy. Yet the environment, wildlife and the economy are inextricably linked; a healthy economy is underpinned by a healthy environment.

People also care about the environment and wildlife; a recent poll suggests that over 90% of people surveyed agreed that our wellbeing and quality of life is based on nature and biodiversity (EU flash barometer survey June 2013). Numerous studies show that a healthy environment and regular contact with wildlife have a number of benefits for communities, people with both physical and mental health problems and for those confined to their homes and in residential care. But these benefits are not measured, they don't have a pure economic value and therefore are not valued by decision-makers, hence over 60% of our species have declined in the last 50 years and continue to do so at an alarming rate; our actions as a society have undermined nature's ability to support us, just as our need for that support has increased.

In an effort to try and get the environment right up to the top of the political agenda, The Wildlife Trusts, along with the RSPB, are proposing to all parties the implementation of a Nature and Wellbeing Act to bring about the recovery of nature within a generation, for the benefit of people and wildlife. Loss of habitats, plants and animals affects how our environment soaks up extreme rainfall, absorbs carbon, and provides clean water. It affects the health of our soils, fish stocks and pollinators. It affects how we can adapt to climate change, the liveability of our cities and the productivity of our countryside.

Legislation to protect our wildlife has largely failed to halt decline in most species; protecting individual species will only work if the habitats, climatic conditions and the diversity of nature on which those species depend are also maintained. This proposed Act would place nature at the heart of how decisions are made about health, housing and other development, education, economic growth, flood resilience and social cohesion. The protection and creation of healthy woods, rivers, meadows, parks and wild land around us in local, regional and national networks would help achieve objectives in all these areas.

We must get away from the idea that wildlife and the environment is a block to economic growth, an idea that has strong political currency at the moment. Politicians, decision-makers, need to take into account people's desire to live in places where wildlife can flourish, they realise the benefits that this brings to their lives, it is about time that those who make the decisions around their lives also realise it.

More information on the proposed Nature and Wellbeing Act can be found on the Trust's website and click on Our Work/Conservation.

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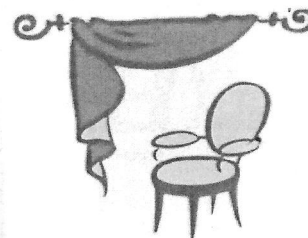
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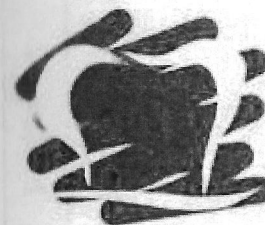
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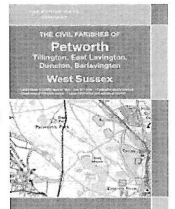
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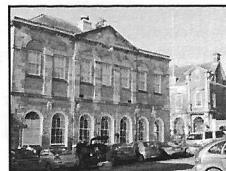
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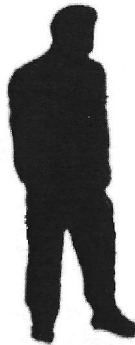
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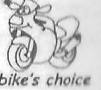


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Pakistan and India: While attention has been focused on terrorist organisation attacks on Christians, truly shocking attacks have been carried out on them by their own neighbours here and elsewhere. In **Pakistan**, apart from deadly attacks on churches and schools full of people, Christians are falsely accused of crimes, accused of blasphemy, tortured and murdered, and girls are frequently abducted, raped and forced to marry Muslims. In **India**, where most Christians are Dalits, fit only for the meanest work, they are treated to physical violence, false accusations, destruction of churches and disruption of services, hate campaigns, and pressure to convert to Hinduism. Astonishingly, this is where to find **church growth**. In such an atmosphere, the Christian message comes alive in hearts, and confident joy overcomes the antagonism. **GOD'S WORK**

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of our church

SIENNA ELOISE BODDY from Wyndham Road who was baptised on 29th March
ARCHIE EDWARD TORODE also from Wyndham Road who was baptised on 12th April
and

OSCAR TYLER McCOLL from Hampers Green, baptised on 19th April.

FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the soul of

NORMAN JOHN GOODYER who passed away at Worthing hospital on 8th March aged 86 years.

Norman was born in Fittleworth on 30th November 1928. His father, George and Grandfather before him, had been the local wheelwrights. He had two brothers, Gordon (who lives in Wyndham Road), Nigel and a sister, Sylvia (who lives in Orchard Close). He attended Fittleworth village school until he was 14 and then left to work as a gardener before he was called to carry out his National Service, which he served with the Royal Sussex Regiment. Norman later worked for Durrants the butchers who had shops in Fittleworth and Petworth and as a driver for Attfields a Pulborough haulage firm. His last place of work was at Haslingbourne where he was employed in the engineering section of Southern Electricity until his retirement. In 1956 he married Nancy Creswick at Fittleworth church and the couple made their home at Byhill where Nancy had lived all her life. They had two sons, Phillip and Andrew.

In earlier times he enjoyed playing football and in 1987 he became one of the founder members of the Fittleworth Short Mat Bowls Club. Another passion was his garden from which he enjoyed much pleasure. The funeral service was held at St Bartholomew's church on 2nd April and was followed by burial in the churchyard.

We send our condolences to Nancy, and to Phillip and Andrew and all the family in their loss.

Nancy wishes to express her thanks to all those who sent cards and messages of sympathy.

We also record the passing of

ANN VALMAI GRIFFITHS who passed away on 28th March aged 94 years. The widow of Dr Ted Griffiths, who many will recall was one of the practice doctors here in our local surgery.

At the time the family lived at Wotton, Grove Lane but following retirement moved to Little Common Cottages at Tillington. Ted died in 1992.

The Committal service took place at Chichester Crematorium on 17th April.

We offer our sympathy to Diana, David, Richard and Andrew in their loss.

Calendar and Services for May and early June

MAY

1 **St Philip & St James, Apostles**

3 **5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8.26-end, Psalm 22.25-end, 1 John 4.7-end, John 15.1-8

Eucharist 8.00 am

Family Praise 'ROGATION' (Egdean) 9.15 am

Family Service 10.30 am

Followed by Eucharist in St Thomas' Chapel 11.15 am

Holy Baptism (*George White*) 12.15 pm

Short Service of Nones 3.00 pm

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10 **6th Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)**

Acts 10.44-end, Psalm 98, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

Eucharist 8.00 am

BCP Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

14 **ASCENSION DAY**

Daniel 7.9-14, Psalm 47, Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-end

Eucharist with Hymns (chancel) 6.00 pm

15 **St Mathias the Apostle** (*transferred*)

17 **7th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension)**

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Evensong (Egdean) 4.00 pm

24 **PENTECOST SUNDAY WHIT SUNDAY**

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-end, Romans 8.22-27, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Eucharist 8.00 am

Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

31 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

Eucharist 8.00 am

Mattins (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

JUNE

1 **Visit of Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth** (*transferred*)

7 **Corpus Christi Sunday (Trinity 1)**

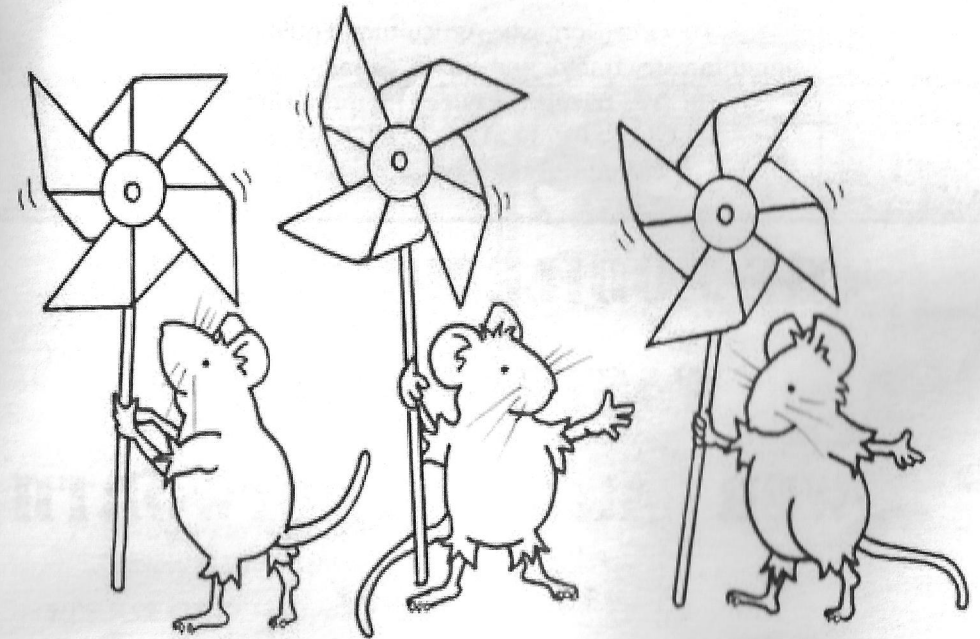
Genesis 14.18-20, Psalm 116.10-end, I Corinthians 11.23-26, John 6.51-58

Eucharist 8.00 am

Family Praise 'PET/ANIMAL SERVICE' (Egdean) 9.15 am

Corpus Christi Family Service 10.30 am

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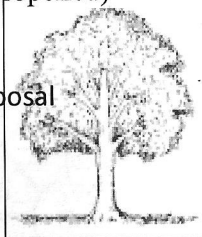
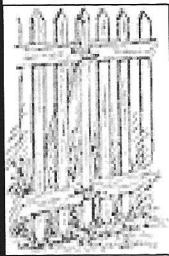
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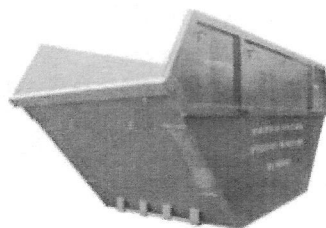
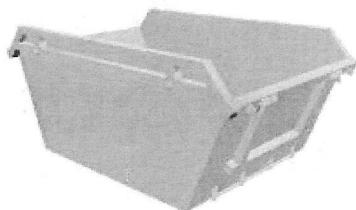
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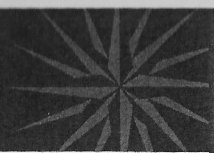
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