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

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AT

ST BARTHOLMEW'S CHURCH

Saturday 15th June, 2024

5.30 pm



Raffle Plants
Cakes & Produce
Book Stall Bric-a-brac

Proceeds to Egdean Church Funds

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

As we approach the month of June, we are reminded of the significant event of Ascension Day, commemorated in the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Petworth. Through the beautiful stained glass window depicting 'The Ascension of Our Lord.' This timeless event, captured in both scripture and art, holds profound significance for Christians worldwide.

The Ascension marks the final earthly appearance of Jesus Christ following his resurrection. As described in the Gospels, after spending forty days with his disciples post-resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, fulfilling the promise of his return to the Father. This event is not merely a conclusion to Christ's earthly ministry but signifies the beginning of a new phase in the divine plan of salvation.

The imagery of Christ ascending into heaven carries several layers of symbolism and theological importance. Firstly, it underscores the divinity of Christ. His ascension affirms his authority over all creation and his exaltation to the right hand of God. This elevation emphasizes his role as the divine mediator between God and humanity.

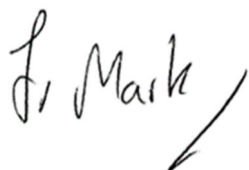
Secondly, the Ascension brings comfort and hope to believers. In his farewell discourse, Jesus assured his disciples that although he was physically departing from them, he would not leave them alone. His departure was not a farewell but a promise of his continued presence through the Holy Spirit. The words depicted in our stained glass window, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' remind us of Christ's promise of eternal dwelling with him in heaven.

Furthermore, the Ascension marks the inauguration of Christ's cosmic reign. Through his ascension, Jesus assumes his rightful place as the ruler of all creation, establishing his kingship over heaven and earth. This reign is characterized by justice, mercy, and love, offering hope to a world longing for redemption and restoration.

As we contemplate the significance of Ascension Day, let us be reminded of our call to bear witness to the risen and ascended Christ. Just as the disciples were commissioned to proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, we are called to share the hope and joy found in Christ's victory over sin and death.

May the imagery of the Ascension depicted in our stained glass window serve as a constant reminder of Christ's promise of eternal presence and his invitation to join him in the heavenly banquet prepared for all believers.

Yours in Christ,

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

***Golden Wedding Blessing
at
St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean***

During the Communion Service on Sunday 21st April
Fr Mark blessed Roger and Christine Dallyn
on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Annivesary.



Lunchtime Recital at St Mary's Church,
Church St, Petworth, GU28 0AD on Sunday
5th May 2024 at 1pm



An afternoon of song with piano accompaniment
performed by Cheryl and Matthew including
music by Gershwin, Mozart, Handel, Rodgers and
Hammerstein, Rachmaninoff, Bernstein....
Retiring Collection to defray expenses

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Festival OF CHICHESTER

Sunday, June 30, 3pm

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Event M18: MATTHEW AND EDWARD COOKE PLAY PIANO AND ORGAN DUETS FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON, St Paul's Church, Chichester, PO19 6FT

A varied programme of piano duets to include Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn, Petite Suite by Debussy and Capriol Suite by Warlock. Also an organ duet by Chichester composer John Marsh, and an engaging suite for piano and organ by Denis Bedard. Retiring collection for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Tea and cake served after the concert, which will last around an hour.

Donation

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PETWORTH

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) held on Wednesday 13th March

Opening Prayers

Father Mark welcomed Alexandra Soskin, Richard Hodgson and Andrew Harris (Architect) who gave the PCC a presentation on the proposed reinstatement of the Spire on St Mary the Virgin's tower.

He continued by saying that the church needed to be in a good financial situation to be able to look at a project such as the Spire. He also stated that there would be no decision tonight.

Mrs Soskin opened by saying that they were passionate about restoring the church to its former glory.

There would be absolutely no cost to the church, either now or for its maintenance in the future.

Why the interest? it would be a heritage project, a symbol of interest to the community and beyond, and to restore it to its former glory. The group feel that it would be a boost for St Mary's, and visitors, and a symbol of optimism. They would raise monies for the spire, and to help with the deficit which would take some of the financial burden from the PCC. There would be community benefit, by using local materials, and involving many local craftsmen in the project.

Funding has been gained for Spires elsewhere, giving some confidence that the project is feasible. They have spoken to a professional fund raiser, who is confident of raising money for this project.

Are we willing to allow the group to go out to the town to see if they would like a spire?

Concerns were expressed about spending so much money on a spire in the present financial climate. Mrs Soskin said that just the actual building of the spire could bring in many people, and schools, colleges etc.

The group feel that it would be inspirational beacon, drawing attention to the church. But change is always difficult, few people now can remember the church with a spire.

Would the church need to be closed during the building? Andrew Harris did not think it would be necessary. They would therefore be grateful for a decision in the reasonably near future.

Richard Hodgson and Andrew Harris spoke about the historical side of St Mary's, and the design, and how the spire might be built.

Father Mark thanked them for coming and their most informative talk. He again reiterated the need to be on a better footing as a church.

It was agreed that we will call a PCC meeting after Easter to discuss the Spire.

The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 24th January were approved.

An update on St Marys' finances: Eileen Lintill (EL) circulated papers and explained their contents. There was £17,333.06 in the CAF account as of today, and £30,023.35 the Santander reserve. EL had gained more understanding and is intending to do more, although she pointed out that she isn't actually the treasurer. EL requires a formal minute to apply to M&G to have the name changed on all charities from Adrian Easton to Eileen Lintill. Proposed by Jill Easton, seconded by Alan Sutton. EL recommends looking at how the charity money is used in the future.

It was pointed out by Andrew Howard that, the only reason that we are in the black, is because we are not paying our full Quota to the Diocese.

EL reported that there had been a significant leak in the Flower Vestry. Mark Temple found a split in the leading, and the down pipe outside was blocked. This has been addressed. Mark is also going to check the rest of the guttering. The boiler hatch is to be replaced, as it has been found to be unsafe. The Quinquennial will take place during the Summer.

The PCC were unanimous in requesting that Andrew Brooke should lead a sub group to look at fund raising for the repair the bell, and its frame. Andrew would be asked to report back to the PCC when appropriate. Proposed by Andrew Howard, seconded by Jill Easton.

To receive updates on;

Safeguarding: Father Mark, Di Parr and Emma Parr need to be certificated. New rules have been sent from the Diocese about those who must be trained. On line safeguarding training will need to be done by all the PCC members. Father Mark would also speak to the Bishop about the new rulings.

Pastoral Care: Eileen updated, with a cause for concern of one couple in our congregation.

PACT: Arrangements for Palm Sunday are in hand, there will be donkeys in the procession this year. The spring lecture will take place on 26th April.

Deanery Synod: There had been no recent meeting.

Family Support Work: The drop-in at Sylvia Beaufoy continues to be well supported. FSW are actively fund raising.

St Mary's Music: There was no update.

Derek Rudge (DR) had found a suitable Notice Board for the porch, it is 4ft x 3ft and is blue with an aluminium surround. It was agreed that this should go ahead.

DR also questioned whether we should return to having a sidespersons' rota. DR also said that he was happy to continue as sidesperson.

ST MARY'S PCC

Proposed dates of the PCC meetings for 2024

8th May AGM's and PCC

3rd July

18th September

20th November

(Please note that these dates may be subject to change)

SUSSEX SNOWDROP TRUST

Celebrating 'Art and Agriculture'

Zimmer Stewart Gallery present a unique exhibition and talk at South Stoke Barn in collaboration with The Sussex Snowdrop Trust. The exhibition 'South Stoke Idyll - A view from the barn' is open from 23rd to 27th May, 11.00 am - 6.00 pm.

Friday 24th May 6.30 pm. A talk by Ryan Haydon, farmer, and Adam Stead, artist, agriculturalist and researcher, with a panel discussion including artists Matt Bodimeade, Nick Bodimeade and Emma Hurst, led by James Stewart from the Zimmer Stewart Gallery. Tickets £15, include glass of Digby Fine English fizz on arrival. Visit www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com This event is sponsored by Sims Williams, Arundel.

Sunday 26th May. The Sussex Snowdrop Trust invites you to South Stoke Barn to view the exhibition and find out more about the farm. Bring a picnic - tea and cakes are provided from 3.00 - 5.00 pm for a donation.

Venue: South Stoke Barn, near Arundel, BN18 9PF.



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

[Bank Details for online giving: CAF Bank, Account Name: St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean: Account No. 00010862; Sort Code 40-52-40]

NB: Gift Aid forms are available in Church or from our Treasurer

NOTICES

Our collections during Lent raised £147 which have been donated to Family Support Work.

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 2nd May at 7.00 pm Woodruff Farm, Egdean.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US EVERYONE WELCOME.

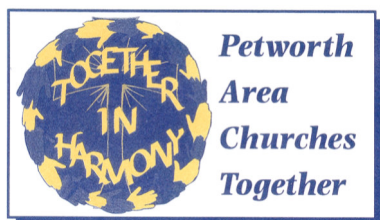
Sunday 19th May 3.00 - 5.30 pm - GARDEN OPENING - Hillgrove, Rosemary Lane, Petworth. Entry £5. Teas and Cake and Plant Sale in aid of St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean.

Annual Church Barbecue and Stalls - Saturday 15th June from 5.30 pm
Please let us know if you would like to help.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

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PACT NEWS Petworth Area Churches Together

working together in harmony

April was a busy month with the Palm Sunday Procession, our Easter Services and the spring lecture by Rev'd Gary Cregeen, the Diocesan Rural Officer for East Sussex.

The Summer will continue to be busy with our Petworth Festival Service on Tuesday 9th July when our speaker will be Kate Mosse, OBE, an international bestselling author with sales of more than five million copies in 38 languages. She lives in Chichester.

Towards the end of July, the Kids Club Summer Holiday Bible Club will be held from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August for all Primary School age children.

Further details on all these events to follow.

Gerald at Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com
<https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>

ST MARY'S QUIZ

On Friday the 19th April we held our Spring Quiz at the Hampers Green Hall. Eileen was kindly our Quiz Master again, with a great spread of questions both 'easy'! and harder. We had such an enjoyable evening with lots of fun and laughter. As usual everyone brought a plate of food and we broke half way through for supper.

My thanks goes to especially to Eileen, and all those who helped. We shall look forward to an Autumn Quiz perhaps?

Judy Howard



***St. Mary's is in need of a Treasurer!
Can you help?***

***Do you love/are you good at finances?
Can you help?***

Please contact Father Mark to discuss

St Mary's Church, Petworth



Coffee Morning

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

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

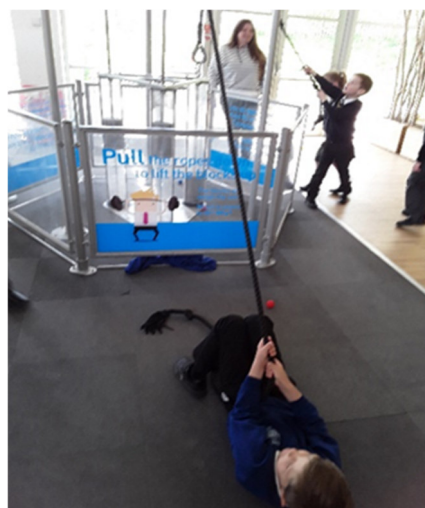
In aid of Church Funds

PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we start the summer term there is always a buzz around schools, which sometimes can be missed. The excitement the children get from eating their lunch outside, collecting the cut grass, bouncing on the trampolines, playing table tennis, going into the animal pens, a football match with over 30 children playing and no referee, looking after their allotments, digging holes and many other things, is something always lovely to see.

Already we have had our year two class visit the Science Museum in Winchester, where they were learning about space. Year two children are also having their turn at our Forest School, where I can guarantee they will be exploring the fauna, flora and the river during their time in the woodland. Other trips this half-term include, Willow Class (year six) visiting Paulton's Park and Ash Class (year one) going to Hogmoor Inclosure.

Our Goblin Car Team are trying to promote everyone to be as eco as possible. This year's design involves the children using plastic bottle lids (eg. milk bottle lids) and the children hope you will donate your milk bottles, at the school, for their electric car. Once the car has been built and the design completed, the children will need to race their car at Goodwood Motor Circuit.



PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK

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

Dear Future - I Leave This Place For You
Wednesday 22nd May, 11.00 am - 2.30 pm



Learn more about how a gift in your will could help us carry out crucial conservation work at Petworth House.

Without gifts in wills we simply wouldn't be able to look after the extraordinary places in our care. This special event will take you behind the scenes to see first-hand how your support is helping us carry out crucial conservation work every day, and how a gift in your own will could help to safeguard the future of our special places.

Join members of our expert team and gain insight into future projects as they take you on a guided tour of Petworth House.

Enjoy exclusive access to the Old Library which JMW Turner used as a studio on his many visits to Petworth. A local solicitor of the National Free Wills Network will be explaining why an up to date will is so important and we'll share information on the National Trust's free will writing service.

Over light refreshments, you'll have the opportunity to chat further to members of the team and learn more about why gifts in wills are so important to our work.

Free event. Booking essential. Please call 01793 817699.



 **St Mary's
Petworth**

You are welcome to join us for a free family breakfast at 9:15-10:15 am at St. Mary's Petworth. Followed by family jubilate service on 1st Sunday of each month!

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

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Sussex
Wildlife Trust

Hawthorn by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

You could set your calendar by it. Around the first day of May, our ancestors would step outside to find foamy white clouds erupting across the Sussex countryside; the Hawthorn was blooming, spring was turning to summer. The sight was so visually stunning and so linked with the arrival of May that Hawthorn became the only British plant to be named after the month in which it blooms. Well, the name Hawthorn is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *hagathorn* (*haga* meaning hedge). I'm referring to that other name for Hawthorn: May.

Unlike the impetuous Blackthorn, which flowers in March before it's even bothered to grow leaves, the Hawthorn is more dignified. It waits until it has clothed itself in undergarments of lobed leaves before it dons a resplendent gown of exquisite white flowers. This stunning costume and perfect timing meant Hawthorn took centre stage at May Day celebrations and it partied with Green Men, Morris Dancers, Maypoles and May Queens. 'Gathering nuts in May' actually refers to 'gathering knots of May' to make May Day garlands and decorations.



Then, in the middle of the eighteenth century, tragedy struck. I don't know about you, but I get thrown into disarray twice a year when the clocks change. My life would have gone into meltdown in 1752 as our whole calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian, and we lost an entire 11 days. In this new timeline, Hawthorn now found itself late for the party, blooming around May 12th.

It wasn't the first time Hawthorn had been cast aside. Superstitions dictated that bringing Hawthorn indoors led to misfortune - even death. This could stem from the fact that Hawthorn blooms release trimethylamine, which gives the flowers that unpleasant smell of cat's wee and attracts pollinating insects. It's also a chemical formed in decaying tissue and reminded people of the smell of Black Death - and nobody wanted to be reminded of that.

But the world has changed since I was a nipper - we're warming up. For a temperature-sensitive plant like Hawthorn, the blooming times are changing again. Hawthorn is responding to climate change by flowering up to two weeks earlier than it was thirty years ago. It has crept back to bloom around May Day and is now more commonly seen flowering at the end of April. So, this May Day, cast your clouts, get out into the great outdoors, and welcome the return of the real May Queen.



I remember at primary school being taught 'Ne're cast a clout 'til May is out'. I translated this gibberish into the fact that you should keep your warm clothes on until the end of May. I've only just discovered that 'May is out' refers to Hawthorn blooming. My clouts could have been cast weeks earlier.



PETWORTH VILLAGE MINIBUS

Shopping trips in May are on Friday 3rd to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and to Horsham on Friday 17th. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on Wednesdays 1st and 15th in the afternoon.

There is also a regular shopping trip on Wednesdays from Kirdford to Horsham.

On Friday 31st May there will be a lunchtime trip to the Frankland Arms in Washington.

The shopping and pub trips must be booked through me on (01798) 342942.

We are always in need of help to run your local community minibus, driving, escorting or helping with organising the trips. I would be grateful for any offers of your time, only a few hours each month. Please ring me if you are interested.

Caroline Stoneman, on (01798) 342942.

Capability Capella

voices in perfect harmony

“ Merry MAY-DAY Madrigals ”
~ at Mid-Day ~

Join us for 30 minutes of mindfulness
through *a cappella* music-making

Wednesday 1st May at 12 noon
~ St Mary's Parish Church, Petworth ~

*We will present a varied selection of madrigals from
the Tudor era, both light-hearted and thoughtful,
celebrating May-time, the harbinger of Summer*

MUSICAL SETTINGS BY –
Thomas Morley, Thomas Weelkes, John Farmer,
Orlando Gibbons, Orlando Lassus, and more

FREE ENTRY – NO TICKET REQUIRED

A retiring collection will be taken in aid of
STONEPILLOW & ST MARY'S CHURCH

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife. We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

Bridging the Care Gap: The Benefits of Live-in Care in Petworth

For those living in more remote areas of West Sussex, the prospect of needing care can bring unique challenges. Care options such as domiciliary care can be difficult to arrange in hard-to-reach locations, and the thought of leaving a close-knit community and relocating to a care home can be distressing.

Luckily, there is another option: live-in care in your own home can ensure your care needs are met, without the need to move and regardless of where you live.

Peace of mind for you and your loved ones

From companionship and help around the house to specialised options such as dementia care, a live-in carer is there to offer the right kind of support. They can assist with transportation to ensure access to essential services, support with daily routines, and in an emergency, live-in carers are trained to handle the situation efficiently and professionally.

Keep the home you love

To remain surrounded by the home and the area you've lived in for years is of huge comfort, especially if you're dealing with an illness or living with dementia.

Whether it's working in your garden, having coffee with your neighbours, or attending weekly events at the community centre, your routines, habits and social activities are an important part of life. With a live-in carer you'll be able to keep doing the things you love for longer, even when your care needs change.

To find out more about live-in care,

call Jo on 07901 550860 or email j.white-smith@promedica24.co.uk for a free, no-obligation assessment.

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The next Petworth Lunch Club will be on Tuesday 14th May at 12 noon in the URC Hall when the menu will be Chicken and Ham Pie with vegetables followed by a pudding yet to be decided. This costs £8.00, which includes tea or coffee. Don't forget to book on (01798) 342942.

If you would like to join us or find out about the Club please contact me - we would particularly welcome anyone who would be willing to help serve - no washing-up involved!

Caroline Stoneman

The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 7th May, Jacqueline Cockburn will talk on

‘Sorolla - Master of Light’

One of the most extraordinary Spanish artists, Sorolla created a world full of light and colour that delights the senses.



On Tuesday 4th June Andrew Prince will give a talk on
Catherine the Great:

The World's Greatest Collector

Empress Catherine II, became the sole ruler of the Russian Empire. With seemingly inexhaustible wealth, she created the most glittering court in Europe.

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

Doors open 1.15 pm. Coffee and tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £8

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

or email westsussex@theartsociety.org

www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

We will play Bingo at the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) on 1st and 15th of May starting at 1.30 pm. The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

The Coffee morning on Saturday 6th April in the URC Hall raised £318.65, thank you to all who contributed in many ways - an excellent result.

Advance notice - the AGM will be held on Thursday 20th June in the Centre at 2.30 pm followed by a free Cream Tea.

Don't forget that Annual Subs (£5.00) were due on 1st April - please pay on your first visit to the Centre.

Our Annual Outing on 28th August will be to Southsea where you will be able to visit the D Day Museum on the 80th Anniversary of D Day, if you wish.

We have vacancies on the Committee - if you are interested, please speak to me.

Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

We are now recruiting a new Chief Executive and it looks as though with a lot of work we may have a new person in situ by August. There will certainly be a lot of applicants.

My position on the SDNPA keeps me quite busy as I sit on the Planning committee and this also involves site visits, usually held one week before the Planning meetings. The April meeting took up most of my working day and this week the good part of another working day.

Please contact me if you need my help or information regarding National Park issues on either janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or my mobile 07979 152898.

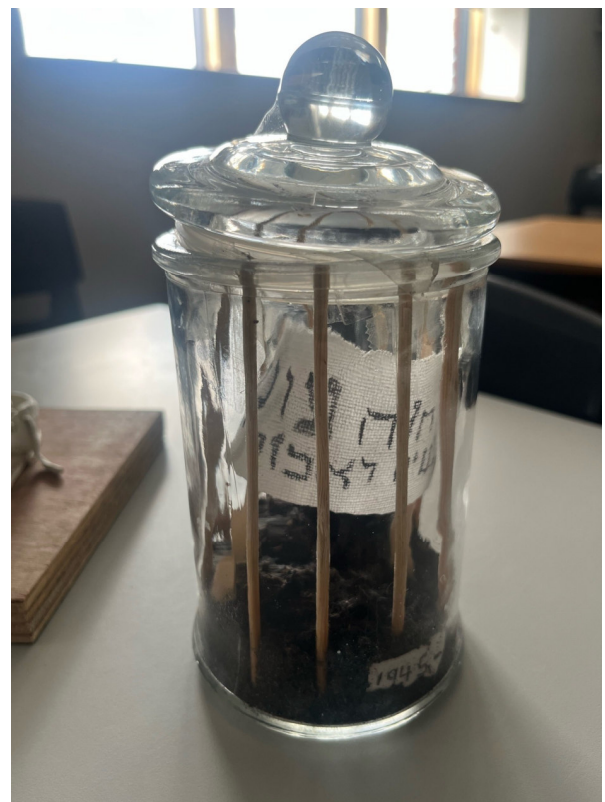
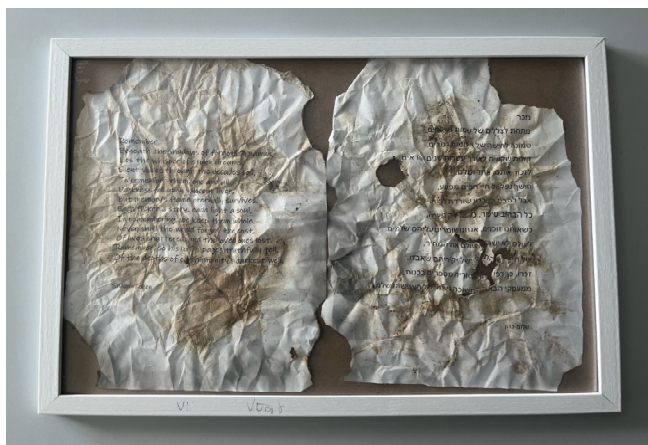
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MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Ensuring the Holocaust is Remembered

In their Religion and Philosophy lessons, Year 9 students at Midhurst Rother College have been gaining insight into the Holocaust. In this module of study, students learn about how the Jews were persecuted and murdered in Germany during WW2. They become more informed about Kristallnacht (the Night of the Broken Glass), the Einsatzgruppen (SS killing squad) and the concentration camps. They also learn that almost no one spoke out to help the Jews and that many Jews and others did not know what happened at the camps. They take away a clear understanding of why it is so important that something as atrocious as this ever happens again.

They have been working on Holocaust memorials to help ensure the Holocaust is remembered by future generations. Students were tasked with creating something that commemorated the lives of those lost, while being engaging and full of symbolism. After spending a lesson looking at memorials around the world, students began to plan projects they could create at home over the Easter Holidays. These memorials had to be accompanied with a written explanation of the symbolism behind their creation, along with an explanation about why memorials of this nature are so important at ensuring we learn from this history. Memorials ranged from small garden models, art installations, paintings, drawings, sculptures along with written tributes including poems and case studies on survivors. Students have tackled this subject with maturity and created impressive pieces of work which we are very proud of.



MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Rother Valley School Enrichment Programme Year 5 Musical Theatre It Was The Greatest Show!

40 wannabe West End stars, from Year 5 across the Rother Valley School Locality, came together at Midhurst Rother College for a 2-day spectacular Musical Theatre Workshop.

The workshop was based on the musical drama film 'The Greatest Showman' and was led by Miss Soby, Teacher of Performing Arts with her team of MRC students. The young stars explored the skills required to perform musical theatre, and worked towards a final theatrical performance for parents, which combined spoken dialogue, acting and dance around the songs The Greatest Show and This Is Me. It really was The Greatest Show!

Midhurst Rother College are excitedly looking forward to welcoming these young performers to their performing arts team in the coming years.



CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR MAY AND EARLY JUNE

MAY

5th

EASTER 6

Acts 10.44-48, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Family Service at Egdean Rogation	9.15 am
Jubilate Eucharist	10.30 am

9th

ASCENSION DAY

Holy Eucharist	9.00 am
Sung Eucharist	7.00 pm

12th

EASTER 7

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

19th

PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY

Acts 2.1-21, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

26th

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

JUNE

2nd

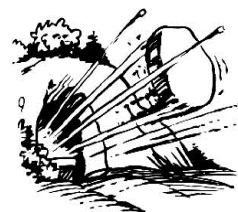
CORPUS CHRISTI

Exodus 24.3-8, Hebrews 9.11-15, Mark 14 12-16, 22-26

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Family Service at Egdean 'Give us our daily bread'	9.15 am
Jubilate Eucharist	10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday - Friday Holy Eucharist 9.00 am



FOLLOW THE SERVICES

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

I am sure you have all seen on national and local news the flooding on the coast in West Sussex. This extraordinary weather just goes on and on and, that added to the normal exceptional high tides, at this time of the year everything came at once. West Sussex Fire and Rescue and many other agencies were on site to help people. It must be devastating to wake up and find water swirling around your bed, etc. Luckily no one came to serious harm, I believe one person was taken to hospital with suspected hypothermia. Now, of course, the clearing up has to be done.

As ever it's Highways that dominate my emails and all I can really say is that as ever I report all issues from residents, Parish and Town Councils and what I find for myself whilst driving around my division. These when logged get a job number and after that it's 'here's hoping'. It is not a quick process and all the circumstances this winter and spring that hasn't helped.

Our Children's Homes have been inspected recently by OFSTED and I am pleased to say that all 6 have fared pretty well, 2 being outstanding and the other 4 good. We continue to improve generally but are not there yet.

I recently had a very interesting session at Platinum House, the new Fire Station and training centre at Broadbridge Heath. This also goes from strength to strength with many training enquires, not only from the UK, but across the world. The day before my session the Chief Fire Officer had meetings with representatives from South Korea with the possible intention to send Fire and Rescue people from there for some training.

It is not an easy job getting around all my 11 Parishes although I have found that attending Parish and Town Councils helps me to keep up to speed. The the other way is by attending village events, especially Parish lunches, which are amazing and I get to meet so many people.

You probably saw that we have a new Chief Executive who can't join us for another couple of months yet as he has to work out his notice as deputy Chief Executive for Surrey County Council. His name is Leigh Whitehouse and, until he can join us, Becky Shaw will stay and then return full time to East Sussex County Council.

I hope is that we get some good weather now for what's left of spring and look forward to a good summer

Please contact me if you need my help or information regarding County Council issues on either janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or my mobile 07979 152898.

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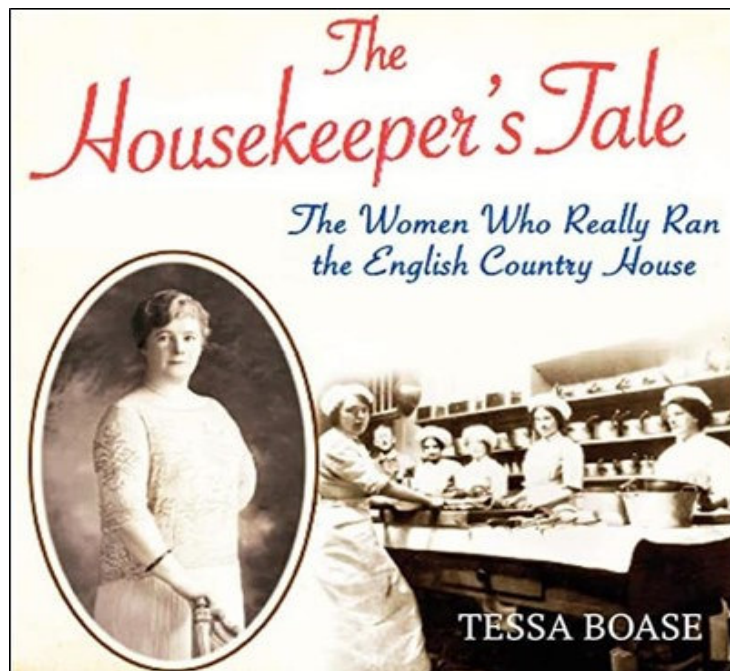
All members and visitors are most welcome to attend the forthcoming talk:

Wednesday 1st May

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Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
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Members free and non-members £7. (No booking required.)

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

We send our good wishes to **MILLIE BRYDER and TOM CARTER** from Egremont Row, Angel Street, following their Marriage at All Hallows Church, Tillington on 27th April.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

It hardly seems any time at all since my last update to you. With Easter well and truly behind us we are focussing on the core work of FSW - our one-to-one family visits, as well as planning a busy summer schedule.

We were delighted to welcome Michelle Stokes to the team at the start of April—Michelle is the new assistant family support practitioner for Midhurst, Petworth and Storrington. Michelle will be assisting the practitioners in these areas with group activities, family outings and general support which will enable us to work with more families and increase our offering in these areas. Our Worthing practitioner, Lydie, retired from FSW at the end of April - we are so grateful for her caring support of so many families over the years, particularly her work with refugee families, and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Last week we received a message from a young adult whose family we supported for many years. The young person was a teenager when we first started supporting the family, and had some very challenging experiences to deal with. The family is no longer on our client base but she and her practitioner remained in touch. We wanted to share her message with you as it really shows the value of our long-term support:

'I just want to say how grateful I am to you for helping me through life. It's been a long journey and a scary one too but I think I've nearly made it. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. You mean so much to me and mum so I just want to say thank you for believing in me.'

Our events schedule is now in full swing, although unfortunately the recent bad weather meant the cancellation of the first open gardens of the season in early April. We would love to see you at any of the events, details of which can be found on our website. We do hope that you will particularly support our new Cuckmere Pilgrim walk on 30th May, which promises to be a really special event.

March's work in numbers

242 individual visits and 1202 calls with families supporting 290 adults and 179 children

44 supported meetings with other agencies

44 group sessions held supporting 669 parents and 250 children

89 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks for Michelle, our new assistant family support practitioner, and pray that she will settle in to her role quickly

Pray for good weather for all of our outdoor events over the coming month

Give thanks for Lydie and all she gave to FSW, and pray for a long and happy retirement

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Coultershaw History Group

Petworth and surrounding area

The history group meets twice a month on Wednesdays in The Warehouse at the bottom of the Heritage Site. We aim to provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where we can learn together about history and heritage in the Petworth area.

There is no fixed charge but donations are welcome towards refreshments and, when required, speakers' fees. Surplus funds are used to buy books for the research team's library.

January to July 2024 programme

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
10/01/24	10:30	1000 years of Arundel's history	John Barkshire
24/01/24	19:00	Bignor Roman Villa	Liz Leggett
14/02/24	10:30	The historic & modern role of High Sheriffs	Andy Bliss QPM
28/02/24	19:00	Midhurst then and now	Dave Rudwick
13/03/24	10:30	Chichester & District Archeology Society - fieldworks and finds	Steve Cleverly & Richard New
27/03/24	19:00	Petworth Friendly Societies	Miles Costello
10/04/24	10:30	Mrs Barlow, a 19th century archaeologist from Midhurst	Dawn Cansfield
24/04/24	19:00	A life on the Rother - connections to the past	Andrew Thompson
08/05/24	10:30	The Coultershaw Story - Water, Water Everywhere	Tony Sneller
22/05/24	19:00	Limeburners, Lords & Labourers	Richard Howell
12/06/24	10:30	The Coultershaw Collection - introducing the archive.	Miles Costello
26/06/24	19:00	Life at the turn of the 20th century	Anne Morrill
10/07/24	10:30	Messages from the Ministry - documentaries from 1930 - 1950 (Videos)	Tony Sneller
24/07/24		No meeting as it is the Petworth Festival	

Up to date information can be found on our website: coultershaw.co.uk/events/

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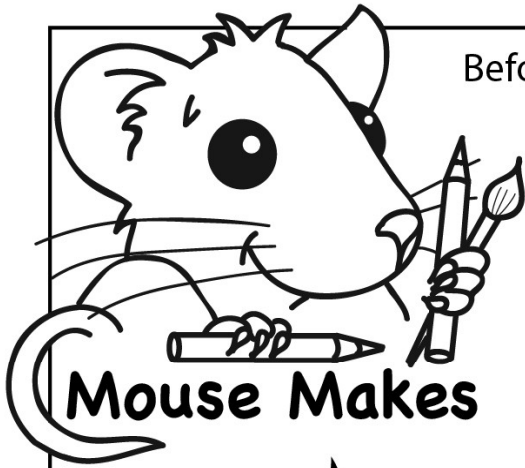
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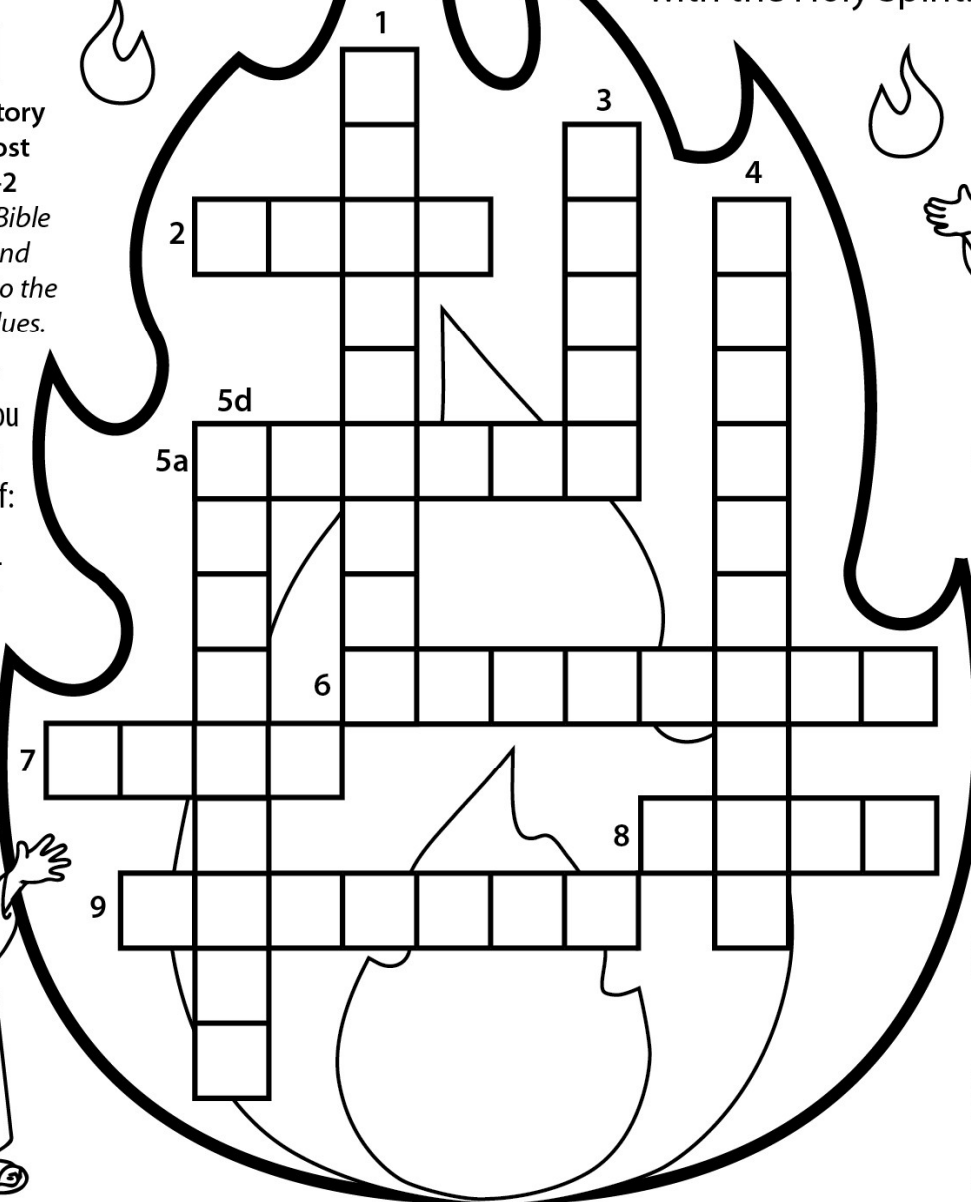
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 and they were all filled
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 in Acts 1-2
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 the answers to the
 crossword clues.

How many
 words can you
 make from
 the letters of:
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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? <i>Acts 1:12</i> | 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i> |
| 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? <i>Acts 2:3</i> | 9 What did they start speaking in? <i>Acts 2:4</i> |
| 3 Who spoke to the crowd? <i>Acts 2:14</i> | 7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i> |
| 4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i> | |
| 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i> | |
| 5d Which special day was it? <i>Acts 2:1</i> | |
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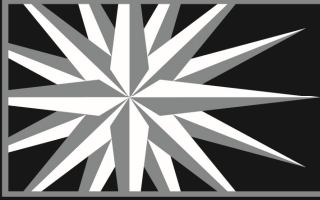
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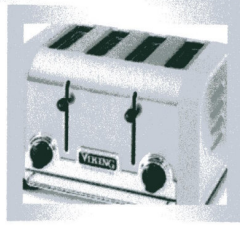
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