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## From Canon Mark Gilbert

This is an extract from the Royal British Legion web site.

### Armistice Day – The Two Minute Silence

*A time for Silence, a time for Reflection ...*

The act of observing a Two Minute Silence began in 1919 following the Armistice at 11.00 am on the 11th November 1918 at the end of the First World War.

The observance of a silence, heads bowed in reflection and prayer - these and other solemn acts transcend boundaries and borders. In themselves, they may amount to small individual acts. Carried out at the same time, they can go from 'individual' to 'collective' - rare moments when whole nations can stand together, remember and reflect on the price and value of freedom.

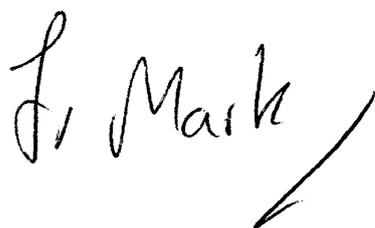
*'If we are to maintain our peace and freedom, we must always remember.'*

More than three quarters of the population are expected to pause for the Two Minute Silence at 11 am on 11th November, the moment the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War. This has become the biggest annual demonstration of public support for any cause in the country.

The success of The Royal British Legion's campaign for the reinstatement of the Two Minute Silence on Armistice Day - at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – demonstrates the nation's concern that the human cost of war should not be forgotten. Particularly important with all that is going on in the world at the moment.

As well as the Requiem Eucharist on Sunday Morning and Traditional service on Sunday Afternoon at 3.00 pm we will have a short act of remembrance on Wednesday 11th of November at 10.55 am at the War Memorial. Please do come along.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Mark" with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

**Sunday 1st November  
Requiem for All Souls  
Please come to St Marys Church at 4.00 pm**



**If you would like a loved one remembered, please leave their name on the list on Col Maude's table by the south door**

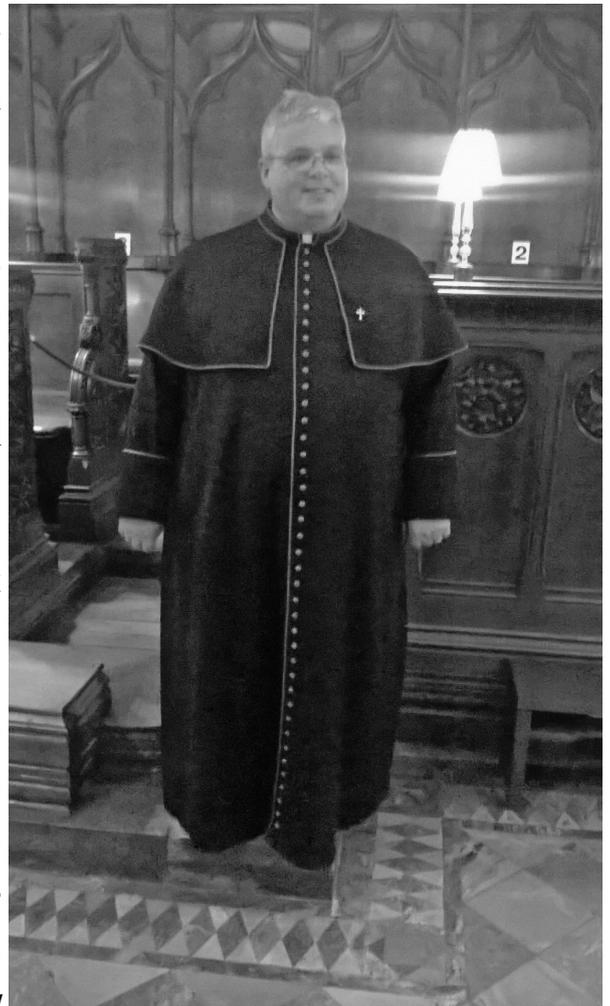
### **The new Prebendary of Highleigh**

Father Mark Gilbert was installed as the new Prebendary of Highleigh in a service held in Chichester Cathedral on Sunday 11th October. He was well supported by his family, members of his previous parish, and nearly 20 parishioners from St. Mary's Petworth. Three bishops were present, including Martin and Mark, as well as many other clergy. The service included choral evensong led by the cathedral choir.

The general consensus amongst those who went from Petworth was 'a lovely service'.

*Historic note: The post of prebendary in a cathedral is a truly historic one, deriving in turn from the Latin praebenda meaning 'salary or pension', via the Old French 'prebende'. In early Medieval times, prebendal churches were chosen because of their significant income, and formed a cherished prize for those thus rewarded by both bishops and monarchs for loyal service. The post was for life rather than hereditary post of rector. If the appointed Prebendary was unable or unwilling to carry out parochial duties then a minor benefice was created for a vicar to carry out those duties on his behalf.*

***Andrew Howard***



## ***St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean***

Web site: [www.egdeanparish.com](http://www.egdeanparish.com)

### Dates for your Diary:

#### Family Praise Services:

Sunday 1st November 9.15 am 'All Saints'

Sunday 6th December 9.15 am 'Christingle'

#### Annual Church Buffet Supper

Saturday 7th November 6.30 - 7.00 pm Woodside Cottage

*Everyone welcome please put your name down on the list in church if you are able to join us.*

***Christine Dallyn***

***Egdean PCC Hon Secretary***

## **PETWORTH FAIR**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

St Mary's has been asked once again to take part in the Annual Petworth Fair. We believe that it is an excellent opportunity to publicise our Church, and show that there are things happening other than our Sunday services. The Christmas Fair and the Christingle Service are not far away, so this offers a great chance to display information about both events. Last year Vic put up a display of photographs from events which happened during the year, and hopefully we may be able to have a similar display this year which would include the Flower Festival.

In addition to the publicity it would be good to have homemade sweets and biscuits for sale and perhaps, as last year, a few craft items. If you are able to provide anything, or man the stall for any time between 3.00 pm to 9.00 pm your help will be gratefully received. Please contact Jackie Smith on 342487.

## **5TH SUNDAY CHARITY LUNCH**

Following the morning service and coffee a lunch in aid of the Children's Society will be held in St Mary's on Sunday 29th November. £10 to include a glass of wine. Please sign the list on Col Maude's table.

## **NATIVITY EXHIBITION FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are beginning to make plans for our fifth Nativity Exhibition. This has become an annual event which has proved very successful, bringing in not only Petworth Primary School and many local organisations.

We were delighted with the response last year, and were very impressed with Petworth Primary who always put in cribs from each class. We had a wide range of crafts represented, with knitting, clay models, dolly pegs and much more. Other groups represented included The Petworth Society, Community Church, The Friendship Centre (Mrs Pat Turland), Evolve Youth Club, Val Fowler for the United Reformed Church, Beaver Scouts, Kaleidoscope Nursery and many more. The event is open to anyone who would like to be involved, as individuals or groups or clubs.

If you would like to participate in our Christmas project please contact Jackie Smith (342487) or Jean Huggett (343906) for further information.

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE**

This year Christingle will be on Sunday 6th December. The afternoon will begin at 2.00 pm with games and Christmas crafts. We will have tea at 4.00 pm, followed by Carol singing. The Christingle celebration will begin at 5.00 pm. This very special service is for many the beginning of the Christmas celebrations and is enjoyed by all ages. The collections for this service will go to The Children's Society. Please come if you can.

Children's Society collecting boxes are usually collected in at this time, some arrive at the Christingle service. If it is convenient to bring the boxes to church they will be gratefully accepted; or collection can be arranged by calling Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

### **PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB**

**PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB** will meet on Monday 16th November - note change of day and date!!, for the last time in Petworth House - do come and celebrate at noon. £6.50, and any dietary or transport requests can be accommodated.

There will be menus and details of the outing on Thursday 10th December meeting at 10.30 am outside St Mary's Church. There will be an opportunity for Christmas shopping! Menus will be available in due course. Cost £10.

Phone 01798 343162 to book a place for either occasion.

*Catherine Perschke*

## HARVEST LUNCH 2015

ST Mary's traditional Harvest Lunch was held on Sunday 4th October in St. Thomas' Chapel. Attendance was excellent, at well over 40, and the repast, all provided by those present, even better! The net proceeds of £260.40 from ticket sales, the raffle, and wine sales will be sent to the Diocesan Harvest Appeal.



This year there were four special guests of honour, Father Richard Hoyal and Muriel, and Father Keith Hyde Dunn and Margaret. They were invited as a thank you for all they have done over the past two years to help St. Mary's through difficult times. Presentations were made to all four in recognition of their hard work and their support.



An excellent occasion and good to see lots of familiar faces amongst us!

*Andrew Howard*

**St Mary's Church Petworth**



**Coffee  
Morning**

**Saturday 14th November 2015  
10.00 am -12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle  
and Refreshments**

**In aid of Family Support Work**

## MODERNISING ST MARY'S CHURCH SINCE 1800

Although the major refurbishment took place in 1904, there is evidence in pictures and words of changes that have occurred from the early 1800s to the present day.

One of the projects that J M W Turner was involved in when visiting Petworth House was a series of images of the church interior apparently during a service. From these sketches – and later knowledge – we can surmise that in the last 200 years the position of the organ has changed 4 times (and its console has been in 5 different positions); and there have been at least 3 places for the pulpit.

The Turner sketches show that the pulpit – a three-decker structure – was in the south-east corner of the Nave in front of the Chancel Arch. Each level of the pulpit had a specific use. Traditionally the lowest level was used by the clerk, usually for leading the responses, the middle tier was for the reading of the lessons, while the priest went to the top to deliver his sermon which was an important – and perhaps very long – part of the service.



*A sermon from the high pulpit*



One of the artist's sketches is looking towards the west end of the Church, and, in spite of his impressionistic style, it clearly shows the organ on an upper gallery at the West End. Space was available for choristers on either side of the organist's console.

### *The west end - the organ gallery*

By 1900 both the pulpit and organ had been moved, the former to the more customary north-east corner of the Nave, while the body of the organ had disappeared into St Thomas' Chapel (presumably with the console in the arch between the Chancel and the Chapel).



*Pulpit and south side of the church*



*Chancel pre 1903*



*Easter 1900*

At this time the Church had a very different look compared with the present day. There were Clerestory windows that gave the roof a strange and ugly pitch, and the dark plastered ceiling to the Nave had a shallow barrel vaulting supported by timbers resting on corbels. On three sides of the Nave were galleries which were attached to the pillars, and contributed to a dark feel within the building. Illumination was by gaslight, and brackets were attached to the front of the galleries between each pillar. There was no Chancel Screen, so there was a clear sight to the High Altar. No access was possible between the North Transept and St Thomas' Chapel which was empty apart from the organ, the statue of the 3rd Earl of Egremont which was in the centre of the Chapel, surrounded by railings, and the Percy Memorial against the blocked arch to the North Transept.

In 1903 the Church was closed for a major refit. To cater for services during the work a 'Tin Tabernacle' – an Iron Church – was provided by His Lordship, and was positioned on land just above the National Westminster Bank.

After the Church services had moved back to St Mary's in 1904 the Iron Church (later known as The Iron Room) was used for other events. It was eventually dismantled in 1963.



*Kevis 1903*



*The iron Room 1963  
(Garland Collection)*

During the next 18 months St Mary's was virtually reroofed, the galleries removed and a smaller gallery inserted at the west end where a large window was inserted. The Nave ceiling was replaced with an arched one consisting of low relief panels in light plaster, and the corbels were hidden by carved angels which were copied from a Church in Norfolk.



*A carved angel*

An organ gallery was positioned in the tower above a new Baptistry and a new instrument by Brindley and Foster inserted. The Chancel was provided with a new East Window and an ornate Reredos behind the Altar. The statue of the 3rd Earl was removed from St Thomas' Chapel to the North West corner of the Church, and the Percy memorial was repositioned in the Baptistry, enabling the arch between the Chapel and the North Transept to be opened up. With the provision of an Altar it would be possible to use the Chapel for smaller services. All the original pews and other woodwork were stripped out, and new floors, panelling and pews were provided. Consequently none of the woodwork in the Church is older than about 110 years.

August 1904 saw the Church being reopened with some ceremony. The Rector, the Revd. Herbert E Jones (later to become Bishop of Lewes) waxed lyrical about the changes in the Parish Magazine. He stated:

*'It would be difficult for anyone who knew the Church before its restoration to recognise it now.*

*Formerly it gave one the impression of a very dark Church. Now it is full of light and colour. The alterations are so extensive that it is difficult to know how to describe them.*

.....

***Revd. Herbert Jones and Family***





*Kevis 1904*

Over the next few decades changes and improvements were relatively minor. In 1907 the Chancel Screen was inserted as a memorial to Peryn Watson; the organ was rebuilt and enlarged in 1912, and in 1987 it was further rebuilt and enlarged with elements from a similar instrument originally in Cambridge, and the console was repositioned in the Chancel; the High Altar was dedicated in 1950 to commemorate those killed in the bombing of the boys school in 1942; during the redecoration in 1958 the ceiling panels were painted – paid for by public subscription. Some of the gas brackets were converted for electric lights and there are four that are in use still.



*West End pre 2000*

After many years of concern about the lack of toilets and other basic facilities within the Church, plans were put in place at the turn of the century.

The Church was a space that was dedicated to worship with pews throughout the building (apart from St Thomas' Chapel which is officially in the ownership of the Leconfield family), and it was very difficult to use St Mary's for the increasing number of secular events that were scheduled during the times when it was not wanted for religious activities. By removing the pews from the South Aisle (a relatively recent addition to the building), carpeting the space and providing comfortable chairs, it became a useful welcome and social area. The space under the West Gallery which was almost unusable was partitioned off to provide a kitchen, store room, two toilets (one disabled) and a meeting room. The lobby inside the West Door was extended, making a good-sized weatherproof entrance to the Church. It is difficult to remember what all this was like before the change, so well has it fitted into the building.

A number of years ago improved lighting to the Chancel was installed. Two years ago the Friends of St Mary's funded a new sound system. Modern LED lighting to the Nave, North Transept and North Aisle was completed this year as a joint venture between the Friends of St Mary's and the PCC.

Outside during these two centuries features have included two spires (both removed for safety reasons – the last one in 1947), and just after that time the rendering on the tower was condemned and removed, exposing the brickwork underneath.

### *Vic Constable*

*The article above was one of 18 published in the 'Celebration of Petworth' programme which supported the Flower Festival in August.*

*Copies of the programme are still available to purchase.*

## **GIFT DAY**

At the time of writing Gift Day donations, with Gift Aid tax return allowed for, are nearing £4,000, only some £200 less than last year, with no doubt some more to come, if previous years are anything to go by. To anyone who forgot, there is still time. It's never too late!

*Andrew Howard*

*Honorary Treasurer*

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S**

Monday:	Parent Toddler Group	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday:	Keep Fit with Chair Exercises	10.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday:	Art Group	10.00 am -12.00 noon

Do come and join us for any of these activities, a warm welcome awaits you

## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER**

**11.30 AM - 1.30 PM**

Please note to coincide with opening of the stalls at the Christmas Lights Event our Christmas Fair will start at 11.30 am with the Town Fair opening at 12 noon.

As last year soup and rolls will be served at lunch time.

Please look and see what you can find in the way of gifts, and cakes, sweets, etc. will also be welcome. Please no bric-a-brac this time.

Volunteers are again needed to look after the following, please let me know if you are able to help and, if so, where.

Toys, Gifts, Plants, Books, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola,  
Teas/Coffees/Soup, Christmas Decorations,  
Sweets/Biscuits, Jams/Conserves  
Children's Toys/Gifts

*Jean Huggett*



This is our 6th year and our reputation is growing! Do come and view our Art Exhibition. There is an amazing variety of local artistic talent. The charity we are supporting this year is 'Lodsworth Local Care' and the artists donate 10% of their sales, to our chosen charity.

**Saturday 14th November to Sunday 22nd November. 11.00 am - 8.00 pm**



## WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

For 900 years the parish church at COCKING had no dedication until in April 2007 the congregation agreed that it should be dedicated to ST CATHERINE OF SIENA whose name was engraved on one of the three church bells. St Catherine was an Italian woman who used her comparatively short life to serve the sick, the poor and the imprisoned.

A Saxon church at Cocking was mentioned in the Domesday Book which was replaced by the present Norman building. Much of the nave, the chancel arch and parts of the chancel remain, however in the 14th Century, the chancel was altered when a south aisle and tower were added. Note in particular the medieval mural in the splay of the Norman window high on the south wall of the nave. It depicts an angel appearing to the shepherds who are shown with a dog pointing at the star of Bethlehem and can be dated to about 1220. This window, blocked when the aisle was constructed, was uncovered in 1896. Substantial additions carried out at this time included a north aisle and porch built in 1865 with the aisle being extended some thirty years later to include a vestry.

A partial Saxon grave slab is mounted on the north wall of the sanctuary alongside a 13th Century Easter Sepulchre, also of interest is the well preserved 12th Century piscina. In the chancel are three grave slabs to previous priests, on the east wall James Maidlow, died 1796 aged 62 a curate for 24 years. On the south wall Melmoth Skynner, vicar for 24 years died 1882 aged 90 and James Baker, vicar for 28 years, died 1736 aged 71 years who also served as Archdeacon of Chichester.

The south aisle contains a Lady Chapel with a second altar. The plain tub shaped font dates from the 12th Century.

There is only one stained glass window in the south wall of the chancel, depicting St Richard, although the face shown is that of Bishop Richard Durnford who had recently died. It was installed in 1896 in memory of Richard Drummond Ash, rector of the parish between 1860 and 1888.

The church has a ring of three bells, the first was cast in 1420, the second in 1448 and the third in 1616.

The parish of Cocking was united with Bepton in 1931. Later changes brought West Lavington into the Benefice. However, with falling numbers and the poor condition of the fabric West Lavington church was closed and the congregation transferred to Cocking parish in 2008. A more recent change has now brought Heyshott parish into the newly combined benefice.

*John Townsend*

## PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s CENTRE

Dates for your Diary - November 2015

Wednesday 4th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Friday 14th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Beetle
Wednesday 18th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

The Annual Christmas Tea will be held in the Audit Room in Petworth House on **SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 4.30 pm.**

*Caroline Stoneman*

*House Committee Chairman*

### **WEST SUSSEX DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 3rd November  
at 1.30pm (Members only)**

**This will be followed by a talk at 2.30, on  
'Image and Devotion: Art and Life in Medieval Monasteries'**  
Exploring how the artistic riches of monasteries played a role in  
the daily life of nuns and monks. Given by Roger Rosewell

At 2pm on Tuesday December 1st Dr James Lindow will give a lecture on

**'Glory to the Newborn King - Depictions of the  
Nativity in European Art'**

**The absence of detail of the nativity, has led artists and  
theologians to amplifying it.**

There will be Mince Pies and Mulled Wine following the talk.

Meetings are held in Fittleworth Village Hall

Coffee is available from 1.20pm in December only

For membership details please contact Beth Dugan on 01730 815339

Visitors are welcome for a fee of £5



## PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Early Years and Key Stage One

Our current Learning Experience is 'Kings and Queens'. We had a garden party in our school grounds, which involved writing lists and instructions before making cakes and sandwiches to eat. We were also visited by the Queen, who challenged the children to find out who was missing from her family tree. Over the next few weeks we will be using the internet and information books to find out more about the Royal family.



Icing our cupcakes ready for the party.



# **PETWORTH PLAYERS**

## **The Snow Queen Pantomime**

Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th November

A thrilling and enchanting pantomime that sees a young boy 'Kay' stolen by the Snow Queen and held captive in her ice palace. As Kay's friends and family band together to try and save him, come and watch as they encounter Flying Reindeer, Ghosts, Robbers and even a Yeti along the way!!

The Snow Queen is the perfect winter time pantomime and fun for all the family!

Performances include:

Thursday evening 7.30 pm

Friday evening 7.30 pm

Saturday Matinee 2.30 pm

Saturday evening 7.30 pm

\*All performances are held at the Herbert Shiner Centre, Petworth.\*

Tickets will SOON be available at Bay Tree Bakery, Petworth  
or online at [www.petworthplayersco.uk](http://www.petworthplayersco.uk)

Advance ticket prices are: Adults £10, Children £8

As a special offer for this pantomime, we are offering a Family ticket:

2 Adults and 2 Children for £32!!

## **SOUTH DOWNS DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

*Inspiring, Dynamic and Fun*

**On 4 November the lecture will be  
On Either Side of No Man's Land-  
British & German Artists of WWI  
Speaker: Clare Ford-Wille**

**On 2 December the lecture will be  
Norman Rockwell's Christmas Wish  
Speaker: Charles Harris**

**Fittleworth Village Hall  
At 10.30, coffee from 9.50  
New members warmly welcomed  
Please call 01403 783359**

# *Petworth*

## *Christmas Lights*

*Sat 5th Dec*

*12 noon - 8 pm*

- Amazing array of window displays (some live!)
- Local singers in the Square
- Late night Christmas shopping
- Delicious local food & drink
- Fun Fair and Stalls
- Candlelight Lantern Procession
- Live Nativity

*6.30pm Christmas  
Tree Lights switch  
on with carols  
and music*

*Santa's  
Grotto from 2pm  
and children's activities  
in Leconfield Hall*

*For further info e-mail [petworthnp@outlook.com](mailto:petworthnp@outlook.com)*

# **PETWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHT EVENT**

## **Candlelight Procession and Live Nativity**

Why don't you, your children or grandchildren come and join us in our Candlelight Procession from St Mary's Church, down Lombard Street into the Square, with your own Lanterns, or come and join us in our workshop in the Leconfield Hall and make your own between 12.00 and 4.30 pm.

## **MIDHURST CAMERA CLUB**

### **Programme for November 2015**

We are a social club for people who love photography, offering our members the opportunity to learn and improve their photography.

We have a very active social programme with one or two weekend events each month during the winter, and Wednesday evenings during the summer months.

Everyone is welcome, from the complete beginner to the very experienced. Although DSLRs are used by the majority of the more experienced members, increasingly members are using Compact System Cameras; there are no restrictions on the type of camera you use from a 'point and shoot' to a professional DSLR.

Our meetings are held on a Wednesday evening – usually one competition, one speaker and one practical evening each month. We are based at Cowdray Hall, Parkway, Easebourne Street, Midhurst, GU29 0AW. Doors open at around 7.15 pm and meetings commence at 7.45 pm.

November's events are as follows:

#### **11th November**

Speaker – David Boag 'The world of a wildlife photographer' –David promises to make everything achievable and fun – and prove that expensive equipment is not what is important.

#### **13th November**

Regnum Crouch – Print Competition at Henfield Camera Club

#### **18th November**

Practical evening – After Dark

#### **25th November**

Print Round 1 – Set Subject 'Simplicity'

Judge – Rob du Ruiten LRPS

# THE ST THOMAS CHAPEL AND ITS MONUMENTS

## 1. The Dawtrey Family

Like most churches which are neighbours to a great house, St Mary's has undergone much improvement over the years, some of it ruthless. However, the north side, the Choir and the St Thomas Chapel preserve its antiquity, particularly the chapel, supposedly founded as part of the royal restitution for the murder of St Thomas of Canterbury. It has been suggested that a considerable contribution to its building was made by Sir William *de Alta Ripa* (Meaning: *of the high bank (of the river)*), corrupted into Dawtrey, and that the chapel therefore became the burial place for his descendants over several centuries. Right of interment passed in the first quarter of the 17th century, to the Earls of Northumberland, in the time of Henry Percy, the 9th Earl. It remained for centuries a burial place for the family and later for the Wyndhams, their related successors at Petworth.

It is the Dawtrey connection which has left a particularly striking work showing the development of church monuments - the Dawtrey tomb, with its two kneeling figures, of Sir John Dawtrey, died 1542, and his wife, Jane Shirley, who predeceased him. The Dawtrey coat of arms, bearing the five vertical *fusils* (tall, narrow four pointed forms) is above the figure of Sir John and the more heavily charged arms of the Shirley family is above his wife's image. On the left side of the base of the tomb are the conjoined arms of the Dawtrey and the Shirley families. Between them is a shield bearing the letters IHC, not conveying much except a mistaken reading of IHS supposedly from the Greek-Jeros Cristos: there was defacement in the early Reformation! The tomb is fascinating as being, in style, on the cusp of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, being of Perpendicular gothic form but with rather crudely-expressed classical elements such as *putti* or Cupids, supporting the coats of arms in the upper panels and other decorations, perhaps known to the mason from some book of the time. In spirit, it bears a certain resemblance to another church work of the same period - the splendid de la Warr Chantry at Boxgrove Priory - an even stronger resemblance to the small niche monument of the 1530s in the South aisle of Chichester Cathedral.

The jousting helmet on the wall above the tomb is a reproduction of a helmet of the 1400s, too valuable to be left in place. It is a curious fact that from that period, and earlier, only *jousting* armour survives in England: of the armour worn at, for instance, Agincourt, exactly six centuries ago this coming late October, nothing remains!

On the wall nearby is a monumental brass with a lengthy inscription in Latin which commemorates Anna, wife of Henry Dawtrey of Moor, two generations on from John and his wife, Jane Dawtrey. It describes her as the daughter of Daniel Dunn, knight, master of the Courts of Requests and a Judge of Admiralty. This shows a new social

structure in being: not the marriage of a landowner to the daughter of another landowner as in the nearby Peachey monument, but of a landowner marrying the daughter of one of the relatively new legal class, a rising power-elite. Her virtues are stressed but much of the inscription refers to her father, Daniel Dunn, (otherwise Donne), (1540/50 - 1617), and his appointments. He was clearly a 'Doctors Commons' practitioner, one of those skilled in the law of wills and inheritance, ecclesiastical law, marriage law and Admiralty jurisdiction, a curious combination of church and civil law which came down to the earlier years of our own time, by indirections, as the *Probate, Divorce and Admiralty division* of the High Court. She died in February 1626 having been married for eight years and six months, three of her four children surviving. One of these, born between 1619 and 1626 may have been the father of Thomas Dawtrey, born in 1660: a memorial plaque inscribed in copperplate script indicates that he died in 1730 at the age of 70: from its appearance and brief inscription, this might perhaps be a coffin plate retained on the removal of buried remains from beneath the chapel.

In 1623, before the burial there of Anna Dawtrey, the rights to burial in the vault under the chapel had, supposedly, been transferred to Henry Percy, 9th Earl of Northumberland, whose descendants of the Percy and Wyndham families were interred there until the 19th century. The transfer of rights cannot have been absolute: at least two generations of Dawtreys were subsequently buried in this chapel including Mary Dawtrey in 1733 and her sister Jane in 1741, both being daughters of 'William Dawtrey of More' (Moor), their burial being marked by a plain black tombstone set in the floor to the west of the point at which the altar table stands. Both are described as *Mrs* but were not, apparently, married the prefix of *Mrs* being as it were, by courtesy.

The latest in time of the Dawtrey monuments, high over the door to the vestry, is of characteristic later 18th century elegance. The memorial tablet, like a small altar tomb, rests on console brackets which frame palm leaf decoration. To either side of the table are finely carved volutes. Overall, it is a nice example of its time in the simple and restrained use of classical elements and has a distinguished origin, being the work of *Prince Hoare*, (Prince was his first name!), one of a family of artists and sculptors resident in Bath over two or three generations and a pupil of Peter Scheemaker one of the three greatest monumental sculptors of his time. This memorial commemorates Thomas Dawtrey of Duddingstone in the County of Essex, Sarah his wife and William their son, and was erected in 1758 (?68) by his nephew and executor Richard Luther, who would appear to have been Thomas Dawtrey's heir. There is no indication of the deaths of those three persons it commemorates, but it serves to complete the family's story. Below it is an impressive coat of arms, in colour, showing eight quarterings, two of which display the five *fusils* of the Dawtrey family.

The evidences in the chapel of its use as a burial place for the Percy family, whose memorial brasses and coffin plates cover the walls around the altar, will be explored.

***Desmond Fitzpatrick***

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I was lucky enough to spend a few weeks in Canada this summer and while travelling between Vancouver Island and Jasper National Park we had an overnight stop in a small town called Brackendale. Following a very nice meal we took an evening stroll along the River Squamish and came across an area of elaborate interpretive boards proudly proclaiming 'Brackendale, Eagle Capital of the World'.

From November through to February, bald eagles gather in large numbers along the river, a record count of 3,796 was noted in 1994, to feed on the salmon carcasses brought down from the spawning grounds once they have laid their eggs, so very much part of the natural recycling processes of the ecosystem there. What so impressed me about this was the real local pride that the community felt in that they hosted this great natural event and it was celebrated every year, recognising the importance that their town played in the life cycle of this majestic bird.

The interpretation boards were superb in conveying the natural history of the eagle and the link between them and the salmon, also about the threats and efforts needed to conserve them but also the historical and cultural links to the local community particularly highlighting the importance that bald eagles play in First Nations American culture. A festival is held every year to herald the arrival of the birds that attracts thousands of visitors to the town providing an economic boost in the cold winter months.

Without wishing to appear like Michael Palin, I experienced a similar feeling a few years ago when travelling in California and came across Pacific Grove, 'The Butterfly Town of the USA'. Here monarch butterflies on their journey south descend on the town in their millions and, as with Brackendale, it is a cause of great celebration, a pride in the fact that these wonderful butterflies have chosen our town to rest in. They also had brilliant interpretation throughout the town, events are held, again it attracts visitors and the monarch is the symbol of the town, images are everywhere and the whole community is aware of the important role they play in the amazing life cycle of this butterfly.

Just one other example of this connection that communities have with their wildlife is in Hornborgasjön in Sweden. Here, every year in spring, they hold the Festival of the Dancing Cranes to celebrate the return of thousands of common cranes to their breeding grounds and where they perform their exquisite mating dances to great numbers of admirers.

These are all heartening examples where communities understand local wildlife and celebrate the importance and the role they play in the natural world. It would be wonderful to think that some towns and villages here in Sussex could embrace the variety of wildlife that surrounds us. Individually, many of us cherish the return of the swallows each year or our superb bluebell woods but it would be so good to collectively acclaim the wildlife with which we share our little patch of the planet.

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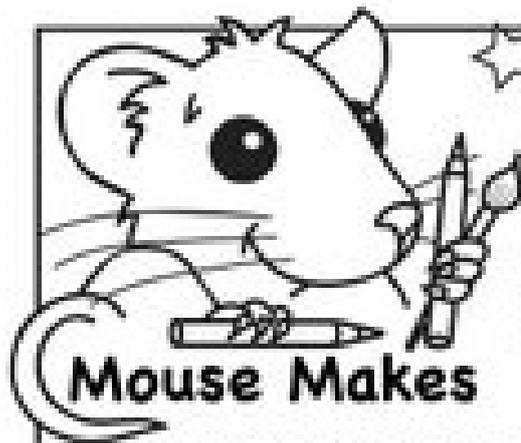
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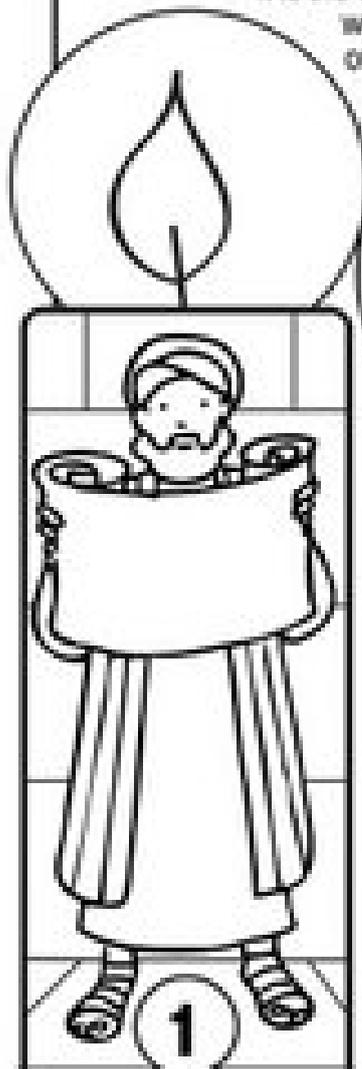


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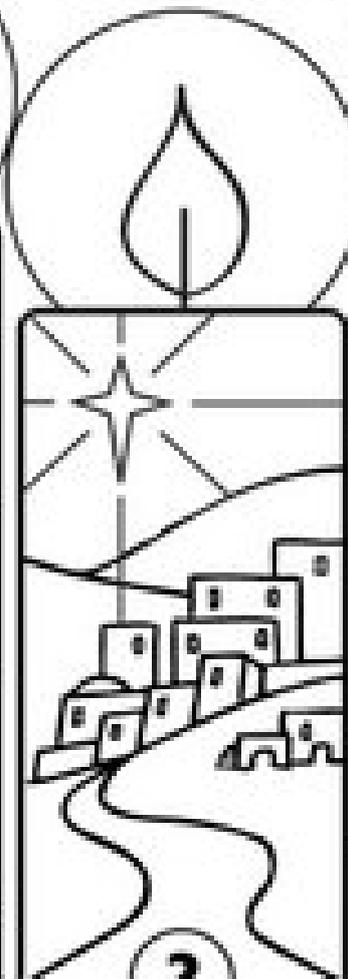
ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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Isaiah 9:2-7



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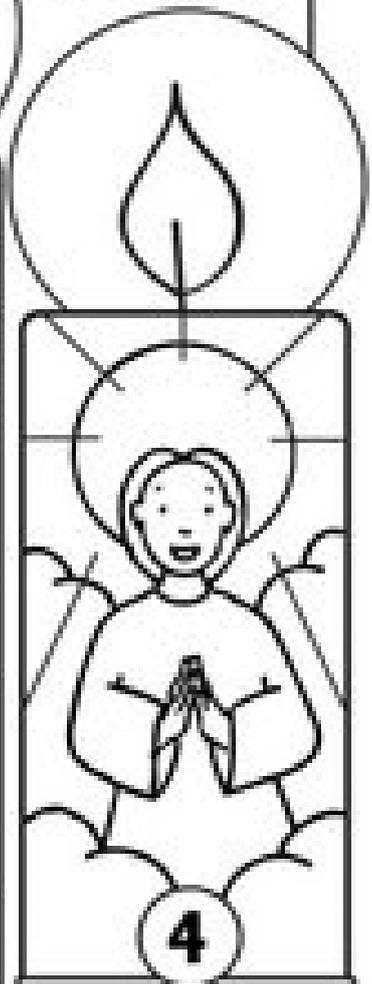
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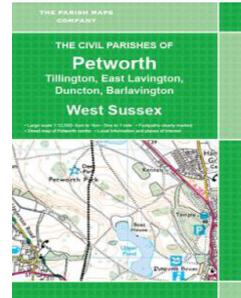
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### FUNERAL

Pray for the repose of the soul of

MELISSA ANNE WYNDHAM who passed away on 17th September at the age of 66 years. Born in London on 18th March 1949, Melissa was to become one of Britain's most successful and sought after interior designers. Educated at Heathfield School, Melissa and her older sister, Jane (later Spencer-Churchill) who also created her own successful design business, started their grown up lives sharing a flat with Camilla Shand, now the Duchess of Cornwall, and the Duchess was represented at the funeral service. The sister's younger brother, Henry Wyndham has been Sotheby's London chairman for 21 years. For all her success, Melissa's life was not always easy, with her sister and brother she had to cope with her parents' divorce, and in her twenties she went out with Dominic Elwes, a painter, and suffered the shock of finding him dead in 1975.

Though she did not advertise, she was never without work and although she did not take a formal business partner, where the great country houses were concerned she worked closely with her friend, Jonathan Bourne, a former furniture director at Sotheby's. A strong Anglican, Melissa used her success to be generous to causes she believed in, giving both money and her valuable time. She sympathised emotionally with prisoners and both gave and raised money for Fine Cell Work, a charity teaching embroidery in Prisons. On learning of her death, prisoners had made three embroidered pulpit falls that were placed on the pulpit for the funeral service.

In her late forties, Melissa was diagnosed with cancer, which she fought with determination and success, she was in full remission for twelve years.

She had a particularly close relationship with her cousin, Lord Egremont and had been a regular visitor to Petworth.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 8th October and was followed by burial in the family vault in Bartons Lane.

We express our sympathy to her mother, Anne, to her sister and brother and all her family in their loss.

**COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER MAGAZINE  
IS  
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**

# Calendar and Services for November and early December

## November

### 1 ALL SAINTS

*Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24.1-6 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

All Saints Family Service (Egdean) 9.15 am

**Jubilate Family Mass 10.30 am**

**ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS 4.00 pm**

### 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23 Romans 8:14-23, John 15:9-17*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 3.00 pm**

### 15 Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity

*Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14 Mark 13.1-8*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Evensong (Egdean) 4.00 pm

### 22 Christ the king

*Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

### 29 ADVENT SUNDAY

*Jeremiah 33.14-16 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Mattins (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

## December

### 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

*Baruch 5.1-9 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

**Christingle (Egdean) 9.15 am**

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

**Christingle 5.00 pm**

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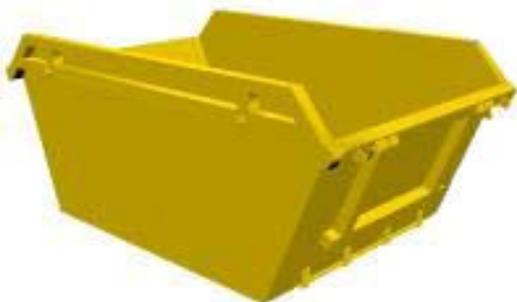


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