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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

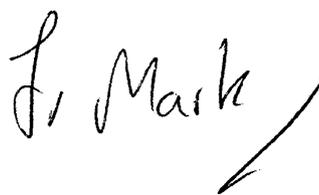
Advent begins on 27th November. The Advent season is the time in the Church year when we look forward: when we look forward to the coming, the advent, of Jesus: to his birth as a baby in the manger at Bethlehem at Christmas; and also to his coming again in glory at the end of time. It is the season when we look to the future.

When we think about the future our attitude can either be anxious or hopeful. There seem to be these two deep truths about human nature. On the one hand we have a fundamental uncertainty and anxiety as we face the future. Who knows what might happen? We are aware that our present happiness or contentment hangs on a very slender thread which can be broken at an instant. Something terrible can happen, people or circumstances can change all of a sudden, the thread can be broken and joy change to sorrow. In some people such anxiety, when faced with the future, can become morbid and lead to mental states which utterly destroy the ability to enjoy the present. The future is seen as threatening.

But on the other hand there is a fundamental need to look forward with hope. We need something to look forward to. Although we might proffer the advice 'to take each day as it comes' to our friends, we don't, most of us, actually live like this. No, we think ahead, we make plans - we have calendars and rotas, we carry diaries and constantly check what is coming next. Just think of the time we spend in planning ahead - looking forward to holidays, mulling over brochures and travel guides, or perhaps looking forward to a party, concert, or to a new film. As it says on the big screen, 'Coming soon to this cinema' - we are all eager for forthcoming attractions. The future is seen as promising.

In Advent, as we look forward to the birth of the baby in the manger at Bethlehem, we must if we're honest admit that we're play-acting. There's an element of *let's pretend* about our excited anticipation of Christmas Day. Because really we know that Jesus has already come, the baby has been born, and we can't put the clock back. But it is precisely because of this past event that we can look forward with hope. God is the God of the past, the present and the future. And the God who comes to us at the end of time is no different from the God who came to us as a baby at Bethlehem, who suffered for us at Calvary, who is risen and who will come and live in our hearts if only we will give him room.

With my love and prayers, yours in Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark" with a stylized flourish at the end.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



*Saturday 26th November 4.00 pm
at St Mary's*

*A service of
Advent Hymns and Readings
in preparation for Christmas*

ALL WELCOME!

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Fair last year when we raised an amazing £1,200!

We are now getting ready for our **Autumn Fair on Saturday 29th October in the Leconfield Hall from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.** There will be the usual stalls of gifts, cakes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, good quality second hand clothing, as well as a tombola and raffles.

We would be pleased to hear from you if you have anything which we could collect and sell to raise funds for this charity. All items would be gratefully received. Please contact Chris Hirons on 01798 342672 or Ann Blunden on 01798 343076.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed tins and packets for FSW in the red box by Colonel Maude's table over the past few months. These have been taken to Elaine Waight, who is our local support worker.

Christmas is approaching fast and one of the great needs will be toys, and gifts suitable for families who are having difficult times and may be unable to afford Christmas presents for their children. The red box will be left out for any donations. Apart from toys, some nice Christmas goodies, as well as the usual tins and packets would be very acceptable. There is no need to wrap any gifts as FSW need to know which gifts would be suitable for individual children, and their families. Donations of wrapping paper will also be greatly welcomed.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

PETWORTH FAIR

Once again St Mary's will be having a stall at the annual fair put on by the Petworth Society. This will be taking place on Saturday 19th November.

It is a great opportunity to advertise the St Mary's Christmas Fair, Christingle and other Church activities. As space is fairly limited we normally have homemade sweets, biscuits and craft items on the stall. If anyone feels they would like to make a contribution to the stall it will be gratefully accepted. The fair starts at 3.00 pm and runs until 9.00 pm, although most stalls finish at 8.00 pm. A list will be on Col Maude's table nearer the time if anyone feels able to man the stall for an hour or so.

For any further information please contact Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

IN AID OF SYRIAN FAMILIES BEING HOUSED IN THE DISTRICT

PACT Coffee Morning

On Friday 18th November there will be a raffle table at the PACT coffee morning which is held in the URC hall from 9.45 - 11.30 am. If you are able to donate a prize please let me have it in church on a Sunday morning or phone me on 343906.

I very much hope you will come and support this worthy cause.

Many thanks.

Jean Huggett

Sunday 30th October Requiem for All Souls

Please come to St Mary's 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.

HARVEST LUNCH 2ND OCTOBER

£316.55, the net proceeds from the Harvest Lunch, was sent to the Diocesan Harvest Appeal.

Income

Sale of tickets:	230.00	
Raffle:	133.00	
Sale of drinks:	<u>34.10</u>	£397.10

Expenditure

Purchase of drinks:	£80.55
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Many thanks to all who supported the lunch.

Andrew Howard

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Website: www.egdeanparish.com

Parochial Church Council Report

Fr Mark welcomed Charles Bray to his first Egdean PCC meeting on 6th October in his new position as Treasurer to St Bartholomew's Church.

Fr Mark informed the meeting that the wardens and Jenny Foster had attended the training course in lay ministry for communion and they now require a session in their own church to complete the course, which will be undertaken after a service when they are all available.

Roger Dallyn circulated copies of TP Security & Electrical Services quote to install and commission a CCTV System BSEN 50132 4-channel video recorder with 2 USB ports for back up and evidence, multi screen display, motion direction infra-red control to be fitted in the vestry. Two mega pixel turret cameras, one in the far corner by vestry, one on the wall to the left of the organ and two warning signs, for the sum of £968.00 + VAT. Annual maintenance of £48.00 + VAT. The PCC approved the quotation, as the system was felt to be required now that the church is open to the public and in such a rural location.

Anne Dallyn reported that Brian Dallyn was checking with the Leconfield Forester which trees can be removed prior to the works commencing to restore the overgrown car parking area and making good the surface. Further enquiries need to be undertaken re the possibility of mains water to the church.

The Treasurer had previously circulated an overview to all members of the PCC by covering email and Financial Statement spreadsheets. The figures and headings were briefly discussed and the Treasurer pointed out that the £6,000 Index Linked National Savings should have matured in August this year although he cannot find any information on this. The Treasurer asked how this should be reinvested and proposed putting it into the Chari Funds, which the council approved. It was also agreed that some of the money can be used to pay for the CCTV and roofing repairs required in the current Quinquennial Inspection.

The Council went through the list of donations made in 2015, which had been previously circulated. Fr Mark put forward two appeals for the current refugee crisis the Diocesan Appeal VIE (Voices in Exile) and also The Revelation Community Church for furnishing houses in Chichester for refugees. It was agreed to add these to our charities list and the following was approved for each to receive £110 respectively:

Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Help For Heroes, Stonepillow, Macmillan Cancer Support, SSAFA, Water Aid, VIE and The Revelation Community Church.

Special Collections were agreed as follows:-

Harvest Festival	Chichester Diocesan Harvest Appeal
Remembrance	Poppy Appeal
Christingle	Children's Society
Throughout Lent	Family Support Work

Jenny Foster circulated a report on the Petworth Deanery Synod meeting held on 7th July at St Mary's, Petworth. Canon Ann Holt, Diocesan Director of Education, gave a presentation of the current situation within the diocese of its role in schools. The Diocese is keen to expand the number of church schools as a way of reaching out to children and families. The next Deanery Synod will be held on 12th October at Fittleworth.

The Secretary presented the Parish Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church statement form, which had been previously circulated. The Policy was approved by the PCC and signed by Fr Mark and the Wardens.

Fr Mark confirmed that Egdean's Carol Service will be on 18th December at 4.00 pm and that arrangements have been made for the service to Licence him as Rector at St Mary's Petworth at 10.30 am, also on that day. It was agreed that there would not be a service at Egdean on the Sunday after Christmas Day – 1st January 2017.

Further topics for the Family Praise Services were agreed as follows:-

Nov	Can you be a Sparkler?
Dec	Christingle
Jan	Epiphany
Feb	Education
March 5th	The Common Good (re Lent and our giving to FSW during Lent)
March 26th	Mothering Sunday
May	Rogation
June	Joy of Creativity

Anne Dallyn reported that the Archdeacon's visitation had been very complementary over record keeping, etc. and the Quinquennial Inspection of the church and grounds by the architect revealed minimal repair works.

Roger Dallyn informed the meeting he had met BJN Roofing on site re items of rainwater goods and roofing repairs required by the QI and had received a verbal estimate by phone today of £798 + VAT (written estimate is in the post). This quotation was agreed by the meeting.

Roger Dallyn reported that the church working party had treated the external timber to the vestry door, entrance gates, noticeboard and seats, the high level cobwebs inside the

church had been removed, windows polished and pews polished and cleaned throughout. The loose headstones have also been re-secured with cement in the new churchyard.

The next PCC meeting was arranged for Thursday 19th January 2017.

Christine Dallyn

Secretary to Egdean PCC

29TH SEPTEMBER 1942 : PETWORTH BOYS' SCHOOL

'It was a damp and miserable day', that fateful day of September 1942, when the headteacher at the Boys' School, a teacher, staff in the laundry and 28 boys all lost their lives in a raid by a lone enemy bomber.

It was damp and miserable day too, this 29th of September, the 74th anniversary of the tragedy, when Parish Priest, Rev Mark Gilbert, led a service in commemoration of those who lost their lives. An account of the episode was read out by John Exall, prayers were said and the headmaster read the names of all those who died. The Last Post was played and two senior children laid a wreath of remembrance at the foot of the commemorative cross that looks down the long strip of the communal grave that is the last resting place of those who 'would not grow old'. Fittingly the grave was lined with Year 6 children from Petworth Primary School who stayed on after the ceremony to talk to one or two survivors of the event and relatives of those who died.

Damp and miserable the weather may have been but the service and the whole occasion was far from miserable, for the congregation, young and old, felt they were, as they prayed the victims would be, 'in the hollow of God's hand'. A cameraman from *The Petworth Observer* and another from *ITV* were hard at work. 'Next year will be the 75th anniversary', people were saying. Ah yes, the last 'big' anniversary when survivors could be expected still to be with us. Fortunately, the Headmaster has ideas for making more of the occasion for the instruction and benefit of the children who, like all of us, must and 'will remember them'.

Simon Watson 29.ix.16

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT STMARY'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 the activities, a warm welcome awaits you



**Petworth Players
60th Anniversary Production**

A Pantomime by Limelight Scripts

**24th, 25th, 26th November 2016
Herbert Shiner Centre – Petworth**

Charles Dickens's Scrooge is given the Pantomime treatment this time!

The story is set in Scrooge's Chocolate Factory and follows the rotten behaviour of Scrooge towards his downtrodden staff, led by the reluctant shop-steward Bob Cratchitt. It's Christmas Eve and Scrooge is being his usual miserable self as he rants at his workers for putting up Christmas decorations – he threatens them with the sack including factory cook Jan Butty.

Strange things happen in the factory – Jan Butty bumps into the 'Ghost' of Scrooge's late partner Jacob Marley - Scrooge puts this sighting down to too much Christmas Sherry!!!!

Audience participation is a **must** with this Panto!

Ticket Prices as follows:

Nightly at 7.30 pm: Adults £11.00 Children and Senior Citizens £9.00

Saturday Matinée at 2.30 pm: Adults £9.00 Children and Senior Citizens £7.00
(£1 discount per ticket when purchased in advance)

**Box Office: Bay Tree Bakery Petworth
Or online at: www.petworthplayers.co.uk**

St Mary's Church Petworth



**Coffee
Morning**

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

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Christmas flowers

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The church of ST MARGARET, at EARTHAM was extensively restored in the late 1860's. However, there is still strong evidence to be seen of the original Norman building. In particular the east and west walls of the nave retain old work and the west doorway is of great age although the porch is more modern. The round headed doorway has a squared lintel and a plain tympanum of ashlar. Over the years most country churches had moved their main entrance door to the south or north side of the building and it is more unusual today for a west doorway to be the favoured entrance. The chancel arch which is now the centre one of three is of interest, from a distance it appears to be two arches, but is a single structure. This is known as a double order arch. Note the carvings of a bearded man on the south arch capital and a hare on the north side one.

A south aisle was added in the 13th Century and extensive restoration work was carried out during the 19th Century. This included converting the recesses on either side of the chancel arch into round headed openings. One unusual feature is the coat of arms of Queen Victoria in tile form on the floor of the chancel which in most churches are usually in the form of a hanging board.

There are a number of interesting memorials, one by John Flaxman is to Thomas Hayley who died in 1830 aged 20 years. Thomas was the son of the poet William Hayley and had been a pupil of Flaxman, who dedicated the memorial to 'his beloved scholar'. It shows an angel holding a quill and wreath. There are a number to the Milbanke family including Peniston Milbanke whose son Jack, was said to have been Winston Churchill's best friend at school. The memorial that creates most interest however, is the one in the chancel to William Huskisson who lived at Eartham House, (now Great Ballards school). He was famous on two counts, being a politician and financial advisor to the government, and also as being the first person to be killed in a railway accident. He was attending the opening of the Liverpool to Manchester line on 15th September 1830 and was hit by Stephenson's famous Rocket steam engine.

The memorial was erected by his widow, Emily, and there is also a statue to him in Chichester Cathedral in recognition of his time as the MP for the city.

John Townsend

PETWORTH FARMERS MARKETS

The market will be held every 4th Saturday of each month, with the exception of December which is on the 3rd Saturday.

		2017	28th January
2016	26th November		25th February
	17th December		25th March

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN
Ride and Stride 2016

The rain started about 10.00 am, I and my dogs started walking at Bignor about 10.30 am, we finished at Burton Park about 12.45 pm. The rain continued unabated for another six hours or so. Not surprisingly we and all others who took part round here were soaked through!

Nevertheless, we from Egdean raised £1,498.00 over £300 more than last year. So a thousand thanks to all who took part in one way or another.

Let us hope for better weather for next year's day on 9th September 2017.

T R W Longmore

NATIVITY EXHIBITION FOR CHRISTMAS

We are beginning to make plans for our sixth 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 School 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), Val Fowler, who sadly is no longer with us, 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.



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

IN AID OF

PETWORTH COTTAGE NURSING HOME

WITH THE PETWORTH TOWN BAND

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If you are interested and would like more information please contact:

Susie Mursell - 01403 820339

COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee morning at St Mary's on Saturday 8th October raised £143.90 for church funds. Many thanks to all who supported it.

We look forward to seeing you again at the next one which is on Saturday 12th November and will be in aid of Christmas flowers.

Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016

Christmas is coming – and the annual Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal is only one month away! Link to Hope is a Christian charity which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Shoebox Appeal is just one aspect of their work, which is comprehensive and far-reaching. They support project teams over a wide area of Eastern Europe, setting up educational classes and workshops for adults to give them the knowledge and skills they need to find work. This way they can remain at home with their families and don't have to move away. They help the elderly and the young, especially those with disabilities, illness and from broken or dangerous home backgrounds.

Looking at the thousands of refugees and poor people in Eastern Europe it is tempting to ask what a few shoeboxes can do to alleviate their suffering, but a grand total of 39,031 boxes went out from our country last year! They bring hope and pleasure to thousands of people of all ages, who not only get a thrill from receiving a gift but the comfort of knowing others are thinking of them. **The delivery of these boxes is not the end of the story, for setting up links with shoebox distributors in deprived regions can lead to the start of new projects and create new contacts.** This year the crops failed in Moldova, so Link to Hope provided food and purchased a briquette machine to make dried stalks into blocks of winter fuel. A metal and wood workshop is now up and running, producing goods which can be sold locally and eventually through the Link to Hope website.

If you would like to fill a shoebox I will have the necessary forms in church from now on, or you can download them from the Link to Hope website. These give detailed information. You can choose to fill a shoebox for either an elderly person or a family. It is possible to fill a box for under £10, but you are asked to attach £2 to the leaflet to cover transport costs. I will take the boxes to a collection point in Worthing on 4th November, so I will need to have them by 3rd November at the latest. Either bring them to church the Sunday before or drop them off at my house. My phone number is 01798 343496.

Link to Hope guarantee the boxes will be delivered to those who need them and will tell you where they went. Last year we sent just ten boxes from St Mary's, so it would be great to at least double that number.

Debby Stevenson

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 12 noon in the URC Hall. Two courses and tea or coffee for £6.50. The raffle is £1.00 per ticket. Booking essential – ring (01798) 342942.

Caroline Stoneman

**PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s
THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

Dates for your Diary – November 2016

Wednesday 2nd	2 – 4 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 9th	2 – 4 pm	Quiz afternoon
Friday 11th	2 – 4 pm	Beetle
Wednesday 16th	2 – 4 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 23rd	2 – 4 pm	Card and Board Games

ADVANCED NOTICE

Our Christmas Tea in Petworth House will be held on
SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Details will be in the Centre in due course but put the date in your diary now

Caroline Stoneman
House Committee Chairman

SOUTH DOWNS DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

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**On 2nd November the lecture will be
Rene Lalique: Master Jeweller / Glassmaker
by Eric Knowles from *Antiques Roadshow***

**On 7th December the lecture will be
The Twelve Days of Christmas
by Peter Medhurst**

**Fittleworth Village Hall
At 10.30 am, coffee from 9.50 am
Visitors warmly welcomed (only £5)
Please call 01403 785302**

Fine art expert on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow Eric Knowles brings to life the skill and trademark craftsmanship of France's most foremost Art Nouveau glass art and jewellery designer, whose name has become synonymous with creativity, beauty and quality.



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children have been preparing for the Harvest Festival by writing poems and prayers for the Harvest Festival Service at St Marys Church. The children in Key Stage 1 would like to share some of their poems and prayers with you.

Harvest Prayers by Rowan Explorers

Dear God,
Thank you for our food and farmers.
Please help us give and donate some food to poor people.
Thank you for our rain and sun to help our crops grow.
Thank you for harvest time.
Thank you for our fields.
Amen.
By Evie

Dear God,
Thank you for giving food to eat.
Thank you for good sharing and kindness.
Please help us get food to poor people.
Amen.
By Tavi

Poetry by Rowan Investigators

My Magic Box by Taylor

I will put into my box
A balloon,
A storm trooper,
A first friend
And a bonfire.

I will put into my box
A space chip and popcorn van,
A volcano
And a gold crown.

I will put into my box
A gold key,
A sandwich
And a ruby.

My box is fashioned from gold and popcorn,
A knight's sword
And a spaceship.

My Magic Box by Caitlin

I will put into my box
A princess's tiara as shiny as rubies,
A Chinese dragon
And shiny gold.

I will put into my box
The touch eating cold, sweet ice cream,
Rubies as shiny and hot as fire
The shiny sun.

I will put into my box
A spiky pink unicorn that you cannot see,
And a wizard as scary as tarantulas biting.

My box is fashioned from shiny stars
With secrets on the corners
And edges as cold as snow and shiny as the sun.

My Magic Box by Leo

I will put into my box
Sweet pop,
A toy knight,
A freezing ice cream
And a piping hot volcano.

I will put into my box
A smelly wizard,
A dark galaxy,
An amazing gold crown,
A deep hole
And a ginormous popcorn.

I will put into my box
A pretty princess,
Tiny cherries
A colourful flower
And a gold ruby.

My box is fashioned from wood

Ash Class

Harvest festival

Apples are red.

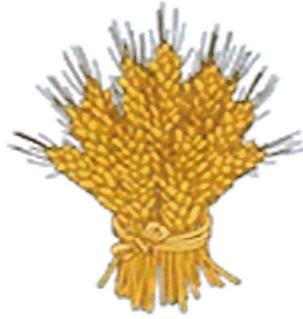
Ripe corn.

Vegetables.

Everybody eats.

Super, sweet corn.

Thank you for our food God.



By Lilly-Mai, Henry, George H and Calum.



Harvest festival.

Apples are red.

Ripe and juicy.

Vegetables are yummy.

Everyone eats.

Sweetcorn.

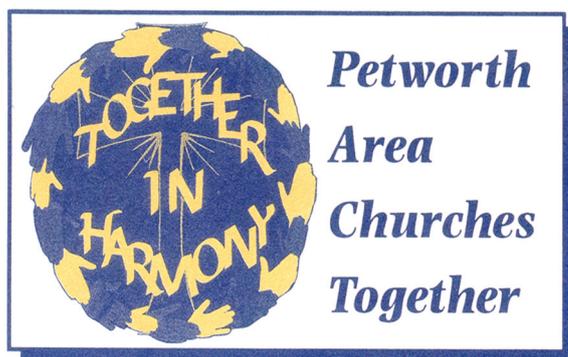
Thank you to God for food.



By Ellie-May, Lillie-Mai, George L, Elise, Luke and Daisy.

Oak News

Oak class are learning about people who help us. We were visited by a volunteer from the RNLI to learn more about how coast guards and lifeboats can help us stay safe when we are at the beach.



PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER **Working in harmony**

Autumn Lecture Rev'd Paul Cowley MBE

By the time you read this we will have had the autumn lecture entitled 'Having Hope That Things Will Change', sharing Rev'd Paul's story from behind bars at the age of 15 to being ordained in 2002 and now Ambassador for Social Transformation.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: An advance date for the diary 15th - 20th January 2017 with the theme 'Crossing Barriers', drawing on 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. Further details to come.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Karl Ayling

www.petworthareachurches.com

Are You Bored In The Evenings...?
Do You Want Somewhere Safe To
Hang Out...?

Yes? Then You Need

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At Sylvia Beaufoy
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Tuesday...
6:30pm to
8:00pm!

Only 50p and don't
forget to bring your
money for tuck!



Evolve is open throughout the autumn term but closed for half term

BONKERS FOR CONKERS OR SUNDAY AT THE BREWERY

Langhams Brewery, our local brewery which is on the way to Lodsworth, holds an annual Conker Competition there and all the proceeds go to the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice.

That is where Jackie and I come in. We spent Sunday at the brewery with a children's tombola stall to raise awareness and money for Chestnut Tree.

It is a real Country day with all ages taking part in the contest – a very serious thing indeed! (Due to Health and Safety they all have to wear hard hats.) The fact that we all played conkers as children which we enjoyed is not now allowed in schools due of course to H and S!!

We had a very happy day with lots of children and we always make sure that they have the right sort of prize. A little negotiating goes on but they all go away happy with their prizes and the parents are happy also!

There were one or two other stalls and the most interesting was a gentleman with his wonderful display of corn dollies. He was also teaching children. We have not seen anyone doing this since the days of Peter Dallyn.

We started the Petworth Friends of the Chestnut Tree ten years ago. At that time we had a lot of helpers but now there are just the four of us! We are always looking for more helpers and people interested in helping raise funds for this wonderful place.

They only get 7% from the government which is an extremely meagre amount to provide such a wonderful place for children with life limiting illnesses, and to help their parents and siblings who are all helped in various ways by the wonderful staff there. The rest of the money is raised by volunteers who take part in many varied activities, not least was a walk on the Great Wall of China last year, needless Jackie and I were not there!

We had a very happy day and no - we did not have a pint as we are not beer drinkers – although there was plenty in evidence.

Hopefully we will be able to be there next year flying the flag for Chestnut Tree House.

Joan Chatwood



FERNHURST CHORAL SOCIETY PERFORM IN PETWORTH

Fernhurst Choral Society Concert will be held in St Mary's Church, Petworth on Saturday 19th November at 7.30 pm.

Fernhurst Choral Society, under its talented Musical Director Tim Ravalde, and accompanied by Terry Allbright on piano, will sing a concert of enchanting music:

Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and John Rutter's The Sprig of Thyme.

The Brahms' 'Liebeslieder Waltzes' or Love Song Waltzes. The Waltzes are a collection of love songs in Landler style for voices and two pianos. The lyrics for the Liebeslieder come from Georg Frederich Daumer's Polydora collection of folk songs and love poems. While there is no concrete record indicating the exact inspiration for the Waltzes, there is speculation that Brahms' motivation for the songs was his frustrated love for pianist Clara Schumann, composer Robert Schumann's wife. The compilation comprises eighteen waltzes, all of course in three four time but in a variety of keys. For their performance, Fernhurst Choral Society are using a specially commissioned version, using English text by George Baker, which has been produced by Chichester Music Press.

John Rutter's 'The Sprig of Thyme' is his arrangement of eleven beautiful folksongs, drawn from the British Isles and Ireland. The work is for mixed choir and either piano or chamber orchestra accompaniment. The audience may well find many of the songs familiar but we hope some will be less so. John Rutter has a world class reputation as an arranger of many types of music and these arrangements are a perfect example of his craft.

The Sprig of Thyme consists of Rutter's arrangements of a collection of 11 traditional English folk songs, such as 'The bold grenadier'; 'The Willow Tree'; the eponymous 'The Sprig of Thyme'; and 'Afton Water'.

Tickets for the concert are £15 and are available from Spriggs in Golden Square, Petworth (Cash only please), on the door, or please visit our website at www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk

We are also on Facebook and Twitter @FernhurstChoral



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November 2014

Timothy Ravalde (Musical Director)
Terence Allbright (piano)
and the Chichester String Quartet



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On Tuesday December 6th Christopher Bradley will give a talk on
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Meetings are held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm
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Ashes to Ashes

By Michael Blencowe

People & Wildlife Officer at the Sussex Wildlife Trust

The fireworks will be hailing over Sussex on Bonfire Night illuminating our towns and villages. But an integral part of this landscape may be about to fizzle out and vanish forever. For our ash trees judgement day has arrived.

An ash tree's bare branches curve, swirl and sag looking like an inked thumbprint on the winter sky. Arched twigs reach out like bony, beckoning fingers each tipped with a dirty black fingernail. These black buds are unique to ash trees and in spring they'll burst into a spray of purple flowers like a freeze-framed firework explosion. Ash trees have no shame. They love to stand naked. They are the last tree to put on their leafy green gown in the spring and the first to throw it to the ground in the autumn. In winter gales their grey, lean limbs flail and sway like that crazy old man you see at a music festival dancing shirtless and alone. Yet there's something eternally youthful about even the oldest ash. They can elastically sashay through a storm with suppleness, lightness and flexibility.

Maybe this invincibility is why the ash was celebrated as the 'tree of life' and bestowed with magical properties that purported to heal lame children, defend us against snakes and cure anything from chronic wind to the bubonic plague. Whenever we needed a wood that would absorb a hard blow without splintering we have turned to ash. For hammer handles, hockey sticks, oars, rackets, skis, cogs, cartwheels and car frames, its tough timber provided us with resilience and strength. But now, finally, the ash tree is about to be dealt a blow that it cannot withstand.

In 1992 a fungal infection - *Chalara fraxinea*- which attacked ash trees was discovered in Poland. This botanical Ebola spread on westerly winds across Europe, its airborne fungal spores dusting and devastating ash trees everywhere. In 2012 an imported ash tree in a Cheshire nursery was Britain's first victim. Now infected saplings are being discovered in woodlands across Sussex.

We have yet to discover how our ash trees will react to this fungal assassin. There's a chance that the ancestry of England's ash trees may offer some genetic resistance. But over the coming years we may witness an arboreal Armageddon similar to the one which wiped out our elms at the end of the last century.

On 6th November stand on the ashes of your local bonfire and look around at all the ash trees which make up the landscape. Imagine how our countryside's identity will change if ash dieback takes hold. Is that the wind making the ash branches quiver or are these trees trembling in fear as they sense something approaching?

For more information: forestry.gov.uk/chalara



The treasurer still had a trick up his sleeve

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For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497

Or email education@chichestercathedral.org.uk

PETWORTH FESTIVAL LITERARY WEEKEND

Petworth Festival is hosting its 6th annual Literary Weekend from **2nd November** until **6th November** at various locations in and around the town including the Leconfield Hall and St Mary's Church. With tickets starting from as little as £8 for adults and £4 for children, the Petworth Festival Literary Weekend is a unique opportunity to see and meet a wealth of literary greats, up and coming authors as well as high-profile luminaries with fascinating life stories to share. Some of this year's highlights include:



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Sarah Raven



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Artistic Director Stewart Collins commented, 'The Literary Weekend has proved itself to be a high point in the life of Petworth – and of course further afield. Coming as it does when the winter is just setting in, the kind of events we have been staging have really lifted the atmosphere and given a very dedicated and engaged audience the chance to mix it with some seriously interesting and successful authors right across the subject range from cooking to history to politics and to fiction.'

The Literary Weekend has already established itself as a hotly anticipated event on the literary circuit, with a solid reputation for securing an impressive line-up of authors. Lovers of the written word can come along to see an eclectic range of writers deliver thought-provoking talks, engage in interviews and participate in revealing Q&A sessions. In addition, each performance includes a book signing, kindly organised and managed by Petworth Book Shop, giving ticket-holders the opportunity to purchase the latest published work, signed by the authors themselves, a brilliant souvenir to take home with them.

For more information call 01798 343055 or email info@petworthfestival.org.uk. The box office opens on 29th September by telephone 01798 344576 or on-line at www.petworthfestival.org.uk To become a sponsor or friend or volunteer, please contact the festival office on 01798 343055 or email info@petworthfestival.org.uk

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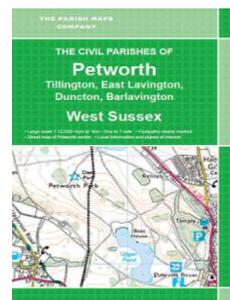
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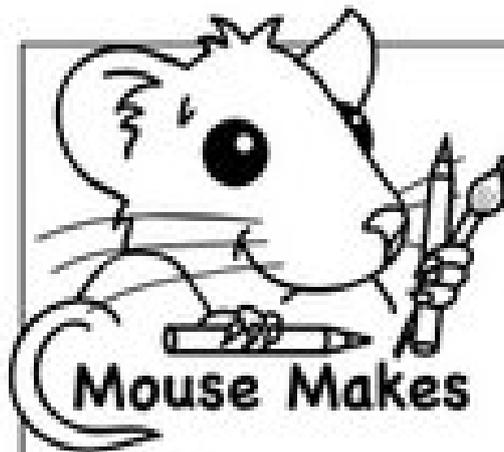


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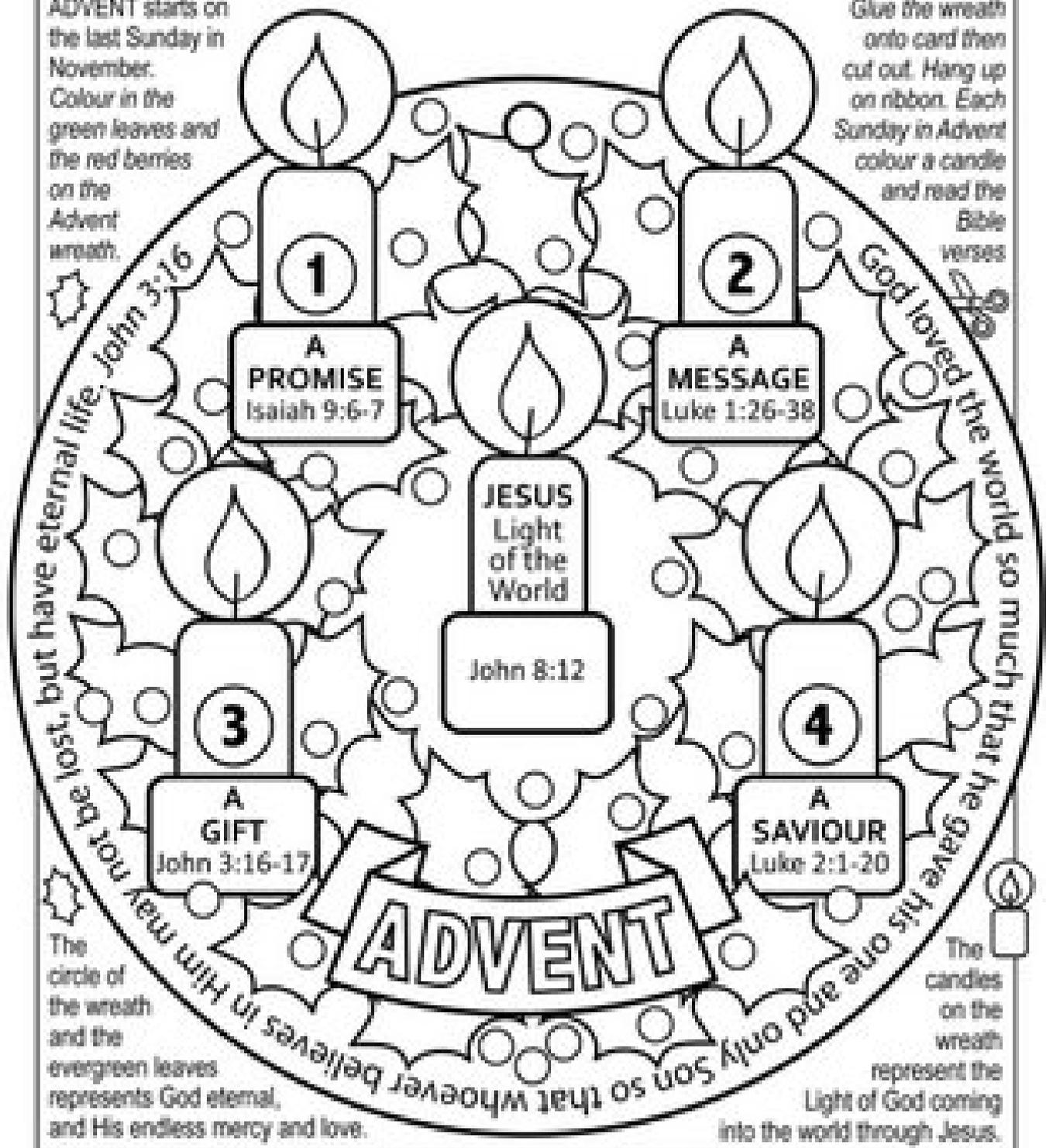
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Henry was born and brought up at Stopham where his father, Jim, worked at Lea Farm. He was the eldest of four children and attended Fittleworth school.

He served in the Grenadier Guards and in civilian life joined the Royal Observer Corp. In March 1953 Henry married Joan Standen at St Mary's and they went on to have three sons, Robin, John and Simon. Henry worked on the engineering side of Southern Electric and later for the Water Authority and at the Heath End sandpit.

Sadly, Joan passed away in 2003 aged 67 years and there was further sadness for Henry when his son John died in 2006.

He had been a familiar and popular figure around the town as was evident by the number who attended his funeral service at St Mary's on 23rd September.

Committal followed at Worthing Crematorium.

We offer our sympathy to Robin and Simon and all the family at this time.

ADRIAN SEYMOUR TUCK of New Barn, Woodruffs Lane, Egdean who passed away at St Mary's hospital, Newport on the Isle of Wight on 4th September aged 79 years, having suffered a stroke some five days earlier.

Adrian had a distinguished career in flying with the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm. He attended the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1953 and being keenly interested in all sport played hockey for the college and also for Dartford. Adrian later served on the carrier HMS Victorious and was part of the Far East Fleet, being the British naval commitment at the end of the Indonesia and Malaysia confrontation. Returning to the UK he was posted to R N A S at Lossiemouth where he was an Air Warfare Instructor at the Naval Air Fighter and Strike school.

After his return to civilian life, Adrian ran a successful business venture in Haslemere specialising in plastic materials. At Egdean he transformed the garden at New Barn to the extent that from 1984 it was open to the public under the National Gardens Scheme. Five years ago Adrian and Juliet moved into the adjacent cottage. The couple had been married for 54 years.

The cremation took place on the Isle of Wight on the 14th September and was followed on 26th September by a Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's.

We send our condolences to Juliet and to Hugo and the family in their loss.

PETER MICHAEL LUTTMAN-JOHNSON of The Old School House, East Street who passed away suddenly while on holiday in Spain aged 96 years. A burial service, to be followed by a service of Thanksgiving, is planned for Monday 31st October.

We send our sympathy to Anna and the family at this time.

An appreciation of his life will be published in next month's Parish Magazine.

St Mary the Virgin Church Petworth

(Spirituality, Renewal and Mission)

September 2016 – June 2017
at Somerset Lodge, North Street, Petworth
(Rosemary Harris 01798 343842)

‘Good News Book Club’
(studying the New Testament)

2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm
(continuing with Romans and Corinthians followed by tea)

Also NEW! Every Wednesday 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Starting with Matthew

(each of these throughout the year except July August and December)

Also prayer group 7.00 – 7.45 pm Wednesdays all year round

Calendar and services for November and early December

November

6th	TRINITY 24	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	‘Sparklers’ Family Service (Egdean)	9.15 am
	Jubilate Family Mass	10.30 am
13th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	<i>Malachi 4.1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-1, Luke 21.5-19</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	3.00 pm
20th	CHRIST THE KING	
	<i>Jeremiah 23.1-6, Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
	Evensong (Egdean)	4.00 pm

Saturday 26th

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT 4.00 pm

27th ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

December

4th 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Christingle (Egdean) 9.15 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Christingle 5.00 pm

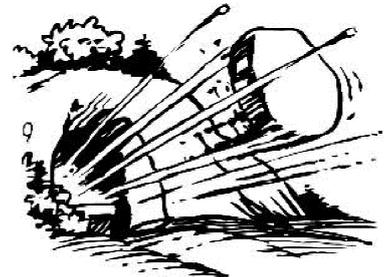
WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am

Wednesdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am

Thursdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am

Fridays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am



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(Out Of Hours Service).....	0300 1301313
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Red Cross Centre.....	01798 343252
WRVS Meals On Wheels.....	01798 343773
Citizens Advice Bureau.....	0344 4771171

Liaise @ Frontline – offer a free service for help with debts, repossessions, final demands and bailiffs.....

ICIS – free advice for finding support and care in West Sussex
.....0800 859929

Action against Bullying – Childline.....0800 1111

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