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FROM FR MARK

Dear Friends,

We enter the season of silences – it starts with All Souls where we remember our departed loved ones on 2nd November. It isn't as if we don't frequently remember those we have loved and lost but many of us find it a good thing to take part in a quiet service dedicated to them and to our loss, where we can shed a tear, light a candle, and use the silence to remember, grieve, and also give thanks for what they meant to us.

Always the second Sunday in November is Remembrance Sunday with its two minutes of silence, a time of national remembering, grieving and thanksgiving. Outwardly it is a time when nothing happens, but inwardly great journeys are made - back to the horrors of war, to lost comrades and family, across the seas to our armed forces still facing the dangers of war.

November in church is 'Kingdom Season' a month heavy with memories. It is a time for reflection and silence.

Silences are poignant things. They can allow us to journey deeper into ourselves. The trouble - or the benefit - of silence is that when we slow down, things bubble up to the surface that we weren't expecting and sometimes facing these things is not easy. We are generally very good at pushing away those things about ourselves or our feelings that we'd prefer to pretend are not there, or cannot bear to face up to. Silence, and the grace of God, helps us to confront the reality of them. Another feature of silence is that it offers us a chance to reappraise our values and where our priorities for the future might lie. The silence can clear the fog, show us the state of our relationships, and help us truly value those we love.

When we slow down and take time out from all that is hectic in life, then God gets a look - in and uses the silence to show us things about ourselves and about God's plan for us.

Difficult as it is for most of us and reluctant as many of us might be, we can all benefit from building periods of silence into our daily lives - taking time to clear our minds and be still before God. It might be sitting in an armchair with a cup of tea, or going for a quiet walk alone. We won't hear voices from heaven, but it is unlikely that the silence will leave us unchanged.

May you know God's gracious touch upon you during this month of remembrance.

Fr Mark

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF ANNE DALLYN

Thursday 21st September

EULOGY GIVEN BY FIONA IRELAND

Anne was a very dear friend and I am honoured to deliver the eulogy. Anne has known that this day would have to happen for quite some time now and that I am stood here, as with every other aspect of today's proceedings, was planned by Anne in the 3 page document she left Brian and Rachael setting out her 'suggestions' of how we might celebrate her life.

I realise now that when I helped Anne to put together a book of memories for each of her granddaughters, Phoebe and Amelia, earlier this year she was also making sure that I had all the necessary details to carry out this role.

Anne was the elder daughter of Peter and Marie Thorne, she was born on the 29th March 1952 in Charnwood Nursing Home and was joined by a younger sister, Christine, 3 years later. They lived in School Cottage, Byworth before moving to Hallgate, the family farm.

As a big sister along with cousin Jane they played practical jokes on their younger siblings, Chris and Jilly, often involving hosepipes and a jolly good soaking.

Anne and Chris lost their mother when Anne was only 9 years old. She described her father as their rock in the years that followed. In 1966 Mary first came into Anne's life when she lent her a pony. She continued to play a part in Anne's life after she married Anne's father.

Anne's school years began at Miss Lovelocks Infant School. Then from aged 7 she attended Arundale School at Pulborough where her favourite subjects were science and maths. She was head girl at Arundale and won the Hennings cup twice. Her senior schooling was at St Margarets Convent School in Midhurst.

Anne joined the Young Farmers where she first properly met Brian, although she reckoned their paths had crossed as children. Brian and Anne dated, or hung around together, on and off until Anne went to college. Chris was often sent as chaperone. In return for dunking Chris in a trough of water, Anne's father once tried to dampen Brian's youthful high spirits, throwing a bucket of water over him when he arrived to collect Anne from Hallgate. Brian recalls a 10 pin bowling trip when Anne went out with her current boyfriend, who had a brand new van, and Brian had to take Chris in his old Morris 1100. The brand new van broke down and Brian gloated in his successful pursuit of Anne, leaving his rival to tend his vehicle.

As a child Anne had imaginary friends and an ambition to ride elephants in the circus, but in the end she pursued a more sensible career in teaching having spent some time doing a range of other jobs - including working in her step grandparents butchers shop, doing the deliveries in a Morris Minor van. Whether that was what developed her love of the Morris is not certain but she thoroughly enjoyed the convertible 1954 Morris Minor which she bought in 2008 and took to the Goodwood Revival each year and the Isle of Wight Morris Minor Owners Club rally.

She attended Whitelands College in Putney where she studied PE and Maths whilst working for her Certificate in Education which she achieved in 1973.

At college she met a new group of friends who were to remain so for years to come with many reunions long after college days. They recall a quiet, studious person of strong and determined character, whose meticulous lecture notes were often shared.

Anne came home to her beloved Sussex as often as she could to be on the farm and have a decent meal. She didn't like the college food, her staple diet in London was a marmite roll and cornflakes with creamy milk at bedtime.

Anne's college friends came to Byworth to celebrate her 21st birthday. They had a sleep over and next day they all took turns riding her pony. They went driving around the lanes in a Triumph Spitfire sports car, 2 up front and 2 sitting on the back holding onto the roll bar, and Annie worried about her reputation.

She met up with Steve Carter during her visits home from college and when Anne was 21 they married. Having learned to sew Anne was very proud to have made her own wedding dress.

Anne's first teaching post was back at Arundale School. Throughout her career Anne carried on with her studies, she graduated from the University of Sussex, the same year as Rachael was born, in 1982. Anne described Rachael as the perfect baby, she had great support from Steve's mum, Mo, during Rachael's early years. Anne returned to teaching when Rachael was 3, and for seven years Rachael and Anne went to school together, at St Mary's in Pulborough.

Anne realized her aptitude for teaching children who struggled with their learning. She went on to do a Masters in Education, a diploma in Specific Learning Difficulties and a qualification as an Advanced Skills teacher.

Anne's career continued at Ingfield Manor, a school for children with cerebral palsy work which she found challenging and inspiring. As a consequence of Anne's inventive ways of teaching she went on to work as a peripatetic teacher, and later the service coordinator for the Special Needs Support Service based at Horsham.

Rachael remembers very fondly holidays as a child with friends in the New Forest. They would camp in one field and the children would have their ponies in the neighbouring field. Anne describes having the most amazing fun striding across the forest, real free spirits. Cousin Jane and Jill Lovett remember other wetter holidays in the New Forest. Jane remembers 2 caravans providing the base for 3 dogs, 3 children and 3 adults for a week when it poured with rain, there was much playing of cards and making merry indoors. College friends had a reunion camping trip during which time there was a terrible thunder storm, torrents of water running through their tent. One of the party refused to come out of the toilet block and had to be convinced by Anne that it would be safer sitting in the car.

Anne lived with Alan for 6 years. She met Alan playing badminton. Together they enjoyed Morris dancing. This provided the backdrop to other memorable holidays, including a trip to France, where they entertained the locals outside pubs meeting lots of lovely people. Anne still had her full Morris dancing costume in the attic at Woodside years later.

In the late 1990s Brian and Anne met up again. Anne described Brian as her best and oldest friend, her soulmate. Realising that it had always been so, but each had gone their separate ways in their youth, Anne moved into Strood Farm in 2002 and they were married at Egdean Church in 2005. Just before they married Anne gave up her full time managerial role, but she returned to teach individual children with special needs at the Herbert Shiner School. Later Anne taught children at home and continued to do so right up until a few weeks ago.

Anne volunteered throughout her life. She was a Brown Owl before Rachael was born, she was the Teacher governor at Horsham and the Foundation governor at Fittleworth Primary School. After retirement she also volunteered in the classroom at Fittleworth Primary School, which she loved, working there until almost the end of the school term in July 2017. Anne also did a great deal for charity. She cycled down the Nile for Mencap with two teaching colleagues. After she was diagnosed with her cancer, even though she was enduring difficult treatment schedules, Anne threw herself into organizing fund raising events. The barn dances at the Moncrieffe Bray gallery, with an army in the kitchen at Strood preparing shepherds pie for 150, all under Anne's supervision. The Marsden Marches - the first one with Sue Gilbert in 2011, through to 2017 when a family and friends team marched on Anne's behalf, including Phoebe and Amelia, who joined the mini march from Nonesuch Park to Sutton.

Anne had many trips to hospital in Portsmouth initially, then Royal Marsden Hospital in London and Sutton. Anne never let her illness and her many chemo regimes, trial drugs and other treatments get in the way of living, if anything it made her more determined to do many things.

Her preserves, pickles and sloe gins are well renowned. Days after recovering from her second surgery she had Brian chop all the branches off the black currant bush and she sat indoors preparing the fruit for me to make the jam, as they couldn't be left to go to waste. Cousin Jane did that duty earlier this year, when Anne was admitted to Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, for the first time.

Anne and Brian bought a flat in Littlehampton. It was Anne's bolt hole, somewhere she could get away from it all. She loved to spend time there. She enjoyed taking Phoebe, Amelia and Daisy for seaside holidays in the summer and they loved the fireworks each November. There was lots to do in Littlehampton - crabbing, crazy golf, tennis and, Anne's particular favourite, the East Beach Café.

Anne, Rachael and I enjoyed a walk along the seafront and lunch at the East Beach only a couple of months ago.

The Church of England played an important part in Anne's life. As youngsters she and Brian were confirmed into the church at the same time. As Churchwarden at Egdean Anne was responsible for introducing and sustaining a vibrant family service, encouraging new families, getting the children to do readings, wrapping a range of events around the church that resulted in a hugely increased community involvement. The tractor and beaters trailer carting folks to the Christmas Carol service has become legendary in these parts.

The late Very Reverend Michael Till was a very influential figure in the latter years of Anne's life, as she developed a deeper understanding of her own faith which helped her enormously as she battled against her cancer.

Anne was Godmother to Ruth and Hannah, a role she took quite seriously and one which her godchildren have very fond memories of. Being a mother and a godmother was surpassed however by being a grandmother, one of the best things in the world to Anne. She cherished watching Phoebe and Amelia growing up, encouraging them in their sporting and musical activities as much as their academic endeavours. She attended school assemblies and sports days and enjoyed being a spectator at the interschool rounders tournament in which Phoebe was participating. She was thrilled very recently when the girls played together, in the sitting room at Woodside, Phoebe on the cello and Amelia on the violin.

Anne was able to reinstate a pleasure from her younger days when Brian established the Strood Shoot. Having enjoyed beating on the Coates shoot with her wayward black lab, when Rachael was but a baby, she ensured that Phoebe, Amelia and Daisy all had the opportunity to participate as beaters on the family New Year shoot, embracing Amelia's wish to do so dressed in her best fairy wings in 2012!

There were so many achievements and surprises in Anne's life in addition to everything already mentioned. She walked the South Downs way, she loved the chair planes at Petworth Fair, she lost her palate for red wine but as a result of having chemo developed a taste for champagne. Eggs were one of her favourite foods, just as well she had a passion for keeping chickens. Her most exciting encounter with a famous person was when she attended the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with Brian in 2012, just like the Queen Anne enjoyed horse racing. I should imagine few here will believe me when I tell you Anne even had an account at William Hill.

Anne has strived to create a host of memories for those she has left behind. Neil, Rachael, Phoebe and Amelia joined Anne and Brian for family holidays. The trip to Antigua where they were upgraded to first class set a new standard, but there were many others including skiing trips and sunny holidays in the Canaries. She and Brian also travelled extensively, their safari honeymoon, the river cruise across Portugal, exploring Cape Verde and in this country all over from the Isle of Skye to Cornwall. To celebrate their 65th birthdays there were two special trips earlier this year, a helicopter ride over the local area and a narrow boat adventure.

The family has received a huge number of cards since Anne died on the 5th September, the words in those cards offer such an insight into how others saw Anne. Most people have said brave, determined, inspirational, kind, popular. One in particular summed it up - he said - there are not enough superlatives to do justice to Anne's memory, great charm, lovely, sometimes mischievous, considerable ability and guts galore.

Our world is a poorer place for having lost Anne. Now all we can do is to treasure her memory and be thankful that we have been allowed to have known such a charming and wonderful person.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES FOR THE ORGAN APPEAL FUND

Saturday 11th November at 12 noon

Lauryn Lewis and Luke Haydn (clarinet and piano).

Retiring Collection for St Mary's Organ Appeal Fund.

Tea and Coffee served. Feel free to come and go between items.

(Lauryn turned pages for Luke Haydn's organ recital the other week).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday 1st January 2018 at 12 noon

New Year Organ Recital given by Matthew Cooke.

Matthew Cooke

ORGAN APPEAL FUND UPDATE

I thought I would provide an update on the Organ Appeal, now that it is just over a month since the CD launch.

The CD has made a strong start with sales and, when coupled with a £1,000 profit on the launch concert, and thanks to a very strong level of sponsorship for the project, we ought to be in a position to take on phase one of the maintenance project in the not too distant future. The fund is approaching £4,000 after payment of (the very reasonable) production costs, I am in the process of obtaining updated quotes from Bishop and Sons, and will also be applying to a trust called the 'On Organ Fund' for some extra financial assistance now that we have well over half the funds for phase one.

Please do continue to recommend to others that they buy the CD, and do buy more as Christmas presents if you can - and if anybody thinks they can sell a batch for me then do get in touch!

The lunch time concerts will continue into the New Year too, and all support for these is much appreciated of course. Please note there is a recital on Saturday 11th November at 12 noon, and I will be giving a New Year's Day 12 noon Recital, partly modelled on the regularly broadcast concert from Vienna.

In addition, I will be giving a recital in St Mary's with the local clarinetist Steve Dummer in the summer as part of the Festival of Chichester but in aid of the Organ Appeal Fund. I am hopeful that the wide publicity this will receive will produce a decent audience on the night. Steve is a highly accomplished player having studied with Jack Brymer. He also conducts Horsham Symphony Orchestra and has done a great deal of classical outreach work with his acclaimed Talkestra and Kidenza concert programmes. He is a great enthusiast as you might imagine and I am very much looking forward to working with him again. The date will be confirmed soon - watch this space!

Matthew Cooke





Clarinet Recital

Laurnyn Lewis - Clarinet
Luke Haydn CRCO - Piano
at St Mary's, Petworth

Saturday 11th November 2017 - Noon

Performing:

Felix Mendelssohn's Clarinet Sonata in Eb Major

Paul Reade's Suite from 'The Victorian Kitchen Garden'

W.A. Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A major

Free Entry, with retiring collection
for St Mary's Organ fund

PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 29th September all of our key stage two children participated in the 75th anniversary memorial service held at St Mary's Church and then by the grave of the 28 children and three adults who lost their lives. As you would expect it was a moving experience.



After the service over 50 people returned to our school where they could meet with old friends, share memories and educate our year six children about the history of Petworth. As we were keen to share what the children have learnt about Petworth, the children produced a 'mini-museum', which covered many different aspects of Petworth ranging from changes in transport, St Mary's Church to life in Victorian Petworth. In addition to this Rowan Explorers completed their own 'archaeological dig' of the school's memory box.





**Christmas Wreath Making with the Floral Artisan
in aid of St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean
Monday 4th December**



After the amazing success of last year's workshops we have arranged another Christmas Wreath Making session at the gallery. Lucy Moore of www.floralartisan.co.uk will lead the workshop and you are guaranteed to go home with your unique Christmas wreath. Lucy trained for many years with Spriggs Florists in Petworth and knows all the tricks of the trade. All materials will be provided but please bring secateurs and an apron.

Workshop times are 10.00 am - 12.30 pm and the cost is £50. The gallery will make a donation of £20 per person to the tiny rural church of Egdean, one of Petworth's best kept secrets.

Please email: mail@moncrieff-bray.com to book your place.

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

We plan another exhibition for this Christmas. It is hoped the school and other regulars will be taking part. If anyone would like to be involved this year please give me a call on 01798 342487.

Jackie Smith

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St Mary's, Petworth Organ Appeal Fundraising CD

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| 3. | Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707) The Prince of Denmark's March | 2'50** |
| 4. | J.S. Bach Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata 147) | 2'31 |
| 5. | G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Hornpipe from The Water Music Suite in D | 4'03 |
| 6. | Ralph Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958) Welsh Hymn Tune Prelude: Rhosymedre | 4'23* |
| 7. | Louis-James-Alfred Lefebure-Wely (1817-1869) Sortie in E flat | 4'16* |
| 8. | J.S. Bach Sheep may safely graze (from Cantata BWV 208) | 3'42* |
| 9. | J.S. Bach Wachet Auf! Ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Wake! from Cantata 140) | 4'23* |
| 10. | G.F. Handel Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from the Oratorio Solomon) | 3'55 |
| 11. | Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Nimrod (from Enigma Variations Op.36) | 3'26 |
| 12. | Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) Chorale Improvisation on Nun Danket Alle Gott | 4'23** |
| 13. | Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) Canon in D (Variations) | 4'09 |
| 14. | C.S. Lang (1891 - 1973) Tubo Tune | 2'34* |
| 15. | Henry Purcell Rondo from Abdelazar or The Moor's Revenge | 2'06** |
| 16. | Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) Toccata from Symphony No. 5, Op.42 | 6'32** |

Matthew Cooke, Organist

The Great and Choir Organ Case at St. Mary's Church, Petworth

Producer: Gavin Barrett
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** St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring
** St. Mary's Church, Littlehampton

Thanks are due to Stainer & Bell Limited for permission to include Vaughan Williams' Rhosymedre, and to Grant Mitchell of QuickClicks for invaluable support.

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ST BARTHOLMEW'S EGDEAN

PCC Meeting Report

Fr Mark opened the PCC meeting held on 5th October with a special prayer in memory of our Church Warden, Anne Dallyn and for Brian and her family and for the continuing of the church community at Egdean.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Fr Mark expressed how much Anne did for the church and community and that we will miss her.

It was approved that Edward Brewster of New Barn, Woodruff Lane, Egdean be appointed as Auditor for the 2017 accounts.

The Treasurer reported on the first nine months accounts, which shows expenses higher than the income received by £2,470. The Treasurer was not unduly concerned and proposed that more people in the community be approached to help by planned giving, and also a review of the current giving would put the accounts in better stead.

It was agreed to concentrate on local charities for the annual donations and the following were approved, each to receive £150.

Petworth Cottage Nursing Home
Stonepillow (for the homeless in Chichester area)
Midhurst Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Service

It was also agreed that the Special Service Collections should be topped up to £150 as follows:-

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

Jenny Foster reported on the Deanery Synod meeting held at Wisborough Green on 6th July. The speaker was John Sherlock regarding the Parish Giving Scheme. Jenny also explained that she would report on the Synod meeting held the previous night at St Mary's, Petworth at the next PCC meeting, but circulated a copy of her report on Egdean which she had put together with the help of Christine. She reported that there had been a lot of interest in all we do.

It was arranged that the Carol Service will be held on 17th December, no service on 24th December, as Christmas Day service will be the following day, and no service on 31st December.

Roger Dallyn reported on the church working party and was pleased with all that was achieved, strimming the wilder area of the old church yard and around the graves, timber treating the church door, gates, noticeboard and benches and internal cleaning of the church removing of the high cobwebs, polishing the pews afterwards and thanked everyone who helped.

It was agreed to hold the Church BBQ on Saturday 16th June and the Cream Tea Weekend in July.

It was agreed to arrange a community meal in the autumn and Charles Bray offered his barn for the venue and will find out a suitable date next year to hold the event.

The next PCC meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th January 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm and everyone said Grace.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

RIDE AND STRIDE - EGDEAN

The Annual 'Ride and Stride' in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and Egdean took place on Saturday 9th September. Unlike last year when we all got soaked the weather this year, particularly in the morning, was good.

Fifteen people and dogs took part from Egdean and raised a total of £1,804, just over £300 more than in 2016. So well done indeed to all who took part and thank you very much to all who sponsored them. Half of this goes to the Trust and the other half to Egdean Church.

The age of those taking part ranged from William Thornhill aged 7 and Archie Cox aged 11 to my working cocker spaniel Amy who, if you apply the rule of 1 year of a dog's life equals 7 years of a human's, was at 15¼ years about 107! And of course I myself am no longer young!

So thank you to all involved and see you all next year.

Robert Longmore

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The next Petworth Lunch Club meeting is in the URC on Tuesday 14th November at 12 noon - £7.00 for 2 courses and tea or coffee. Everyone welcome - booking essential through Caroline Stoneman on 342942.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL, PETWORTH

Saturday 28th October - Saturday 11th November

Firstly I would like to introduce myself, my name is Fiona Kemp, my husband and I have a daughter and son-in-law serving in the Army, and a son retired from the RAF, and they have seen and experienced the work of RBL first hand. Therefore I am delighted to have taken over from Ian McNeil as Poppy Appeal Organiser RBL Petworth. I must thank Ian for all his sterling work and to those that have supported him and their various teams in raising money for the continued work of the RBL to support veterans and their families.

On 7th October 19 walkers and a handful of dogs kick-started the poppy appeal for Petworth and raised over £2,200 in memory of Jack Holloway, a Burma Star veteran, by doing the annual sponsored Jack's Walk. Congratulations and thank you to all who walked or contributed in whatever way.

I am sure you are aware that the Poppy Appeal this year starts for two weeks on 28th October until 11th November. The Poppy Appeal is accepting your old £1 coins, which are now no longer legal tender, so if you have any lurking in your purses, piggy banks, down the back of the sofa or in anorak pockets please pop them in the collecting boxes, they will be accepted and be very much appreciated! Petworth has always been very generous in supporting this appeal, not only with money for this worthy cause in supporting the vital on going work of The Royal British Legion, but by dedicated volunteers as Street Collectors and House to House Collectors. This year we have decided on a pop-up shop too, which is a new initiative, where we will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise - so look out for us. Of course the collectors as always will have available the usual smaller merchandise in their boxes. The pop-up shop will be in the square on Saturday 28th October at the Farmers' Market and then on 4th and 11th November during the street collections. The Military Vehicles as usual will be stationed at the top of the car park on 4th November. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support. If you would like to help or support in any way this year or next, even for an hour or two, please contact me 01798 343099 or e-mail on kempfamily@hotmail.co.uk Your help would be as always warmly welcomed.

Fiona Kemp

CHIDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

November and December is the time when the collecting boxes are opened. If it is possible to bring them to Church I will be very grateful, or if more convenient give me a call on 01798 342487 so collection of your box can be arranged.

Jackie Smith

AN INVITATION!

This year please come and join in with the Live Nativity at the Petworth Christmas Lights Switch On, on Saturday 2nd December, meeting in St Mary's at 5.30 pm to gather.

So please join us as Angels or Shepherds or Kings for the Live Nativity and Lantern Procession on Saturday 2nd December leaving St Mary's Church at approximately 6.00 pm to process down to the square with the donkey where there will be communal carol singing and the Christmas Tree Lights switch on. Dress up if you wish.

Make your free Lantern or Crown upstairs in the Leconfield Hall during the afternoon whilst waiting to see Father Christmas. Or bring your very own Crowns, Lanterns or Wings if you have them. Everyone young, or young at heart, will be warmly welcomed and, as they say, the more the merrier!

Any queries please ring 01798 343099.

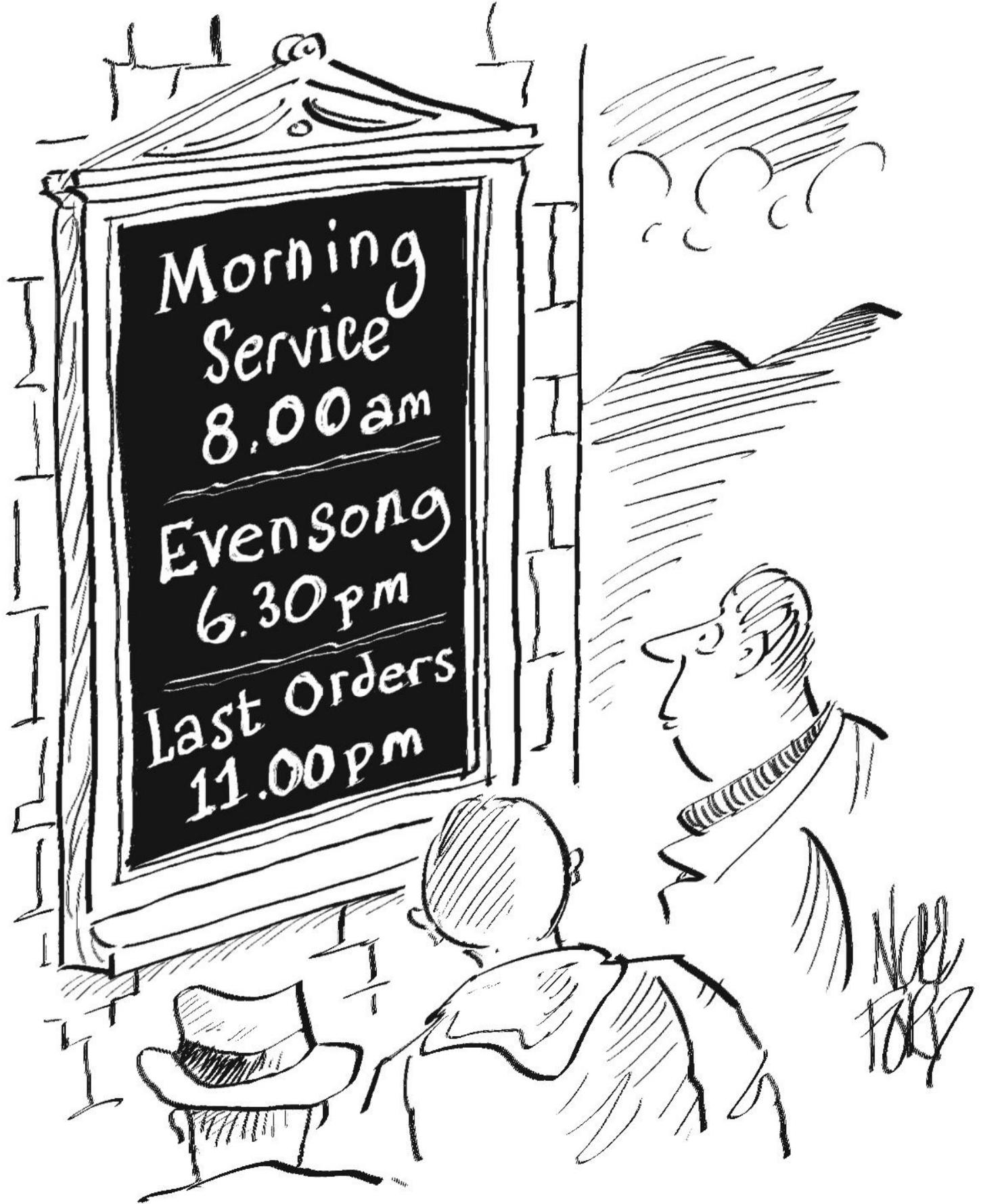
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Life is ...

Life is a gift
That we may live;
Not sit about
With no time to give.

Talk to each other,
Share thoughts as words;
Delight in voices –
Some may need to be heard.

But best and possibly
Most precious of all,
Is when the power of a smile
Weakens a self-imposed wall.



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

If one considers the village of DUNSFOLD to be relatively remote then the CHURCH OF ST MARY and ALL SAINTS is even more so. The church is more than half a mile from the village centre, approached along a quiet lane through tunnels of clipped yews. William Morris, the author, artist and founder of the Arts and Crafts movement described the church as 'the most beautiful country church in all England'

The building itself is largely untouched, built between 1270 and 1290, apart from the timber framed tower and spire which date from the 15th Century. The nave walls were twice covered by paintings, the first series were probably painted at an early date and of mainly red outlines. The second series were in full colour, but were destroyed or whitewashed over in 1547. The ancient pews which date from 1409 to 1441 are extremely rare and considered to be the oldest seating in England. The timber framed porch, renewed in the 16th century shelters the original door with its iron-work still intact.

Unusual in a small village church, the chancel has two bays and on the south side of the chancel note the three sedillia (clergy seating) which are of different levels. This indicates the three orders of clergy at a Mass, the priest on the highest level followed by the deacon and sub-deacon. The south transept contains the Lady Chapel and was restored in 1957. On the west wall of the chapel is a painting depicting the Royal Arms of the House of Hanover and inscribed underneath are the names of the two churchwardens who held office at the time, in 1828.

To the west of the entrance door a wall tablet commemorates the association of the Royal Netherlands Airforce and the 320 Netherlands Squadron of the Royal Airforce with Dunsfold. On the south wall of the nave a tablet lists the names of Dunsfold men who gave their lives in the 2nd World War. A number who were stationed at the airfield, and those who died in the 1st World War are remembered on a north wall tablet. Also on the north wall as you enter the church is a list of rectors of the parish, the first recorded in 1294. A Tapestry measuring 17'3 by 4' and sewn by 85 parishioners to celebrate the Millennium depicts 'Life in Dunsfold' and is on display on the west wall. The oak pulpit and lectern are modern, dating from 1948.

A unique feature visible from the outside are the three draining holes in the walls, with their wooden plugs secured by chains. These were installed to allow the water to be swept out after the floors were sluiced down after cleaning.

In the churchyard there is a yew tree thought to be 1500 years old and to the south of the church is a Holy Well, the water of which is used for Baptisms.

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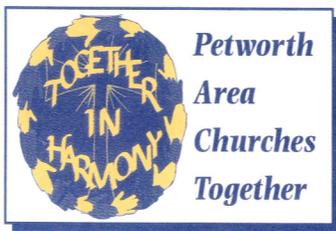
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P A C T NEWS
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Welcome to Reverend Anne Lewitt who is the new URC minister. It is great to have her with us serving the Petworth, Pulborough and Billingshurst United Reformed Churches.

Friday coffee mornings are still going strong - from 9.45 am in the United Reformed Church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – an advance date for the diary – 21st -26th January 2018 with the theme of ‘That All May Be Free’ looks to be an encouraging and inspiring time for those seeking to go deeper with God and with each other.

The Petworth Foodbank continues with about two calls a week – it is a privilege to be able to provide a practical helping hand to those in need. Thank you to all volunteers who are working with the individuals affected and all those behind the scenes managing the food store.

Kate & Karl Ayling

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE
The Friendship Centre

AN OMISSION FROM OCTOBER DATES - if you receive your magazine before the end of October I hope you will be able to join us at our
COFFEE MORNING in the URC Hall on
Farmers' Market Day - Saturday 28th October from 9.30 am

Dates for your Diary November

| | | |
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| Wednesday 1st | 2.00 - 4.00 pm | Bingo |
| Wednesday 8th | 2.00 - 4.00 pm | Quiz Afternoon |
| Wednesday 15th | 2.30 - 4.00 pm | Bingo NB. later start |
| Wednesday 22nd | 2.00 - 4.00 pm | Board & Card Games |

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 4.30 PM

CHRISTMAS TEA IN THE AUDIT ROOM, PETWORTH HOUSE

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Caroline Stoneman

House Committee Chairman

St Mary's Church, Petworth



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NADFAS

The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS) has changed its name to The Arts Society.

So, South Downs Decorative and Fine Arts Society has changed its own name to The Arts Society - South Downs: www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

Our members are treated to a wide range of interesting lectures every 1st Wednesday of the month (except Jan and Aug) in Fittleworth Village Hall at 10.30 am.

Why not join us for a fun, sociable and informative meeting. Annual membership is £40 and visitors are most welcome at £5.

THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS (formerly South Downs Decorative and Fine Arts Society)

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**On 6th December Clare Forde-Wille will speak on
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SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Saturday 11th November at 11.00 am led by Fr Mark. We will gather at 10.50 am in preparation. The traffic will be halted whilst the short Act of Remembrance takes place. Everyone welcome to join this Act of Remembrance.

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P&DCA

Petworth & District Community Association held its AGM on the 15th September. We were sorry to say goodbye to Jim Jenkins who has stepped down as a trustee, however, we are delighted to welcome back Janet Duncton and three new trustees: Clare Wiggs, Marie Diaper and Ian Wilson. These additions have strengthened the board and we look forward to working with them and other keen committee members on planning and organising our events and activities.

We were also sad that Richard Smith has been forced to step down as Treasurer due to eyesight problems. So we are seeking a new Treasurer to step into this important role. If you have book-keeping/accounting skills we would love to hear from you. Experience with online banking would be helpful.

Please contact Tony Sneller on 07860 186847 or email tonysneller@gmail.com
Dates for your diary....

4th November 2017

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If you wish to help with planning and organising these events please contact Tony.

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.

Jackie Smith

The Arts Society - West Sussex

The Annual General Meeting for members only, will be held
at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 7th November
followed by a lecture at 2.30 pm given by Eveline Eaton on
Auguste Rodin
The First Modern Sculptor?

On Tuesday 5th December David Phillips will talk on
Is Christmas In Good Taste ?

From Giotto's painting of the first Christmas crib until
Dickens meets Coca Cola, some images have perhaps turned
Christmas into Kitschmas

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For membership details please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

Visitors are welcome for a fee of £5

Red Alert: Incoming transmission

By Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Tseep. For centuries we have looked to the stars above hoping for a sign. An answer to all our problems. Tseep. And each November we get one. But we're just too wrapped up in our little lives to notice. Tseep. Stand anywhere in our county on a clear November night and listen. Tseep. There it is again; a thin, sibilant whistle. Somewhere, up there between Sussex and the moon, something is happening. Tseep. As the Earth slowly turns and the seasons change that noise is the sound of our big, old planet on the move. It's the sound of the redwing.



Redwing are small thrushes, like a pale, streaky-breasted blackbird. Their name comes from the flash of red revealed by the birds in flight – an underwing that looks like it has been rubbed raw from flying. Their furrowed 'eyebrows' and blonde, drooping 'moustache' give them the appearance of a permanently annoyed Scandinavian – and that's exactly what they are.

The planet turns, the bit at the top gets colder and redwing are begrudgingly forced to flee from the freeze and head for the warmth of England. Once here they roam the countryside in nomadic flocks, constantly harassed by the weather during their anxious search for berries and wild fruits.



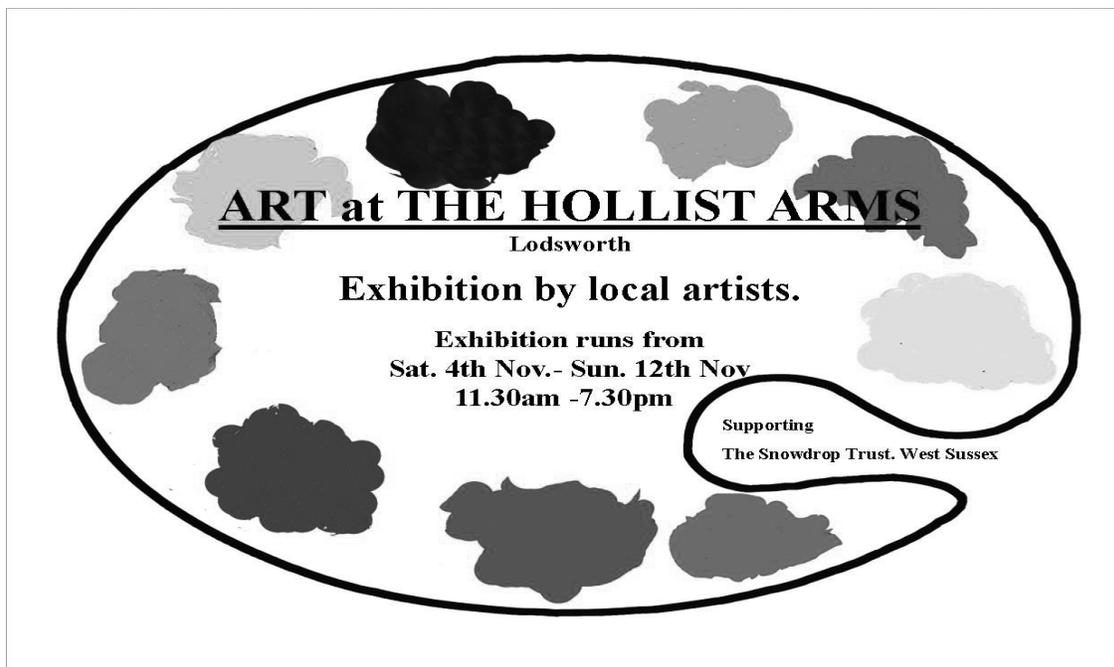
The scale of the annual redwing invasion is massive – maybe a million birds, but this number changes each year depending on the weather conditions further north. Those that do arrive in Sussex are kettled around the county by cold fronts. 40,000 redwing were observed passing Beachy Head ahead of an advancing storm on Feb 16th 1969; a blizzard of snowflakes and blazing armpits.

They mostly migrate undercover of the night. That Tseep is their contact call; a single note of reassurance for their fellow travellers. Novelist John Fowles described it perfectly; 'a sudden small gleam of old silver in a dark room'.

Redwing breed across a wide northerly stretch of our planet running from Iceland to the Kolyma Basin in eastern Siberia. In March and April they'll leave Sussex and chase the retreating winter back to their defrosting fjords. But until then stare up at the stars and listen out for that thin, wild, mercury whistle. Tseep. A gentle reminder that, whatever your own little problems are, they're insignificant. You're just a tiny part of something much bigger; a planet on the move.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a registered charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout 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 to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work.

As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our guide book, Discovering Wildlife in Sussex. It's easy to join online at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join



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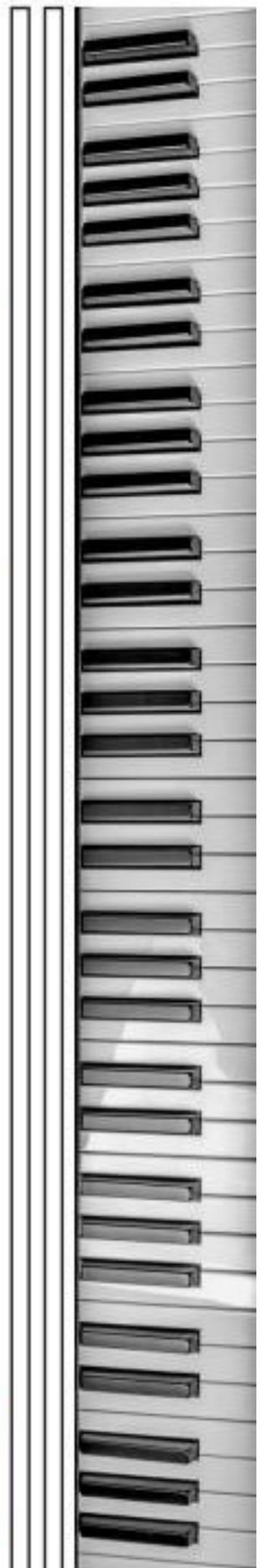
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THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source:

‘Heart’ newspaper: ‘Heart Publications,
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Has Christian persecution become official government policy here? It is going that way, according to Oct/Nov edition of ‘Heart’. It reports a Foreign Office think tank (Wilton Park Advisory Council), which wants the Bible ‘reinterpreted’ to suit the LGBT lobby, and that this should be required teaching in all churches, Sunday Schools and seminaries, condemning missionaries’ ‘hateful’ teaching. Is this a trigger for the church to wake up? What else is needed? The corruption and cruelty of the eighteenth century raised up an army of ‘do-gooders’, amongst whom the Wesleys were hounded out of the church (although their hymns are a mainstay of our worship now). Is the church going to stand on its outworn and complacent traditions once again? And when will it wake up to the terrible suffering of faithful Christian around the world? Britain studiously avoided giving sanctuary to Syrian and Iraqi Christians, of whom only a handful were given refugee status, in spite of them being Isis targets. The church needs a spiritual revolution, no less.

Rosemary Harris

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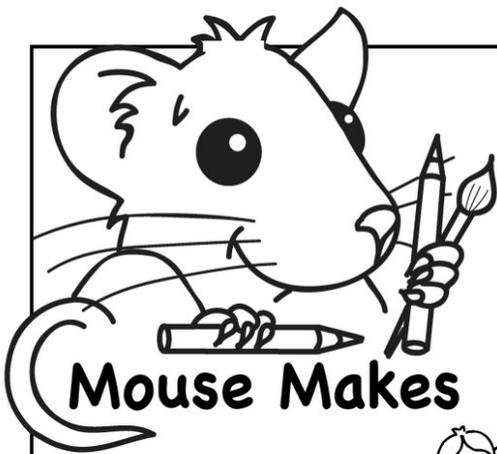
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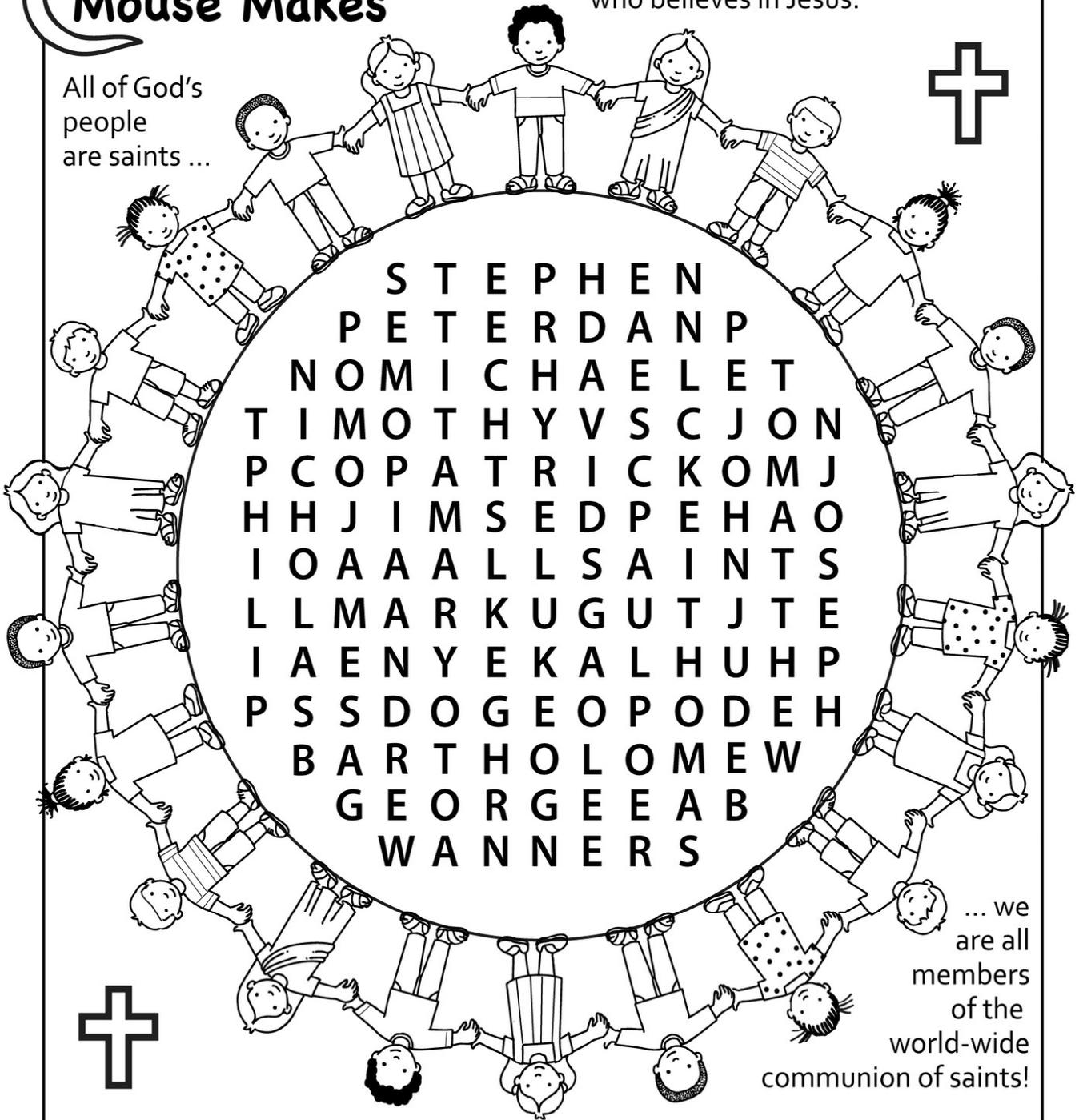


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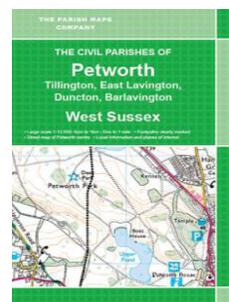
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Pray for the souls of

LESLIE HOWARD who passed away at his home, 15 Martlet Road on 14th September aged 88 years.

Les was a member of the Howard family, originating from Tillington, and so well known in the community. He was a nephew of Percy, Harry and Maurice who were all strongly connected with St Mary's.

He worked generally in gardening jobs and for a time was employed by the Parish Council in maintaining the churchyard and cemetery as well as the 'Round the Hills' footpath. Les was also the last person to have regularly wound the church clock twice weekly prior to it being electrified.

Before moving to Martlet Road in the mid 1970s Les and Olive were living at Wisborough Green where Les was employed by the late Robert Hooper.

He enjoyed horse racing and visits to the greyhound racing tracks.

Sadly, he was widowed in 2011.

The funeral service was held at All Hallows, Tillington on 22nd September and was followed by burial in the village cemetery.

GODFREY HILL of 16 South Grove who passed away at St Richard's hospital on 16th September aged 75 years.

Godfrey had had been brought up at South Grove, and had been a familiar figure to so many through his employment with British Rail. He had worked at Pulborough railway station for practically all of his working life.

A single man, after the death of his mother 20 years ago, he lived alone at South Grove. He leaves a brother, Brian, who lives at Hampers Green to whom we extend our condolences.

The committal service was held at Worthing Crematorium on 6th October.

DOROTHEA JASPERSON and GWYNETH HUGGINS of 41 Sheepdown Drive who both passed away within days of each other. Gwyneth, who died suddenly on 11th September aged 78 years, and Dorothea died in hospital on 17th September at the age of 95 years. Both had had careers in the teaching profession and had been firm friends over many years. The friendship continued after Dorothea married but after 17 years of marriage, Harold died in 1999, following which the two strengthened their friendship together.

Before moving to Petworth they lived in Billingshurst and were closely associated with the parish church there, Dorothea being the secretary to the PCC for a number of years.

Both travelled widely and their other interests were music and their garden.

They will be remembered for their sense of humour and for the smiles and laughter that was always present in their company. Here, they worshipped at St Mary's but in recent times health problems prevented them from regular attendance.

The joint funeral service took place at St Mary's on 17th September and was followed by committal at Worthing Crematorium.

We offer our sympathy to their relatives.

MARION ROSALIE TIDY of 1 The Lanes, Bampton, Oxfordshire who passed away at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford on 1st October aged 85 years.

Marion was born on 18th October 1931 at Westbourne, one of three children, where her father ran a Market Garden business. She attended Southbourne school and then completed her education at Chichester Girls school. She met John and the couple were married at St John's church in Southbourne in June 1955. Before moving to Petworth they lived for a while at Easebourne. Many will remember John and Marion for their time here, with John running a successful electrical contraction business. Marion was involved in a number of community organisations, including on the fund raising committee for the NSPCC, the Tuesday Club, the WI, both here and later at Steyning, and chair of the Floral Art Group. On John's retirement they moved to live at Steyning and then for a time at Rustington before finally moving to Oxfordshire.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 20th October and was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

We extend our condolences to John and to Andrew, Isobel and Amanda in their loss.

Following a short service in St Bartholomew's church on 28th September for the late JILL MARCHANT her ashes were interred in the churchyard Garden of Remembrance. Her funeral service had previously taken place at St Michael's church in Oxford.

At the time of our copy date deadline we have learnt of the sad passing of PEARL GODSMARK and PHILIP NEVE. Tributes to both will be included in the next issue of the magazine.

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Calendar and Services for November and early December

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| 1st | ALL SAINTS DAY Holy Eucharist | 8.30 am |
| 2nd | ALL SOULS REQUIEM EUCHARIST | 7.00 pm |
| 5th | 4TH BEFORE ADVENT <i>Micah 3.5-12, 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13, Matthew 24.1-14</i> Holy Eucharist 'Fireworks' Family Service (Egdean) Jubilate Family Mass | 8.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am |
| 11th | Act of Remembrance | 10.50 am |
| 12th | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13</i> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) Parish Eucharist | 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am |
| | REMEMBRANCE SERVICE | 3.00 pm |

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