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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends,

Covid-19 has brought many problems; it has, however, had a financial effect on our Churches. St Mary's and St Bartholomew's need your continued support at this time. Covid-19 has raised some very particular financial challenges for our church. I am so grateful for the energy and generosity you have given to our Churches in the past, and I urge you to continue to serve the church with the same enthusiasm now, in particular by helping us to address this significant financial challenge.

St Mary's in particular is having a Stewardship campaign in order to meet our needs.

Why has St Mary's and St Bartholomew's income been so affected by Covid-19?

I would like to take this opportunity to explain why the virus has had this impact.

- Many of you have generously supported our church for years through plate and envelope giving. When we ceased meeting for gathered worship many were no longer able to give in these ways. This represents a significant loss of income for our church.
- We are no longer able to hire out our buildings.
- Key church fundraising events are no longer able to go ahead.

Taken together, this all represents a significant loss of income for our Churches.

Why did we still need the same amount of income now church has 'closed'?

Sadly, although our normal patterns of worship stopped, our costs didn't. We were and are still required to pay fixed costs such as buildings insurance and diocesan share as clergy like me continue to work and need housing. Although it may not feel like it now, we are also mindful of the fact that eventually this storm will pass, and we need a financially viable church in our community that is able to go back to a normal worshipping presence once again.

The financial challenges being faced by our church here in Petworth and Egdean are unfortunately replicated in every parish across the country. The diocese is doing all they can to support churches during this turbulent time, but they are very reliant on Parish Share which is their main source of income. A material drop in this income source across the county will impact the diocese's ability to pay for ministry during the crisis, and once this crisis has ended.

A key priority for me at this time has been to ensure that the congregation of St Mary's and St Bartholomew's still feels connected to the worshipping life of the church.

Finally, you will appreciate there are a huge amount of logistics to think about at this time. We are having to constantly adapt to the fast-changing advice coming from our leaders in the government and the Church of England. For example, our approach to PCC meetings, APCMs, weddings and funerals have all had to change overnight. I am working hard to respond to these changes.

I share this with you because I want to make it clear that our church still needs your financial support, in order to be at the forefront of responding to this crisis now, and to be in a strong position to continue being a worshipping presence in this community once this is all over.

How can you help at this time?

Covid-19 has had huge economic consequences for many individuals and businesses up and down the country. It is also having a very serious impact on the financial sustainability of our Benefice. I encourage you to prayerfully consider if you can help us rise to this challenge by responding to the coming Stewardship campaign.

Yours in Christ,



MARY WAKEFORD

As you will know for many years, (she can't remember how many but it goes back at least to David Pollard's time), Mary Wakeford has sorted the magazine into bundles for the distributors, sent off the postal magazines and collected the subscriptions. By the time you read this she should be back in the area but will be living at Barlavington Manor. Having spoken to Mary she agrees she cannot continue, we've been very fortunate in that Carole Field has offered to take over the distribution and I look forward to working with her. I've known Mary for over 50 years, from the time when she first taught my children to swim, and I've enjoyed her friendship and working with her. Thank you, Mary, for all you've done for the church.

I know your many friends will join me in wishing you all the best for the future and I look forward to seeing you before too long.

Jean Huggett

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

St Mary's Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held in the church on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. If you would like a copy of the reports and agenda please contact John Townsend.

PETWORTH HERITAGE WEEKEND

Enjoy a virtual experience of Petworth - we are going digital on the weekend of 19th & 20th September!

The **Petworth Heritage Weekend** team were aiming to build on the success of the last 3 years and we were planning a bigger and better event for this year, but the Covid19 crisis has caused us to reconsider what we do. The weekend will still be going ahead on the 19th and 20th September and some of the venues will be open, with social distancing measures, including **Petworth House** (pre- booking essential), **Coultershaw Heritage Site** and **Burton Mill**.

However, we are also planning an exciting '**Digital Experience**' of places of interest around the town that will bring to life many of the stories about Petworth and will be a taster of what is to come in 2021.

We have created a new webpage where you can learn more and find the links to the 'Digital Experience' <https://Petworthcommunity.org/petworth-heritage-weekend>. Also details of the one hour Self Guided Walking Tour can be found and downloaded from this site. Regular updates will also be on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PetworthHeritageWeekend/>

We are going to create a **Digital Scrapbook of Petworth Memories** and we would love to hear reminiscences of your life in and around Petworth in past years.

Please post your memories on Facebook page of the *Petworth Past* site.

The founding members of the Petworth Heritage Weekend are:

- Burton Mill
- Coultershaw Heritage Site
- Petworth Cottage Museum
- Petworth & District Community Association
- Petworth House – The National Trust
- Petworth Society
- Petworth Vision
- St Mary's Church

We have since been joined by the United Reformed Church, Church of the Sacred Heart and Petworth Town Band.

PETWORTH HERITAGE WEEKEND



Burton Mill



Petworth House Kitchens



Petworth Town Band



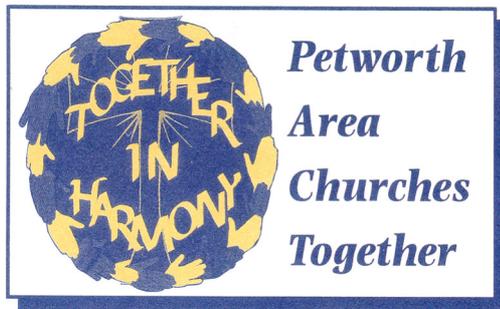
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PETWORTH FOOD BANK REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

The lockdown measures continue to prevent about a dozen of our volunteers from doing Foodbank work. Realistically, I cannot see the situation becoming safe for them (us!) until there is an effective vaccine and/or treatment for Covid19 - so, probably, 9 - 12 months time.

Demand for food boxes has been low for the past month, presumably due to the Government's financial support for businesses and employees.

During the school summer holidays the Government has been providing food vouchers for children entitled to free school meals. It is thought that the number of children receiving free school meals may double over the next month or so, since the number of people receiving Universal Credit has doubled.

We do not yet know what the Government's policy will be regarding food vouchers during future school holidays, but in any case it seems likely that we will experience an increase in demand for Foodbank boxes once the Government's support for businesses comes to an end in October.

Longer term, we are likely to experience a further increase in demand as job losses increase nationally.

Food donation, which had dropped, has picked up again, although it is still not quite as high as at the start of lockdown.

Our team of Foodbank volunteers continues to provide a rapid and positive response to every request. We continue to deliver donated food to Chichester and bring back sorted food, with which we pack our own food boxes. This takes a little of the Chichester Warehouse workload and is a satisfying activity.

We should be able to continue this activity, because enough of our new volunteers will continue to be available after lockdown, and almost all of them will be available if a second lockdown happens. That is extremely gratifying.

The telephone signposting/counselling service will be initiated towards the end of this month and will be centrally administered from Chichester District Foodbank. We do not yet have the details on the exact working of the scheme.

We have been delighted to add fliers to our food boxes for the 'Brief Request' scheme, which collects new underwear and socks for distribution to those who need them. The scheme was set up by Sally Matson of Red Card shop in Petworth. A great idea.

Geoff Pye

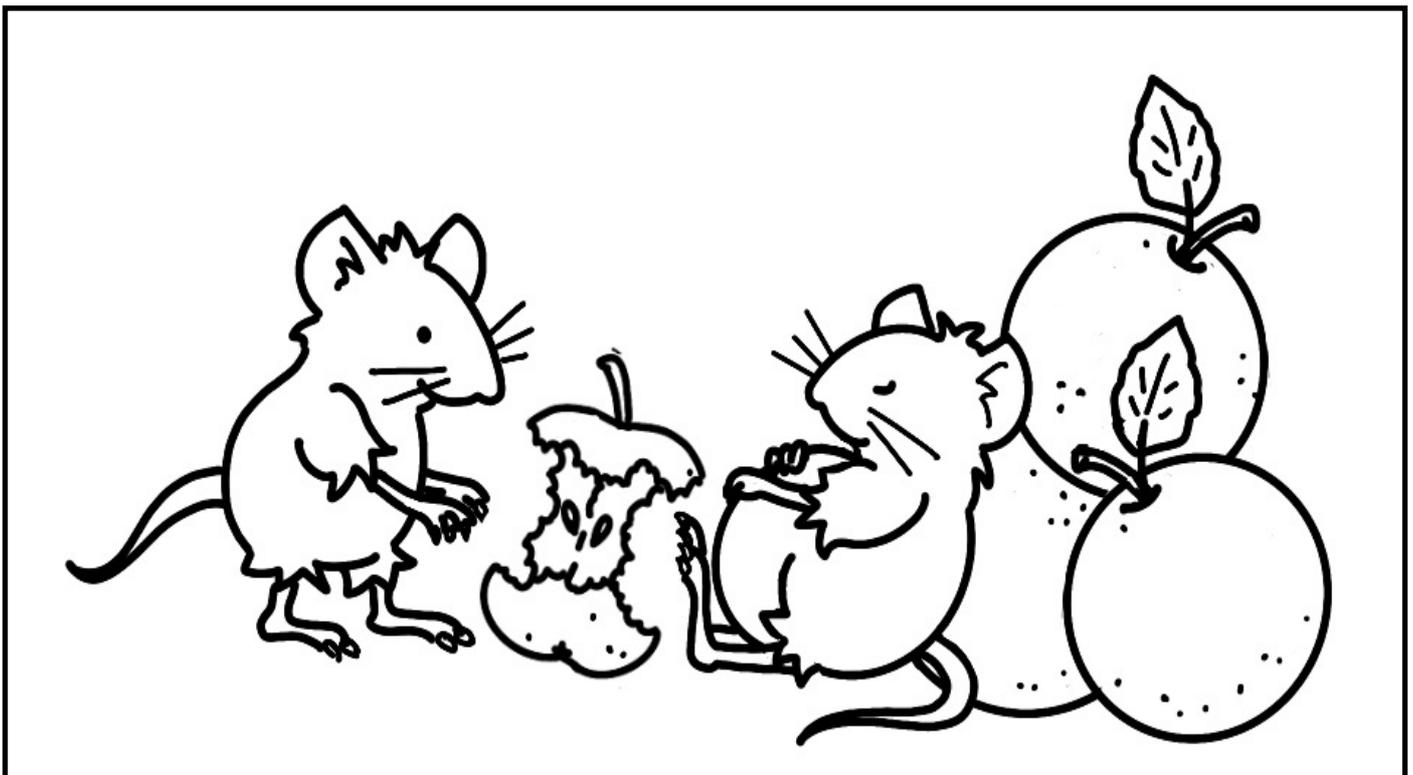
OPERATIONS MANAGER

NB. Joanne is retiring as Operations Manager in Chichester after an amazing job. It is a paid position. If you would like to chat about the role or apply, please get in touch for a full job description and an application form.

Tel: 01243 773687

Email: joanne@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Deadline for applying is: 6th September 2020. Interviews: 21st September 2020.



ST MARY'S GIFT DAY - SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

With Covid-19 and the closure of St Mary's the running costs have still remained the same so your contribution is needed more than ever this year. Andrew Howard will be in church from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday 3rd October and looks forward to seeing you.



Petworth Festival looks different in 2020 but we are thrilled to bring you something special this autumn. 25 events comprising what we do best – musical performance and literary wonder - all filmed live in our ‘home’ venue St Mary’s Petworth and streamed via our website

Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason were due to play at the festival this summer and we are delighted they can join us in the autumn together with their mother **Kadiatu**

Kanneh-Mason who will be talking about her new book ‘House of Music – Raising the Kanneh-Masons’ as part of our 10th Anniversary Literary Week.

Other names announced so far include: **William Boyd, MILOŠ, Vanessa Branson, Mitsuko Uchida, Anthony Horowitz, Patti Boulaye, Michael Morpurgo and Clare Teal.**



Artistic Director, Stewart Collins says ‘You’ll understand my excitement I’m sure when I found I was able to secure probably the biggest name in classical music at the moment, the cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason [who will perform with his equally high profile sister, pianist Isata], as well as the solo guitarist MILOŠ who was responsible for the longest waiting list in the festival’s history on his first visit. Add in one of the world’s greatest pianists, Mitsuko Uchida, and we’re genuinely in unprecedented territory as far as the festival is concerned.

Full programme announced and booking online from 17th September

The 2020 Petworth Festival Special including the 10th Anniversary Literary Week runs from Friday 16th October - Sunday 1st November.

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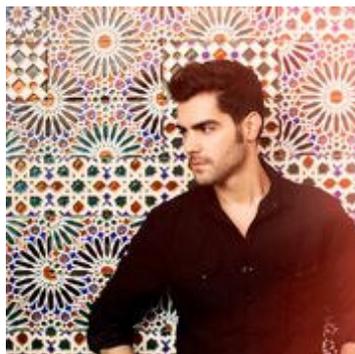
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Caroline Knight

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Yellow Meadow Ants

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

South Downs Skyscrapers

If you're feeling boxed-in by buildings and overwhelmed by architecture, I've found the perfect escape route. Head up onto the South Downs and let the developed world be stripped away with every step. Yet here, in this ancient landscape, towering above the thyme and trefoils in the turf, you'll find some of the most impressive buildings in Sussex.

Ant hills are mini miracles of design and construction, the visible tip of the ant's underground empire. Soil is mined and carried, grain by grain, to the surface to construct this metropolis of mounds some of which can be centuries old. Every ant hill represents a separate colony of Yellow Meadow Ants – respected as the finest architects amongst Britain's 42 ant species.



Yellow Meadow Ant

Ant hills are high-rise heat-traps built to harvest the sun's warmth. This soil solarium houses a series of chambers; the colony's nursery. Here, worker ants tenderly tend to eggs, pupae and larvae – moving them around within the ant hill to keep them always on the sunny side.

With a strong division of labour, each colony is a 'superorganism' made of thousands of hard-working individuals serving a common cause – their colony and queen. But life is far from peaceful. Every ant hill is a miniature kingdom at war with its neighbouring ant hills. Epic battles are fought daily on these downs, and every summer squadrons of winged ants take to the skies in an attempt to establish new colonies. It's a perilous mission – certain death awaits them if they land in occupied territory.



Down under the ant hill, other ants work on the aphid farm. Root-feeding aphids are herded and 'milked' for their honeydew – a hi-energy drink which helps fuel the colony. Ants also obtain a similar sugary syrup from the caterpillars of Chalk Hill Blue butterflies.

When these caterpillars are ready to pupate they are carried underground and adopted by the ant colony. Upon emergence, the subterranean homesick blue butterflies scramble back to the surface and escape to the summer skies.



Green Woodpecker

Ant hills don't just benefit ants; their angles and aspects create a unique micro-habitat on chalk downland. Their sun-baked slopes are great for basking butterflies, grasshoppers and lizards and their soft, sifted soil is loved by mosses, grasses and flowers. This softness is also their vulnerability. Every ant lives in fear of the great winged terror from the sky – the green woodpecker. Its brutal bill and sticky harpoon tongue can cause carnage in a colony. Winged monsters, kingdoms at war – it's a veritable Game of Thrones out there on the South Downs in September.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Life during the lockdown has been especially difficult for families who would normally be experiencing problems. FSW support workers have been able to keep in touch with families by meeting at a distance or by telephone, ensuring that the families have sufficient food and help.

St Mary's has been closed for some time during the lockdown so it has been difficult to continue with our food collection in Church. However now it is open if anyone would like to contribute food or household items to FSW the red box will once again be out.

I am very grateful to Billy Norton and Maureen Purser from the URC who have, even during this troubled time, produced bags of food items and household essentials. During the lockdown I was surprised how many rewards I accumulated on my Coop membership card; this was used for FSW shopping. When I mentioned to Billy about the Coop rewards he thought it was a great idea, and has shared this with some of his neighbours in Orchard Close. If you find yourself with rewards from your shopping maybe you might consider using some to help FSW.

Jackie Smith

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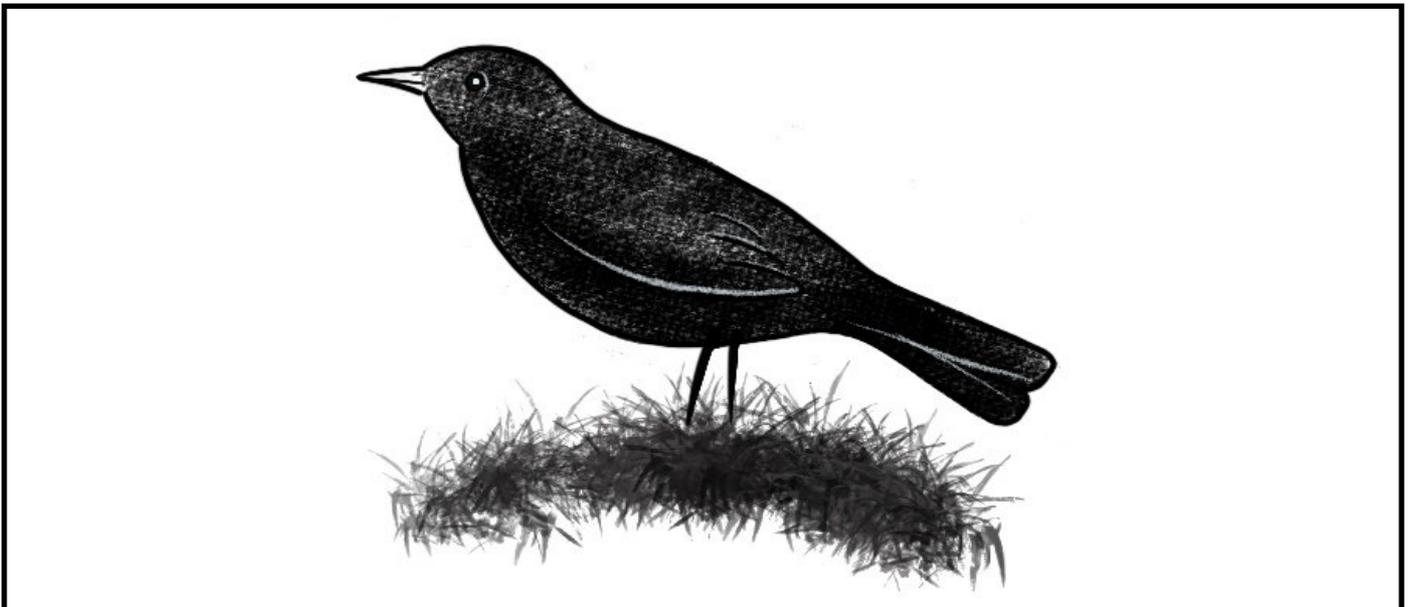
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- 1. Snooker:** Name the two different left-handed players who have both made a century of centuries in one season?
- 2. Darts:** In which year did the PDC World Championship move from Circus Tavern to Alexandra Palace?
- 3. Cricket:** Which country were runners-up to England in the 2019 Cricket World Cup?
- 4. Football:** What nationality is Michael Essien? He was a former Chelsea midfielder.
- 5. Tennis:** State two male Swiss players who use a one-handed backhand?
- 6. Table-Tennis:** How many services is a competitor allowed in a standard game of table-tennis?
- 7. WWE Wrestling:** What was unique and unusual about WrestleMania XXXVI, apart from it being held over two nights?
- 8. Rugby Union:** The dotted line in each half of the field is how many metres either side of the half way line?
- 9. Golf:** Is it better to have a lower or higher handicap?
- 10. Formula One:** Lewis Hamilton is looking to equal Michael Schumacher's record of how many F1 titles?

Mark Thomas

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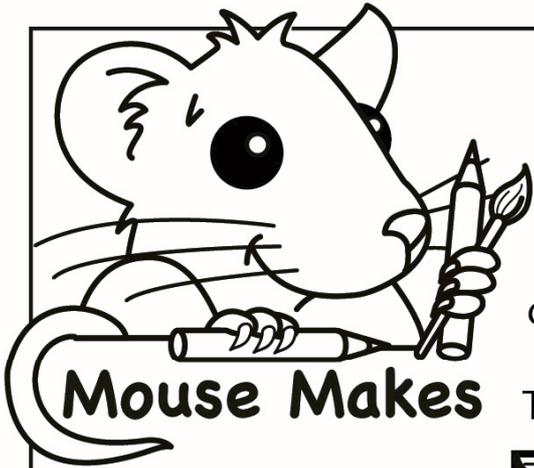


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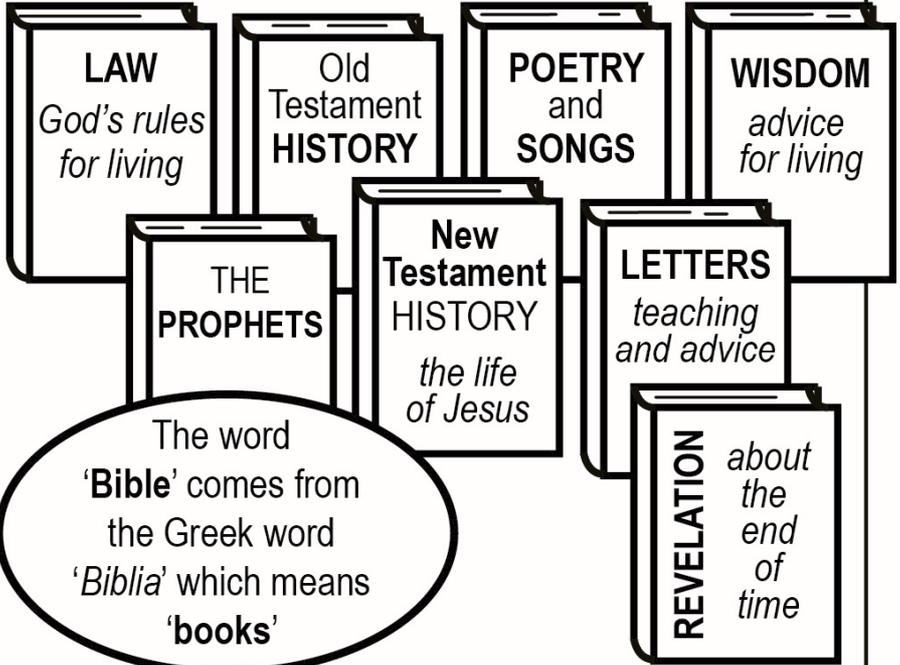
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The Bible words in **BOLD** type on this page are also hidden in the word search, can you find them?

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Mirror
James 1:23

Food
Hebrews 5:12- 6:1

Honey and Gold
Psalm 19:10

Light
Psalm 119:105

Rain
Isaiah 55:10-12

Seed
Mark 4:14

Hammer
Jeremiah 23:29

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Jeremiah 20:9

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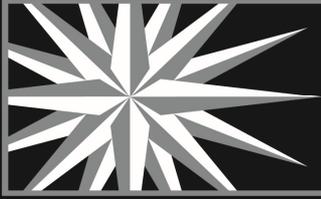


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Please pray for each other, ourselves and our neighbours, here in Petworth, Egdean, this country and the world, so that this health crisis can be resolved as soon as possible.

Please be in touch with Fr Mark at any time. We will always be glad to hear from you with any requests for prayer, updates on parishioners and their loved ones, and if we can assist in any practical way.

If you know that someone is alone or vulnerable at the moment, please try (as far as is possible and appropriate) to check regularly how they are and if they need any assistance.

We thank - and pray for - all those who are working tirelessly in these difficult times; workers in the NHS, care homes, police and the good neighbours who are looking out for the more vulnerable members of our society. Thank you - and keep yourselves safe.

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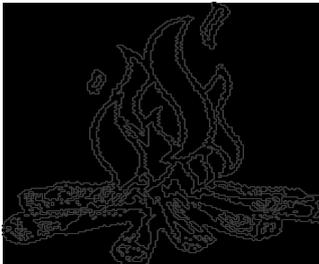
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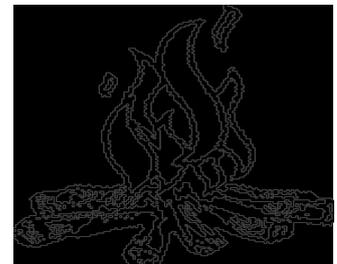
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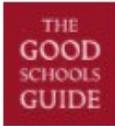
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HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to **JONATHAN NICHOLAS FYLER** and **FLORENCE ELIZABETH BELL** following their marriage at St Mary's on 22 August.

LIVES REMEMBERED

RUTH MARGARET HOUSE originated from Lancashire, and was later to move to Rhodesia. It was there that Margaret met her future husband, John, who was in the teaching profession at the time. The couple were to marry in 1961, the wedding taking place in Salisbury Cathedral. While in Rhodesia they had four children.

With the situation in (now) Zimbabwe, John and Margaret returned to the UK and were to settle here in Petworth moving to Orchard Close. They both became familiar figures here, attending St Mary's and being keen members of the Art Class.

Sadly, John's health was to deteriorate and many will recall how Margaret looked after him as his illness became more advanced. He passed away in August 2015. Margaret continued to be active, but became ill herself and despite a courageous fight, she sadly passed away at her home on 30th July. A private committal service was held.

JOHN HARRY (JACK) ENTICKNAP was born on 7th June 1927 with 65 of those years of his life calling Petworth his home.

He was married at Stedham church to Dorothy in 1949 and the couple were to move to the Wiston Estate near Steyning where Jack obtained work in the building department. In 1955 a change of employment came about with a move to Petworth and work with the Leconfield Estate. It was here that they brought up their family of three children. Jack was not to move again, either from his employment or from the cottage in High Street.

Sadly, Dorothy passed away in May 2015.

During his time here Jack became a long serving member of the local fire brigade.

He passed away on 3rd August at the age of 93 years.

A funeral service was held at St Mary's on 19th August and was followed by committal at Chichester Crematorium.

Answers to the Sports Quiz

1. Neil Robertson and Judd Trump
2. 2008
3. New Zealand
4. Ghanaian
5. Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka
6. One
7. It was held behind close doors and without an audience or crowd
8. 10 metres
9. Lower handicap
10. Seven

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We had an early start for our Annual Working Party at the church on Saturday 8th August, but by 10.30 am it was already too hot to do any more. Nevertheless, we were able to rub down all the external timberwork and treat with preservative, trim around the grave stones in the old churchyard and brass cleaning in the church. Thank you to everyone who helped, it was well worthwhile.



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**Egdean Annual Parish Meeting has been re-arranged for
Thursday 10th September at 7.00 pm**

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Please remember that it is now mandatory to wear face masks in churches.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

VJ DAY 15TH AUGUST 2020



In these challenging times, it is difficult to organise events to recognise the major anniversaries which take place this year. It is therefore very pleasing that St Mary's, the Petworth Town Council and the Petworth Branch of the Royal British Legion came together for a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on 15th August to mark VJ-Day. The 'Forgotten Army' were not forgotten in Petworth. The Act of Remembrance was led by Father Mark with George Read, chairman of the Petworth Branch, RBL reading the Exhortation. The Last Post and Reveille were blown beautifully by Nathan Fynes from the Petworth Town Band. It was fitting that the Kohima Epitaph from that terrible battle should also be said.

The Petworth Town Council had arranged for a road closure so there was relative quiet for the thirty or so attendees. The Royal British Legion Petworth Branch standard was carried by Richard Parr. Thanks to Petworth in Bloom, the tubs and planters around the War Memorial were looking particularly good for the occasion. Father Mark had arranged for the event to be live streamed on the St Mary's Facebook page. All-in-all an appropriate act of remembrance and thanksgiving for such an important anniversary.

Nick Wheeler.