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Dear Friends,

Following the flurry of Christmas services and events, we have now entered a new year, with all that 2018 might hold. Time marches on, and you will see that when you receive your magazine we will only be a couple of weeks away from Lent! Tempus truly fugits!

One of my favourite books as a child was Tom's Midnight Garden by Phillipa Pearce. In it, a boy called Tom is quarantined away from his family because his brother has the measles. He goes to stay with his uncle and aunt in their flat in a converted country house. Although the house's garden has been built on, Tom hears the grandfather clock in the hallway (obviously an original piece of the furniture belonging to the house) striking thirteen one night. He goes downstairs and finds a wonderful garden – one which is not there during the daytime!

If I said much more, I would give the plot away, but it involves travelling backwards and forwards in time, together with a wondrous trip skating on the Fens all the way to Ely. There, Tom and his friend Hatty read a plaque which says, 'Time no longer,' a plaque which actually exists and is in the cloister between the transept and the Lady Chapel – I remember showing it to my school choir when I took them to the cathedral to sing!

Why, you might ask, am I telling you about a children's book, other than the fact that it is still for me a wonderful tale by a highly talented writer? It does seem to me that we sometimes wish our time away instead of making the best of every moment. Sometimes this might be because we live through some very painful experience and it is perhaps understandable why we might wish to move on. Yet every experience is an opportunity to grow in some ways if we allow it. In this the steadfastness of Faith is a rock which is constant, because, as the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us: ***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.***

Making the most of life in the knowledge that the constancy of God's love is ever present, no matter what is happening within our own lives, is a blessing which I hope will encourage us all to live for every moment of every day.

With love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Christmas Thanks

Christmas proved to be a great joy at Holy Trinity, from the various Carol Services, to the Crib and Stable services, as well as the Cuckfield Nativity and our regular worship. We were again greatly blessed by the huge number of people we came into contact with. However, none of this would have come about without the dedicated service of so many within our church community; wardens, bell ringers, side-people, servers, cleaners (coping with those huge numbers during inclement weather!) together with our fantastic choir and musicians. To all – heartfelt thanks.

Thanks for the Trees!

The Tree Festival was a great success again, with over £7,000 donated to Chailey Heritage, and just over £6,000 for Holy Trinity. The planning which goes into this is extraordinary when one considers that virtually all the furniture in the church is moved in one way or another! Huge credit is due to all on the committee who undertake the master plan, as well as those who help in setting up and then returning the church to normality afterwards in the space of a few hours.

We are indebted and hugely grateful to those who are stepping down from major roles after years of service. Sue Towns relinquishes chairing the group, although will remain on the committee. Suzanne Reid has organised the musical rota for several years with expertise, and Sue Cutler, the formation of the substantial rota of helpers. All three have served since the inception of the Tree Festival by Jean Sedgley fifteen years ago. In each of these crucial roles, we have been so lucky to have

such dedicated people. Thank you, Sue, Suzanne and Sue!

The Tree Festival has raised over £70,000 for charity since its inception together with a slightly lesser amount for our church. For this we give thanks to God, particularly for the dedication of so many people, from the committee to all of those who 'dress' the trees so beautifully.

The Crib

Although the crib will be covered by the time you read this, I wanted to express our thanks to Julie and Simon Janvrin. Julie wrote movingly in the Christmas magazine about the renewal of the crib figures, together with the reimagining of its setting. Simon also replaced the lighting and helped Julie with the 'new look,' and it was great to see so many children and adults making the journey through the chancel to see it.

Lent

Yes, Lent will be with us in the middle of the month. I hope that there will be many opportunities for people to engage in our Lenten journey so that we may all be drawn to the knowledge of God's love for us refreshed as we approach Holy Week and Easter at the end of March. I just wanted to let you know that the Rev. Clive Woodward, former chaplain of the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, will be leading our devotions during the Triduum – the Three Great Days – leading up to Easter. Both Clive and his wife Merriel are priests licenced to St Mary's, Willingdon.

Ash Wednesday - 14th February

Worship for this day is as follows:

10.15am Litany (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship) followed by coffee in the Old School. **5.00pm Evening Prayer**

8.00pm Sung Eucharist

Both the 10.30 and 8.00 services will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish.

Palm Crosses Please bring last year's cross back to church before Ash Wednesday, so that we can prepare the ash! There will be a box near the back.

Lent Course

We will again be following the Diocesan Lent Course '**Inspiring Vision**' As you will remember, 2018 sees the diocesan focus on Prayer. The course seems to me to be a very worthwhile one, so I hope that people will support our sessions. These will be held on **Wednesday evenings in the Old School from 21st February starting at 8.00pm. Each session will then be repeated on Friday afternoons from 23rd February at 3.15pm** I hope that this will give as much opportunity as possible for those wishing to attend. Further details will, be found on the pew sheet and the flyer available at the door.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

For the foreseeable future, we shall be operating with a rota of duty editors taking it in turn to edit the magazine, covering for each other's absences.

To help with this, we have introduced a new email address:

duty-editor@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Mail to this address will forward to whoever is the editor for the month, and we would encourage all our contributors to start using this address, please, as the quickest and easiest way to reach the editor of the month. Replies to you will come from the real person who is on duty, however!

We hope this will work seamlessly for us all and, in the meantime, copy date for the **March edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY.**

The Editorial Team

MOTHERS' UNION AT HOLY TRINITY, CUCKFIELD

Our meeting in October was a session amongst ourselves with the title of 'Contact'. This was aided by a large map of the British Isles on the table and a supply of map pins. We were each asked to say where we were born and grew up, where we moved to and how we ended up in Cuckfield or nearby. Liz was in charge of the map pins and showed that her geography was pretty good! One member was born and had always lived in Cuckfield, one came from Scotland and one from Lancashire, and the rest of us were generally from the South of England but often living in different parts depending on work, marriage, families and other circumstances.

It was an interesting and entertaining time with questions and comments, and sometimes remarks like 'How strange, I was living there at that time too'. We planned for the Advent Breakfast and the Service of Light and our meeting closed with The Grace. We now look forward to our annual shared Christmas/New Year lunch at Ros's house in January.

Heather Hollis

DEATH OF JULIET PEGLER, aged 52

Susan and Lucy would like to thank ALL those who made Juliet's Farewell so meaningful, joyous and loving. We much appreciated you all, and will so remember the coming together of so many, celebrating her life.

Her request is that donations be made to **The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust**.

CENTRING PRAYER

Have you ever thought about your prayer and how you relate to God? It is so easy to think of prayer as *talking to* God. That is good and necessary, as in any relationship, but there is also a way of praying that allows God to get a word in sometimes! In fact, it is necessary for our well-being, and for our relationship with God to develop, to stop our chattering and listen. There are many ways of praying and each way is valuable so long as it brings us into contact with God. What matters is that we pray, because it is through prayer that we relate to God.

There is a method of prayer that helps us to pray in this way. St. Paul says, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Rom 8.26, 27) So, we could perhaps learn how to put ourselves in a position where we can listen to God and allow him to transform our lives and progress towards loving as he loves us.

There comes a time when we need to lay aside our own ideas, thoughts, words, images, and other distractions, because they can no longer express what is in our hearts. Silent prayer is the normal development of prayer and should not be thought of as unusual, because at times silence is the only adequate response to God. In Centring Prayer, we let go of our own thoughts and desires and allow the Spirit to pray in us. This, over time, helps us to develop our relationship with God and how we relate to others. It is the method that leads to the gift of

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contemplation, which we are unable to acquire through our own efforts, but is a pure gift from God. Centring prayer is about opening the heart and mind to God. St Paul reminds us that we need to ‘be transformed by the renewing of our minds.’

So many people say that they can’t sit still without a thousand and one thoughts coming into their heads. Centring prayer isn’t about absence of thoughts, but about slowing down and letting go of thoughts as they arise. It is consenting to God’s presence and action within. There is a story of a nun who complained to her spiritual director that she had a thousand thoughts going through her head during her period of prayer and her spiritual director said, ‘how wonderful! A thousand times for you to return to God.’ Centring prayer is not a technique, but a method to help us develop this practice.

A traditional way of growing in relationship with God is through the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina*, praying the scriptures. This was the way of prayer that St. Benedict prayed with his monks. It comes in four stages: *Lectio* – Reading, *Meditatio* – Reflecting, *Oratio* – prayer or Responding, and finally *Contemplatio* – Resting, the four Rs. All prayer is a response to God, but until we come to this final stage, it is very much *our* effort. Here there is no effort on our part; this is no other than a secret, peaceful and loving resting in God. What better way to do as Jesus commanded than to follow him.

I learned about centring prayer many years ago from the way of prayer taught by Cistercian monks, so the terminology I use comes directly from their teaching.

Their method is developed mainly from 'The Cloud of Unknowing' written by an unknown mystic in the fourteenth century and is designed for practice in our modern day.

Why do we pray? What are we looking for from prayer? The heart of centring prayer is the intention to consent to the presence and action of God within. Centring prayer is the purifying action of God in our lives. We may never become aware of what God is doing. In fact, we may think we are wasting our time sitting and being bombarded with mundane thoughts, but we are surrendering our own desires for a growth in relationship. The principal effects of Centring Prayer are experienced in daily life and not during the prayer itself. We grow in our spiritual lives through the grace of God.

Why is it good to practice this way of prayer? It is a way of commitment to God. A way of developing a relationship of love. Just as we have loving relationships with people and commit ourselves to that relationship by sharing our lives with them, so it is in our relationship with God. We commit ourselves in prayer to sharing our lives with him and growing in that relationship which we do by letting go of our own desires and letting God act in us.

It would be good to learn more about prayer and its practice for us in this Diocesan 'Year of Prayer'. This is just the beginning of seeing in a new way, and experiencing a whole new way of life, so let us discover a bit more about this way of prayer together. **Come to the Lady Chapel on Friday 9th February at 2.30 pm** for a time of rest and silence, and perhaps discover more about Centring Prayer - and how we can relate more closely with God.

Shirley Rawlins



CUCKFIELD MUSEUM NOTICES FOR FEB 2018

‘Law and Order’

Cuckfield Museum re-opens with a new display, “Law and Order” inspired by the recent donation of an original printed poster from 1850 offering a reward for the capture of burglars involved in robbery with violence from a house in Haywards Heath. This was the notorious Frimley gang, who at that time operated throughout Southern England. The items thought worth stealing make interesting reading, and museum research into press reports of the time has revealed much about the gang’s methods and the eventual fate of its members.

Also on display will be a C19th man-trap, plus other objects from the Museum’s reserve collection.

Display will last for 3 months.

Stage Coach

Visitors will also be able to see another recent donation, in this case from America, of a contemporary 1:15 scale wooden model of the C19th stage coach “Comet” which ran regularly between London and Brighton via Cuckfield, and hear what the various coach horn calls would have sounded like.

Thursday 1st March, 2.30 pm, the Council Chamber

“Tales from the Riverbank” a talk by Ian Everest.

Ian gives an illustrated glimpse of some of the less well known aspects of life in the Ouse valley between Lewes and the sea. Areas of interest will include the agricultural, industrial, aviation, sporting and artistic heritage of the area. Muggery Pope, Mount Misery and the sport of kings – all will be explained!

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SOUND THE TRUMPET



The Friends of Holy Trinity Church are hosting a concert in the church on Sunday afternoon 11th March 2018 at 2.30pm. The concert will feature the internationally acclaimed trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins, accompanied on the organ by Ian le Grice.



Crispian Steele-Perkins, who trained at the Guildhall School of Music in London, became a member of English National Opera, The Royal Philharmonic and the English Chamber Orchestra. He has been described by Virtuoso Magazine as “the world’s leading exponent of the Baroque trumpet,” and particularly when heard in duet with great singers such as Kiri Te Kanawa, Emma Kirkby and Bryn Terfel. He has participated in numerous TV and film scores, and his solo recordings extend from Handel to Glen Miller. He features regularly as a concert soloist at The Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, New York’s Carnegie Hall and Boston’s Symphony Hall.



Ian le Grice’s musical career embraces all aspects of organ playing including recitals, concert performances and accompanying church services. For 30 years he was assistant organist at Temple Church in London and has held teaching posts at the Royal College of Music and Trinity College of Music. In 2003 he played the organ for the world premiere

of John Tavener's "Veil of the Temple" conducted by Stephen Layton. Since 2005 Ian le Grice has collaborated with Crispian Steele-Perkins in presenting recitals for audiences in informal settings.

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LET'S GET CRACKING!

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Each winter the big freeze consumes northern Europe and our island's mild maritime climate provides a refuge and a lifeline to birds whose regular food sources lie buried under snow and ice. Blackbirds, bramblings, bitterns, starlings, sanderlings, smew and many other species head here to survive. But this year the winter visitor everyone is hoping to see is the hawfinch.

You probably won't be familiar with the hawfinch so I'll give you a few key identification features...aw, forget it. Just look at that massive beak! You can't miss it. It's like someone crossbred a chaffinch with a puffin. I'm amazed it can stand up – you'd half expect that ridiculous beak to send it tottering face-first to the floor. This pair of monstrous mandibles combined with powerful jaw muscles can exert a whopping 150 pounds per square inch of pressure and are designed to crack its favoured food; fruit stones and seeds. You know how horrible it is when you bite down on an olive and find there's a stone inside? Hawfinches would shatter that stone without batting an eyelid.

This winter Britain seems to have been the holiday destination for hungry hordes of hawfinches. There's an estimated 14 times as many here than usual. It's a once-in-a-lifetime invasion – the result of a successful breeding year for continental hawfinches followed by a drastic shortage of food; an equation that sends them flocking across Europe in search of seeds and stones.

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Dave 'G'

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We have a few pairs of resident hawfinches breeding in Sussex but we don't know exactly how many because, despite being a bulky-billed bird of bulky build, it is famously hard to observe. Back in 1938 Sussex ornithologist Walpole-Bond remarked that the hawfinch was "the very incarnation of all that is wary and shy" and commented on their propensity to roam far and wide. 'Inclined to vagabondage' as he put it. A wonderful phrase even though these days it sounds like something you'd read on a Tinder dating profile.

Sadly for one winter wanderer his travels would end in Sussex. I recently received a call from a lady who reported a hawfinch had collided with her patio window. Considering that powerful beak, I was surprised that the window wasn't the victim here, but sadly the bird dropped dead. It was tenderly wrapped and laid to rest alongside some fish-fingers, its journey to escape the big freeze ending in a big freezer. I was asked if I had any use for a frozen hawfinch. Plans for creating a novelty nutcracker or a tin-opener sprung to mind but this hawfinch has not died in vain. His body will be donated to science and will contribute to current research into the diet and movements of these birds. His death hopefully aiding the conservation of his big-beaked brothers in the future.

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FEBRUARY GARDEN NOTES

The New Year has been wet and relatively mild so far, making for soggy, saturated ground; not ideal for working on borders and lawns. Bare root trees, both fruit and ornamental, and hedging, may be planted this month - though availability may be limited as the bare root season comes to a close. Pot-grown ones, though more expensive, will establish better if planted now.

If you have a small area, enough for just one or two dessert apples (eaters not cookers in other words!), go for really reliable croppers like Sunset, Fortune, Red Falstaff, Fiesta, Saturn and Adam's Permain. Some of these are modern varieties are often more disease resistant than older ones.

Planting over the winter sets the tree up for future growth. Here are a few tips to ensure good establishment:

- Ensure the tree's roots are kept damp from delivery to planting (place in a plastic bag or bin liner with some water in, but ensure roots don't get frozen)
- Dig a square hole about two spade spits by two spade spits wide and a good spade spit deep
- Break the excavated soil up as finely as possible. This will help ensure good contact with the roots when backfilling
- Ensure all the roots are going outwards. Enlarge the hole if necessary and trim any very long roots
- When back-filling, raise and lower the tree (gentle shake!) to filter the fine soil through the roots. You will find that digging your hole a little deeper than the roots will help this process.
- In the latter stages of back-filling, gently firm in with your heel. Ensure the tree is planted at the same depth as it was in the supplier's nursery, with the roots starting to arise just below soil level.

- Staking at this time on the windward side is important if the site catches the wind. Staking will hold the roots firm, allowing them to grow and establish quickly.

On the subject of planting, whilst it's too late to plant spring bulbs, snowdrops are an exception, being best planted "in the green," i.e. with leaves intact, just after they have finished flowering. Pot-grown ones or a section of a large clump from a friend guarantee the best results.

Jobs when the air temperature is above freezing include pruning apples and pears, cutting down autumn raspberries, tidying up strawberry beds, and mulching flower borders and vegetable gardens. Buy seed potatoes and chit them. Clean out water butts and greenhouse gutters, tidy up and wash pots and seed trays that you may want to re-use this season.

Milder springs may mean cutting grass before March, so make sure you have your mower or mowers (and other garden machinery) serviced before the first cut. Avoid stomping about or wheeling laden barrows across saturated lawns, as it damages the soil structure.

Sort out seeds, chucking out old packets, especially where viability is easily lost (e.g. parsnip seed), and checking for damage too (mice love peas, beans, pumpkins and sweetcorn). Plant out broad beans and autumn sown sweet peas and at the end of February, if the ground is not frozen; also shallots, if you haven't got around to it.

Prune winter flowering Jasmine and winter heathers after flowers have faded. Also Viburnum bodnantense, Viburnum tinus, Mahonias, Cotoneasters and Pyracantha as needed, when the birds have stripped the berries. With large clumps of heathers a pair of shears or hedge-cutter does a good job! A hedge-cutter also trims ivy on walls and fences well.

Lindsay Shurvell

FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 1918

PARISH NOTES

In Memoriam – The beginning of the New Year was marked by the burial of two men who were well known and respected in Cuckfield. Dr. Edgar Byass had a medical practice in Cuckfield, in which he succeeded his father and which he held for many years. He has left behind him a long record of faithful and conscientious service, well and kindly done. Mr. Edward Anscombe was for a long period of time a builder in the town, and he carried out the duties of Postmaster until his advancing years compelled him to resign. He was also for many years a Sidesman of the Parish Church, and in his younger days a Volunteer, being one of the first to join when the movement was started; he was a noted rifle shot and an expert cricketer.

The Day of National Intercession – We are very thankful that the day was so well observed in Cuckfield. Attendance at all the services was good, and we believe that on no other occasion since the Memorial Service for Queen Victoria has the Church been so crowded as it was in the afternoon. The service was most impressive and was marked by the great reverence shown by all present.

Memorial Service – The Vicar hoped to be able to have a Memorial Service before the end of the month, as there are now several more of our brave men whom we wish to remember, but there are difficulties in the way of arranging, and so it will probably have to be postponed a little longer.

The Roll of Honour – We are very pleased to record the fact that the Military Cross has been awarded to Captain Montagu Trevor Turner, Royal Sussex Regiment, and we heartily congratulate him and also his mother on his distinction. Lance-Corporal Harry Murrell, Royal Fusiliers, whose parents live at Brook Street, has been commended for distinguished bravery in the field on December 6th, and Corporal A. C.

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Knight (Hanlye) and Corporal W. Bennett (Brainsmead) have both been promoted to Sergeant. Captain James K. McConnel, D.S.O., 20th Hussars, who is now acting as Brigade Major to an Infantry Division, has been slightly wounded, but we are glad to hear that he is going on all right. Mr. Franklin Young, son of Mrs. Young, of The Studio, is to be congratulated on his promotion to 1st Air Mechanic in the R.F.C., a promotion which is all the more meritorious considering his youth.

We have been very pleased to welcome many of our Cuckfield men home on leave during the past month, including Lance-Corporal Albert J. Avery, A.S.C., Private Edward Hayward, Private W. H. Ede, A.S.C., Sapper George Apps, R.E., and Gunner Frank Cleaver, R.F.A. Captain Ralph Stephenson Clarke, who was very severely wounded during the fighting in Palestine, has been home on sick leave, and we are glad to see that he is making good progress towards recovery.

The Clergy –The Vicar has been fortunate in securing the help for at least two months of the Rev. Edmund H. Blake, who will live in the Clergy House, and will come into residence on February 1st. Mr. Blake has had long experience of ministerial work, having been beneficed in the county of Gloucester for many years, and we hope that his stay among us will be a very happy and pleasant one.

The Sunday School – The attendance at the Sunday School has been, on the whole, satisfactory during the past year, though we could wish that many more would come, especially as we have such a good staff of teachers.

Ash Wednesday and Lent – We shall soon enter once again upon the solemn season of Lent, which we hope will be observed as a time of drawing nearer to God and of preparation for the great Festival of the Resurrection. (details follow of services throughout Lent)

Lantern Lecture – On Thursday, February 21st, Mr. Herrington will give two lantern lectures in the Church Room at 3.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. The subject will be “The War in the Air,” the slides

having been lent by the National War Savings Association, and those who know the excellence of Mr. Herrington's lectures will be assured of hearing and seeing much that will be both interesting and instructive. In order to defray the necessary expenses a small charge will be made for admission – 6d. in the afternoon and 3d. in the evening, and any balance will be given to the V.A.D. Hospital, Cuckfield.

The V.A.D. Hospital – We are very pleased to insert the following letter, which will be of much interest to our readers:

The annual report and "audited" balance sheet of the above Hospital is, from necessity, only placed in the hands of a limited number of supporters, but the members of the Committee know well that the greatest interest in its welfare is taken by almost everyone in the parish. They are therefore anxious to make it known that thanks to the liberal donations in money, in other gifts and other ways of helping, they are able to present again this year a satisfactory balance sheet. For money and for gifts the donors are thanked in the ordinary way, but there are special helps for which the Committee are anxious to express special thanks, firstly, for the kind hospitality shewn by Mrs. B. Y. Bevan in taking in for the last three months our night nurse – a saving at the rate of £50 per annum is effected by this; secondly, we cannot speak with too great admiration or sufficient gratitude of the way in which from twelve to fifteen of our poorer neighbours have (some from the very beginning of the war) every week undertaken the laundry work for two, and some for three, patients. When we remember the expense of material and the labour this means real self-denial. And thirdly, for invaluable help given by those who meet regularly at the Hospital to mend our sadly worn clothing, linen, &c., and also by those who mend at home. I hear of 150 pairs of slippers having passed through the hands of the members of one household. To one and all our helpers we offer most heartfelt thanks.

*Signed on behalf of the Committee, MARY A. COOPER
(Tentercroft)*

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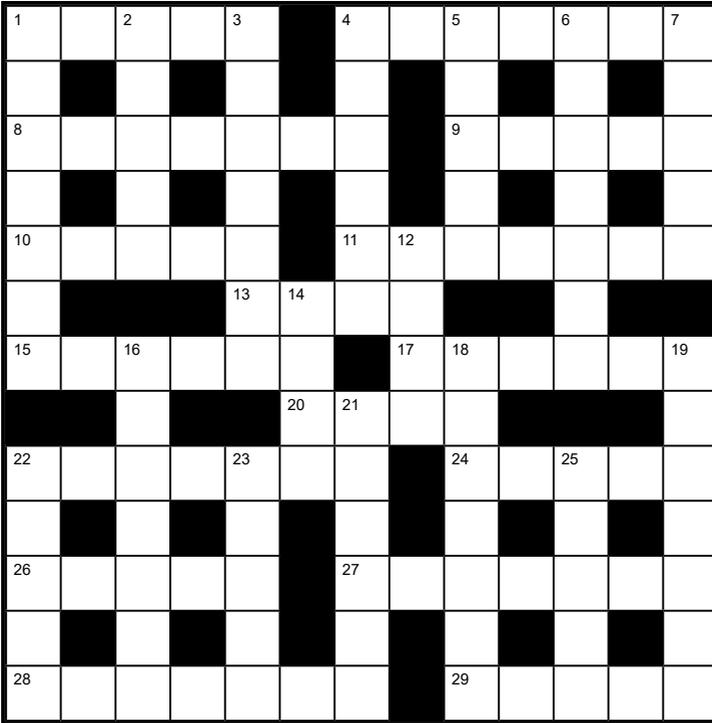
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Sunflower Scheme – We are very pleased to call the attention of our readers to this scheme, which we hope will meet with great success: a competition will be held at Ansty during the summer for the largest sunflower grown. Sunflower seeds make good grain for poultry, and, in view of the present difficulty in getting feeding stuffs for fowls, it is hoped that the competition may be a means of helping to solve the problem. A first prize of 10s. will be given, second prize 5s., and third prize 2s. 6d., the highest marks to be awarded to the flower that measures most across. Further particulars as to time and place of judging will be given in a later issue.

Gifts for the Sailors – Mrs. O'Brien has received from Miss Weston, Royal Sailors' Rest, Portsmouth, a letter of thanks for the parcel which was recently sent, and the following extract will probably interest our readers: "The parcel of mufflers and clothes which you have sent kindly through Canon Wilson's appeal for presents for the men will be most useful. Will you accept and convey my warmest thanks to each who has so lovingly contributed. You will all be glad to know the waistcoats and jerseys are in great demand. The weather is most severe, and the men are filled with gratitude for such warm garments. Then the shipwrecked men are thankful for anything. They come in, poor fellows, all their belongings gone to the bottom. We are able to dispose of all kinds of men's clothing in this way."

A Bath Chair – The Vicar wishes to acknowledge, with many thanks, the gift by Mr. E. A. Mitchell of a bath chair for parish purposes, which is almost new, and which was the property of the late Mr. Edward Anscombe. The Vicar has now two bath chairs under his care, and he will be pleased to lend them free of charge to any parishioners who may need them.

February Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. FISH (5)
- 4. GOD (7)
- 8. BEATIFIED (7)
- 9. FRENCH CITY(5)
- 10. EMIT (5)
- 11. CONNECTING NARROW STRIP OF LAND (7)
- 13. RELIGIOUS GROUP (4)
- 15. HEAD OF A NUNNERY (6)
- 17. COME TO LIGHT (6)
- 20. DISTINCTIVE AIR (4)
- 22. ABUNDANT (7)
- 24. NOTE (5)
- 26. BRING TOGETHER (5)
- 27. BEAM (7)
- 28. MEETING (7)
- 29. SNUG RETREATS (5)

DOWN

- 1. STONE BASIN IN CHURCH (7)
- 2. COMPLAINS BITTERLY (5)
- 3. WITHOUT HEAD COVERING (7)
- 4. CONCERNING THE JEWISH RELIGION (6)
- 5. CORE (5)
- 6. BOOKS (7)
- 7. OUTER COVERINGS OF SEED (5)
- 12. ASTERIX (4)
- 14. A HAIRY MAN (4)
- 16. ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CHURCH (7)
- 18. MUSLIM FESTIVAL (7)
- 19. BOOK OF THE O.T. (7)
- 21. MONEY LENDER (6)
- 22. FRIENDS (5)
- 23. CINEMA (5)
- 25. SCOTS SWEDE (5)

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ACROSS:

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15.ABBESS 17.ARISEN 20.AURA 22.COPIOUS 24.MINIM 26.UNITE 27.RADIATE
28.SEMINAR 29.NESTS

DOWN:

1.PISCINA 2.RAILS 3.HATLESS 4.JUDAIC 5.HEART 6.VOLUMES 7.HUSKS 12.STAR
14.ESAU 16.BAPTISM 18.RAMADAN 19.NUMBERS 21.USURER 22.CHUMS
23.ODEON 25.NEAPS

Regular Events

Bellringers	Thursday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.
Choir	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30 for 7.45-9pm. (There are no practices during August) Choir Club for children and young people from age 7 - 8 upwards. In the Old School 6.30 (doors open 6.15) - 8pm on Fridays. <i>(Not during Half Term and school hols.)</i>
Holy Trinity Mens Group	February No Meeting For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
Home Groups	<i>Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm</i> call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481 Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time). David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
Prayer Group	20 February 10am in the Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.
Mothers' Union	Tuesday 13 February TBA Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
Little Ones Church Service	First Tuesday of the month at 11am. Come for a story, some songs and a prayer. All welcome. Please contact Catherine Snashall for more details 01444 454712 or 07775932823.

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Regular Events (continued)

**Royal British
Legion**
(Women's Section)

*No details available for February
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and Market**

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9 February – Gaynor Circus 'Through the Ages'

**Cuckfield Ladies
Group**

6 February 10.30am – Coffee morning at Evonne
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Solo Lunch

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**Cuckfield
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Juliet Britta PEGLER	Aged 52
Honor Lillian Penelope GRIFFIN`	Aged 89
Michael Anthony BATTERBEE	Aged 72

February 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am *Holy Communion*
Proverbs 8: 1, 21-31; Colossians 1: 15-20;
John 1: 1-14

9.45am *Family Service*

11.00am *Holy Communion (Traditional Language)*
Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14

6.00pm *Sung Evensong*
Genesis 2: 4b to end; Luke 8: 22-35

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am *Holy Communion (Traditional Language)*
As 9.45am

9.45am *Parish Eucharist*
2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6;
Mark 9: 2-9

6.00pm *Evening Communion*

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY

10.15am *Ash Wednesday Litany*

10.30am *Holy Communion with Ashing*

8.00pm *Parish Eucharist with Ashing*
Joel 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6;
Mark 9: 2-9

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – LENT 1

8.00am *Holy Communion*
As 9.45am

9.45am *Parish Eucharist*
Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3 18-end;
Mark 1: 9-15

6.00pm *Choral Evensong*
Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY – LENT 2

8.00am *Holy Communion (Traditional Language)*
As 9.45am

9.45am *Parish Eucharist*
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-15; Romans 4: 13-end
Mark 8: 31-end

6.00pm *Sung Evensong*
Genesis 12: 1-9; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

SUNDAY SERVICES & MAJOR FESTIVALS FOR THE MONTH *(SEE INSIDE)*

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am 5.00pm	Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	11.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
Saturday	8.45am	Morning Prayer

FOR CHILDREN - IN THE OLD SCHOOL – SUNDAYS

Noah's Ark	ages 0 to 3
Children's Church	ages 3 to 10
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