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My dear friends,

The usual thing to write about at this time of year is the holiday season, and, of course, I do hope that everyone from young to less young enjoyed some refreshment during this summer season. We all need such periods of a chance to unwind and reflect - to enjoy ourselves.

The word, 'holiday' gives the game away about its etymology, originating as it did in connection with religious observances – holy days. In our country, as well as in many predominantly Christian nations, holidays were celebrated to commemorate festivals and saints' days. This is still the case in much of Europe, where Whit Monday is still a bank holiday, together with the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on 15th August. Corpus Christi (the Thursday after Trinity Sunday) is also widely observed as a public holiday.

During the period of the Reformation it must have been a considerable shock when so many observances were cut out of the English way of life, particularly for those of lowly employment, as so many of these holydays were part of the rhythm of life. When Elizabeth I came to the throne, the 'Elizabethan Settlement' meant that several observances were reinstated. However, during the period of the Commonwealth, in January 1645 a group of ministers appointed by parliament produced a new Directory of Public Worship, which made clear that whilst Sundays were to be strictly observed as holy days, for the worship of God, there were to be no other holy days – *'festival days, vulgarly called Holy Days, having no warrant in the Word of God, are not to be continued'*. Thus, even Christmas Day became a working day! People soon tired of this dreary approach, and the Restoration of the monarchy brought back many traditional celebrations.

Our nation has in recent years followed a secular agenda, turning the Whit Monday holiday into the drearily named 'Late Spring Bank Holiday,'

and many will know of the proposal (promoted by Archbishop Justin) to 'fix' the date of Easter itself. I strongly disagree! Do we really need to regulate such things so that there is no unchanging pattern to the year? The fact that the date for Easter 'moves' reminds us of our rootedness not just in time-hallowed religious observance, but also in the rhythm of nature itself.

End of rant – I must need a holiday! Have a great break when you reach that time!

Love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Confirmation It will be with great joy that we witness the Confirmation of several of our young people together with an adult on Sunday July 1st at our 9.45 a.m. service. This is always a wonderful step in a person's life as well as for the community to which they belong. Please pray for our candidates. Bishop Mark will be presiding and confirming, and I know that he will be welcomed warmly by the parish. Please note that there will be no 11.00 a.m. service on that Sunday, although normal service is resumed thereafter for the rest of the year.

Parish Bring and Share Picnic Please do join us for our 'bring and share picnic' which will take place on **Sunday 8th July** at Mill Hall Farm, Whitemans Green **from 12 noon**. Many thanks to Kate and Jonathan for hosting this chance to be together – it was a lovely occasion last year where we had the opportunity to bring together the whole age range within our church family. Should it rain, we have booked the Old School!

Choral Evensong Please join us for Choral Evensong **on Sunday 15th July at 6.00 p.m.** (followed by refreshments) to mark the end of the choir term. We are one of the few churches in Mid Sussex to still hold Evensong

weekly (other than the second Sunday of the month). At most of these, the choir is present, and I would like to record the gratitude of the whole parish to Richard Jenkinson and our choir members for their considerable commitment. Richard himself works tirelessly, and we see (and hear) the fruits of this labour Sunday by Sunday. Thank you, Richard and, indeed, all involved in our church music ministry including our music ensemble.

Our School Holy Trinity School had a recent Ofsted inspection, which had rather been looming for some time! The brilliant result is that the school continues to be judged 'good.' This reflects not only in the excellent leadership of Mrs. Ann MacGregor and the Senior Leadership Team, but of the whole school community: teachers, support staff and pupils alike. Here is an extract from the report: *Pupils enjoy coming to school and are proud to be part of the Holy Trinity family. They behave impeccably and are polite, friendly and welcoming to visitors. Staff and parents echo this view. Senior leaders have placed the values of perseverance, aspiration, respect and teamwork at the heart of the school's work. Pupils understand and embrace these values and can explain how they help them in their life at school and at home. Pupils have very strong attitudes to learning.*

Lunchtime Recital This month's recital will be given by **The Spike Wells Trio** on **Friday 6th July @ 1.00 p.m.** We had a great turnout last year for this jazz trio, and people may remember that Spike is also a priest, formerly vicar of The Annunciation, Brighton.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Alban's Our Parish Pilgrimage this year will be to the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, on **Thursday 13th September.** The cost will be £22 per head (to include coffee on arrival), departing Whiteman's' Green car park at 8.00 a.m., back home for 5.00 p.m. or so, depending on traffic. **If you would like to come, please give your name and cheque to Gill in the parish office** or contact Ros Thunder (01444-417103) for details. There will be an opportunity to explore at leisure this great abbey church with the longest mediaeval nave in Europe, with free tours throughout the day (advanced booking is not required for the tours), together with the lovely city surrounding this hallowed site – that of the first British Christian martyr.

Pentecost I want to thank all of those who made Pentecost such a joyful day. It was busy but brilliant! The Big Brekkie (Christian Aid) raised enough money to train a housebuilder in Haiti – a great result. Numbers are not everything, but over the course of the day we had nearly 400 adults and eighty or ninety children involved in worship. Thank you to all, particularly to those who provided refreshments.

Tree of Light and Icon of Christ Archdeacon Fiona hallowed the tree of light and icon on Trinity Sunday in a joyful celebration of our dedication festival. She commented that she thought that both were very beautiful and great aids to prayer. We were also delighted to be joined by Helen McIldowie-Jenkins, who ‘wrote’ the icon. As I have written before, the icon is a copy of the Deësis in the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, a mosaic dating from the late 1200s.

I AM

A series of articles on the ‘I am’ sayings in John’s Gospel

John the Gospel writer is striking for the use by Jesus of the term ‘I am.’ In this, he seemingly identifies himself with God by use of the *tetragrammaton* – the sacred name of God from the Hebrew Scriptures (*YHWH*). John presents Jesus using it in seven metaphorical sayings within the text, but also in a secondary way throughout the Gospel. Instances of this secondary use include his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well and in the Garden of Gethsemane when he is arrested but it occurs on many occasions. Both in this and in the seven sayings, the ‘play on the ambiguity of *Egō eimi* (the unusual form of ‘I am’ found in John), is perhaps one of the strongest statements anywhere in the New Testament of the early Christian belief that Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. However, although John has Jesus speaking in ways that recall divine pronouncements, Jesus does not identify himself with *YHWH* explicitly, but rather because John wants us to see Christ as the true divine revealer.

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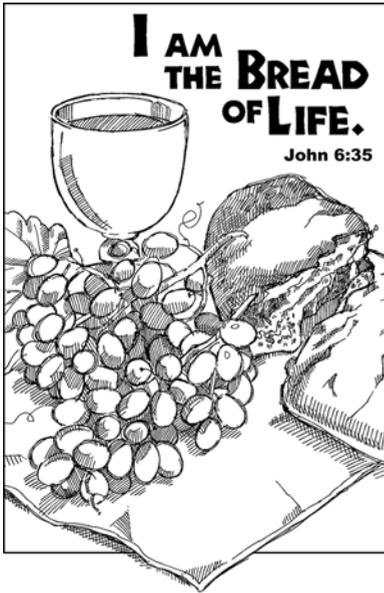
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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (6:35- 58)

The start of a discourse by Jesus, followed by complaints, further teaching, dispute, confusion and a falling away of some of his disciples; this statement and the following passage are rich in imagery and human reaction. In Jesus is to be found an everlasting spiritual food which reminds us of that the Children of Israel were fed with manna which God provided for them. Faith in Jesus surpasses both this and the commemoration of the Passover – life in Jesus

means eternal spiritual nourishment. Some biblical scholars see the combining of two groups of material – vss. 35 – 50 and 51 – 58: the former verses representing Jesus as the ‘bread that gives life,’ and then moving beyond the account of story about manna in Exodus pointing to Jesus as the revealer of truth, the divine teacher who has come to nourish humanity. The parallels between the Exodus story compare the Children of Israel’s moans to Moses to those of the ‘Jews’ (and remember John now means those in authority - previously referred to as the ‘crowd’). Jesus points out that all who ate the manna eventually died, but *‘now there is a bread that surpasses the bread given by Moses.’* As to the later verses, these are so sacramental in feel that some scholars feel that they represent Eucharistic doctrine in its most identifiable form within the whole Gospel. Others, whilst allowing what could be described as secondary Eucharistic undertones to the former section present the hypothesis that the backbone of vss.51-58 is made up of material from John’s narrative of the institution of the Eucharist, originally placed in the Last

Supper scene but then recast into a duplicate of the Bread of Life discourse. Still others disagree, saying that whilst the latter passage (vs.51-58) could be removed from the text without lessening the meaning of the earlier discourse it may be that it was John's intention to retain just enough futurist eschatology to make it clear that the believer never becomes independent of God's saving activity – God is always at work in us! However, more importantly, and regardless of such speculation, Jesus' words are not didactic propositions but an invitation and call to decision to us in order that we may be spiritually fed through the richness of life he calls us to. The theologian Brendan Byrne suggests that if we relate this to participation in the Eucharist, then we might say that we are not just united with Jesus in a static way but fed and nurtured by him and thus caught up in his sacrificial love for the world.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

As we have Ben Scott on placement with us from Mirfield (who grew up in Polesworth), we must remember **St. Edith of Polesworth** whose feast day is **July 15**. Edith is believed to have been the sister of King Athelstan of England. She married the Viking King Sihtric at York in 925, and when he died the next year, she became a Benedictine nun at Polesworth, Warwickshire, where she was noted for her holiness and may have become Abbess. She may also have been the sister of King Edgar and aunt of St. Edith of Wilton; or possibly these were two different woman of Polesworth, so quite a lot to speculate on! Her feast day is July 15th.

On the **20th July** the church celebrates the feast of **St Margaret of Antioch in Pisdia**, sometimes called Marina. She is traditionally believed to be the daughter of a pagan priest who became a Christian. Beautiful, Margaret refused proposals from Olybrius, the local prefect, who imprisoned her and tortured her cruelly. Margaret was eventually beheaded, after being swallowed by a dragon and enduring several other legendary adventures. Margaret is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, and Joan of Arc believed that she spoke to her during one of her visions. Trying to sort fact from fiction is quite difficult for Margaret, and even

the medieval chroniclers found difficulty in regarding them as anything other than reflections of the trials of her martyr's life and death. She appears in the Kalendar of the Book of Common Prayer. There is a lovely painting by Zurbaran showing Margaret as a shepherdess holding her dragon as a pet on a lead!

Finally, and perhaps more immediate, **Blessed Juliette Verolot** - -one of the Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne, France. Her religious name was Sister St. Francis Xavier, and she, together with fifteen other sisters of her community, were guillotined at Compiègne during the French Revolution on the **17th July 1794**, towards the end of the Reign of Terror. She was beatified in 1906. Poulenc wrote his moving opera *Dialogues des Carmélites* in 1957 based on the martyrdom of the nuns.



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THE OLD SCHOOL

All users of the Old School will be pleased to hear that the lift is due to be replaced during the next school holidays when most of our regular users are also enjoying a break. After 24 years of valued service, the lift is now showing signs of age both in terms of efficiency and maintenance costs. The work will start on **Monday 20th August** and will take approximately seven working days.

Redecoration of the lobby and stairwell will also be necessary and take a further ten days. The main staircase will therefore be out of use during the whole of this time and the ground floor servery and kitchen will be inaccessible during the lift installation period.

Access to other ground floor rooms, including the Office, will be possible but we would prefer that people do not visit unless essential because the place will be dirty, noisy and dusty. Any essential access to first floor rooms will be via the west staircase only. We ask for your forbearance during this important period.

The Old School Board



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2018

This Earthly Paradise

This Earthly Paradise was the theme for this year's Festival. This year the Festival was raising money for the Restoration and Development Trust, and the funds will help with the High Roofs' Appeal. The full project for this will take five years at an estimated cost of £5.8m, with £2.8m still to be raised.

Entering by the main door, one looks down the Nave and the inspiration for the Nave pillars and flower mobiles comes from Genesis: 'and God clothed the earth in green plants...'. The pillars depicted the five continents, while the Armillary Spheres above represented night and day. To me, the most wonderful display was in the middle of the nave – a 'font' with a glass top surrounded by blue and white delphiniums, blue hydrangeas, varying pink flowers and drooping greenery with hostas and ferns at the base. It was stunning. Called *The Water of Life*, it was inspired by Revelations 22:2: 'the water of life flowing like crystal, from the throne of God ...'

From all the other wonderful displays throughout, I had five favourites:

In the North Transept was 'Vita's Iconic *White Garden*' – a beautiful display of mixed white flowers representing the White Garden at Sissinghurst, created by Vita Sackville West. It was sponsored by two couples, one couple of whom I know from a job I had in the City in the 1980s, and I was visiting the Show with a friend, who had been secretary for many years to the husband from this couple. The display of purely white flowers along the side of the North Transept

included: gladioli, lilies, arum lilies, astilbe, alliums, gypsophila, roses, orchids and hydrangeas – a really beautiful effect.

In St John's Chapel there was 'Mrs Delany's *Paper Flower Mosaics*'. Mrs Delany 'created her unique collection of botanically correct flowers using paper, paint and a pair of scissors. Her work is in the British Museum and at Windsor Castle'. The chapel was set up as a lounge with a fireplace: 'Mrs Delany, a friend of George III and Queen Charlotte, sat facing the fireplace, in a black dress and black lace cap, by her a little table set for afternoon tea, looking at a magnificent 'picture' with a central roundel of fresh white, pink and deep red carnations and roses with a black background and gold frame sitting on the floor, behind which were also two beautiful displays. A pot of hydrangeas sat in the fireplace, and her book about flowers sat on the table.

The displays in the Lady Chapel were called *The Song of Songs* 'inspired by the Old Testament Book attributed to King Solomon when visited by the Queen of Sheba'. In front of the Chapel altar were nine large displays, all similar, with orange, red and yellow flowers, including gerberas, silver leaf around the base, and yellow *eremurus* (foxtail lilies) giving height to each display. They created the most wonderful effect (*eremurus* featured in very many of the displays throughout the Cathedral, as did purple *alliums*.)

And now to my favourite Chapel, St Mary Magdalene. The text here was 'Consider the Lilies of the Field'. On eight pedestals of varying height there were wonderful displays of white lilies - the two tallest displays at the back by the altar. At the very front was a low display with greenery, a small log and three white lilies. Just beautiful!

Last, but not least, were the flowers in the Chapel dedicated to the Royal Sussex Regiment: the display was called 'Love of Rose Number 3-35-40'. This marked the Centenary of the ending of WW1 hostilities with the story of a single rose. 'No. 3-35-40 was bred and being trialled between the wars; at the outbreak of WW11, three plants were smuggled out of France for safe keeping to America, Germany and Italy. The American Rose Society named this rose *Peace* on 29th April 1945'. On a lectern was a handwritten letter about the War framed by orange and red roses – at the foot stood the Peace Rose, and there were tall stands with the roses rising up in front of the walls of the Chapel. What a perfect way

to commemorate the memory of all those who died from the Regiment in the two World Wars.

As always this Festival proved a really special event for all those lucky enough to visit it.

Margaret Thistlethwaite

With thanks to Christine Watts for making notes for me whilst I took photographs - I would never have remembered everything without her help! All quotes are taken from the Festival Programme.

If wished, donations for the Cathedral Roof can be sent to Head of Fundraising (Alison George), Chichester Cathedral Trust, The Royal Chantry, Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester, W Sussex PO19 1PX

AN ORGAN RECITAL

Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield

Wednesday 15th August 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

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Most years we hold a **Members' Recital** when many of us play a piece of music and learn from each other about it and its performance, often on an unfamiliar organ. This year we shall hold our Members' Recital in Holy Trinity church for which we are most grateful to the Vicar and church authorities for allowing us to use it and the splendid organ.

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For their Spring production Cuckfield Dramatic Society have daringly brought to a southern audience an Alan Ayckbourn play regarded as too regional to be given a London outing. The central device of *If I Were You* is an instant of pure theatrical magic by which the principal characters, Jill and Mal Rodale, exchange their external bodily appearance, or perhaps more accurately their identities and personalities.

Jill, *Lorraine Jordan*, is a former personnel manager but now a dejected, despairing housewife who cannot even take pleasure in the visit of her daughter, Chrissie, *Atanaska Angelova*, and grandson, Liam. Mal, *Philip Robinson*, the manager of a local retail furniture outlet, compliments his macho style management with a 'one of the lads' relationship with his son-in-law and right-hand man in the showroom, Dean Snaith, played by *Simon Perkins*. The household is completed by the teenage son, Sam, *Anton Smith*, who can do nothing right by his father yet remains the one source of interest and hope in his mother's life.

The extremes of characterisation drawn by Ayckbourn make for a very witty second half as Jill and Mal attempt to carry out each other's roles without revealing the devastating exchange that has taken place between them. Sam concludes that the house has been taken over by aliens before being awestruck when his mother, or was it his father, floors his brother-in-law who has had the audacity to interrupt his full thespian flow rehearsing Thisbe's final speech from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Congratulations to director Harriet Sheldon, and to the whole of the CDS team for bringing this gem to Cuckfield and giving us such an enjoyable evening. Some recent productions elsewhere had made me wonder if I had grown a little tired of Ayckbourn but after this show there would still seem to be plenty more to feast on.

Brian Cutler



TARIRO CHARITY - ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY 2018

Following our contact with Father Nicholas Stebbing, CR, through our 'Jackdaw' Appeal, I attended the Tariro Garden Party at Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair on behalf of the Outreach Committee of Holy Trinity Cuckfield.

An exuberant and friendly event was well attended by Tariro supporters who had travelled from as far afield as York and Wolverhampton. I was treated to an explanation of why I should never confuse Tonbridge with Tunbridge Wells by one enthusiastic supporter and by another a picture portrait of the hospital in which my mother worked during World War II.

Father Nicholas, CR is a warm and friendly host and whilst there was much clerical plumage in evidence I was struck by the easy bubbling conversations from all quarters as everyone enjoyed the open-air small patio garden setting of this sun blessed occasion.

It was fascinating to meet members of the support groups which ensure that Tariro can continue the challenge of helping the 50 or so young people who benefit from the charity.

Not least of these groups is Fr Nicholas's own family, which

include his two nieces and one of their husbands. The family is Zimbabwean in origin although Fr Nicholas no longer has nationality. His own background must be of great help in fathoming the changing challenges that Tariro faces in Zimbabwe.

At some point the informal proceedings moved into a formal presentation and update of both the current politics of Zimbabwe and the latest event in the life of the charity. Chairs appeared miraculously from all sides and the gathering changed into a mini but attentive presentation and question and answer session. The humour and love for the work shone through the presentation and in the lively engagement afterwards.

Knowing something of the difficulties faced by disadvantaged children in the UK, I was particularly impressed by the clear focus of Tariro. Whilst there are many more children in Zimbabwe who need help, Tariro knows that its first duty is to ensure that it never lets down the young people to whom it first made commitment.

Thus, its 'children' range in age from 6 years into their twenties. It has three 'children' who are already married and a key rural team member, once a recipient of help from Tariro!

Fr Nicholas used as example a boy rejected by his own family who has struggled even with the guidance of Tariro. On learning in his recent visit that the boy was still troublesome to the point of facing expulsion from school the Fr Nicholas asked him if his real problem was that he was worried about a second rejection. The boy replied that he is 'worried about what would happen when Father Stebbing dies'. Reassurance was shared and the boy has not looked back and has achieved high grades in his GCSE examinations.

This garden party was a celebration of Hope, which is the meaning of the word 'Tariro'.

Terry Bevan - Outreach Committee

Fr Nicholas Stebbing, of the Mirfield Brotherhood, will preach at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 7th October over the Cuckfield BookFest weekend



A PRESENT FROM AMERICA

Californian couple Nan Warren and John Murphy contacted Cuckfield Museum last year about a book published in 1756, *Memoria Technica*, rescued from a New Jersey house demolition skip more than 50 years ago. We were very interested to hear about it because the bookplate revealed it to be from the library of Francis Warden (1700-1785) of Butler's Green House.

Following an exchange of emails with our archivist, Andrea King, Nan and John visited the Museum recently while on holiday in England and were kind enough to donate the book to us for our reference section. Richard Moon, the current owner of Butlers Green House, came in to meet them and provided some fascinating background information on the history of the house.

When and how this little book got to America remains a mystery but we all felt pleased that it had 'come home'. Despite being thrown out on to the street, it is in remarkably good condition for its age and several of our stewards have enjoyed looking through it, deciding that its subject, *A New Method of Artificial Memory* (or, how to remember facts more easily) is as relevant now as it was 260 odd years ago!

This remarkable little book with its mysterious history is now on show in the Museum.



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Our **Reasons to be Cheerful Exhibition** looking at weddings and babies will continue till September. Some surprising wedding dresses and rare relics of childhood.

In September, we will be commemorating the **100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War** – our display will be linked to the **Cuckfield Remembers** commemorations in the village and to the national events in November. We plan to show how Cuckfield welcomed those who came home from the War and commemorated those who didn't. If you have any artefacts that you think could be included, please contact Sue Burgess on 454104 or Phillipa Malins on 452307.

More information from www.cuckfieldmuseum.org



SAMARA'S AID APPEAL

Many thanks to all who filled or helped fill a Smiley Bag for the children of Syria or gave money towards the transport cost of the lorries.

We delivered 19 bags and a box of beautifully crocheted baby blankets to the Worthing depot which was rapidly filling up over the two days of collecting donations. By now the lorries are on their way and the aid will be delivered by partner aid workers on the ground, often in areas where other charities are fearful to go. Thank you.

The Outreach Committee



MOTHER'S UNION

The Branch was recently treated to a very special meeting, when Fr Michael talked to us about a great friend of his called Margaret Pollard who made the most wonderful and extremely professional and descriptive tapestries of many and varied subjects.

Michael first met Mrs Pollard when he went to the opening of the new Roman Catholic Church in Truro, where he was invited to play the organ. It was there he first met Mrs Pollard who became a close friend. She was the great niece of Gladstone and the first woman to get a degree in oriental languages at Cambridge in the 1920s. She also gained her PhD.

She was very talented as an embroideress and was very involved in the resurrection of the Cornish language. She also formed a secretive group called Ferguson's Gang who collected money for the National Trust at a critical time in its history. Once (in the 1920s) masked members of the gang delivered £100 in pennies to the National Trust headquarters - a large sum at the time!

As Michael got to know her better he encouraged her to create her tapestries. Firstly, she embroidered cushion covers for chair seats. Michael then encouraged her to create tapestries involving stories. He would draw the characters which she would translate on to the material just using a ball point pen.

She knew C.S. Lewis and Michael at that time was enjoying the *Narnia Chronicles*, so he suggested that she could embroider the characters from these stories. This was developed into a very long tapestry reminiscent of the Bayeux tapestry. It is a work of art. Each day she completed one character. It is approximately 1,400-1,600 feet long. It has been recorded in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the longest tapestry made by one person. *The Narnia Tapestry* appeared on Blue Peter and Record Breakers.

Mrs Pollard had a conversion experience on reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis and felt a strong call to the Christian Faith. She subsequently became a Roman Catholic and corresponded with Monks and Nuns in Africa.

Among her many other wonderful tapestries are depictions of the *Virgin and Child*, *Noah's Ark*, *Jonah and the Whale* and various Biblical women. There is also a very large tapestry of the four seasons made as a rug.

As well as the Narnia and other tapestries, Michael encouraged her to make something larger and this resulted in a very large tapestry of the Virgin and Child called *Our Lady of Surprises*. The faces of the characters in the tapestries are beautifully sewn in petit-point and were copied from the faces of people she knew or from pictures of well-known people. There is also another very large tapestry of creation showing Adam and Eve and the world displaying the stars and planets. One that was particularly appealing and beautifully depicted was of Mary Magdalene with the pot of Nard.

There continues to be a list of very memorable tapestries including one very large one of *Christ in Glory*, the largest of all *The Last Battle*, and another called *Our Lady of Franconia*. These are all very large and intricate works.

Finally, a triptych which has the Holy Trinity in the middle (God the Father holding a crucifix with the dove above) and the flanking panels depict St Margaret and St Michael, a late one of the Tsarina Alexandra, and the final tapestry she made (which Michael designed) called the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*. This last is the largest of all and still hangs in the Roman Catholic Church in Truro.

These tapestries involved a vast amount work by one person who did many other things at the same time, including being the first woman to preach in a Roman Catholic Church. This amazing woman died at the age of 92 in 1996 after a life of many challenges which have left a legacy of beautiful work and varied and talented achievements.

We have been very privileged to hear about Mrs Pollard and the amazing works she created, and the friendship and encouragement Michael received from her.

Shirley Rawlins

FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE JULY 1918 PARISH NOTES

The Roll of Honour – It is with very great regret that two more names have to be added to the long list of Cuckfield men who have given their lives for their King and Country. On June 2nd Gunner **Ernest Lander**, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lander, of Whiteman's Green, was killed in action.

Then on June 9th, **Albert Franklin Young**, 1st Air Mechanic Royal Air Force, the only son of Mrs. Young, of The Studio, London Lane, died of wounds received when the aerodrome in France in which he was stationed was bombed by the enemy. It was at first hoped that his life might be saved, and he was brought to England, but after many weeks of suffering, during which everything that was possible was done for him, the end came and he passed away in the 2nd London General Hospital. The body was brought to Cuckfield and laid to rest in our own lovely churchyard. The service was rendered all the more impressive by the fact that the Choir were present and military honours rendered by a detachment of the Volunteers, who formed the bearers and the firing party, and the Last Post was sounded by Sergeant-

Bugler **F. Hounsell**. We wish to assure Mr. and Mrs. Lander and their family and also Mrs. Young and her daughter that they have the sincere sympathy of us all in their sorrow.

We wish also to offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. W. Rhodes, of Oakroyd, Broad Street, who has now received an official intimation that her son, Private **William Rhodes**, who was reported missing on 2nd August, 1917, is now assumed to have died on that date or since. He was born in Leicestershire and brought to Cuckfield as a boy. He received part of his education in our schools and he was in the Parish Church Choir. He joined up in the Bedfordshire Regiment on 27th March, 1915.

We are very sorry to hear that Sergeant **Leonard A. Palmer**, D.C.M., Royal Field Artillery, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, of The Lodge Farm, was severely wounded on June 2nd. His condition was very grave, but we are pleased to know that he is now making good progress, and is in hospital at Southampton. Captain **J. McConnell**, D.S.O., whom we were pleased to see at home on leave a short time ago, is now in hospital with trench fever, and Private **Trayton Ancombe** has also again been wounded, but is making good progress towards recovery.

No news has yet been received with regard to **Jack Bates**, **Tom Dance** or **Thomas Card**, and their friends are naturally in a state of great anxiety, but we are very glad that Mr. Quickenden has received a post card from his son, Private **Herbert Quickenden**, to say that he is alive and well, though unfortunately a prisoner of war in Germany.

We have been pleased to see Private **E. J. Hooker** home on leave from Salonika after an attack of malaria, and also Private **Walter Perry** and Gunner Cleaver, who are now practically convalescent. Several others of our Cuckfield men who are on service in England have been home on leave.

Hearty congratulations to Major **Charles Greatly Saunders**, who, having been previously mentioned three times in dispatches, has now been awarded the D.S.O. for meritorious services with the Canadian Army at Passchendaele, and also to Charge Sister **Alice M. Mitchell**, daughter of Mr. Mitchell, of Percy Cottages, who has been mentioned in dispatches for her good work at the Duchess of Westminster's Hospital in Northern France, where she has been nursing for over three years.

The Rev. J. H. Layton – We were very glad to welcome Mr. Layton back and to see him so much better. The doctors, however, have strongly urged him to go slow for some time to come in order to avoid the risk of another

breakdown, and so after full consultation with the Bishop he has decided to seek work in a parish where the duties are more localized, and he will leave us at the end of August. We shall be very sorry to lose him, for he has been with us for nearly three years, during which he has done good work and made many friends, whose best wishes he will have for his future health and happiness.

Council of Women Workers –The Chichester Diocesan Conference for Churchwomen will take place this year at the Town Hall, Lewes, under the Presidency of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, on July 17th. The subject for discussion will be *The Religious Responsibility of the Vote*.

Girls' Friendly Society – Mrs. Wilson and the members of the Cuckfield Parish Branch of the G.F.S. welcomed a large number of their friends at a fancy dress dance which was held at the Vicarage lawn on Wednesday, 26th June, and we hope to give an account of it in our next issue.

PARISH NOTICES

The Fifth Year of War – August 4th falls this year on a Sunday and we hope to observe this, the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War as a day of earnest intercession on behalf of our Country and also for the Sailors and Soldiers and Airmen of our King and of the Allies. There will be a **Special Service at 3.30 p.m.**, at which the **Dean of Chichester** has kindly promised to preach, and we hope that there will be as large a congregation as there was on the afternoon of the first Sunday in the year.

The offerings at all the services will be divided between the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops Fund for Disabled Soldiers and the Sussex Prisoners of War Fund. Full details of the other services will be published in due course.

GARDEN NOTES FOR JULY

At the end of March, spring was late due to wet, cold conditions but then followed some amazingly hot days continuing through May and into June, so the season is now slightly ahead of average, strawberry picking in our garden beginning the first week of June and gooseberries almost ready mid-June. Rhododendrons and Azaleas have flowered well and produced a fabulous display of colour as have early Clematis, honeysuckles and now roses. We escaped the torrential downpours

which accompanied the thunderstorms in the second half of May, but some areas did not - and plants will consequently have been battered by them.

Warm weather has encouraged black fly on broad beans and aphids on roses so keep a watchful eye and treat as organically as possible.

Beans are climbing well but if strong winds are forecast, make sure canes or supports are secure as the whole crop may go horizontal. Likewise, sweet peas and annuals climbing up fences or trellis. Tie in new growth on climbers. Prune Wisteria tying in new growth where you want to extend the framework and cut back the new whippy shoots to 1cm from the old wood. Early flowering Clematis and honeysuckles you haven't tackled in need of a trim can still be done this month.

There will still be berries to pick in July notably raspberries, black and red currants and a few late fruiting varieties of strawberries. Prune berries and currants after cropping though August will do if you are away or short of time. De runner strawberry plants if you do not wish to start a new bed (plants are best replaced every 2 to 3 years with new plants taken from the runners produced).

Other pruning jobs for July include cutting privet and hawthorn hedges, ornamental Ribes/flowering currant, Weigelia, Choisya, Spireas, Deutzia and Philadelphus and dead-head roses. Feed baskets, pots on the patio and plants in grow bags especially tomatoes. Keep up with tying up and removing side shoots on all but bush varieties (e.g., Tumbler). Watch for whitefly and red spider mite under glass for which there are biological predatory controls and outdoors, the unwelcome tomato blight which manifests itself as watery spots on leaves and stems. Potato blight is the same and all foliage needs to be cut off and burned or binned to avoid spread. Dead-head early summer herbaceous plants like Aquilegias and welsh poppies especially if you do not wish to have seedlings springing up everywhere.

In the vegetable garden keep hoeing off the weeds before they seed or choke plants; plant out any remaining leek and brassica seedlings; sow swede and turnips early in the month. Harvest shallots and garlic once their 'tops'/leaves have turned brown. Dig all first early potatoes if you haven't already and second earlies too by the end of the month. Stop cutting asparagus at the beginning of July if you are fortunate

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enough to have some growing. Watch for asparagus beetle which is good at hiding. Squash the critters rather than use spray.

For those with trained apples and pears, “summer pruning” (reducing this year’s growth back to the basal cluster of leaves or the one above) helps greatly with allowing more light to ripen the fruit, more air circulation and encourages fruit bud initiation for next year’s crop.

Finally, if you ask kind neighbours to look after your plants, tubs, greenhouse, etc., whilst you go away, remember to make life as easy as possible by grouping pots together and having a hose pipe long enough to reach everything for watering!

Lindsay Shurvell



Sussex
Wildlife Trust

MUTE SWANS

I’m going to come right out and say it. I don’t like swans. Never have done. Just seeing them smugly swanning around acting all hoighty-toighty annoys me. And back in the spring I took a particular dislike to a pair of them.

2018 is the 50th anniversary of the opening of **Woods Mill, Sussex Wildlife Trust’s nature reserve** and headquarters near Henfield. We’ve been getting the place all ship-shape, ready to welcome visitors for celebrations throughout the summer. I turned up for work one Monday to find a pair of swans had inconsiderately started building their huge woven nest right in the middle of the main path. I thought I may try and heave the heap back into the pond, but you can’t disturb nesting birds during the breeding season and I’m sure I once read that the Queen legally owns all the swans in Britain. I certainly didn’t want Her Royal Highness leaping out of the

undergrowth and bopping me with her sceptre. So, the nest was here to stay and our visitors would have to take a small diversion. Perhaps it's this royal association which give swans their snooty attitude, but I would like to remind any swans reading this article that the reason that they were once bestowed this protection was because the Royal Family enjoyed eating them and didn't want us common folk depriving them of their swan supper.

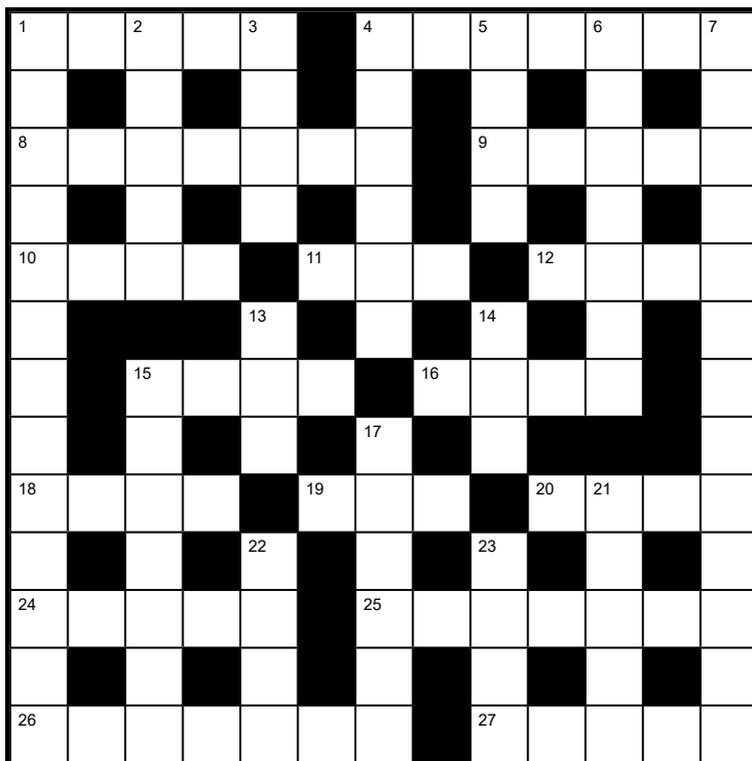
One morning I checked on the swans and found five whopping great eggs in their obstructive haystack nest. But the parents were elsewhere, arrogantly gliding about on the pond. Had they abandoned the nest? Surely the eggs would perish in the cold? I suddenly became uncharacteristically concerned. I was half tempted to hop on the eggs myself to keep them warm until I noticed the swans heading towards me, their wings half-raised behind their back (a posture called 'busking', which, despite being the archetypal swan pose, is actually an aggressive threat).

Before I knew it they were upon me, hissing and raising their mighty wings. When you're being attacked by a swan you really appreciate what formidable creatures they are. Weighing up to 13kgs, mute swans are one of the world's heaviest flying birds. The story that they can break your arm with their wings is nonsense, but I didn't hang around, just in case. After giving me some evil stares Lord and Lady Muck settled back to incubating and guarding their future family. For another few weeks they sat on their throne in the middle of the path, being photographed by crowds of admiring visitors while I stood ankle deep in the mud, muttering curses under my breath and begrudgingly hammering in a fence to keep them safe.

It's obvious who rules the roost here at Woods Mill. Last month those eggs hatched – and now there are seven-swans-a-swimmin' round the pond. If you want to see the swans and lots of other wildlife, take a trip to Woods Mill this summer. Directions are on the Sussex Wildlife Trust website (sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk) and in the 'What's On' section you'll find details of loads of free events being held on the reserve – thanks to generous support from the Scottish Power Foundation - as we celebrate our half century.

Michael Blencowe - Sussex Wildlife Trust

July Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

1. PARTS OF SPEECH (5)
4. ANOTHER PART OF SPEECH (7)
8. FATE (7)
9. AN INTERNET PHRASE (3.2)
10. FOREIGN CURRENCY (4)
11. THE ALMIGHTY (3)
12. LOOSEN (4)
15. HEAD OF CATHOLIC CHURCH (4)
16. BRIC A ---- (4)
18. ONE OF A FOURSOME (4)
19. FIRE (3)
20. HEAVENLY BODY (4)
24. PICTURE (5)
25. OLD CURRENCY (7)
26. THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN 11 ACROSS (7)
27. CLUMSY (5)

CLUES DOWN:

1. DUMMY'S MASTER (13)
2. EARLY INVADER (5)
3. WINDOW CORD (4)
4. CHURCHMAN (6)
5. NORWAY'S CAPITAL (4)
6. NATURALLY GROWN (7)
7. FORM OF RELIGION (13)
13. APROPRIATE (3)
14. NOAH'S BOAT (3)
15. SMOOTH OVER (7)
17. BOOK OF THE O.T. (6)
21. SHORT (5)
22. CRICKETERS PLAY IN THEM (4)
23. WRITTEN ON THE CROSS (1.1.1.1.1.)

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Holy Trinity Mens Group

Wednesday 18 July – Meal at the ~Whyte Harte
For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com

Home Groups

Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481

Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time). David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.

Prayer Group

Tuesday 17 July 10am in the Lady Chapel
Tel. Pam Sagar 01444 414409

Mothers' Union

Tuesday 10 July 2.30pm – Summer Tea Party “Three Little maids from School” venue Valerie Poxon’s 41 Muster Green RH16 4AL
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.

ANSWERS TO JULY CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

1. VERBS, 4. PRONOUN, 8. NEMESIS, 9. LOG ON, 10. RAND, 11. GOD, 12. UNDO, 15. POPE, 16. BRAC, 18. QUAD, 19. AXE, 20. STAR, 24. IMAGE, 25. DENARII, 26. THEISTS, 27. INEPT.

DOWN:

1. VENTRILOQUIST, 2. ROMAN, 3. SASH, 4. PASTOR, 5. OSLO, 6. ORGANIC, 7. NONCOMFORMIST, 13. APT, 14. ARK, 15. PLACATE, 17. EXODUS, 21. TERSE, 22. NETS, 23. I.N.R.I.

Regular Events (continued)

Royal British Legion *Wednesday 25 July - Lunch*
(Women's Section) *Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield*

Cuckfield Crafts and Vintage Market The next Market will be on Friday 6 July 9.30am to 1pm at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield
 For more details or to book a pitch contact Marie Dormer email: Marie.dormer@cuckfield.gov.uk

Cuckfield Local Market 9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield. (Monthly)

Cuckfield Evening Flower Club Friday 6 July Kathryn ~Austin – 'A Vine Romance' Venue Haywards Heath Methodist Church 7.30 for 7.45pm

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 3 July 6pm Lindfield walk followed by meal at the Bent Arms at 7pm. Park in the pub car park. For more details please contact Jan Bryan 414891

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 9th September Tickets £6 will be available from the Church office in August.

Cuckfield Evening WI Tuesday 17 July – 'Growing up at Nymans' Sue Etheridge
 Meetings take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane



HOLY BAPTISM

Patrick Joseph Barbosa CORBETT
 Atticus David ALLEN-HOLLINGDALE
 Leon Settachuea Peter BLUNDEN

HOLY MATRIMONY

Conrad Earl GOUVEIA-BOXALL & Natassja Ceara HANLON

IN MEMORIAM

John Lawrence WATTS	Aged 95
Elizabeth Mary BEDWELL	Aged 83
Patrick Julian Athelstone BAINES	Aged 91

July 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 1 JULY – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Family Eucharist with Confirmation
Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-end
Mark 5: 21-end
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Jeremiah 11: 1-14; Romans 13: 1-10

SUNDAY 8 JULY – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Ezekiel 2: 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 15 JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Amos 7: 7-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14;
Mark 6: 14-29
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Job 4: 1, 5: 6-end; Romans 15: 14-29

SUNDAY 22 JULY – MARY MAGDALENE (TRINITY 8)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Song of Solomon 3: 1-4; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17;
John 20: 1-2, 11-18
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Mark 15: 40-16: 7

SUNDAY 29 JULY – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
2 Kings 4: 42-end; Ephesians 3: 14-end
John 6: 1-21
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Job 19: 1-27a; Hebrews Chap. 8

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake
	5.00pm	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
Xplorers	action for 11 to 13 year olds.

except for 1st Sunday of each month when all join the Family Service
and during the school summer holidays.

for details of weekday youth activities see regular events

**NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME
COME AND SEE!**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE IN THE OLD SCHOOL
AFTER 9.45 SERVICES**

Michael Maine, Vicar