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My dear Friends,

liturgy

litədʒi/ noun liturgy; plural noun: liturgies

a form or formulary according to which public religious worship, especially Christian worship, is conducted.

The stipendiary clergy of our diocese recently attended a four-day conference at Canterbury – a chance to meet and catch up with old friends and become acquainted with new ones. There was also the opportunity to hear several speakers who drew us on reflective journeys on various topics, with much to ponder. In addition, we worshipped together. I found myself part of the worship-band, and it was very moving to hear the entire body singing the praises of God robustly day by day. It reminded me of Holy Trinity, where the singing is also usually inspiring!

Our meeting together was a uniting of a disparate group of people – all ordained, yes, yet with many different understandings of theology, worship and experiential Christian life. Indeed, one might say that there were 300 theologies present – each person representing something slightly different from the other. The main facets of faith would certainly be recognisable in each (we hope!), yet there will also be that richness which I hope also enriches the communities we seek to serve, as well as our own lives. At the conference, the main act of worship was the Eucharist – Holy Communion – the service which has been the heart-beat of Christian worship since its earliest days.

The word *liturgy* is sometimes used to describe this gathering, particularly in the Orthodox Church, yet (particularly in the West) the word is also applied to other forms of worship, including baptism and confirmation. It is derived from the term in ancient Greek (Greek: λειτουργία), *leitourgia*, which literally means ‘work of the people.’ This ‘work of the people’ will come in many forms. From a simple sharing of bread and wine of friends in a memorial meal (very much the Calvinist tradition), to a great celebration seeking to draw the worshipper into the Divine Life through time-hallowed ceremonial and actions (the Eastern and Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy). What it should never be is some magical act performed by clergy in which lay people are merely spectators.

As I have sometimes said in church, the Eucharistic Prayer at the heart of a Communion service, is the Prayer of the People. It starts with the interaction between the presider and all present, including and calling all worshippers in the phrase to 'Lift up your hearts' – to unite with the whole Church in praising God – lifting hearts and minds Godward. Each Eucharistic prayer also contains the same features: remembering the Last Supper, using the words of institution spoken by Jesus, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, together with praise of the Trinity. This is acclaimed by the Great Amen at the end of the prayer – the affirmation of those present that this is indeed their prayer, their divine work as they unite around the table to meet and be strengthened by the Lord in bread and wine.

With love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Harvest Thanks to all who will have worked hard to make the Harvest Festival the joy it always is. A lovely barn-dance with an excellent live band; the worship – singing all those old favourites – all will have brought joy to those attending. Particular thanks to Hilary Turner-King and all who assisted her.

Cuckfield Bookfest Following the huge success of the first Bookfest last year, we have, again, a very imaginative programme taking place in Cuckfield from 4th-7th October, largely at the Baptist Chapel and the Queens Hall. Please so support this excellent endeavour.

Book Launch at Holy Trinity Taking place during the period of the Bookfest, **Adrian Barlow**, a noted authority on the work of the Victorian designer and manufacturer of stained glass, Charles Eamer Kempe, is launching his new study on this exceptional artist, some of whose finest work is to be seen in Holy Trinity. Please join us at **Holy Trinity** on **Saturday 5th September at 3.00pm** as Adrian introduces his new book, ***Kempe: the Life, Art and Legacy of Charles Eamer Kempe***. **Tickets (£5) at the door.**

Visiting Preachers I would like to remind you again about our special preachers this month. On **Sunday October 7th** we will be welcoming **Father Nicholas Stebbing CR** when we hope to hear something of his work with the Zimbabwean children's charity Tairo, which we support. Father Nicholas (one of the brethren at Mirfield) started Tariro in response to the collapse of the Zimbabwean economy which left many orphans homeless and destitute.

On **October 14th** our visiting preacher at the 9.45 will be the **Rev. Adrian Stark-Ordish**, the chaplain of Ardingly College. Adrian was formerly a forces chaplain.

Finally, on **Sunday 21st October** we welcome the **Rev. Sarah Lenton**. Sarah writes, broadcasts, and lectures on lyric theatre for the Royal Opera House, English National Opera, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, and BBC Radio 3 and 4, and is also well known for her imaginative work with children.

A date for the diary: On **Saturday October 13th The Perdido Players Swing Band** will be playing at the **Queen's Hall at 7:30 p.m.** and all proceeds are being donated to the Friends. Tickets, priced at £10 are available from Pepperbox, Peter Swann on 01444 450335 or email: richardfermer@btinternet.com Please do support the band. We are most grateful for their kind support.

Cuckfield Remembers For nearly a year, a committee of people representing a wide number of organisations within the Cuckfield have been meeting regularly in order to plan suitable commemorations to mark the centenary of the end of The Great War. As we move towards November, you will receive (or see) details of the various events being held. These include: two performances by the Dramatic Society of a reading of actual letters written by Cuckfield soldiers and their families, a special concert in the church on 10th November (including a choral work written for the occasion), together with the lighting of a beacon at Whiteman's Green on the evening of the 11th itself. There will also be the opportunity to walk around the area to find details outside houses about where some of those men whose names appear on our war memorial lived. It promises to be a wonderful way to mark an epochal period of our national life.

I am – a series of articles about the 'I am' sayings in John's Gospel. Michael continues his exploration of this profound theological feature the writer employs.

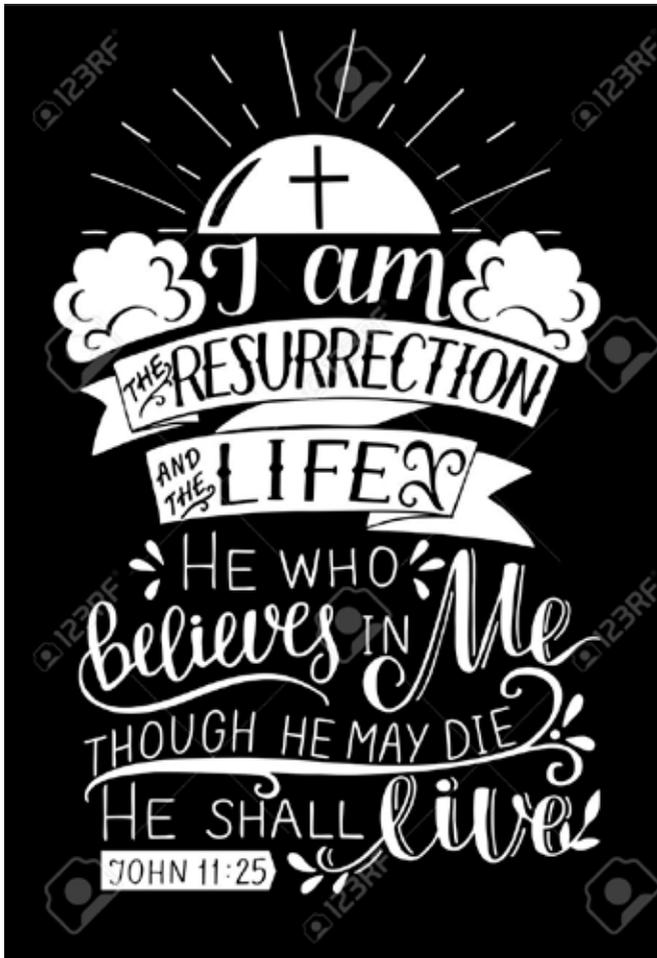
I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)

This saying is the only one which is not addressed to a group of people. Jesus has travelled to Bethany to meet Martha, whose brother Lazarus has died. Martha questions why Jesus has not rushed to see Lazarus when he heard that he was ill. Yet she still maintains a hope in Jesus. He in turn questions her to see what she believes when she says that Lazarus will be raised on the last day. Jesus then utters the phrase, *'I am the resurrection and the life,'* before enlarging on this further: *'and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'* Her reply uses a triplet of titles. For her, Jesus is the Messiah,

the Son of God, the one coming into the world. Yet Martha's understanding is confused. Later at the tomb of her brother, she doubts what Jesus can achieve when he calls for the stone to be rolled away. Again, misunderstanding surrounds Jesus' statement. Martha's understanding of resurrection seems common to that found in Judaism by this time, having developed during the late Old Testament and inter-testamental period. The concept of a general resurrection of the dead at the end of time was central to what the Pharisees taught (opposed to the Sadducees' non-belief in this doctrine). However, Martha's general understanding of the resurrection on the last day is scarcely adequate in the present situation. In Johannine realised eschatology, the gift of life that conquers death is a **present** reality in Jesus Christ. Jesus is always the realization in this world of eternal life in the experience of Christians.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life (14:6)

The richness of John's Christological depiction of Jesus is encapsulated in this saying. The claims of this saying are momentous for the followers of Jesus and have provoked much debate. John Phillips, the Biblical scholar, spent much time unpacking this. For him, the WAY is provided by the scars of Calvary, whilst TRUTH is unequivocal – it is dogmatic and intolerant of non-truth, and this 'rules out all the world's false religions.' As to life - TRUE LIFE is found in coming to Christ, which enables the believer to live life to the full here and now before enjoying life in a new and more thrilling dimension, with 'joy unspeakable and full of glory.' Some of this interpretation, however, has the potential to misinterpretation and it might be more profitable to see it not as a verse which marks out Jesus' identity, but describes who he *ought* to be for the faithful disciples: the One who leads to eternal life with the Father, because Jesus himself has revealed the truth he has learned from him. For Christians, involvement with Jesus *is* the way to God. Once we are thus involved, there is no further journey *from* Jesus *to* God, but a journey *with* Jesus into the truth and life of God. One might say that God is the goal of human life, and for the Gospel writer John, Jesus is the only way of full truth to find a perfection of life in God. Indeed, the phrase (*I am the way, and the truth, and the life*) echoes the prologue at the start of the Gospel. In the prologue, '*the life was the light of all people,*' and we are called to see the truth as reflected in John's Gospel, which points to 'true light.' The tenor behind the whole Gospel is the fulness of life itself which is found through Jesus Christ.



SAINTS OF THE MONTH

October is a rich month in terms of English saints, particularly in our Anglican Kalendar. Although there has been (and continues to be) much debate on **Bishop George Bell's** reputation regarding accusations of abuse, he remains the one Anglican bishop who spoke out bravely during the Second World War. Before the war he had become acquainted with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the exceptional Lutheran priest (subsequently murdered by the Nazis) and this shaped Bell's understanding of the iniquitous nature of that regime. He had witnessed the coming to power of the Nazis first hand and strongly supported the Confessing Church (itself anti-Nazi) Bonhoeffer belonged to. During the war, Bell was involved in helping not only displaced persons and refugees who had fled the continent to England, but also interned Germans and British conscientious objectors, together with a growing awareness that retribution was the wrong approach as the war neared its end. Bell was also instrumental in promoting ecumenism. His life is commemorated on **3rd October**.

Edward the Confessor is commemorated on **October 13th**. The seventh son of Æthelred the Unready, and the first by his second wife, Emma of Normandy, Edward managed to survive the tangled nature of political and royal strife of the time, spending about 25 years in exile. However, once he ascended the throne, he proved to be a wily operator! Edward was the founder of Westminster Abbey, where he was laid to rest. We forget that the Norman conquest happened quickly following his death. William the Conqueror was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day in the same year!

Henry Martyn (18 February 1781 – 16 October 1812) was an Anglican priest and missionary to the peoples of India and Persia. Born in Truro, Cornwall, he was educated at Truro Grammar School (the successor to Truro Cathedral School which I attended) and St John's College, Cambridge. A chance encounter with Charles Simeon, the influential evangelical divine, led him to become a missionary. He was ordained a priest and became a chaplain for the British East India Company. Martyn

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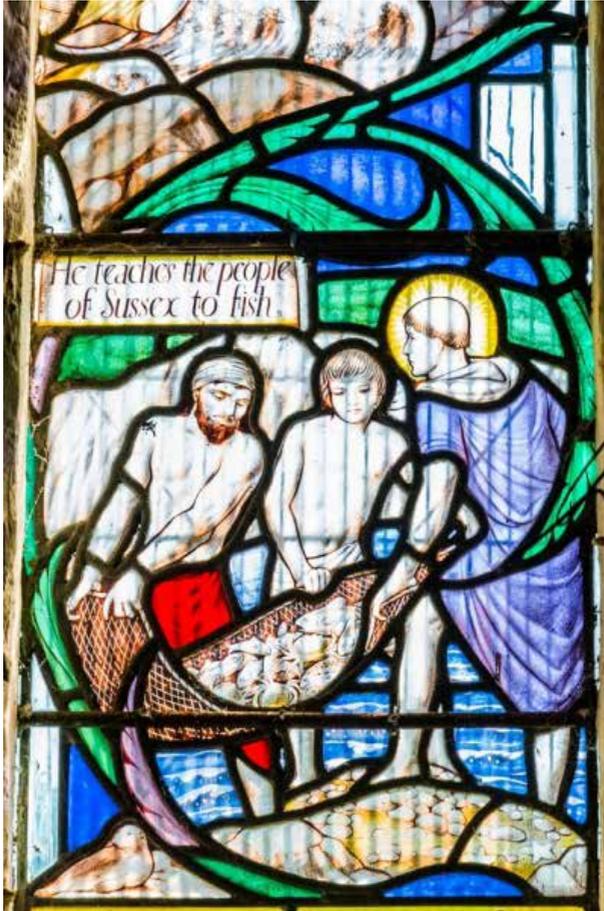
arrived in India in April 1806, where he preached and occupied himself in the study of linguistics. He translated the whole of the New Testament into Urdu, Persian and Judaeo-Persic. He also translated the Psalms into Persian and the Book of Common Prayer into Urdu. From India, he set out for Bushire, Shiraz, Isfahan, and Tabriz. He was noted for his gentle personality and attractive character.

On his journeying, Martyn developed fever, and though the plague was raging at Tokat, he was forced to stop there, unable to continue and died on 16 October 1812 he died, although he is commemorated on **19 October**. Martyn was given a Christian burial by Armenian clergy and it was found that the last entry in his journal included the following words: *Oh! when shall time give place to eternity? When shall appear that new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness? There, there shall in no wise enter in any thing that defileth: none of that wickedness which has made men worse than wild beasts, none of those corruptions which add still more to the miseries of mortality, shall be seen or heard of any more.*



Henry Martyn

In addition, we have our local saints, **Bishop James Hannington**, martyred in Uganda in 1885 (October 29th) and **St Wilfrid** (October 12th) – Bishop of York and great missionary, who is reputed to have taught the South Saxons how to fish!



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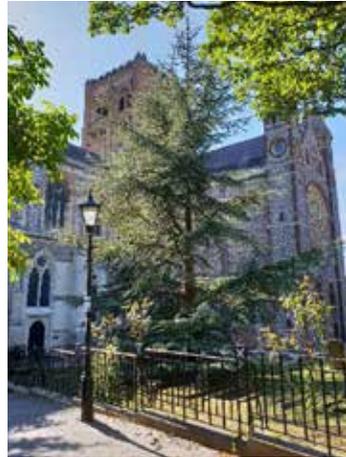


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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL



The Cathedral & Abbey Church of St Alban. The Nave Screen of Modern Martyrs Archbishop Romero (L) and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (R)



The Mediaeval Watching Loft (L) The Shrine of St Alban (R)

Under blue skies, this year's pilgrimage was to St Alban's Cathedral where our roving reporters were out and about among the pilgrims and our mobile studio was on hand to record their impressions:

Memories of my teenage years in the area. Back 60 years, when first married, a great mixed up building! A day well worth remembering. Fabulous!

A wonderful day, weather kind, the cathedral magnificent. A 'lived-in' place, happy and welcoming.

Thank you so much for today, in every way: it has been so enjoyable and so interesting; what a splendid confection of a holy place! Something strange and wonderful at every turn.

My first time here. A beautiful cathedral, a lovely sunny day – and a walk by the lake with a heron and moorhens.

A remarkable place: particularly impressive was the nave screen with carvings of seven modern Christian Martyrs; also, the Watching Loft where the monks watched the shrine of St Alban, and where probably the Relics were kept in the cupboards beneath?

St Alban's Abbey Church – catering for tastes and ages, a mish-mash of architectural styles!

A very happy and peaceful day spent in St Alban's, thank you: the cathedral was lovely, very different from more traditional ones, a beautiful cathedral and worthy of St Alban.

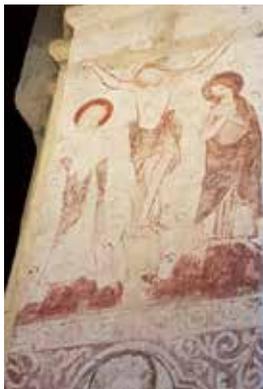
A great trip if a little difficult to distil myth from reality! The Lady Chapel was special with lovely flowers, and the beautiful Communion Service.

Architecturally there was lots to see and be amazed by: the Mediaeval wall decorations stand preserved.

'... and persons now abed in Cuckfield will think themselves accursed they were not here to view St Alban's upon the St Chrysostom's Day!'

Thank you for arranging such an interesting and pleasant day, a lovely one to remember and looking forward to next year (*hopefully, Winchester Cathedral – Ed.*).

Pleased I was able to make a return visit to St Albans Cathedral. Particularly exciting to discover the Mediaeval



13th Century wall paintings
by Br Walter of Colchester

Watching Loft: what a gem. Thank you for the fun, fellowship and memories – oh, yes – and the blue skies!

The size of the Abbey was amazing, the wall hangings and statues told stories that were surprising, and history came alive. It was a privilege to attend a communion in this sacred place. What a blessing!

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But this is a personal story. My sister and I knew from as long ago as 1980 that our mother, Joyce, wished to donate her body for medical purposes. We duly registered her wishes with the London Anatomy Office¹ (LAO), who administer body donations for the London and South East teaching hospitals. When she died in March 2017, aged 96, we were happy to initiate the fulfilment of that wish. There are a number of reasons which mean that a donation cannot be accepted – but happily, age is no barrier. Speed is of the essence, of course, but the LAO makes the necessary arrangements for transportation of the body by private ambulance.

Of course one can choose to have some form of memorial service; in our case we decided to have a family get-together later in the year – we called it the ‘GRAN BASH’ – when we assembled all Joyce’s children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, their spouses and various other friends and relatives for a weekend celebration. This naturally enough included shared stories, memories and memorabilia – along with copious amounts of food, drink – and laughter.

Every year the LAO organises a service of thanksgiving in London for those who have donated their bodies over the previous year. So it was that in May this year we arrived at St George’s Cathedral in Southwark. We thought that perhaps 40 or 50 people might be present. Imagine our astonishment when we discovered the 1,200-seat cathedral full and with standing room only, to give thanks for almost 350 donors.

Though the service was in a Christian format, inclusive words of welcome invited participation in whatever way felt right for each individual present – to give thanks, to weep, to be silent, to sing, to listen, to pray. For us, the service had a

personal touch: this year it was organised by the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals and the intercessions were led by a personal friend, one of the local hospital chaplains.

What was particularly striking was the respect shown by the medical students for the donors – very different from the ‘black humour’ one might expect to pervade a dissection room.

During the service one young medical student read her poem *Confessions of a Second Year* in which she reflected on the transition from initial apprehension, ‘I did not want to meet you / I feared the day our paths would cross...’, to wonder, ‘I marvelled at the complexity of your body / traced the networks of arteries and veins and capillaries and nerves and nodes and fibres... / I knew more about your insides than I did my own’. It seemed almost like a reworking of Psalm 139, ‘for it was you who formed my inward parts... I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... my frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth’.

This sense of respect and wonder is reflected also in the recent book² by Professor Dame Sue Black, the eminent anatomist and forensic anthropologist, the first chapter of which is entitled *The Silent Teachers* – a worthy tribute.

Why would mother feel so strongly that she wished to donate her body? Was it the years she spent volunteering for the Red Cross? Or her final working years in a hospital school as a teacher of severely disabled children? We will never know, but we are happy to have been able to fulfil those wishes.

It could still be some time yet before mother’s body (or its various parts) are finally brought together for cremation. Perhaps we will then again gather a family contingent to take her ashes to some of the places she lived and loved – the South Downs, the Sussex Coast...

Peter Hutchinson

(Endnotes)

1 London Anatomy Office, King’s College London, Tel: 0207 848 8042, Email: lao@kcl.ac.uk

2 Sue Black, *All That Remains: a life in death* (Doubleday, 2018)

FSW SEPTEMBER UPDATE

With the start of a new school year there is a great deal of buzz around FSW this week. Our **four new Family Support Practitioners** began work earlier this week, so we're delighted to welcome Phillipa (Newhaven, Lewes and Seaford); Kelly (East Grinstead); Becky (Crawley) and Stacey (Coldean) to the team. They will soon be getting to know their new areas and making contact with local churches, schools and other organisations and begin to develop our network so that we can hopefully start supporting families very soon.

We are delighted to now have 11 practitioners covering a large part of Sussex – the highest we have seen for over a decade.

We had a very busy summer combining a number of family activity days with fundraising events, including the Amberley-Arundel sponsored walk and the Henfield Fair. We also attended the clergy conference in Canterbury at the start of September, and were able to raise awareness of FSW throughout the Diocese.

We hope to be able to build on the contacts and expand our networks of supporting churches over the coming weeks and months.

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CUCKFIELD MUSEUM'S NEXT TALKS:

Thursday 11th October, 2.30 pm, the Council Chamber a talk by Dr Janet Pennington on *Witches, Warlocks and Wellington and The Ritual Protection of the Home* examines some of the ways people in the past protected themselves and their homes from evil. Samples of protective items will be on display and can be handled. There will hopefully be no witches or warlocks present but a wellington may appear.

Thursday 15th November, 2.30 pm, the Council Chamber *History of Landscape Painting in Sussex* - a talk by Jackie Parry.

To book a place, please phone Mike Nicholson on 457448 or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

Peace at Last 1918: Joy and Sorrow, Cuckfield Museum's new display has opened looking at the new lives which awaited people at the end of the First World War. There is the relief surrounding a tiny letter written in 1919 found when a fireplace was being renovated in Kings House in Church St. It is from Harry Askew telling his family he is finally on his way home. By contrast, we have the braille watch – no glass so that the face may be read by touch - given to Janice Peek's grandfather, one of the first men to be treated at St Dunstan's after he was blinded, fighting in France in 1915.



This precious object was a symbol of everything that had been lost but was also a means of handling the future. These and other poignant items will be on display until the Museum closes for its winter break on December 8th.

Cuckfield Museum has devised a **Memorial Walk** as part of the *Cuckfield Remembers 1918-2018* commemorations in November. Maps showing the houses of 37 of the men who died will be included in the commemoration brochure and are also being sent to our schools and youth groups. The houses will be marked with poster boards bearing the portrait of the soldier who died. Brochures will be available from The White Harte, Marcus Grimes, Cuckfield Bathrooms, Cuckfield iWear and The Rose and Crown.

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PARISH NOTES

The Roll of Honour – It is with great regret that we have to add two more names to the long list of Cuckfield men who have fallen in the war. On August 18th **Private Charles Selby** was killed by a shell. The deceased, who was in a Labour Company, was well known in Ansty, and was recently home on leave. His brothers and sisters have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Mrs. Mertens has also recently received the official notification that her youngest son, **Private Hugh G. Mertens**, London Regiment, who has been missing since August 9th was killed in action or died of wounds on or after that date. To her and to the members of her family we offer our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

We are also very sorry to hear that no news has yet been received with regard to either **Private Arthur Ballard** or **Tom Dance**. It is a time of anxious suspense for their friends, and we hope that good news may soon come.

We are very glad that Mrs. Davis has had news from Salonika that her husband is now well on the way to recovery. Similar good news has been received by Mrs. Blake with regard to her husband, and also by Mrs. Lingley (Ansty) as to her brother. **Private Reggie Chinnery** has been wounded, but we are glad to hear that it is not severe, and he is going on well, and **Will Nye** received a severe gunshot wound, on August 22nd, and was sent to hospital at Rouen. **Jack Bennett** is also in hospital with a bad foot, but it is not serious. **Private Christopher Meaning**, Essex Regiment, has, we regret to say, again been severely wounded, but he is now progressing satisfactorily. **Private Harry Askew** is in hospital in Italy, suffering from dysentery; we are glad to hear that he is now making satisfactory progress, though lately he had a slight relapse. **Air-Mechanic Percy Vickers** has been ill but is now convalescent and has returned to duty.

We wish to congratulate **Lieutenant Stephen H. Knight** on his recent promotion to his present rank, and we are glad to hear that he is making good progress towards recovery from his wounds.

We are also glad to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pierce, of Penland, on the fact that their second son, **Sergeant Edwin John Pierce**, R.E., has been granted a commission on the field for meritorious service. He is now a 2nd-Lieut., and is serving in a Signal Squadron in Palestine. Another Cuckfield honour that we are pleased to record is

that the Military Medal has been awarded to **Sergeant Will Bennett** for gallantry and devotion to duty on the field of battle, and the Military Medal has also been awarded to **Private Henry Garrod**, Sherwood Foresters, who is well known in Cuckfield, as he lived for some time with his aunt, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, London Lane, but he was very severely wounded and gassed, and for a time his life was in danger.

We wish to congratulate **Arthur Burgess**, R.N., Seaman Gunner, *H.M.S. Iron Duke*, on his recent marriage, which took place at St. Cuthbert's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Miss Emily Summers. He has been spending part of his honeymoon at Ansty, where he was brought up, being a member of the Choir. He has had many exciting experiences since the war broke out and he took part in the Jutland Battle. We wish him and his bride every happiness in their married life.

Sergeant Leonard A. Palmer, R.F.A., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, of The Lodge Farm, has now been invalided out of the Army on account of severe wounds received in action on June 1st. He has left the Army with an excellent character, and with a good record of meritorious service, which has earned for him the D.C.M. We hope that he will be quickly restored to good health.

We have been very pleased to welcome home on leave **Sergeant Charles Knight**, of Hanlye. A member of the "contemptible little army," he landed in France on 13th August, 1914, and he has been on active service in France and Egypt ever since. He gained the Military Medal for good service at Loos. **Sergeant Fred Beard** has been home lately, and we are glad to see that he has made such good progress towards recovery. He was one of Captain Stuart Reid's most trusted Sergeants and in many ways his right hand man, and he was wounded a few days before Captain Reid was killed. **Colonel Reid, Colonel Berly, Dr. Colin King** and **Private W. B. Vickers** have been home for a well-earned but short rest, after a strenuous time on the Western Front, and we have been pleased to welcome other Cuckfield men also home on leave.

The Clergy – The Vicar is very sorry that he has not yet been able to find anyone to take on the work of Assistant Curate in Mr. Layton's place, but he is now in communication with a Clergyman who will, he hopes, come to us for at any rate the duration of the war.

The Clerk – The Vicar and Churchwardens have not yet appointed anyone to this office, but we are glad to say that Mr. Browne has consented to carry on for a time.

The Coal Problem – There is no doubt that we are faced with a difficulty which will cause acute discomfort, owing to the shortage of coal. There is no doubt that those who have the misfortune to live in large houses will feel it most, but it will press heavily on all. There is no positive assurance that we shall be able to get the amount apportioned to us, and if we do get it, the price is very high. The name, “black diamonds,” is not inappropriate now, as applied to coals. An urgent appeal has been issued by the ***Coal Controller to the Clergy***, asking them to give publicity to the matter, and so the Vicar begs to draw the attention of his readers to the enclosed leaflet.

Lighting of the Church – We are glad to say that there is every prospect that the Church will be fairly well warmed this winter, but we have been so closely rationed in the matter of gas that it will be impossible to light it properly. The greatest economy will be necessary, and we are afraid that some will suffer discomfort, but we certainly do not want to have to give up our evening services.

The Memorial Service on the evening of September 15th was a solemn, dignified and impressive commemoration of our Soldiers, who have died that we may live, and we are glad that such a large number of people were able to be present to do honour to their memory.



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OCTOBER GARDEN NOTES

September has begun with warm dry weather and the forecast is for it to continue the rest of the month. What a fantastic summer we've had.

Signs of Autumn are about with some trees beginning to change colour, heavy dews illuminating spiders' cobwebs, especially visible walking on the Forest early in the morning. Sedums, Calamintha and Eryngiums are in flower providing a rich source of nectar for bees; apples need harvesting and autumn cyclamen "hederifolium" are in bloom.

Whatever the weather turns out to be over the coming weeks, autumn is always tidy-up time. Begin cutting down herbaceous plants that have not only finished flowering but whose foliage has started going brown (Phlox, Alchemilla, Campanulas, Aconitums, Achillea, Salvias, to name a few), raking fallen leaves, and catching those prolific weeds before they seed and create next year's problem!

Michaelmas daisies (Aster family), Anemone species, late Aconitums, Tricyrtis, Schizostylis, Nerines and cyclamen give good autumn colour, usually into early October, as well as any natural season chrysanthemums you may grow.

Despite the summer dryness, most vegetable and fruit crops have been excellent and potato blight stayed away on both potatoes and tomatoes. Courgettes, sweetcorn, and French beans have cropped fantastically well, but runner beans went tough quickly. They like cool weather with natural rain water, not the chlorinated mains type. Take down bean poles and burn bean haulms before November, especially if infected with rust which appeared here in August. Most apple and pear crops should be harvested by the start of October, apples being very prolific this year in our garden, though some on the small side due to the dry summer; autumn raspberries should continue to the end of September if the rain holds off.

There should be no shortage of produce for celebrating Harvest Festivals at the beginning of the month. Tomatoes and cucumbers in the greenhouse should be watered minimally as days shorten and night temperatures plummet. Stake sprouts and other vulnerable brassicas, keeping a watch out for late hatching of cabbage white caterpillars. Begin harvesting leeks, kale and parsnips once you fancy a more 'wintry' diet.

Plant out bulbs you have bought, remembering that, as a rule of thumb, the height of the bulb (base to tip) is the amount of soil there should be on top of them. Some bulbs aren't that fussy (narcissi) but the smaller ones can be. Plant out wallflowers and winter pansies in pots for an early show of spring colour. Cyclamen that are readily available from garden centres and supermarkets are not fully hardy so will survive in a very sheltered place, e.g., sunny open porch or south facing, where you have good overhang 'eaves', but not in pots out in the open. They dislike cold damp conditions when botrytis sets in quickly, rotting first the leaves then the corm.

Lawns can be scarified and treated for moss, top dressing added where needed on bare patches, and areas where the ground has sunk, filled in. If you are sowing grass seed, don't leave it later than early October, as germination is not reliable once ground temperatures drop too low.

Let's hope for a calm, warm October to make the winter seem shorter!

Lindsay Shurvell

IVY: THE KEBAB SHOP OF PLANTS



In the Autumn many parishes celebrate the year's yield with Harvest Festivals, a tradition which dates to pagan times. But for our insects, nourishment is now in short supply. The beautiful flowers which have filled our countryside and gardens with colour and which have provided our insects with nectar will have shut up shop for another year. But there is

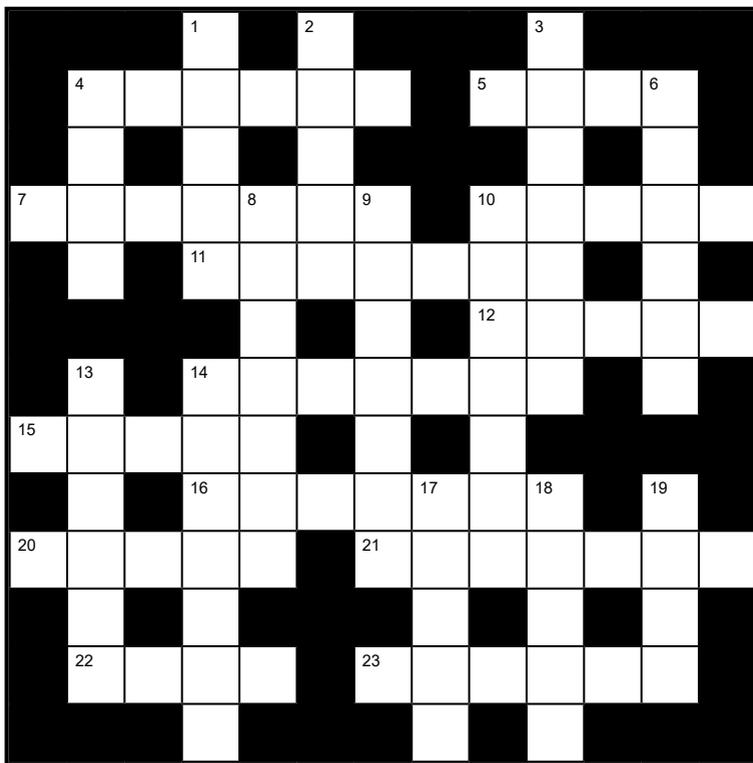
one plant that will just be revealing its flowers in October, opening for business long after the others have closed their doors. Your nearest Ivy will now be coming into bloom: look for its flowers - bubbly explosions of pale green.

In some ways Ivy is the kebab shop of plants; it offers welcome nourishment for those insects that like staying out late in the year. And, like a kebab shop, you're going to find a right old mix of characters queueing up for that one last meal before they go to sleep for the winter. Beautiful butterflies dine alongside wasps; bumblebees jostle with hoverflies and our Ivy bushes literally buzz with life. The importance of Ivy to the wildlife of our towns cannot be understated. Aside from this vital late season nectar supply, Ivy's evergreen leaves also feed caterpillars – including those of the Holly Blue butterfly and the delicate Swallow-tailed Moth. These leathery leaves provide a hibernating site for brimstone and peacock butterflies. On cold winter evenings the Ivy sings with the chatter and chirp of an invisible sparrow choir roosting in the waterproof warmth. Its black berries keep our winter thrushes filled, and in the spring it is a nesting site for our robins and wrens. Ivy covers a blank brick wall with a piece of living graffiti. It's a nature reserve that has spread itself across our towns and villages.

But despite all the life it supports, Ivy has a reputation as a killer and its roots are accused of sucking the life from the trees it surrounds. This isn't true: Ivy manufactures its own nourishment just like any other honest plant. And we can't forget the important service that Ivy provides for us humans. For centuries Ivy has protected us from house goblins. Bringing Ivy into your home as a decoration at Christmas (the time when goblins are at their most pesky apparently) will ensure that your festive season passes without a burnt turkey or a blown fairy light.

Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust
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October Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

4. MONASTERY CHURCHES (6)
5. FAKE (4)
7. OT BOOK (7)
10. MESSENGER (5)
11. WANDERING (7)
12. FEMALE NAME (5)
14. MONK'S HAIR CUT (7)
15. KING OF TROY (5)
16. CONTROVERSY (7)
20. STOLEN (5)
21. SUBTRACTS (7)
22. GRAIN (4)
23. OT BOOK (6)

CLUES DOWN:

1. MORE COMPETENT (5)
2. MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY (5)
3. BEACH (7)
4. ELDERLY (4)
6. MILDER (6)
8. A WISE MAN (7)
9. BROKEN (7)
10. TYPE OF BAROMETER (7)
13. BROTHERS (6)
14. NARROWED (7)
17. GUAGE OF BRILLIANCE (5)
18. COMFORTABLE (slang) (5)
19. CELEBRITY (4)

(Answers on page 41)

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Holy Trinity Mens Group	17 October – Skittles at The Bull in Henfield 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 <i>Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time).</i> David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
Prayer Group	Tuesday 16 October 10am in the Lady Chapel Tel. Pam Sagar 01444 414409
Mothers' Union	Tuesday 9 October 10am – The Cursillo Movement of the Anglican Church at Jane Coan's 27 Myrdden Close RH17 5LN 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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ACROSS: 4. ABBEYS, 5. SHAM, 7. GENESIS, 10. ANGEL, 11. ROAMING, 12. ELLEN, 14. TONSURE, 15. PRIAM, 16. POLEMIC, 20. TAKEN, 21. DEDUCTS, 22. SEED, 23. ESTHER

DOWN: 1. ABLER, 2. SYRIA, 3. SHINGLE, 4. AGED, 6. MEEKER, 8. SOLOMON, 9. SMASHED, 10. ANEROID, 13. FRIARS, 14. TAPERED, 17. MENSA, 18. CUSHY, 19. STAR

Regular Events (continued)

Royal British Legion (Women's Section) Wednesday 24 October – Annual General Meeting
Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield

Cuckfield Crafts and Vintage Market The next Market will be on Friday 21 September
9.30am to 1pm at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield
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Cuckfield Local Market 9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot,
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Cuckfield Evening Flower Club Friday 12 October – Ben Cross form Crosslands
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Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 2 October 8pm – Film Evening at Jan Bryan's.
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Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 14 October
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October 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12;
Mark 10: 2-16*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung holy Communion (Traditional language)
Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Joshua 3: 7-end; Matthew 10: 1-22

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-end;
Mark 10: 17-31*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 53: 4-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10;
Mark 10: 35-45*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Joshua 14: 6-14; Matthew 12: 1-21

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 7: 23-end;
Mark 10: 46-end*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Ecclesiastes Chps. 11 & 12; 2 Timothy 2: 1-7

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
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