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### IT'S ALL IN A WORD

My dear friends,

Many will know that the Diocese of Chichester (of which our parish is a part) has been using yearly themes as a way of drawing people to consider and enrich their faith journey. We have had a year of mercy, then one of prayer. 2019 has been designated that of vocation. To me, it seems a rather difficult concept to define, and like many other aspects of our Faith will mean little to those 'outside,' and not used to the jargon. I don't write this pejoratively, but I think that it means we must engage critically to see how we might understand and benefit in engagement.

People over a certain age will immediately think of 'vocation' as applying - not just to a religious calling from God (and the word comes from the Latin, 'To call') - but also to people within the caring professions. We might have heard the word applied to nurses and doctors. I wonder if this is still the case?

Historically, Roman Catholicism has recognized **marriage, religious, and ordained life** as the three vocations, whilst the Reformation period saw Luther and Calvin placing a particular emphasis on vocations as potentially including most **secular occupations**. The last century saw the term 'vocation' evolving, with emphasis shifting to an individual's development of talents and abilities in the choice and enjoyment of a career. This has led to a diminution of term's religious meanings in the way many understand the word.

However, before I get too tangled up, I think that the context in which the diocese intends us to view the word is regarding our **own** call to use our gifts and talents to reveal Jesus in all that we do as people of faith. In this, the one definition I can wholeheartedly grasp is that in the Roman Catholic Catechism which states: ***Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.*** Quite!

In other words, as we travel through this year, let us all seek to deepen our love for those whose lives we touch (however tangentially), in the knowledge of God's overwhelming love for each one of us revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

With love,  
Michael

## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

**Not just a concert** Do join Stephen Terry and Michael Maine for a short Afternoon Concert of varied song and verse on **Sunday 3rd of March at 2.30 p.m.** in church, followed by a lovely tea in the Old School. No tickets required, but a donation for the Roof Fund would be welcome – a bargain! Music by Flanders and Swann, Gilbert and Sullivan and many others!

**Sunday Coffee** We could benefit from several more people on the coffee rota to share the load. It is an important part of our welcoming ministry, so please do consider offering a hand. Even putting your name on the reserve list would be much appreciated, so please do help if you can. Please talk to any member of the team on Sundays for further details.

**Tariro** I recently received a letter from Father Nicholas thanking Holy Trinity for a cheque for £800, raised at the Crib Services. He is greatly touched by the generous way in which the parish are supporting the charity. Nicholas will be in Zimbabwe when you read this and looking forward to catching up with the children and young people who benefit from the charity. He comments that although he felt things were stable at present, the price of petrol was a worry. Nicholas ends the letter by saying, 'Holy Trinity really is a wonderful parish.' Absolutely!

**Lunchtime Recital** This month we greatly look forward to welcoming our own **Becky Milford** (*soprano*) on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 1.00pm** for what promises to be an outstanding concert. Refreshments from 12.30 p.m. Please do make our recital series widely known.

**Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O Lord** Since Christmas, we have had a number of funerals at Holy Trinity, and from our own church family, we give thanks for

the long life of **Hilary Ruddock**, greatly loved by many within our community; and also of **Richard Halsey**, whose cheerful presence within the choir and as a trombonist in the Family Ensemble helped to enrich our worship in recent times. We extend our deepest condolences to Reg Ruddock, Diana Halsey and their respective families, and all who mourn.

**Ash Wednesday** This falls on March 6<sup>th</sup> when we shall have our normal services:

<b>10.15 a.m.</b>	<b>The Litany (BCP)</b>
<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>followed by refreshments as normal</i> )
<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>

There will be an opportunity for the imposition of ashes at both Eucharists, for those who wish it, as a reminder of our Lenten call.

**Lent Course** We shall be running the Diocesan Lent Course through Lent from the following Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> March) @ 8.00 p.m. in the Old School with each session repeated on Friday afternoons at 3.00 p.m. in church. *Further details appear elsewhere in the magazine.*

**First Communions on Mothering Sunday** Falling on the **31<sup>st</sup> of March**, it is also the day when the clocks go forward! More importantly, several young people from our community will be making their First Holy Communions at the 9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist. Please do pray for them as they approach this considerable milestone on their spiritual journey.

**Tuesday at the Dome** I am performing an organ concert at the Dome, Brighton on Shrove Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> March) at 2.30 p.m. Tickets (£8) from the Dome box office. No need to book – there are over 2,000 seats available!

## **THE PARISH MAGAZINE Copy Date**

The copy date for the **APRIL edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. Please email contributions in WORD format (no PDFs, please) to:

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# Holy Trinity Lent Course 2019

*Join us as we explore our own call to discover life in all its fullness (John 10.10) – to hear and respond to the call of God in our lives.*

## **OUR LIFE'S WORK**

*The Vicar*      **Wednesday 13th March @ 8.00pm**  
*repeated Friday 15th March @ 3.00pm*

## **FAMILY, FRIENDS & RELATIONSHIPS**

*Clive Simmonds* **Wednesday 20th March @ 8.00pm**  
*repeated Friday 22nd March @ 3.00pm*

## **CHILDHOOD**

*Ros Thunder*      **Wednesday 27th March @ 8.00pm**  
*repeated Friday 29th March @ 3.00pm*

## **HEALTH AND VULNERABILITY**

*Jonathan Berry* **Wednesday 3rd April @ 8.00pm**  
*repeated Friday 5th April @ 3.00pm*

## **END OF LIFE**

*Helen Swift*      **Wednesday 10th April @ 8.00pm**  
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*Wednesday Sessions - Old School Committee Room, Friday Sessions - Church*

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# THE PLAY MEADOW – YOUR HELP NEEDED

Many of you will recognise this photo of The Play Meadow at the end of Courtmead Road, Cuckfield, beside the allotments:



Whilst researching the history of the public use of this recreation area, we discovered that there was a long history of its use as a through route from Courtmead Road to Newbury Lane. We also found documentary evidence that a footpath ran right down the centre of it in a southerly direction. An application was made recently to West Sussex County Council to register this track as a public footpath, with witness statements from users to support it, but it would be great to submit more evidence of its regular use by villagers in the past.

I am asking you to think back to see if you can remember walking through this field as described above. It seems that this was a way that many local people took from the 1950s until the 1990s, when the gates at the bottom may have been padlocked, preventing through access to Newbury Pond and the old golf course beyond.

**Please get in touch if you feel that you could help to safeguard the use of The Play Meadow for future generations - with your recollections, maps, or photos - by e-mailing me at [flisirving@icloud.com](mailto:flisirving@icloud.com) , by calling me on 01444-415341, or by leaving a message in my pigeonhole at church.**

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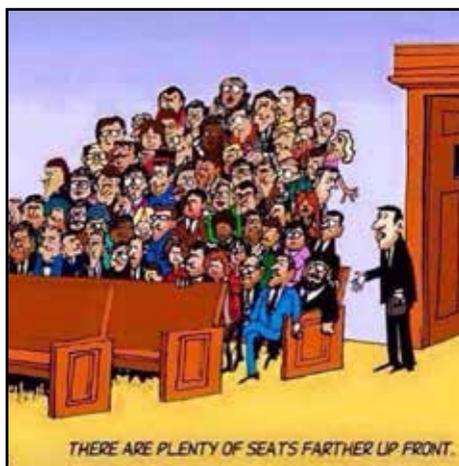
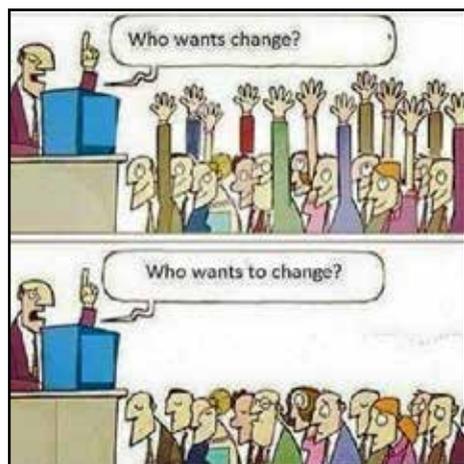
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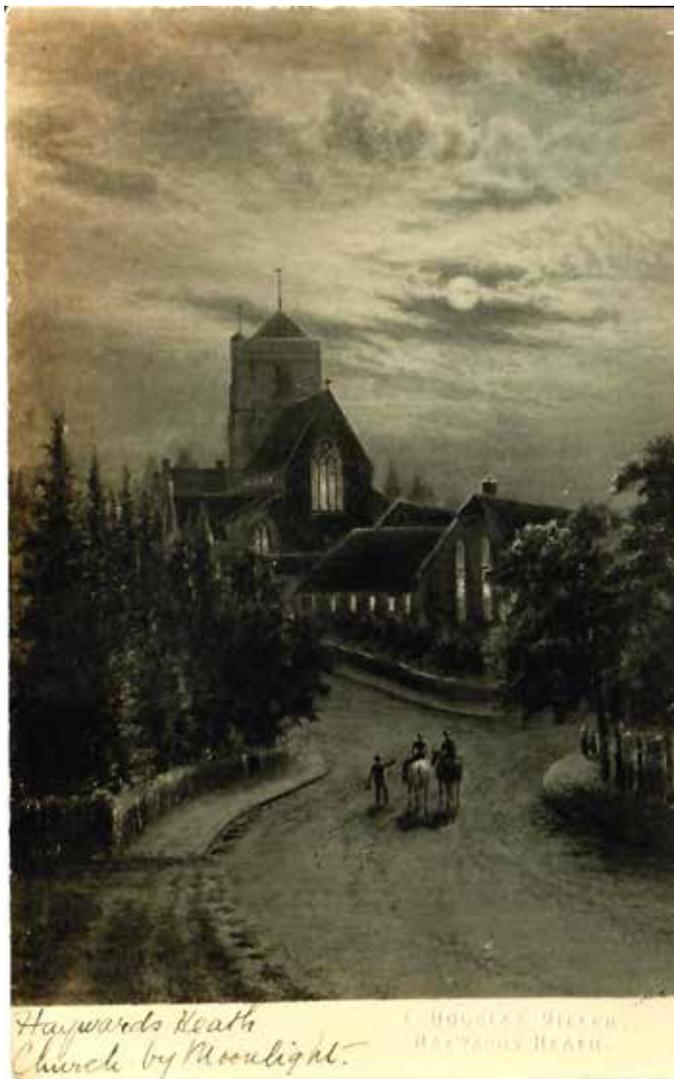
## **HAYWARDS HEATH: CUCKFIELD'S NOISY NEIGHBOUR**

In 1841 Cuckfield rejected the coming of the railway and instead a station was built on the deserted Heath. Our new display looks at how this event led the way to a thriving town. Photographs from our archive show the growth of the town from its early days in the area around the station with the weekly Bannister's cattle market opposite the original station entrance. The market became the twelfth largest in the country and brought much wealth to the town.



The town's central position and its proximity to the railway led to the establishment of the Sussex Lunatic Asylum in 1859 on its southern edge overlooking the Downs. On a vast scale, the Asylum was run on enlightened lines for the time, encouraging inmates to work in the open air on the Asylum farm. Many people were employed, and the population of the town grew. We show implements from the farm and part of the clock workings from the Asylum clock tower.

To begin with the only church in Haywards Heath was a carpenter's loft in Morris Road where the Vicar of Cuckfield came out to conduct services on Sunday afternoons. It wasn't until 1865 that St Wilfrid's Church was consecrated at the highest point in the town, near the site of a former windmill on the Heath. Early photographs show the church surrounded by an empty churchyard, once an old brick field.



As the town grew there was a continual need for new housing. We look at the work of renowned local architect Harold Turner who produced modest but beautifully designed houses in the Arts and Crafts tradition for the building of Franklands Village on the outskirts of the town in the 1930s. Young families were able now able to live in a country town but could commute to London or the coast.

Cuckfield may have rejected the modern world in the 1840s but by a hundred years later the village had learned to love and value its younger, noisy neighbour!

**Display runs till May**

**Opening hours Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays**

**10.00-12.30 p.m. and Saturday 10.00-3.00 p.m.**

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## **CUCKFIELD MUSEUM TALKS**

***Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30 p.m., The Queen's Hall,  
The Buzz of Bees - a talk by Otto Somodi***

Local bee keeper, Otto, talks about the joys and challenges of bee keeping in Mid Sussex. Otto is also the local swarm collector and has interesting anecdotes about this aspect of his work.

***Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 8.00 p.m., The Queen's Hall,  
Elizabethan Sussex – a talk by Helen Poole***

Curator and Historian Helen Poole's illustrated talk looks at the people and places across the County and their background, facing religious persecution and struggles with continental foes.

***To book a place, please phone Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448 or email [events@cuckfieldmuseum.org](mailto:events@cuckfieldmuseum.org)***



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# SOME SAINTS AND HOLY DAYS FOR MARCH

- 1 David – Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601
- 2 Chad – Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary c 672
- 5 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
- 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 7 Perpetua and Felicitas – Martyrs at Carthage, 203
- 17 Patrick – Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.640
- 19 **Joseph of Nazareth**
- 20 Cuthbert – Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
- 21 Thomas Cranmer - Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556
- 24 Oscar Romero - Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980
- 25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 31 John Donne – Priest and Poet, 1631

## *A busy month for the Saints' Days of the Nations and the North*

### ***1<sup>st</sup> March – St David (Dewi Sant): guiding the Welsh Church through turbulent times***

On 1<sup>st</sup> March Wales celebrates its patron saint, David – or, in Welsh, *Dewi* or *Dafydd*. He is indisputably British, and is revered wherever Welsh people have settled. As with most figures from the so-called 'Dark Ages' (he lived in the 6thC), reliable details about his life are scarce, but there are enough for a picture of a formidably austere, disciplined and charismatic leader, who led the Church in Wales through turbulent years and fought tenaciously for the faith.

It's likely that he was strengthened in his ministry by time spent in Ireland, where the Church was stronger and more confident. Early records tell of a meeting of Irish church leaders with three 'Britons', as they were described, among them 'bishop David'. His mother, Non, is also celebrated as a saint in Wales, where a number of churches are dedicated in her name.

That he founded a monastery at Menevia, in Pembrokeshire, seems beyond doubt. It later became the site of St David's cathedral and the settlement which is now the smallest city in the United Kingdom. From Menevia David embarked on preaching and teaching missions across Wales, and probably beyond.

His eloquence was legendary. At a famous Synod of the Church, held at a Carmarthenshire village called Brefi, he preached passionately against the Arian heresy – indeed, so passionately that he was (according to some accounts) immediately named as archbishop of Wales. The village is now known as Llandewi Brefi – brefi in Welsh is a hillock, and legend claims that it appeared miraculously in order to provide the eloquent bishop with a pulpit.

His monks avoided wine and beer, drinking only water. Indeed, he and they lived lives of rigorous austerity and constant prayer, in the manner of the Desert Fathers of the Eastern Church. The date of David's death is disputed – either 589 or 601. It wasn't until the 12<sup>th</sup>C that he was generally accepted as the Patron Saint of Wales, and pilgrimages to St David's were highly regarded in the following centuries – including two made by English kings, William I and Henry II.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> March – Chad: The Recycled Bishop***

Chad (d 672) should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, deposed, and then re-consecrated! It all began when Oswiu, king of Northumbria, made him bishop of the Northumbrian See. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him, and this to Theodore, the then Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So, Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first Bishop of the Mercians second time around – and Chad was a great success – again.

When Chad died he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7thC and believed to be Chad's, are in the Roman Catholic cathedral in Birmingham. Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but at least they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.

### ***17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick: beloved apostle to Ireland***

St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well ... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5<sup>th</sup>C humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God even in such desperate circumstances and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland. After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted. But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed.

Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his See at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys. Patrick's writings are the first literature

certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

### **20<sup>th</sup> March – Cuthbert: beloved monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne**

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne (c 634-87) has long been northern England's favourite saint. It is easy to see why: Cuthbert was holy, humble, peaceable, prayerful, faithful in friendship, winsome, and really kind.

Cuthbert was born into a fairly well-off Anglo-Saxon family, and became a monk at Melrose in 651. He and another monk, Eata, were sent to start a monastery at Ripon, but Alcfrith, who owned the land, insisted that they adopt the Roman customs, which Cuthbert's Celtic church did not allow. So, Cuthbert and Eata quietly returned to Melrose, where Cuthbert became prior in about 661. Then came the Synod of Whitby in 663/4, and the Celtic Church formally decided to adopt the Roman Customs. After this, Cuthbert was sent on to Lindisfarne as Prior, where he sensitively introduced the new ways, and won over the monks there. Cuthbert was very much loved at Lindisfarne. His zeal was evident in his constant preaching, teaching, and visiting of the people. He was also said to have gifts of prophecy and healing. Occasionally, Cuthbert reached 'people overload'. Then he would retreat to a tiny islet called Inner Farne, where he could pray in total seclusion. When, to his horror, he was told he had been made Bishop of Hexham, he immediately 'swapped' Sees with Eata, and stayed on at Lindisfarne as Bishop. Sadly, Cuthbert died on little Inner Farne, only two years later, on 20<sup>th</sup> March 687.

Cuthbert was buried at Lindisfarne, but that is not the end of his story. For it was only now that his travels began. After the Vikings destroyed Lindisfarne in 875, several monks dug him up and set out to find Cuthbert a final, and safe, resting place.

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All that travel must have done him good; when his body was exhumed to be put into the 'new' Norman Cathedral in Durham in 1104, it was said to be still in perfect tact, and 'incorrupt'.

### **25<sup>th</sup> March – Lady Day: The Annunciation**

This beautiful event (Luke 1:26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary was already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel came to Mary, greeted her as 'highly favoured', tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25<sup>th</sup> March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from his birth on 25<sup>th</sup> December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But, given the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked, he was born to die, it is right that this date marks both life and death. The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar – it is one of the most frequent (and earliest) depictions in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly, Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice – humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in His will for her life.

**And let's not forget Mardi Gras ... !**

### **5<sup>th</sup> March – SHROVE TUESDAY: Pancake Day**

Did you ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting. So, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman, back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan. Flipping pancakes is centuries old. A poem from *Pasquil's Palin* in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

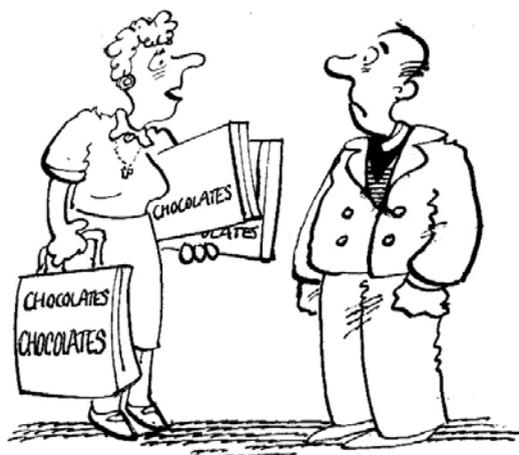
Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity. Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and thus falls between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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The well-known 'media vicar', **The Revd Richard Coles**, often to be found on Radio 4 and motley television programmes, does have a parish and indeed a church school to look after as well: he was recently talking with his Year 2s and opened the dialogue with a question designed to encourage reflection "How can you tell if a building is a church?"

The reply came back "Because there's a golden chicken on it??"

**The Revd Richard Coles** @RevRichardColes - tweeted 1:24 pm Thu, Feb 07, 2019



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## FSW February Update

All of our practitioners have been busy in the last month as the realities of daily challenges kicked in for our families after Christmas. Sadly, the well-publicised problems with **Universal Credit** have left many of our families in dire circumstances, and our practitioners have been working extremely hard to help them find ways of affording their regular outgoings without slipping into debt - or adding to existing debt.

With the cold weather arriving we were extremely grateful to be able to use our Winter Fuel fund, raised by generous donors to our **Winter Fuel campaign**, to assist families with heating costs.

We are busy planning our 2019 events throughout Sussex, which will help us to raise the profile of FSW as well as the income needed to support all of our work. Please check out our website [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) to see all of our events, which this year will include a stall at the South of England Show in June. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

### JANUARY'S WORK IN NUMBERS

- 173 individual meetings with families, supporting 18 grandparents, 150 parents and 152 children
- 32 supported meetings with other agencies
- 17 group sessions, supporting 9 grandparents, 132 parents and 101 children
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Throughout March male birds are aggressively establishing their breeding territories. In the absence of bricks and barbed wire, their songs build the boundaries around their little bits of Sussex. It's vital they sing every morning. After a day dodging cats, cars, windowpanes and sparrow hawks their defiant songs (think *I will survive* meets *My way*) inform their neighbours that they're still alive - and that they are still king of the hill. Top of the heap.

To our ears this warzone of warbles and whistles is a stirring celebration of the passing of winter and the arrival of spring, which fills our hearts with the promise of the summer to come. Bernstein, Britten, Beethoven and Brian Wilson rolled into one.

At the first hint of dawn, in the still, silent air, this free music festival begins. And what a line-up! Local duo Robin and Blackbird open the show with their laid-back, soulful crooning. Then that little bird with the big attitude, The Wren, cranks it up with his rockin', rollin' rattle. The symphony builds as the sun rises. We're joined by the supergroup CSD&G (Chaffinch, Song Thrush, Dunnock & Great Tit). For our headliners, international singing sensations The Warblers (Blackcap and Chiff-chaff) will be flying in from Africa to add their voices to this avian opera.

There's another reason for this performance. Because if you've got enough spare time to stand around and sing then you must be good at finding food. So, females flock to the lead singer – a familiar phenomenon (let's face it, Jagger wouldn't have charmed all those women if he'd been a dentist). So, take a morning stroll in your local woodlands in March and enjoy this free performance.

**Michael Blencowe**

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## **MARCH GARDEN NOTES**

February has begun wild, windy and wet but with some dry cold snaps forecast to improve gardening conditions. Many bulbs are showing their flowering heads and are likely to peak for Mothering Sunday, not Easter with it being late.

Daphnes, Sarcococcas, Choisyas, Mahonias and some Viburnums can be trimmed now if necessary. Windy weather has brought plenty of debris down from trees with leaves and twigs all over the place, and, in some cases, with the wet ground, has blown shrubs over so that they are leaning. Stake where appropriate and clear up debris, notably birch twigs!

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March is a good month to crack on with preparation for the season ahead, so to recap on some of the jobs mentioned last month plus others for tackling this month: prune apples and pears, cut down autumn raspberries, plant shallots, onion sets and buy seed potatoes and chit them. Lift and divide congested clumps of herbaceous plants, chucking out the old middle section and replanting the newer outer parts. Mulch flower borders and vegetable gardens when the ground isn't waterlogged as wheelbarrow tyres compact and create ruts in the soil.

Prune hybrid tea roses (each stem to 6 inches from its base), floribunda roses (cut down to 12-15 inches and thin out congested or crossing stems) and Buddleias, cutting the latter back hard, leaving just 1-2 inches of last year's growth and removing any old woody stems.

Sort out stored seeds, composting old packets especially of those with short viability like lettuce, parsnip and peas, checking mice or the larger version haven't had a feast on them. Under protection, e.g., glasshouse/window sill, sow sweet peas and broad beans if you didn't do so in the autumn, along with lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and the hardier bedding: Alyssum, Ageratum, Clarkia, Larkspur, stocks (*Matthiola*) and French Marigold. Radish, beetroot, carrots, parsnips and early peas can be sown directly into the ground once the soil has warmed up a little. Don't sow the more tender plants like impatiens (bizzie lizzies), *eschscholzia* (Californian poppies), sweetcorn, squashes and French beans until the end of March as they cannot be safely planted out until mid-May and end up leggy if started too soon.

Take cuttings of overwintered Chrysanthus, Pelargoniums and Fuchsias (2-3 inches long is plenty); pot up stored dahlias and Lily bulbs and resume watering. Pot on houseplants whose roots are coming through the base of the pot. Pot into the next size pot, not several sizes bigger, as roots sitting next to a large

volume of wet compost can rot. Houseplants always benefit from being turned around in their position so as to balance up the light each side receives (plants grow towards the light so can end up lop sided).

If weather permits mow the grass on a high setting. Spring lawn treatments can begin in March but always read the manufacturer's directions as to dosage and weather conditions. The Royal Botanic Gardens at Wakehurst Place have a beautiful winter garden. Here are 6 plants worthy of space (if you have it!) - and wish for more winter and early spring interest next year: *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* - beautiful white bark; *Cornus alba sibirica* - prune hard every spring to gain best stem colour; *Pennisetum alopecuroides* Hameln (a type of ornamental grass); *Erica x darlyensis* Mediterranean pink - pretty pink heather requires acid soil, hates anything covering or stuck to its dense slim branches so an open spot in sun not shade; *Hamamelis x intermedia* Orange Peel - witch hazel, slow growing but beautiful scent; *Bergenia purpureascens* "Eroica" -evergreen leaves overlaid in Autumn onwards with shades of red and copper and can turn bright scarlet on exposed sun drenched leaves, one of the best for reliable winter leaf colour (the flowers are magenta).

*Lindsay Shurvell*

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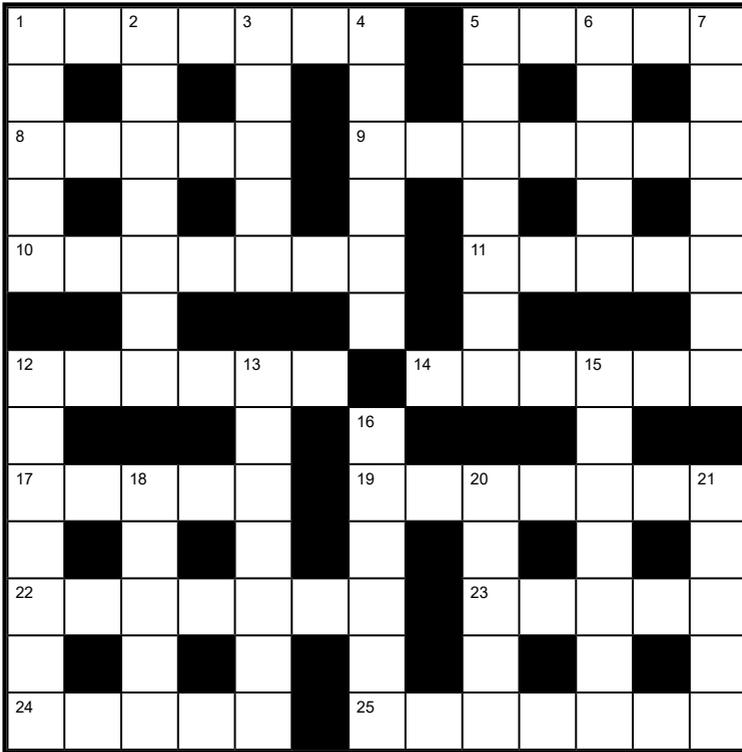
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5. ATOP A CHURCH (5)
8. FLOWER (5)
9. ENDS (7)
10. CALMED (7)
11. SHOULD (5)
12. SAFETY (6)
14. GIVE CONFIDENCE (6)
17. LANGUAGE (5)
19. WITTY REMARK (7)
22. READ IN CHURCH (7)
23. VACUUM INVENTOR (5)
24. WASH (5)
25. DESIRED (7)

## CLUES DOWN:

1. PLEAS (5)
2. SAINT (7)
3. HOLY BOOK (5)
4. MAKE NEAT AGAIN (6)
5. PRIESTS TALKS (7)
6. CAKE DECORATION (5)
7. LETTER (7)
12. WELL-BEHAVED (7)
13. NOT FAMILIAR (7)
15. FLAT (7)
16. KNITTED MATERIAL (6)
18. FOLLOW (5)
20. COUNTRY (5)
21. DUG FOR (5)



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**Tuesday 5 March** New England Wood Trust AGM Tuesday 5th March  
**New England** 7.30pm Council Chamber, Queens Hall Cuckfield  
**Wood Trust**

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**Cuckfield NSPCC** Cuckfield NSPCC will be holding their popular quiz  
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# Regular Events

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<b>Bellringers</b>	Thursday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.
<b>Choir</b>	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30 for 7.45-9pm. (There are no practices during August) <b>Choir Club</b> 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>
<b>Holy Trinity Mens Group</b>	No Meeting in March as it is the Lent Course For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
<b>Home Groups</b>	<i>Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm</i> call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481 <b>Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time).</b> David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
<b>Prayer Group</b>	<i>Tuesday 19 March 10am in the Lady Chapel</i> <i>Tel. Pam Sagar 01444 414409</i>
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10am 'To Lent or not to Lent – why and what?' Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
<b>Little Ones Church Service</b>	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)

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<b>Royal British Legion</b> <i>(Women's Section)</i>	Wednesday 27 March – Crosslands Nursery Ben Cross Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield
<b>Cuckfield Crafts and Vintage Market</b> <b>Queens Hall</b>	Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am to 1pm For more details or to book a pitch contact Marie Dormer email: marie.c.dormer@gmail.com
<b>Cuckfield Local Market</b>	9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield. (Monthly)
<b>Cuckfield Evening Flower Club</b>	Friday 8 March – Annual General Meeting Venue Haywards Heath Methodist Church 7.30 for 7.45pm
<b>Cuckfield Ladies Group</b>	Tuesday 5 March 10.30am – Coffee Morning (volunteers please) For more details please contact Jan Bryan 414891
<b>Solo Lunch</b>	The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 10 March Tickets £6 are available from the Church office.
<b>Cuckfield Evening WI</b>	Tuesday 19 March – Open Evening Meetings take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane.

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## ANSWERS TO MARCH CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1. PSALTER, 5. SPIRE, 8. ASTER, 9. TERMINI, 10. SOOTHED, 11. OUGHT, 12. ASYLUM, 14. ASSURE, 17. GREEK, 19. EPIGRAM, 22. LESSONS, 23. DYSON, 24. CLEAN, 25. YEARNED

**DOWN:** 1. PRAYS, 2. ANTHONY, 3. TORAH, 4. RETIDY, 5. SERMONS, 6. ICING, 7. EPISTLE, 12. ANGELIC, 13. UNKNOWN, 15. UNRISEN, 16. JERSEY, 18. ENDUE, 20. INDIA, 21. MINED

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# March 2019 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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## **SUNDAY 3 MARCH – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Exodus 34: 29-end; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2;  
Luke 9: 28-36*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung Holy Communion (Traditional language)  
*2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Exodus 3: 1-6; John 12: 27-36a*

## **SUNDAY 10 MARCH – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13;  
Luke 4: 1-13*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

## **SUNDAY 17 MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3: 17- 4: 1  
Luke 13: 31-end*
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
*Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17; Luke 14: 27-33*

## **SUNDAY 24 MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13;  
Luke 13: 1-9*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Genesis 28: 10-19a; John 1: 35-end*

## **SUNDAY 31 MARCH – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Exodus 2: 1-10; Colossians 3: 12-17  
Luke 2: 33-35*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Prayer of Manasseh; 2 Timothy 4: 1-18*

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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 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