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## **He stretched out a wounded hand To the loaf on the plate**

Dear Friends,

This year the month of May comprises the majority of *The Great Forty Days of Easter*, that wonderful season which calls us to consider our journeying and lives in the light of Christ's Resurrection.

One of the great accounts revealing this transformation is that of Cleopas and his friend of whom we read in *Luke's Gospel (24: 13-35)*. The two of them are travelling on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the Day of Resurrection when their lives are touched as they travel with a stranger. It is only when they invite him to share a meal with them that as he breaks bread, they recognise Jesus and are drawn to Resurrection Lives themselves.

There is a lovely poem by *George Mackay Brown*, the visionary Scottish poet, in which he imagines this Emmaus moment in modern life seen from the perspective of a landlady in Emmaus.\* Cleopas and his friend become Tom and Ed, and Jesus a preacher whose teachings have changed them. Although she isn't sure about him, she decides that their going to meetings with him is better than being with football hooligans! Then she sees newspaper headlines proclaim, **TERRORIST LEADER ARRESTED**. The account goes on, and she becomes increasingly worried for her lodgers. Will they too be arrested?

Ultimately, she too is drawn to new life as Tom and Ed invite a hooded stranger to supper whom they have given a lift to. They ask him to break bread with them, and there is a wonderful moment of transformation for landlady and lodgers which reveals the power of Easter which is open to all.

In every time and situation, each of us is invited to grow in the knowledge of God's Love for us shown in Jesus, who wants to break bread with us

and silently says, ***Come to me, all you who are weary or burdened in any way, and I will give you rest.***

Jesus offers us new life, renewed hope and love beyond compare.

**The Lord is risen –He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

With love,  
Michael

*\* The title of the poem is 'A Landlady in Emmaus.' by George Mackay Brown*



## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

**Easter Thanks** I would like sincerely to thank all who contributed to our keeping of Holy Week and Easter. Richard and our choir, together with Michele and the band led us musically, and enriched our worship. The Rev Stephen Terry took us on a journey through his thoughtful preaching, including the devotion on Good Friday which I know was much appreciated by those present. Our flower team decorated the church most beautifully for Easter Day itself when it was great to see the church full to bursting at the 9.45 for our Family Eucharist. To those who led worship or participated in any way, including our hardworking sides-people, bell ringers and servers – Thank you all so much. It was a blessing to all.

**First Communions** Although it now feels some time ago, we had a thoroughly joyful Eucharist on Mothering Sunday when six of our young people received Holy Communion for the first time. Their enthusiasm in leading the Service of the Word was lovely and we warmly welcome Evelyn, Flora, Lawrence, Georgina, Henry and Ayla to the Table of the Lord. Many thanks to those who prepared them for this important step on their faith journey.

**Lunchtime Recital** April's recital was an outstanding performance by the 16-year-old percussionist Toril Azzalini-Machecler and pianist Alison Sutton and we had an excellent audience. May's recital is to be performed by **Buck's Brass** – an exciting Brass Trio on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 @ 1.00 p.m.** Entrance is free, and tea and coffee are available from 12.30. Please do make our recital series known to others.

**Ascension Day** falls on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** and there will be a **Sung Eucharist @ 7.30 p.m.** with a celebration afterwards. It would be great to see a goodly number for this important marker in the Liturgical Calendar.

**Cuckfield Music Festival** You will find further details in the magazine about this new venture, which promises to be a very exciting period of music making from **15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**. A huge variety of music at several venues in Cuckfield, but with the largest number in Holy Trinity. I am delighted that a former pupil and chorister of mine, **Dominic Ferris**, is performing with **Jane Haughton** on

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Dominic has gained an international reputation for his very versatile gifts as a pianist and singer. The following night **The Magnificat Choir** from **Fot Cathedral, Hungary**, will be performing in the church – also not to be missed. You will find yellow brochures advertising the festival in the church or check with the website above.



## **THE PARISH MAGAZINE Copy Date**

The copy date for the **JUNE** edition of the magazine is no later than **TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
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## CUCKFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL READY TO GO!

From 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June the first Cuckfield Music Festival, whose patron is Katie Derham, will offer ten events (three of them free entry) in nine days and in five venues around the village. Classical to jazz via folk music with international as well as local performers.

The full programme is listed on the Festival's website. Among the highlights will be the **Mark Edwards Trio**, well-known and admired by many local jazz enthusiasts; the **Horsham Symphony Orchestra** with **Ensemble Reza**; and the internationally acclaimed **Dominic Ferris**, whose *Elvis Presley: If I can dream* album sold over a million worldwide.

The international flavour begins with **Plastikes Karekles**, a quartet led by Pavlos Carvalho, who have performed all over the country, including the Proms, giving us an evening of Greek song and folk music – *Once Upon a Time in Greece*. It continues with a visit by the **Magnificat Choir** from Fot in Hungary, who will join Cuckfield's own **Cuckoo Choir** in a programme of English and Hungarian madrigals and songs, ranging from Morley via Vaughan Williams to the Beatles, and from Bartok to Kodaly.

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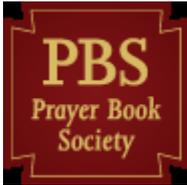


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There's plenty more, including what promises to be a noisy but fun evening with the ***Speakeasy Revival Orchestra***, giving us music from the 20's to the present day – everything, they say, from Spike Jones to post-modern jukebox! In complete contrast there will be a free lunchtime recital by virtuoso local pianist, Caroline Tyler, who performs across Europe, often with leading orchestras; local *a capella* group ***No Strings Attached***; and, for something different again, a talk on *Music in Painting* by Matt Wates, an accomplished saxophonist by night and, by day, an M.A. and DPhil specialising in the interconnection of the arts, particularly music and painting.

Another free-entry event will be ***Rising Stars!*** which gives a platform to some of the many very talented youngsters from schools around mid Sussex. This will help give some of our future stars a further opportunity to gain the experience of performing in public, whether with classical, jazz, rock or soul. Of all subjects, music education is the one most likely to be dropped from school budgets, yet we know from research that music is a key factor in promoting good mental health for both young and old.

**Online booking can be made through the Festival website  
[www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk](http://www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk) or at  
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# THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

## PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY:

### Annual Cranmer Awards Competition

In February, **Edward Thomson** took part in this year's national final of the **Prayer Book Society's** annual **Cranmer Awards Competition** at Lambeth Palace. The aim of the Awards is to introduce young people to the **1662 Book of Common Prayer**. Local heats are held around the country and entrants read a passage, 3-5 minutes in duration, from the Book of Common Prayer. Finalists are then required to learn and speak from memory their choice of prayers and readings. Many choose to recite the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for a particular day in the Church calendar, but candidates are allowed to combine readings as they wish - or even to recite the Catechism.





The competition in the Junior section was tough, with nearly every candidate poised and word perfect. And reciting in one of the stately halls of **Lambeth Palace** was a daunting prospect, with a sombre portrait of Thomas Cranmer himself watching over proceedings. To add to the pressure to memorise accurately, the rules of the competition stipulate that liturgical deviations will be heavily penalised! Edward, however, managed to conquer his nerves and gave a confident performance, reciting the Collect, Epistle and Gospel from The First Sunday after the Epiphany. When the judges gave their verdict, he was delighted to be awarded second place in the Junior category.

Since this was the thirtieth anniversary of the Awards, **Prince Charles** – who is Patron of the PBS – presented the prizes. Edward received a certificate, a copy of the Book of Common Prayer and a cheque for £150.

In his address, Prince Charles praised the bravery of all the finalists for taking part and then spoke with passion about the value of the Book of Common Prayer throughout our lives:

‘It is a crucial part of our heritage and this is, I think, the particular point; we mind about our churches, our cathedrals, our buildings, but also our language is important. When you think how much importance, fortunately, is paid and how much attention is paid to Shakespeare and the language, which is exactly the same period as the Cranmer Prayer Book, it is a vital part of our inheritance.

He added: ‘As I’m sure many of you understand as well as I do, as you get older the words in the Prayer Book mean more and more and more. This is, I think, the point of it, as repetition and familiarity makes such a difference to one’s life – particularly towards the end of it, which you don’t realise at the time when you are younger.’

Edward commented both when he competed in the local heats and in the final on how much reading at Holy Trinity had helped him. So, we owe a big thank you to Michael, Hilary and Jonathan for offering the young people so many opportunities to participate in church services. And we hope other young people from Holy Trinity might be inspired to enter next year!



## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup> -18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

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- **House to house collection**  
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- **Pray for the work of Christian Aid** and its partner organisations throughout the world and all those involved in Christian Aid Week
- **Please give what you can** through Christian Aid envelopes at the back of the church. Please leave in the giving plate during services only or deliver to the Church Office.

**On behalf of mothers and babies in the poorest communities,  
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Last year in excess of £7 million was raised in Christian Aid Week, helping to lift some of the poorest communities out of poverty. Thank you for all you did to enable this to happen.

**In the words of Dr Rowan Williams, Chair of Christian Aid: “even the smallest donation can change someone’s life.”**



## **THE BIG BREKKIE!**

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# FSW UPDATE



Dear Friends

At the start of a new financial year for FSW, we are looking at how best we can reach those parts of Sussex which do not currently have a practitioner to support them. There is a real need for support in more rural parts of Sussex including ***Petworth, Midhurst, Hurst and Sidley/Rye***, so we are focussing our efforts on securing funding that will enable us to set up new staff in these areas. We are sadly having to turn away referrals at the moment as we do not have the capacity to support any more families until we can bring new staff in.

Our foodbank is running low on stock at the moment so if you are able to organise a collection we would be incredibly grateful. We are particularly low on tinned fruit, jams/condiments, stir-in sauces and pasta/rice (but we don't need teabags or soup). Please get in touch with the office if you can help.

Special thanks to the ***FSW Cuckfield Deanery Supper which raised £2,320-*** and a special congratulation to our Rural Dean, Fr Michael Maine, who won the Easter Egg raffle (itself raising £180)!



The Month's work in numbers:

- 153 individual meetings with families supporting 13 grandparents, 134 parents and 182 children
- 41 supported meetings with other agencies
- 23 group sessions supporting 11 grandparents, 184 parents and 107 children
- 107 food deliveries made

*More information can be found on our website [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) (under the Get Involved section)*

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# HIGH DAYS AND HOLY DAYS IN MAY

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## **1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day: unbridled merriment**

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to ‘all sorts’! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess *Maia*, goddess of nature and growth, after whom May is named. The early Celts celebrated the *Feast of Beltane*, in honour of the sun god, Beli. For centuries, people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: ‘for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised during May?’

Henry VIII went ‘maying’ on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires. The Protestant iconclasts and reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and

in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many Maypoles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys. May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become *Labour Day*, which honours the dignity of workers. While there has never been a Christian content to May Day, there is nevertheless the well-known 6.00 a.m. service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

### **8<sup>th</sup> May - Julian of Norwich: a voice from a distant cell**

Many a student studying English Literature at university has studied the work of Julian of Norwich. She was writing at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, when we observe our modern English language slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English. Her importance in the history of the language is undoubted: she was the first woman, and the first significant writer, to write in English. But more intriguing is the ideas she expresses. She was an anchoress – someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her 'cell'.

Her masterpiece, *Revelations of Divine Love*, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that today, up and down Britain, there are hundreds of 'Julian Groups' who meet regularly to study her writings and try to put them into practice.

She is honoured on 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because – over 600 years ago! – she spoke of God as both male and female. *Revelations* is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year. Her most famous saying, quoted by T S Eliot in one of his poems, is *All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well*, words that have brought comfort and strength to many a soul in distress.

## **10<sup>th</sup> May - Comgall**

Here is a great saint for all teachers, head teachers and principals of educational institutions, and indeed anyone whose vocation is to train and equip others. For Comgall (c516 – c601) was founder and first **Abbot of Bangor**, which became the largest monastery in Ireland. And large means LARGE – for including several daughter houses, the total population is reckoned to have been 3,000.

If you have ever run an educational institution of 3,000 pupils, you will know it takes a special kind of person to cope with that, and Comgall seems to have been perfect for the job. A biographer at the time called him ‘the outstanding father of the monks in Ireland, known for his insistence on study and strict discipline.’ Comgall’s rule had what it took to succeed: it was ‘strict, holy and constant’, both ‘graced with the hope of salvation and made perfect in love’, according to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century writer Antiphoner of Bangor. Above all, followers were to love Christ, and reject the love of money.

Comgall also had a gift for friendship, for on the death of a close friend, he wrote in grief: ‘my soul-friend has died and I am headless; you too are headless, for a man without a soul-friend is a body without a head ...’

Like heads and principals today, Comgall knew a lot of important people. He trained Columbanus, knew Columba (whom he visited on Iona), and they even preached the Gospel together in Inverness, to the pagan chieftain Brude.

## **31<sup>st</sup> May - Mary, the Blessed Virgin, visits Elizabeth**

Mary – the virgin mother of Jesus. For centuries the eastern and western churches have considered her pre-eminent among all the saints.

In the gospels, Mary makes her first appearance as a teenager. Nothing is known of her childhood, and what we do know of her is found mostly in Matthew 1 – 2 and in Luke 1 – 2. If you read both accounts, you’ll notice that Luke’s account seems to give the story from Mary’s standpoint, whereas Matthew concentrates more on Joseph’s side of things. In both accounts the virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated. Mary’s quiet devotion to God and her total acceptance of His will shine forth.

Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving and poignant account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary fades into the background, and makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts chapter one, just before Pentecost.

Mary obviously joined the early Church, but her role was never one of teaching and preaching, and indeed she remained so much in the background that nothing more about her is known for certain. Both Ephesus and Jerusalem have claimed to be the place of her death.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Christ, holds a unique place in the history of mankind. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. *All generations shall call me blessed ...*



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

Cuckfield Museum's new display continues, and includes a look at the fate of the old ***Chapel at The King Edward VII Memorial Hospital*** in Haywards Heath.



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Hospital Parade to raise funds. From the photos we have it looks as if the whole town turned out as well as the town band. In 1928 it was given its own chapel by a wealthy lady, **Miss Marianne Hammerton**, who lived at Nether Walstead, Lindfield. The Chapel was designed by the renowned Gothic Revival architect, **Sir Ninian Cooper**, and was attached to the hospital by a corridor so that patients could easily attend services. Descendants of Miss Hammerton contacted the Museum and have donated the commemorative trowel with which she laid the foundation stone.



*Hospital Parade, Haywards Heath, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1913*

When the hospital was closed in the 1990s, the chapel was deconsecrated and was used as a store for Beech Hurst Nursing Home. Sadly, the chapel is now completely closed, and no use is being made of it.

***Display now running until June***

***Museum opening hours Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10-12.30pm and Sat 10-3pm.***

The Museum's next talk will be on

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00 p.m. at The Queen's Hall:**

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## **MAY NEWS**

### **CATHEDRALS TO MARK MOON LANDING ANNIVERSARY**

Space suits, meteorite fragments and a giant sculpture of the moon are to be displayed in one of the Church of England's ancient cathedrals as part of celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

A lit-art installation, ***Museum of the Moon***, by artist Luke Jerram, with detailed NASA imagery of the moon's surface, will be suspended from the nave of ***Ely Cathedral*** for a science festival on space exploration, Artificial Intelligence and future technologies. The festival at the cathedral will include science-themed worship as well as lectures from high-profile figures including the Astronomer Royal, Lord Rees, and lunar expert and broadcaster Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. There are also exhibits on show loaned from the Science Museum and the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge. Ely Cathedral joins ***Lichfield Cathedral*** in mounting a spectacular display to mark the anniversary of the lunar landing, with Lichfield's nave floor due to be transformed into a huge visual reproduction of the Moon's surface.

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### **Bishop welcomes marriage registration changes**

Recent changes made by Parliament to allow for mothers' names to be included on marriage certificates have been welcomed by the **Bishop of St Albans**. Royal Assent was recently received to the Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc) Act following a Private Member's Bill. Dr Alan Smith said: "The passing of this Bill into law is to be welcomed and marks a significant step forward. After years of tireless work by politicians, faith-leaders and campaigners, we have finally achieved tangible progress towards the equal treatment of both parents." Prior to this Act, only fathers' names were formerly recorded when marriages were registered, a custom unchanged since 1837. Bishop Smith said: "This clear and historic injustice reflected the time when children and wives were considered property of men and it is high time for this to be corrected".

### **Bishop backs call for rural strategy**

The Church of England's lead Bishop for Education has backed calls for a comprehensive Rural Strategy, following the publication of a new study. The report, recently published by the Rural Services Network, calls for action by the Government, citing concerns that the UK's exit from the EU could serve to compound existing rural challenges.

The **Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway**, who has previously called for a rural strategy, said: "We welcome the Rural Services Network's report, and echo its call for a cross-Government rural strategy:

The Church of England is at the heart of rural communities with around two thirds of our 16,000 churches in rural areas, and half of our 4,700 schools found in the countryside. ***Where the post office, the pub and shop have disappeared, these are often the only community focus left, and are crucial to the identity and wellbeing of villages and rural areas.*** We are committed to helping rural communities flourish through our churches and schools, but this requires fit-for-purpose infrastructure, transport, job opportunities and the other vital services for which this report calls.

The title of our recent discussion (or I will call it a meditation), *On the Keeping of Lent*, was led by Ros Thunder. She made us all think about the ways we could keep a good Lent leading up to the celebration of Easter.

First, she read us a poem by *Robert Herrick (1591-1674)*:

### **TO KEEP A TRUE LENT**

Is this a fast, to keep  
the larder lean, and clean?  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish of flesh,  
yet still to fill  
the platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
or ragg'd go, or show  
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole  
thy sheaf of wheat, and meat,  
unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
from old debate and hate  
to circumcise thy life.

to show heart grief-rent  
to starve thy sin, not bin;  
and that's to keep thy Lent.

This poem prompted some interesting comments including the usual ones of giving up chocolate or wine or other luxury food items. We thought that perhaps Lent could be better used as a time to get closer to God. Giving time to following the Spirit, not by giving things up, but by reading, reflection, responding to God in prayer and then just resting quietly and listening to God.

We could also do more giving our time to those who need visiting or maybe other helpful actions. It is a time also of spiritual cleansing when we look inside ourselves to try and become more the people God created us to be. Not giving up but being and doing what we can; but it must be what is right for us. We might learn right choices in the freedom we have been given to make better use of our time.

Later our meditation ended with a quotation from *St. Crystostom* who was born in 349 and died in 407. He was born in Antioch of Greek parents from Syria. He

became Archbishop of Constantinople in 397. He came to be venerated as a saint soon after his death. Almost immediately after, an anonymous supporter of his wrote a funeral oration to reclaim him as a symbol of Christian orthodoxy:

Consider with thyself, O man, what Victim thou art asked to receive, what Table about to approach. Also consider that thou being dust and ashes takest the body and blood of Christ.

The person who prays will become spiritual, the person who really asks will become free – the person who really gives will become happy.

What a great ending to our Lenten meditation.

*Shirley Rawlins*

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*“What do you mean ‘resign’?  
This is the best deal we’re  
going to get”*

# GOD IN THE ARTS



*Still Life with Strawberries, Gooseberries and Asparagus - Adriaen Coorte*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is traditionally Rogation Sunday, when we give thanks for the fruits of the earth and pray for all who work on the land. Rural churches often celebrate nature's cycle from seeds sown to crops harvested with Plough Sunday, Rogationtide, Lammas and Harvest. Jesus in His teaching pointed out the miracle of that cycle in the seed – sown in the soil, but springing up to new life; a small beginning that becomes a great plant; a single seed that is multiplied. This month of May marks two seasons in that growth: the **harvesting of asparagus** and the **gathering of strawberries**.

They are two signs of the fruitfulness of nature depicted in this beautiful, intimate painting that was given to the National Gallery two years ago by the Dutch collector, Willem van Dedem. It was painted in 1703 by Adriaen Coorte. We know little about him apart from the fact that he lived in Holland and has left us a garland of canvases, all displaying what has been called 'a wondrous tenderness.' This painting is an ordinary, unpretentious scene. There is no moral lesson here, no symbolism: simply a depiction of the beauty of creation in miniature. The bowl of strawberries and the bunch of asparagus lie on a stone ledge with some gooseberries and a plum. Each a gift of nature to enjoy and share, and in which to find a token of God, the giver of all good things.

*For everything there is a season* - and in this month of May, we give thanks with Adriaen Coorte for this bounty of the earth; we pray for farmers and agricultural workers; and *we thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good.*



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## ROSE CHAFER - BACK GARDEN BEETLE MANIA

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Peter Hodge was standing waiting at Lewes bus station when he noticed an intriguing little black beetle crawling on the brickwork. Peter, being one of Britain's top **coleopterists** (beetle experts), delicately picked up the little insect between his thumb and forefinger and took it with him. And so, both passengers rode the 143 bus back to Ringmer and into the pages of Sussex wildlife history. Because when Peter examined the little beast under his microscope, he realised it was the click beetle ***Melanotus punctolineatus*** – the first one recorded in Sussex - making it the 3,000<sup>th</sup> species of beetle recorded in our county.

That little beetle may have been historic, but it wasn't much to look at. To be honest, most of the other 2,999 Sussex beetles aren't going to win any Miss Beetle beauty contests either. But if it's good-looking beetles you want, then you need to take a trip to Arundel or Lewes this month because those towns are both famed for being a hotspot for the most glamorous beetle in Britain - ***the rose chafer***.

The rose chafer is one seriously gorgeous insect. Each one looks like it's been designed, carefully crafted, coated in the most dazzling metallic green and hand polished. How can I put it? The rose chafer looks expensive. Their resemblance to Egyptian scarabs brings the romance of The Nile to your compost heap – a great place for their C-shaped larvae to develop. The adult beetles live for just a few weeks.

They're powerful flyers too. Dark, smoky wings extend from under their emerald ***elytra*** (wing cases) and with a buzz our Fabergé bugs take to the air. Admittedly they do tend to crash into fences quite a bit. I said it was beautiful, I didn't say it was graceful. Recently these beetles seem to have been crashing around in other areas of Sussex.

So, this summer I'm starting a campaign to make Sussex the official rose chafer capital of England. I'd like you to look in your gardens and nearby parks for this stunning, shiny green beetle. If you see one, please try to take a picture and email it to my colleague Lois ([loismayhew@sussexwt.org.uk](mailto:loismayhew@sussexwt.org.uk)) at the **Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre** with details of when and where you saw it. Let's put Sussex on the beetle map!

*Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust*

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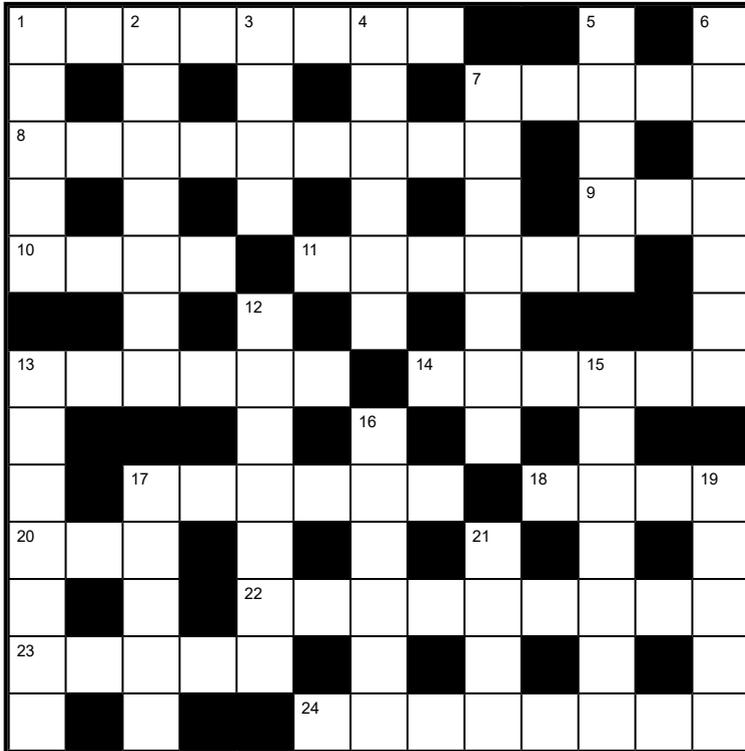
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## CLUES ACROSS:

1. JEWISH FESTIVAL (8)
7. LISTENS (5)
8. PART OF CHURCH SERVICE (9)
9. DRINK (3)
- 10 & 17 PART OF THE CHURCH YEAR (4,6)
11. CRY OF JOY (6)
13. ENQUIRING (6)
14. ROAD (6)
17. SEE 10 ACROSS
18. DISCOVER (4)
20. SHELTER (3)
22. BIBLICAL COUNTRY (9)
23. NT BOOK (5)
24. THE PLACE OF THE CROSS (8)

## CLUES DOWN:

1. TYNE (5)
2. COUNTY (7)
3. PADDLES (4)
4. OT BOOK (6)
5. PLANET (5)
6. ATTACK (7)
7. WATER (7)
12. HEROD'S FAMILY NAME (7)
13. HELPER IN THE SANCTUARY (7)
15. DESCRIPTIVE WORD (7)
16. GAMING HOUSE (6)
17. BELIEF (5)
19. PLAY (5)
21. TOOTH (4)

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## **SUNDAY 5 MAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-end;  
John 21: 1-19*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung Holy Communion (Traditional language)  
*Revelation 5: 11-end; John 21: 1-19*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Isaiah 38: 9-20; John 11: 27-44*

## **SUNDAY 12 MAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 9: 36-end; Revelation 7: 9-end;  
John 10: 22-30*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

## **SUNDAY 19 MAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6;  
John 13: 31-35*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Daniel 6: 6-23; Mark 15: 46-16: 8*

## **SUNDAY 26 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5;  
John 5: 1-9*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-end*

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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