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My dear friends,

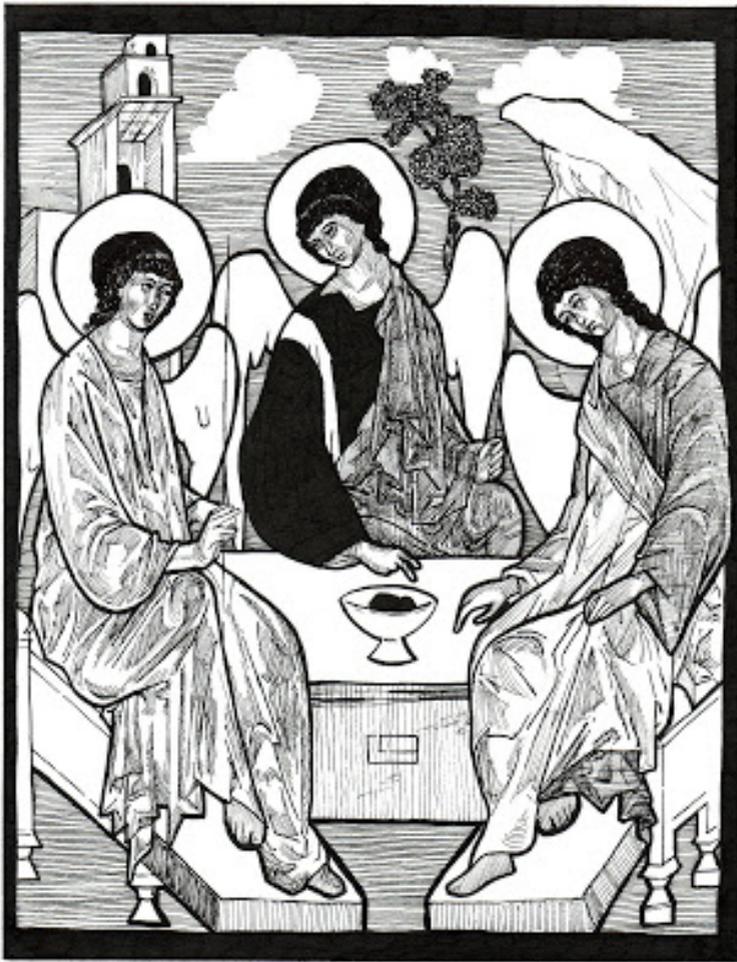
I recently read an article by the journalist and commentator Julie Burchill, who describes herself as a believer and who sometimes attends church. A person of strong views, she very much values the Christian Faith. but said that she doesn't believe in the Trinity – quote: 'when they sing three in one it invariably makes me think of a supermarket special offer, like buy-one-get-one-free.'

We celebrate our **Dedication Festival on Trinity Sunday**, so how are you with the Trinity? It is often said that it can be a preacher's graveyard. How can a person talk about a divine mystery in any meaningful way?

In fact, formulae or statements (such as the extraordinary Athanasian Creed) only muddy the waters further. The imagery of a divine dance to which we are all invited or the open sided table to which we are bidden in Rublev's great icon of the Trinity give us in some small sense a better understanding of the richness of Trinitarian Life This is ultimately about being bound up in God's Love. St Paul gives us this quote (*1 Corinthians 2:9*)

As Scripture says:

***No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
the things that God has prepared
for those who love him***



We don't know what he quotes or from where, but it gives us a sense of the wonder of the outpouring of God's Love we understand (albeit in a limited way) as revealed in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our journey is to both know and live this Love and thus to bring it into the lives of all we meet.

With love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Pentecost and Trinity The year runs away with us (is this an age thing?), but this month we celebrate not just the great Festival of Pentecost (9th June), but our Dedication – Holy Trinity on 16th June. On Trinity Sunday we will have our regular Hymns and Pimms at 6.00 p.m. Do join us as we sing favourite hymns and enjoy a seasonal drink together.

Cuckfield Musical Festival You will find brochures in the church regarding the music festival which takes place from the 5th to the 23rd June. Many of the events take place in the church, and there is much variety. Please do support this exciting venture. The closing concert on Sunday 23rd is a concert featuring The Magnificat Choir from Fot Cathedral, Hungary with our own Cuckoo Choir. This is at 6.00 p.m. and replaces Evensong. Entrance is free.

Lunchtime Recital Our regular Lunchtime Concert this month is being performed by students from **Warden Park Academy** on **Friday 7th June at 1.00pm**. Entrance is free, and tea and coffee are available. Please do make our regular recital series as widely known as possible.

The Roof We have recently received the new Quinquennial Report required for all churches, and the various works arising from our architect's inspection will be to the forefront of the PCC's concern. The largest project we know of is, of course, the church roof. There is an open meeting on **Thursday 13th June at 7.30 p.m.** in church to report on progress and hear about how we tackle this major work.

A date for the diary Jonatan and Kate Berry have kindly offered the use of the garden at Mill Hill Farm for our Summer Bring and Share Picnic on Sunday 7th July. Please do make a note of that date, and the details will be made available nearer the time. It is always a jolly occasion!

A FURTHER REFLECTION ON THE TRINITY

Our Baptismal lives start a wonderful journey of Faith for all Christians and draws us into the richness of Trinitarian life. However, what we make of this is totally up to us. Baptism marks an understanding of the overflowing of grace which is open to us as we seek to live faithfully.

Malcolm Guite, the priest poet, reflects on this in a lovely poem about the link between the Biblical accounts of Christ's baptism and our own journey.

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Meetings on 28th April saw the re-appointment of **Kate Berry** and **Brian Cutler** as Churchwardens for the year ahead, and the election to the PCC of four faces new to our PCC: **Jane Coan, Kevin Sibley, Mark Parker, and Nick Rowe.**

There are not many poems suitable to the APCM, when the many officers of the Church get thanked for all they do, but it is inevitable that Fr Malcolm Guite should have thought of it: based on *Psalms 145*, he calls it *Last Beatitude*:

And blessèd are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so for a year's mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

David Thunder – PCC Secretary



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CUCKFIELD
THE ROOF GROUP
invite you to an

OPEN MEETING

8.00 p.m. Thursday 13th June
in Church

Join us for a glass of wine and a presentation on the latest thinking as we consider how to fund a ***Community-based National Lottery Heritage Fund Bid*** to help with the £1.2 million restoration of the Church's Horsham stone roof



Open to everyone, of course, but to give us some guidance on numbers an RSVP would be helpful but not essential to: roofgroup@holytrinitycuckfield.org



THY KINGDOM COME: 30TH MAY- 9TH JUNE

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to pray

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. *Thy Kingdom Come* picks up this tradition. Over the past three years, more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray *Come Holy Spirit*.

We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world.

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REFUGEES WELCOME

Refugees Welcome was the title of a most interesting talk in April given by Cathy Merry, Chair of the charity called *Refugees Welcome*. The refugees coming to West Sussex are mainly from Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, but particularly from Syria. As many of us are aware, Syria has been embroiled in civil war since 2011 and with no end in sight to the current conflict. The number of Syrians leaving their homeland now exceeds 5 million including over 2 million children.

In 2015 the British government agreed to offer sanctuary to 20,000 Syrian refugees, and West Sussex agreed to re-settle 60 Syrian families (or 240 individuals) throughout the county. The West Sussex commitment can only be achieved with the help of private landlords as local authorities and housing associations are only able to commit a very very small percentage in the way of housing.

Refugees who arrive under this government-sponsored scheme come with full refugee status which allows them to work and have entitlement to full state benefit. This is not so for people who arrive as asylum seekers.

Many of these people don't set out as refugees planning to reach England, but are simply families who are fleeing for their safety and leaving virtually everything behind. They head for the nearest safe country first of all - often Turkey or Jordan - and sometimes remain in refugee camps for a long time before progressing further through Europe.

At this point Cathy asked us to visualise four things which are special to us personally - a place where we love to be or to visit, someone we know who means a lot to us, our work or our profession and a dream we may have of achieving something particular or special in our lives.

After this Cathy spoke about some of the refugees who arrive in this part of West Sussex in Crawley or East Grinstead hoping to enjoy a more secure and settled life once again. Imagine arriving in a country where your language is not spoken and you cannot understand any signs or directions because they are all in English. Many have had long journeys by boat, trucks and on foot and they are tired and weary. They are met and taken to an established centre by a Syrian speaking person, introduced to their new surroundings called 'home', and this is the start of their re-settlement.

This is where *Refugees Welcome* start to support these people and families for a long time to come, and it is this input which helps tremendously in assisting them to integrate and re-settle in this country. Clubs and voluntary groups are important too, particularly for the children, providing activities, drawing and art, and games which help to break down the language barrier when they might still have only a few words of English.

Cathy told us about one small boy who was almost mute on arrival but said his first word in a game of drawing and recognising animals, and he pronounced 'DOG' with a big smile!

Another story was about a 70 year-old-lady who was so traumatised that she just lay on the floor and would not be left alone for three days and nights. They gave her constant care and company at that time, and when Cathy met her again in a few weeks she had made friends, she had a pet of her own and she was safe and happy. Also she had a new grandchild born in England!

Finally we looked back to those four things which were special and important to us, and we could understand and appreciate the memories and hopes which those people had had to leave behind in their own country.

We thanked Cathy for coming to Cuckfield - it had been a most interesting and meaningful talk.

Heather Hollis

GETTING BACK TO SINGING

I was a fairly withdrawn child at the age of 8, when my concerned parents said that I should either join the local parish church choir, or the cub scouts. Whilst I was fairly certain that I didn't want to join the choir, I was in no doubt whatsoever that Scouting was NOT for me! I'm far too fond of my creature comforts. So, reluctantly, I agreed to attend a single choir practice, although I was determined that it would be just ONE practice.

So began a major love of my life. In those days, it was a real commitment. We boys rehearsed twice a week, and the expectation was that we would sing at two services each Sunday – this was before *The Forsyte Saga* 'did' it for Evensong. Singing really inspired me and, looking back, was the way that I found and developed my own personal faith. Any church musician will tell you how music can serve to deepen one's relationship with God, and most will have pieces that they have sung in the past which will have made a lasting impression. As a boy, for three years in a row our choir joined with another to sing the services in Truro cathedral over the summer months. I remember finding it hard to believe that I was so privileged to sing in that incredible building. Father Michael tells me that he often got bored in the summer holidays in Truro, and would try to sing with the visiting choirs. We reckon that it's possible that we may have sung together in those days; we are of a similar vintage!

As a young man in my early 20's, all I was doing was singing! For seven glorious years, the choir of Southwark Cathedral were kind enough to put up with me (I was an alto then!), and any time a parish choir was good enough to ask me to help them out, the answer was always, yes.

And then, in my late 20's I just stopped. It's a long story, and I won't bore you with it here (ask me if you REALLY want to know why), but I just did. In that time, I married, moved to

Sussex, and got myself involved at Lindfield URC, and later at Haywards Heath Baptist Church (HHBC), where Margarete, our children and I worshipped.

Coming back to singing in worship at Holy Trinity has been the most amazing step for me. The church family at HHBC have been so understanding in releasing me, and Margarete too, as we now worship in different places. I am also grateful to Father Michael for encouraging me to take my time, and giving me space to seek God in this move.

So, why am I boring you with all this? It's because I wonder if getting back to singing might resonate with you, too? We are a smallish choir, many of us retired or part way there, and wanting to do other things with some of our leisure time. Richard Jenkinson is working really hard with us, to increase our repertoire, and to do something 'choral' at every service. We really could do with one or two more singers in each part. If you have maybe sung before, or have never sung but would like to give it a go, why not come along for a practice or two. It's true that it IS a commitment, but it's a commitment that recognises that you have a life too. We are a close group; we enjoy having a laugh and not taking ourselves TOO seriously. But we also enjoy giving something of what God has given to us, back to Him. Why not grab a word with Richard, or with any of us up front in 'red', or just come along one Friday at 7.30 p.m. without commitment? You'd be most welcome.

Paul Johnson

What's been happening at Sunday's Cool Mega Messy Easter!

What an amazing Easter morning we had at Messy Church ... Easter Joy in abundance! There were lots of crafts to help us think about the Easter story: making Easter gardens, creating pictures by rolling stones dipped in paint, making opening tombs from paper plates, making pizza (well, what might Christ have shared with his disciples if they had eaten a meal together today?), Easter cards and of course, creating the wonderful picture of our risen Lord, with arms out stretched over His beautiful world. All the children were involved with this wonderful collage, all of them sitting around it with pots of glue and spatulas and hundreds of collage squares. And doesn't it make a stunning focal point behind the altar as you enter the church? As Michael has said in the words beneath, it is a clear, visual reminder that Jesus calls us to make known the Resurrection Life, each in our own way. Many thanks to Margaret Somers for designing it and enabling it to happen.

And of course, after the service we had the Mega Easter Egg Hunt with 125 colourful eggs hidden around the churchyard and the basket of "real treasure" waiting to be discovered inside the church!

HOLIDAY FAMILY FILM CLUB

What a fun afternoon was had as we watched *Toy Story 3*, ate freshly cooked pop corn and had a pizza tea together. Everyone who came along said they think we should do it regularly, so watch this space and you can find out what we'll be showing at our next Film Club.

EASTER SERVICES

Many thanks to our young people who led us so well through the events of Holy Week in our Good Friday Family Service. Many of us were very moved as you brought the unfolding events of Holy Week to life. Sharing friendship after the

service with a hot cross bun was definitely a lovely thing to do. And more thanks are due to our young people for helping to create such a lovely Easter Garden for the church. It's another special reminder of Resurrection Life.

CUCKOO FAYRE

What a joy that the weather stayed fine, and we were able to run craft activities. Many children went home delighted with their bug sun-catcher windchimes or special treasure boxes they had made. And of course, as always, there was fierce competition over the Marble Challenge - lifting marbles on a fork is more difficult than it initially appears.

Hilary Turner-King and the Sunday's Cool Team



HAYWARDS HEATH: CUCKFIELD'S NOISY NEIGHBOUR

Display continues until June, looking at the early days of Haywards Heath

A new acquisition ...

Cuckfield Museum has recently acquired an interesting addition to our permanent display celebrating the historical importance of agriculture to our area. Sue Burgess, one of the curatorial team, spotted this stunning copper harvest measure as a 'remainder' item on a local auction house's website. As nobody had bid for it on the day, the museum was able to acquire it for a fixed below-estimate price.

The heavy well-used flagon, in solid copper, is stamped with a 4-gallon capacity (18 litres) and would no doubt have been a welcome sight bringing beer or cider out to labourers hard at work in the harvest fields.



With a Farming Heritage display planned for next Spring, the museum would be very interested to see any relevant items that you may have and which you might consider loaning for a few months.

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FSW UPDATE

Dear Friends,

The Easter period was exceedingly busy for us all at FSW. Our practitioners organised a number of school holiday activities for our families, including a trip to **Herstmonceux Science Centre** and a visit to **Tilgate Park**, and we were also busy speaking at church services during Lent and accepting many generous donations of Easter eggs from supporters. We'd like to say a huge thank you to anybody who contributed to these collections – we were able to give eggs to all of our children in time for Easter day.

133 people joined us on Easter Monday for our **Annual Easter Walk**, this time starting from Alfriston. It was a tremendous day with glorious weather, and we hope that all who joined us enjoyed themselves.

We are now gearing up for a very busy season of events, including a stand at the **South of England Show** from 6th-8th June. If you are attending the show, do come and find us at stand 3B – we'd love to chat!

A little plea for help – our **foodbank is running very low on a number of items**. If you are able to help with donations of any of the following goods, please get in touch with the office in 01273 832963.

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JUNE NEWS

New Commission on Housing, Church and Community

The housing crisis is to be the subject of a major new Commission, recently launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Academics, housing experts and theologians are to meet over an 18-month period to examine how the Church of England can build on its own work in housing and contribute to the national debate on policy. The Archbishop of Canterbury's *Commission on Housing, Church and Community* will explore a Christian perspective on housing policy, with a particular focus on providing good homes and promoting thriving communities.

The Commission has been set up following Archbishop Justin's book *Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope* published last year in which he argued that good housing is essential to equality and justice. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Britain's housing crisis is one of the major challenges facing this country – and it is hitting the poorest the hardest."

Funding repairs is 'top problem' facing churches

A new online poll has revealed the top five problems facing the UK's church buildings. In the poll, run on the *National Churches Trust's* website, people were asked to identify what they thought was the biggest problem facing the UK's church buildings. The top problems were identified as:

- Not enough money available for repairs – (identified as top problem by 32% of people)
- Declining congregations – (identified as top problem by 26% of people)
- Shortage of volunteers to help look after church buildings – (identified as top problem by 16% of people)

- Lack of modern facilities – (identified as top problem by 14% of people)
- Lead theft – (identified as top problem by 8% of people)

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the *National Churches Trust* said: “Over the last two years, there has been a 56% increase in applications for our grants, with numbers rising from 381 in 2016 to 593 in 2018. One of the reasons for this increase is that less money is available from the *National Lottery Heritage Fund* and the end of Government backed schemes such as the *Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund*. Our nation’s religious heritage belongs to all of us and is too precious to lose.”

More churches than pubs

The UK now has more churches than pubs, according to new data published by the *National Churches Trust*. There are around 39,000 pubs in the UK, according to the latest figures from the *Office of National Statistics*, with more than 11,000 pubs having closed in the UK in the last decade – a fall of almost a quarter (23%). However, there are around 40,300 church buildings in the UK open to the public and being used for worship, according to research carried out for the *National Churches Trust* by *The Brierley Consultancy*. The number of church buildings is also substantially higher than other key public buildings in the UK. There are currently around 14,300 supermarkets operated by grocery retailers, 11,500 post office branches, 7,500 bank branches and 3,600 public libraries.

An increasing number of churches in the UK are also becoming local ‘community hubs’, hosting children’s nurseries, senior citizen lunch clubs, concerts and exhibition venues. Some house post-offices, GP surgeries and farmer’s markets. Around 6,000 of the UK’s approximately 32,000 polling places are located in church buildings.

HIGH DAYS & HOLY DAYS FOR JUNE

- 1 Justin Martyr - first ever Christian philosopher
- 2 Erasmus - a good saint for when you're all at sea
- 3 The Martyrs of Uganda
- 4 Petroc – the abbot of Padstow
- 6 Gudwal – the first Christian in Brittany?
- 8 William of York – victim of injustice
- 9 **PENTECOST**
- 9 Columba of Iona – missionary to Scotland
- 11 Barnabas – Paul's first missionary companion
- 13 Antony of Padua – friend of St Francis of Assisi
- 14 Richard Baxter – Puritan Divine
- 15 Evelyn Underhill – mystical writer of the 20th century
- 16 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
- 16 Richard of Chichester - wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly
- 22 St Alban – British martyr under the Romans
- 24 John the Baptist – preparing the way for the Messiah
- 29 **Feast of SS Peter & Paul** - the two most famous apostles

1st June Justin Martyr, first ever Christian philosopher

Justin Martyr (c. 100 – 165), is regarded as the first ever Christian philosopher. He was born at Nablus, Samaria, to parents of Greek origin, and was well educated in rhetoric, poetry and history before he turned to philosophy. He studied at Ephesus and Alexandria and tried the schools of the Stoics, the Pythagoreans, and the Platonists. Then in c130 Justin became a Christian, and never looked back. His long search for truth was satisfied by the Bible, and above all by Christ, the Word of God.

This apologist and martyr is known as the most important early 'apologist'. He went on to offer a reasoned defence for Christianity, explaining that it was the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies. Justin's aim was evangelism: he thought that pagans would turn to Christianity if they were made aware of Christian doctrine and practice.

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Justin's martyrdom took place in the reign of Marcus Aurelius, along with six other believers. At his trial, whose authentic record survives, he clearly confessed his Christian beliefs, refused to sacrifice to the gods, and accepted suffering and death. As he had previously said to the emperor: "You can kill us, but not hurt us."

2nd June Erasmus, a good saint when you're all at sea

Do you like messing about in boats? If so, then you'll have heard of St Elmo's Fire. It is the light that is sometimes seen on mastheads of boats after storms at sea. St Elmo is another name for St Erasmus, a fourth century Syrian bishop who was not afraid of violent storms. Legend has it that one day when Erasmus was preaching outside, a thunderbolt hit the ground right beside him. That might have distracted many modern bishops, but not Erasmus – he just kept on preaching. His courage won him the respect of sailors, who also had to brave the elements of nature in their daily work. He died about 300AD. But when Erasmus was made the patron saint of sailors, it led to a curious confusion. His emblem became the windlass, a kind of hoist used by many sailors at sea. So far so good, but many medieval Christians, seeing the windlass emblem, assumed it was some sort of torture instrument. They knew that Erasmus had died in the persecution of Diocletian, and concluded that a windlass had been used to hoist out his intestines (which it hadn't).

But no matter - Erasmus was still adopted by another set of suffering people. Not only did sailors remember the thunderbolt, and look to him, but soon, anyone with gut ache as well!

3rd June The Martyrs of Uganda

The Ugandan Church had dozens of martyrs within just ten years of Christianity arriving there. At first, it had gone so well: the first Anglican missionaries arriving in Uganda in 1877 were welcomed by the Kabaka (king) of Buganda, who also welcomed the Roman Catholics and Muslim Arabs, and, being a natural diplomat, retained his power by cleverly playing off the three groups against each other. His son, Mwanga II, who became king about 1883, was very different. Mwanga II wanted to retain absolute power, and deeply resented the missionaries and new converts, whom he felt were giving their allegiance to Christianity, instead. And so it was that on 31st January 1885 he ordered the execution of Yusufu (Joseph) Rugarama, Makko (Mark) Kakumba, and Nuwa (Noah) Serwanga. That October, even the **Anglican Bishop, James Hannington**, was murdered. When Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe, a senior advisor to the king and a Catholic convert, condemned Mwanga for ordering Hannington's

death, Mwanga had him arrested. Mukasa became the first Catholic martyr on 15th November 1885, when he was beheaded at Nakivubo. Between December of 1885 and May of 1886 many more converts were murdered. The crisis came in May, when Mwanga ordered all the converts to choose between Christianity and complete obedience to his orders. (Mwanga had been furious and humiliated when the Christian pages in his own court refused his homosexual advances; it was unheard of to deny the king anything). Courageously, the young Christians chose their faith. And so it was that 26 pages were wrapped in straw and burned to death at Namugongo on 3rd June, 1886. In the following months, many other Christians throughout the country died by spear or fire for their faith. They included two Christians who were in the king's court, Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe and Charles Lwanga. Both had rescued royal pages from Mwanga's sexual advances. The last Christian to die in this persecution was Jean-Marie Muzeeyi, beheaded at Mengo on 27th January 1887. The final list of 45 known Protestant and Catholic martyrs includes only those who could be formally accounted for. The end result of the Namugongo martyrdoms was directly opposite to Mwanga's intentions. The sight of these young Ugandan Christians, who could die singing hymns and praying for their enemies, inspired many bystanders. They wanted to know about such a faith as this. Within a few years Christianity had taken firm root in Uganda.

DEADLY NIGHTSHADE

"A poison bouquet to strike him down"



June 16th Bloom's Day, a celebration of the life of James Joyce, whose novel *Ulysses* follows Leopold Bloom's escapades on that June date in 1904. Throughout *Ulysses*, Joyce uses flowers to symbolise romance and the lure of the exotic. Aside from fornication Joyce also tackles expiration, hallucination and urination. All of which (well, apart from the urination) remind me of another bloom that will be raising hell around Sussex in June.

Deadly nightshade looks innocent enough. A tall plant with lush leaves and purple, bell-shaped flowers. Later in the year the glossy berries will catch your eye; dangling temptingly like black pearls. It's in the plant family *Solanaceae*, related to potatoes and tomatoes. But deadly nightshade isn't the sort of relative you'd invite round for dinner. And you certainly wouldn't want it anywhere near the food. It is lethally poisonous.

Its name should be warning enough (and if not, colloquial nicknames such as *Satan's Rhubarb* and *Death Cherries* underline the message). In 1597, Elizabethan physician John Gerard warned us banish it from your gardens and steer well clear; but we obviously weren't paying attention. An internet search today reveals recent stories of accidental deaths, comatose children and a naked, hallucinating German monk.

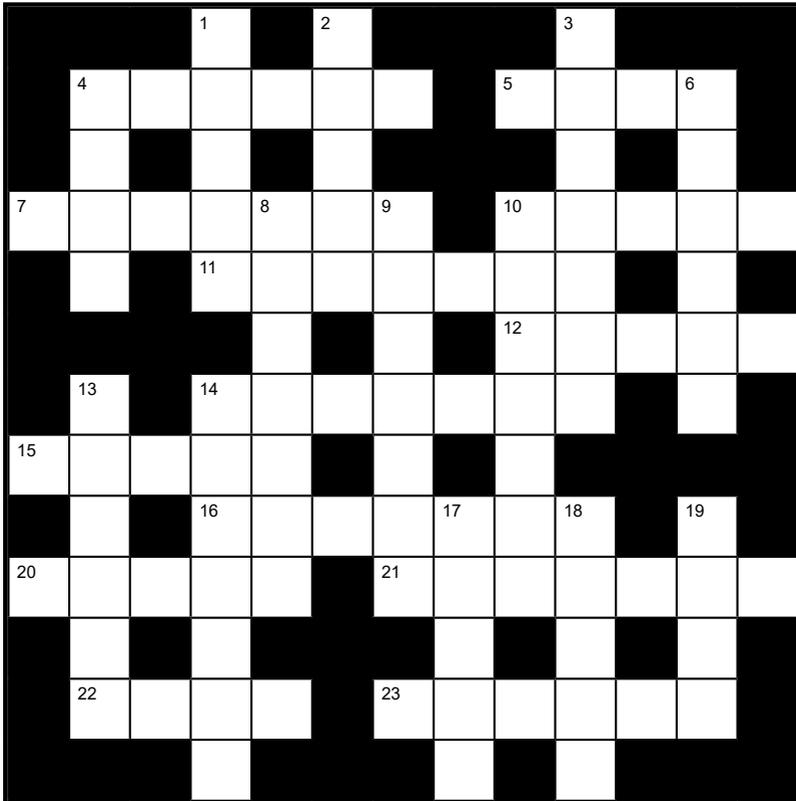
It is reported (but possibly exaggerated) that just three berries will kill you. Symptoms start with a dry mouth, dizziness and urinary retention (ha – so there was a link to urination after all!) and progress to delirium, convulsions and a heartbeat so furious that it can be heard from several feet away. It's all downhill from there. Incredibly, the berries are the safest part of the plant – you wouldn't want to go anywhere near the roots.

Wicked witches would use the berries in a potion to make their broomsticks rise. Wicked women in Venice, looking for a similar reaction in their men, used deadly nightshade eye drops to dilate their pupils. The plant's scientific name *belladonna* means *beautiful woman*. The potential side effects of this beautification would later be the answer to the question 'how do you make a Venetian blind?'

Barcombe botanist David Lang tells a tale of a student found staggering the streets drunk and disorderly. Nothing new there – until a police doctor saw his wide eyes and realised he had been poisoned by *belladonna*. He was rushed to hospital where it transpired that his landlady was trying to extract medicine from the berries and was straining them through the same strainer she was using to make his coffee each morning. You won't get a kick like that in Costa. So, be cautious of this killer as you walk the Downs in June to ensure that your life, which to paraphrase Mr Joyce is already a *parenthesis of infinitesimal brevity*, is not made any briefer.

Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust

June Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

4. CONSECRATED BUILDING (6)
5. GOD (4)
7. NOT JEWISH (7)
10. GLORY (5)
11. PUT UP WITH (7)
12. NEW (5)
14. CHORAL WORKS (7)
15. EXCUSE (5)
16. THROWERS OF ROCKS (7)
20. MIXTURE (5)
21. CHATTING (7)
22. CHANGE HOUSE (4)
23. NASAL EXPLOSION (6)

CLUES DOWN:

1. COLLECTION OF MUSIC (5)
2. CHIDE (5)
3. CHURCH FURNITURE (7)
4. SAILORS (4)
6. HURT (6)
8. STUPIDITY (7)
9. SWEET SOUND (7)
10. COUNTRY (7)
13. SKIING TRAIL (6)
14. FORGIVE (7)
17. DESERVES (5)
18. WENT ON SNOW SHOES (5)
19. ONE TIME (4)

(Answers on page 40)

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ACROSS: 4. CHURCH, 5. DEUS, 7. GENTILE, 10. DEIFY, 11. ENDURED, 12. NOVEL, 14. ANTHEMS, 15. ALIBI, 16. STONERS, 20. ALLOY, 21. YAKKING, 22. MOVE, 23. SNEEZE

DOWN: 1.SUITE, 2. SCOLD, 3. REREDOS, 4. CREW, 6. SUFFER, 8. INANITY, 9. DENMARK, 13. SLALOM, 14. ABSOLVE, 17. EARNS, 18. SKIED, 19. ONCE

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June 2019 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 2 JUNE – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17;
John 17: 20-end*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung Holy Communion (Traditional language)
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17; John 17: 20-end
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Isaiah 44: 1-8; Ephesians 4: 7-16

SUNDAY 9 JUNE – PENTECOST

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 16 JUNE – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15*
- 6.00pm Hymns & Pimms

SUNDAY 23 JUNE – FIRST AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 65: 1-9; Galatians 3: 23-end;
Luke 8: 26-39*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Genesis 24: 1-27; Mark 5: 21-end

SUNDAY 30 JUNE – SECOND AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end; Galatians 5: 1, 13-25;
Luke 9: 51-end*
- 9.45am Family Eucharist
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-end
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Genesis 27: 1-40; Mark 6: 1-6

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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

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Children's Church	ages 3 to 10
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