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Dear friends,

**Stones only, the disjecta membra of this Great House,
Whose moth-like girls are mixed with candle dust,
Remain to file the lizard's dragonish claws,
The mouths of those gate cherubs shriek with stain;
Axle and coach wheel silted under the muck
Of cattle droppings.**

**Three crows flap for the trees
And settle, creaking the eucalyptus boughs.
A smell of dead limes quickens to the nose
The leprosy of empire.**

The bleak start of the poem 'Ruins of a Great House,' by the St Lucian poet, Derek Walcott; a very powerful conjuring up of the aftermath of the end of a way of life - in this case, that of the fall of slavery and plantation life in the West Indies.

Why, you will ask, have I been pondering such things? Certainly, whilst I am not a person who sees only bad in the British Empire (we can leave that to the BBC!), we are faced with the fact that many places around the world suffer from a long memory of rule by others which leaves a legacy in terms of human resentment, bitterness and general cost. Counter to this is the fact that sometimes terrible situations have arisen because tribal, ethnic and religious divides, largely kept under control by colonial powers, erupt into murder, mayhem and genocide sometimes many years after a longed-for freedom comes about. Egypt, Syria, The Central African Republic, Rwanda, Congo, Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan - just a few countries in the press in recent years where the shadow of violence lies bared for all to see, seemingly unstoppable.

All of this is pretty much showing on the radar. What lurks somewhere off the scale (although the Prince of Wales has commented on it) is the hidden persecution of many millions of our Christian brothers and sisters in numerous countries; from the invidious treatment of Christians as second class citizens in countries like 'holiday destination' Turkey (yes, really) to the disaster in Syria, where millennia-long toleration has been smashed into ruin. We have

Daesh, the Muslim Brotherhood, Boko Haram and other similar extremist groups, seeking to drive Christians out or force their conversion to Islam (and whilst the Brotherhood was seemingly legally elected in Egypt, the fate of ten million Coptic Christians became increasingly bleak when they controlled the country). Whilst the history of Christianity has many terrible scenarios of persecuting others in its past, the rise of Islamist fundamentalism has fanned an anti-Christian mind-set for many disparate groups. Furthermore, the secularist agenda of the West has purposefully ignored this persecution. Are we reaping the reward of past centuries of a seemingly Christian domination of the world? One would hope not.

My dear friends, Jesus is the **hope** for this broken world - the **Light of the World**, and we are called to reveal and shed this hope and light abroad in whatever capacity we are able to do. Sometimes our efforts will seem irrelevant or insignificant, and yet this will never be the case in God's sight. Our faith is a gift of love by God to a fractured world: a healing of extraordinary grace revealed through the spirit-led actions of ordinary people.

Empires rise and fall. The desire for power, riches and influence remain a driving force (particularly in the West) fed by the mistaken notion that they bring true happiness. However, all of this truly ends up as *disjecta membra* (scattered fragments) - like the ruins of that house Walcott writes of.

Jesus reveals the **true** building blocks of deep joy; that the power of God's love transforms all else and never fails.

With love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK June 2016

GIVING THANKS If you receive 'Cuckfield Life' you will read in the next edition a little reminder from me about giving thanks – something that is quite often forgotten in the general run of everyday life. But truly, we have had several events or happenings recently for which I thank God as signs of Spirit-led faith at work – as you will see below.

SAMARA'S AID We appealed to the community to support creating Pregnant and Post-natal Care Packs and Family Care Packs to send out via Samara's Aid to the Syrian refugee camps in the Middle East. This appeal was slightly more onerous for those participating than our October appeal, because the items were specific to each box. Nevertheless, our community responded magnificently and many £100s of goods were provided, enabling us to send 24 boxes with the last

transport. So well done everyone. I would especially mention our wonderful team who packed. They reached the end and a person came in through the church door with two bags – containing a complete box worth of goods! We have thus sent through both appeals: 240 boxes of winter clothing, 30 care packs and over £1,700 toward transportation. What an amazing result – providing hope to those living in such desperate circumstances. THANK YOU SO MUCH

OUR NEW PIANO After my comments about the church piano at a concert last October (me or the piano!), David Davidson very kindly offered a sum of money specifically for a replacement. We were able to purchase a Kawai grand – a lovely piano - at the London Piano Auction, and following another generous donation from Heather Hollis, completely paid for transport, cover and appropriate wheels. We are most grateful for their generosity and are enjoying the enrichment the piano brings both to our worship and also to the musical life of our community.

REORDERING OUR FINANCES! You will remember that when I arrived last year we still owed over £170,000 on the commercial loan for the reordering of the church. I know that this has weighed heavily on people's minds. Excellent work during the year (particularly from Isobel Simmonds and Brian Cutler) saw that sum reduce much more quickly than anticipated. I then received a call from the Parish Giving Scheme to inform me that a parishioner had anonymously given £20,000 (plus gift aid) and we were thus able to pay off the loan altogether! Thank you so much to all who have worked so tirelessly on this front, and also to our anonymous giver. There are still several small sums to repay, but I do hope that you feel as encouraged as I do. However, don't forget that we still have an ancient building in our care, so there will always be work to do!

OTHER MATTERS Sadly, we have said farewell to Andrew Wilson who has served as our Organist and Choirmaster since David Curtis Brignell retired. We do wish both him and Karen all the best for the future. The search has begun for a new person to take his place.

RURAL DEAN I received a letter from Bishop Martin inviting me to become Rural Dean of Cuckfield following Gary Simmonds' move to the Midlands this month. As you will understand, I was a little apprehensive, particularly as Cuckfield is a busy parish and I really didn't want the post to encroach on my pastoral ministry – something which is very important to me. However, I have accepted the Bishop's offer for a five-year term. Please remember Gary, Avril and their family in your prayers as they move to Tamworth. I would also be grateful for your continued prayers.

BISHOP MARK will be presiding and preaching at our 9.45 Eucharist on Sunday 17th June. Please do your best to support this service – a goodly attendance will be very encouraging. We may even run to cake with our coffee afterwards!

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. First, please pray for the large number of our children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion on Sunday July 3rd**. This will be a great moment for both them and our community. Again, I would hope for great support at the Family Eucharist that day.

We are still concerned about adult helpers at the Youth Club on Friday evenings. WE NEED MORE HELP! Please do consider joining the team. It can be as little as one a term (so three times a year), but it is reaching the point where things are critical. It would be such a shame to reduce the numbers of young people who can attend. Please speak to Rod Montague if you can help.

THE TULLETT RAIL is back, restored, repainted – well, actually renewed! After many a long day, the Tullett rail, that charming memorial to a former servant of Cuckfield Park, is back in position north of the tower. One of very few left in Sussex, they were once common features of churchyards, and Cuckfield itself had many. Visiting Slaugham the other day I noticed stone versions of the same – slightly more durable! However, we are pleased to see the rail back. If you walk around it, you will also see Sarah Tullett's brother commemorated – in slightly less fulsome language!

REMINDERS! If you are interested in **Confirmation**, please give your names to Gill in the church office (456461). There will be a deanery confirmation at Cuckfield on 10th November. Classes will be held in the Autumn at mutually convenient times.

DO JOIN US on our parish trip to **Canterbury Cathedral** on Monday 12th September. We will be travelling by coach and celebrating a Eucharist in the cathedral with free time in the city. Names (and money - £20) to Gill please

A PRAYER FOR JUNE

Lord God, our Father.
None of us is a great Christian;
we are all humble and ordinary.
But your grace is enough for us.
Arouse in us that small degree
of joy and thankfulness of which we are capable,
the timid faith which we can muster,
the cautious obedience which we cannot refuse,
and thus the wholeness of life
which you have prepared for all of us
through the death and resurrection of your Son.
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FOR REFLECTION

Each morning is a new beginning of our life;
each day is a finished whole.
The present day marks the boundary between our cares and concerns:
it is long enough to find God or to lose him,
to keep faith or to fall into disgrace.
God created day and night for us
so that we need not wander without boundaries.
God prepared the stillness of the morning for himself.
It should remain his.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH 2016

The APCM this year was more remarkable for the things that have happened since the end of the 2015 financial year than perhaps for what was in the 2015 report itself, despite that Report showing very good progress in the parish's numbers all round, from attendances being up, for the increases in giving, and for the reduction in debt this facilitated over the year.

What could be reported at the APCM was however the further loan repayment of £25,000 since the year end to reduce the Diocesan Loan to £50,000 (the Clydesdale loan having been liquidated over the course of 2015, as previously reported). Michael was also able to report that just that week an anonymous and very generous donation had been received from a parishioner for £20,000 plus Gift Aid; and Brian Cutler was additionally able to announce the Diocese had agreed to pay a grant of some £22-23,000, in one tranche rather than two, over 2016, which would be handled as a reduction of the outstanding Diocesan debt. These three items together effectively amount to the elimination of the parish's indebtedness (the element of the smaller remaining Archdeacon's loan already being scheduled for repayment in 2016 and 2017 and fully provided for in the parish budget).

It was a fine note on which Isobel Simmonds' retirement as Treasurer could be announced after her particularly distinguished term managing us through the choppy waters of the past few

years. And the meeting was delighted to hear that Orlando Milford will be taking up that position after the APCM. The Vestry Meeting had already seen the re-election of Brian Cutler and Kate Berry as churchwardens for a further year to much acclaim.

Retiring members from the PCC were thanked for their service (Jonathan Berry, Derek Sisson, David Thunder and Hilary Turner-King) and the elections turned to filling those four vacancies till 2019, together with a further two casual vacancies to 2018, which had arisen as a result of resignations during the year for workload-related reasons. The six successful candidates were: Jill Brotherton, John Maher, Philip Richings, Alyona Smith (all till 2019); and Paul Goldfinch and Shirley Rawlins (till 2018).

Michael was also able to record thanks for the donations that had enabled the replacement of the hymn books; and to the generous gifts from David Davidson and Heather Hollis that had enabled the piano in church to be replaced with the baby grand, suitably making its first appearance that morning.

Looking ahead to the next challenges, Brian Cutler reported the investigation work that has been going on into the tower masonry and the need for repair; and to the emerging problem of the roof on the north side of the church, from where there had been a couple of dangerous falls of heavy tiles recently: while we would hope to be able to find grants to help with some of this, together with support from the Friends, it would undoubtedly provide the backdrop to the next exciting phase that is running an ancient parish in the 21st Century!

David Thunder/Hon PCC Secretary

**A MESSAGE FROM
THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CUCKFIELD
Concert 30th October 2016**

The world famous male-voice **London Welsh Rugby Club Choir** perform on national television and radio, sell-out concert tours, rugby internationals and other sporting events. They also entertained a global audience of millions at the closing ceremony of the London Olympics and will be performing at the Albert Hall on 15th October 2016 (almost sold out [1st May 2016]) – just 2 weeks before our event.

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QUIK NOTES

JULY MAGAZINE. Deadline for contributions to our July issue is Monday June 6th. Thankyou to all our contributors, regular and occasional – if you would like to write about some activity or event at Holy Trinity or in the Diocese, please do! Ed.

CAKE & QUESTIONS – June's discussion evening on matters of faith is on Tuesday June 2nd, 8.0pm upstairs in the Old School, All welcome. Come and take part or just listen - and enjoy the coffee and cake! More info. fro Jonathan Berry on HH 455986

QUIK NOTES CONTINUED

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM'S NEW DISPLAY:

'The Queen at 90' Cuckfield Museum looks at some of the more unusual and quirky ways of celebrating her life and reign. From June-Sept. For more information go to www.cuckfieldmuseum.org

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM'S JUNE TALK: Thursday 9 June, 2.30 pm in the Council Chamber, The Queen's Hall, Cuckfield. "FOLK SONGS FROM SUSSEX' A musical venture by Mark Norman into the folk songs of Sussex from the C19th to the 1960's, and the characters who sang and collected them" Admission £5 Members £3 To reserve a place phone Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448 or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

CUCKFIELD ROYAL OBSERVER POST will be open in June on Sat. 4th from 11 – 5 and Sun.5th from 10 – 1.0pm. for more info. tel: Phillipa Malins on HH 452307

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10 JULY 2016

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**"PULLING OUT OF THE NOSEDIVE"
[DO WE CARE ABOUT YOUTH WORK IN
CUCKFIELD ?]**

The main Title is taken from a major report in 2005 which I have just had occasion to revisit in the light of our present inability to recruit Adult Helpers for our Youth Club Work. This was associated with an "English Church Census" which focused on the decline in the number of those attending Church and more particularly on a "gaping absence of young people in a huge number of Churches".

A belief was expressed that in order to survive an "investment" in children and youth ministry was urgently required.

What has this to do with us at Holy Trinity – **today** ?

We do have resources we are using effectively in a number of areas – **Little One's Church** on the first Tuesday of each month (11.00); **Sundays Cool** on

Sunday mornings; **a Family Service** on each first Sunday of the month; **BBQ** (Breakfast and the Big Question) - an initiative for “teens” meeting monthly; **Messy Church** at Holy Trinity School each term; **inSpire Youth Clubs** the two “OPEN” Youth Clubs meeting on Friday evenings in term time; **inSpire After School Club at Warden Park** (Wednesdays in term time for an hour, mid-afternoon.

We have invested in the employment of two part-time **Youth Support Workers** now for some four years - principally to run and develop the Youth Clubs.

WOW – that’s amazing !!!!!!! BUT

Commentary upon the REPORT mentioned above did however warn that we need to - “ask...deeper and more penetrative questions about how **the Church Community** goes about mission to young people.... Employing a Youth Worker after much of this thinking has been done would be great; employing a Youth Worker to help with that thinking would possibly be OK – but **to employ a Youth Worker to AVOID that thinking (and action) would be a disaster”**.

I offer these comments from being the current Chair of The PCC Youth Committee - with no disrespect to the people involved in anything that we have in hand - **HOWEVER** constant and repeated pleas for assistance with the InSpire Youth Clubs have received virtually no response from the CHURCH COMMUNITY.

We do **URGENTLY** need **MORE SUPPORT** – Human Resources –for the Friday Youth Clubs in particular; any assistance say once a term, once a half term or every other week or only now and again - whatever you can manage would be really appreciated.

OTHERWISE there is a real risk that this work will need to be scaled down or abandoned in September if we do not obtain assistance.

Come out of your “comfort zones” and have fun with the satisfaction of developing something/someone.

DO JOIN THE EXISTING TEAMS FOR WHOM WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL - FOR MORE DETAILS OF YOUTH CLUBS SPEAK TO MARLENE ON THE YOUTH CLUB NUMBER 07544 839013 OR OTHERWISE MYSELF ON 01444 410453.

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CANON ANDREW WHITE IN AMERICA

Dear Friends,

I am back in America to talk about the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq. FRRME's Director of Operations in the Middle East, Dr Sarah Ahmed, is with me. Last Saturday we spoke at the Connect Church in New Jersey. The Church takes its links to our work very seriously and we are very grateful for their continued support. The response to Dr Sarah, a Muslim taking care of persecuted Christians, was overwhelming.

Dr Sarah and I then travelled to Wheaton College in Chicago. The College, which was founded by Abolitionists in the 1860s, has been a central part of our work and ministry for many years and a fair number of our staff and interns have come from there. This week at Wheaton I gave a lecture in the International Politics class of Professor Mark Amstutz, as well as a major public lecture with Dr Sarah which was moderated by Professor Michael McKoy.

I am having a wonderful time teaching at Wheaton. I have been coming to teach here for years and I love it more every time. This week, I was given an official Wheaton hoodie, which goes well with my orange and blue bow-tie. What more could you ask for!

Even when Dr Sarah and I are not in the Middle East, FRRME's work on the front line continues. **This week our team on the ground in Northern Iraq delivered food packages to 400 IDP families at the Debaga Camp outside Erbil.**

Grace and Peace
Andrew

Canon Andrew White.

UPDATE FROM IRAQ, ISRAEL AND JORDAN

With temperatures in the region of 40C/100F, Iraq is in a terrible way, both politically and economically. The parliament has not been meeting, there are violent protests in Baghdad, and the oil revenue is starting to dry up. Despite this, we are still working on the front line. Yesterday, Dr Sarah Ahmed, FRRME's Director of Operations in the Middle East, gave out 25 kg bags of flour to over 1,000 Iraqi IDP families in Erbil, Northern Iraq.

While the so-called Islamic State is no longer recruiting the large number of overseas fighters that it was, it still maintains its strength. This week, they blew up the famous "Clock Church" in Mosul, one of the most iconic churches in the Middle East. As I have been saying for a long while, it is as if we are entering a third world war.

However, despite the bad news in Iraq, I was heartened to spend Passover in Jerusalem on my way back to Jordan. Being back in Jordan this week has given me hope. The 500 Iraqi refugee families we are helping there are, thanks to your continued support, doing well.

I will shortly be visiting the West Bank for a very special project. I will let you know more about this in my next update.

Love and Blessings

Andrew

MOTHERS' UNION APRIL MEETING: A VISIT TO INDIA

At our Branch meeting in April, Hilary Turner-King came to give a talk and showed slides on her recent trip to Mumbai, to visit the charity Vision Rescue.

This charity works to improve the lives of hundreds of street children and families living in slum conditions. The children are provided with a good meal each day, and given teaching in the School Bus. The bus does not travel, but the inside is set up as a classroom with a teacher.

Teaching is given in reading, writing, maths, and basic hygiene and social skills. We could see that the children were eager to learn and clearly happy to go to their lessons in the School Bus!

Vision Rescue was started by one man and evolved in a similar way to Mother Theresa's work in Calcutta, runs with voluntary aid and with the help of many volunteers. His vision was that if he could help just one child, then he could help a thousand. The charity has three School Buses now, all working in Mumbai with its population of millions.

Our thanks to Hilary for sharing with us an insight into children living in a country where poverty and extreme hardship are common and the struggle is never-ending. The meeting closed with prayers.

Heather Hollis

FSW OPENS CHARITY SHOP

The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (FSW) has opened a charity shop in Eastbourne.

A launch event was held in early April, at which HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field, cut the ribbon. The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, gave a short blessing for the shop and for FSW's work in the town. Eastbourne's Mayor, Cllr Janet Coles, and the MP Caroline Ansell, were also in attendance.

The shop, at 26 Cornfield Road, will raise funds for FSW, which has been helping vulnerable children and families in Sussex since 1890.

Martin Auton-Lloyd, FSW's Director, said: "Eastbourne is a perfect location for our new shop as we've just employed a Family Support Worker in the town. Money raised from the shop will help families across Sussex who are struggling with issues such as unemployment, bereavement, illness or family break down. Our aim is to improve children's lives by building a strong home environment."

JUNE GARDEN NOTES

From Arctic winds with overnight ground frosts during April and the first few of days of May, the thermometer suddenly swung to the other extreme with 25C warm southerly winds and us reaching for T shirts, hosepipes and shade. What a wonderful change from the damp cool bank holiday Monday (2nd May) to have a cloudless sky, birds singing their hearts out and busy nest-building as well as feeding young judging by the mouthfuls of worms some were carting off in their beaks. Swallows swooping around, pear, apple and cherry blossom bursting out, grass growing rapidly and we cut our first Asparagus - quite late for the season! Who knows what we'll have in June let alone the rest of May.

The garden now demands plenty of attention in all "departments". Climbers still putting on their summer spurt need tying in (especially clematis and honeysuckles); spring flowering shrubs may be pruned (e.g. Forsythia, Deutzia, Osmanthus, Mahonia, Clematis montana); second sowings of some vegetables (carrots, beetroot) and late plantings of vegetables (leeks, courgettes, sweetcorn, purple sprouting broccoli) will keep the kitchen happy in autumn and winter.

Hopefully, June will remain fairly dry, enabling hoeing, which is by far the quickest way of weeding large areas of soil especially in the veg patch. Veg and fruit gardeners should be busy this month with first 'pickings' of baby beetroot, lettuce and other salad crops, also broad beans, peas - and plant sweetcorn, french and runner beans if you haven't already. Herbs like parsley, chervil and coriander are best in the open ground rather than a small pot, but basil being a heat lover, thrives best under protection - a greenhouse or sunny window sill. Coriander and chervil are annuals so will run to seed in June/ July so leave to seed if you wish and the seeds will produce plants for an autumn harvest.

If May is not a heat wave then June should see roses at their peak, along with early herbaceous and bulbs like delphiniums, lupins, doricum, aquilegias, astrantias, cornflowers (centureas), some hardy geraniums, alliums (e.g. christophii, bulgaricum and giganteum), camassias, eremurus (foxtail lilies).

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If you don't want alliums and aquilegias seeding all over the place, then dead head before the seeds form (many are good for drying if cut well before the heads have gone over). Watch out for unwanted seedlings from last year and dig up before they become established and chuck or pot up if there's a home for them. *Verbena bonariensis*, *Salvia turkestanica*, *Viola odorata*, cowslips , *Echinops ritro*, bronze fennel and hellebores are all plants that have seeded well in our garden from last year (helped by our no dig system).

Watch out for pests, notably aphids of various kinds which proliferate in the warmth on young tender shoots, rose buds, lupin flowers as well as in the greenhouse on fuchsias, pelargoniums and petunias. Bedding plants for tubs, baskets or borders will still be available if you haven't rushed out earlier to buy them. Keep feeding and deadheading hanging baskets plants and patio plants giving them adequate water, not just a splash with the hose pipe. Tomatoes and cucumbers need regular attention, side shoots removed on indeterminate types, tied up and fed. Bush types will still benefit from a small stake unless they are in a basket e.g. Tumbler.

Check fruit cage netting for holes as the strawberry, currant and raspberry season starts. Strawberries and gooseberries may well be ready by mid-late June if the warmer weather continues.

Lindsay Shurvell, Chilling Street Nurseries, Sharpthorne.

THE FINAL WISDOM?

When I look back upon my life,
I more of follies than of sins repent,
less for offence than love's shortcomings moan.
With self, O Father, leave me not alone –
besmirched and ragged, Lord, take back thine own:
a fool I bring thee, to be made a child.
from a prayer of George Macdonald, 1824 –1905



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A NEW VOICE GRACES THE SUSSEX COUNTRYSIDE

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

A new voice has been added to the Sussex avian chorus over the last few years, emanating from a shy, difficult to see little brown bird whose explosive song belies its reticent nature. Cetti's warbler, first recorded in the UK in Kent in 1961 can now be heard all over our county.

Named after an 18th Century Italian Jesuit naturalist Francesco Cetti, this little bird has marched relentlessly north-westerly across Europe, expanding its range from the core of the population in South-east Europe, North Africa and parts of Asia. Having hopped over the English Channel in 1961, it was ten years later before breeding was proven to have taken place; all the time they were spreading westward along the south coast. In the early 1970s they suddenly disappeared from the south-east due to some pretty cold winters, but in the 1980s their numbers began to recover and due to our winters becoming warmer, it was enough to establish a viable breeding population. Now, they have become a good news wildlife story; increasing numbers and continuing to expand their range northwards and westwards.

Their arrival in the UK coincided with another species that initially colonised in south-east England, the little egret, but whereas this striking white water bird is very visible and easy to see, the Cetti's warbler isn't. To describe what it looks like, it might be best to say it looks like an over-sized wren in that it is basically brown and often sits with its tailed cocked upwards, but you have to be lucky to actually see it all. They like to live in damp places, close to water that has dense low vegetation in which they can skulk away to their hearts content.



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It's the song that is most striking about the Cetti's warbler. An almost machine-gun like burst that just lasts for a couple of seconds and then you don't hear it again, which is most frustrating as you search the dense vegetation with your eyes in a vain attempt to try and see it. About five minutes later it will belt out the call again from somewhere else. It is the male that does all the singing, and it moves about its territory belting out the song to try and convince other males that there is more than one bird there and thereby reducing competition for territory and females.

Twentieth Century bird photographer and author George Yeates tried somewhat unsuccessfully to describe the bird's song in words:

What yer.....What yer.....what yer.....come-and-see-me.....bet-you-don'-bet-you-don't

I think that probably leaves you none the wiser as to what a Cetti's warbler sounds like, but it does show how difficult it is to describe bird song in general to people who have no idea of what you are talking about! So, the best thing to remember that if you are standing near water surrounded by dense vegetation and you suddenly hear a short but loud outburst of song from deep within, you may well have just heard your first Cetti's warbler, and I'm sure Signore Francesco Cetti would have been very pleased.

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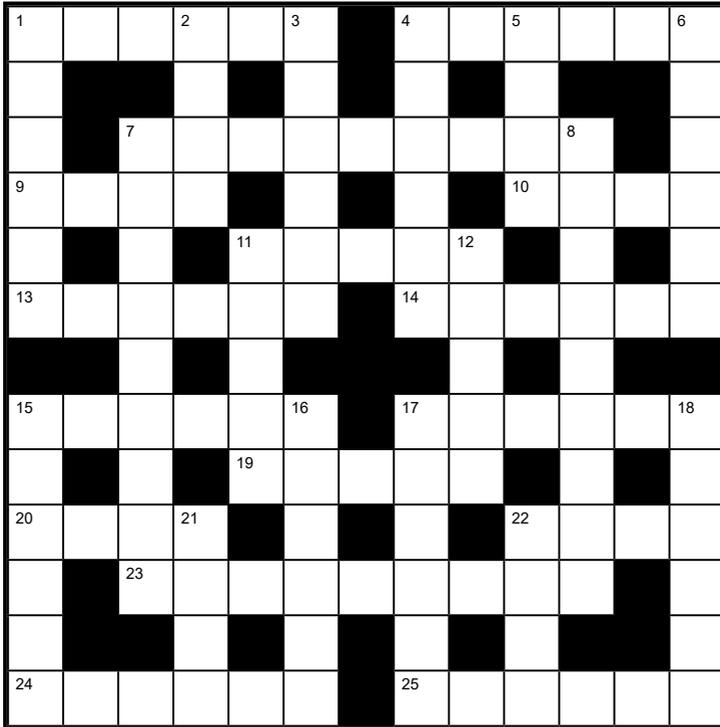
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- 9. SEDIMENT OF WINE (4)
- 10. KING OF ALL THE RUSSIAS (4)
- 11. SPECIES OF DUCK FAMED FOR ITS PLUMAGE (5)
- 13. PUZZLE (6)
- 14. OF NOMENCLATURE (6)
- 15. LIFTS (6)
- 17. SNAKES (6)
- 19. ATTACKS (5)
- 20. LETTER WRITING SAINT (4)
- 22. MINUTE PARTICLE (4)
- 23. A SUNNY DANGER (9)
- 24. SPILLS (6)
- 25. FOOTWEAR (6)

CLUES DOWN:

- 1. DOG (6)
- 2. UNTRUTHS (4)
- 3. GARDEN PLANT (6)
- 4. DECOMPOSED/CORRUPT (6)
- 5. TIDY (4)
- 6. DRINK (6)
- 7. THIRD BOOK OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (9)
- 8. SOMEONE TO SHOW YOU TO YOUR SEAT (9)
- 11. DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER (5)
- 12. SOUTH AFRICAN UNITS OF CURRENCY (5)
- 15. DO IT AGAIN (6)
- 16. DANCES(6)
- 17. LOVES EXCESSIVELY (6)
- 18. WRITTEN CHARACTER (6)
- 21. DOCTOR GOSPEL WRITER (4)
- 22. RELATED (4)

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FROM THE JUNE 1916 ISSUE OF 'THE CUCKFIELD MAGAZINE'

THE NATIONAL MISSION.-We earnestly commend to the attention of all our readers the following article on the subject of the National Movement or Mission of Repentance and Hope which is to be held throughout the country during the autumn. In our own parish the Mission will be held from November 4th to 13th. Meanwhile we must prepare ourselves for it and help others to do the same. The call comes to us "Lift up your hearts," and the answer of the whole people must be "We lift them **up** unto the Lord."

"It is doubtful whether the Church of England has ever been called to a task so great as that to which we are now summoned by the Archbishops. There have been great movements within the Church; but this is a movement of the whole Church, a call to discharge that mission to the nation, as a nation, with which it is entrusted. The times require such an effort; the horizon of men's thoughts has been suddenly and immensely expanded; we are conscious, as most of us were not two years ago, of our membership in the nation, and of the responsibility of our nation in the world.

"Our sons and brothers at the Front are serving their nation and helping it to meet its responsibility at the risk of their lives; many of them in doing so are finding a new realisation of God. We at home must seek from God the power to rise to new heights so that we may be worthy of their sacrifice and provide for them on their return a home that will sustain their spirit of devotion to duty and service to God.

"But to this end we must first take stock of ourselves. Very much has come to light which shows the need for amendment and renewal of life. It is sad to find how little the manhood of the nation, as represented by the men in training camps and the like, is really touched by the Church. We have not brought home the message with which we are entrusted as it needs to be brought home. We must seek in prayer and meditation and conference to find the cause of our ineffectiveness where it exists, so that we may repent of it and remove it where it lies in ourselves as individuals or as members of the Church in our neighbourhood."

(information follows about literature re the above and readers are urged to undertake active roles in the Mission. Ed.)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.-It is with very great regret that we have to add to the list of those "dead on the field of honour" the names of Lieutenant **David Henry Carmichael Munro**, Canadian Infantry, who died from wounds on May 4th, and

Private **Cyril Ralph Smith**, of the 8th Sussex (Pioneers), who was killed on May 16th, just as he was preparing to leave a trench which he had been helping to dig. With the parents and friends of these brave men we wish to express our most sincere sympathy.

A VERY IMPRESSIVE SERVICE was held at the Parish Church on Sunday morning, May 28th, when a solemn memorial was offered for those who have fallen in the war, and especially at this time for the men (*8 names listed*) who have given their lives to defend us.

We are glad to hear that Private York, who has been wounded, and Private F. J. Dancy, who has been in hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy, are both well on the way to convalescence. We wish to offer our hearty congratulations to Major A. H. Berly, R.F.A., on his promotion to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and to Corporal F. G. Beard, 4th Sussex, on his promotion to Sergeant.

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Cuckfield Crafts and Market For information or to book contact Beverley Smith 01444 440274 or Jane Ravell 01444 451454

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

Cuckfield Evening Flower Club 10 June – Graham King 'I've had an idea'

Cuckfield Ladies Group Monday 6 June 2.30pm – Meet in the car park of the Sussex Prairie Gardens, Henfield. Entrance £6. Tea Room there to quench your thirst after your stroll around the gardens.
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 12 June. Tickets are available from the church office. Cost £5.

Cuckfield Evening WI 21 June – Helen Poole "Crawley Characters"
Meetings take place at 8pm in the Old School.

ANSWERS TO JUNE CROSSWORD

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June 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 5 JUNE – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*1 Kings 17: 17-end; Galatians 1: 11-end;
Luke 7: 11-17*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
Galatians 1: 11-end; Luke 7: 11-17
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 8: 15-9: 17; Mark 4: 1-20

SUNDAY 12 JUNE – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 10, 13-15; Galatians 2: 15-end;
Luke 7: 36-8: 3*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 19 JUNE – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

SUNDAY 26 JUNE – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end; Galatians 5: 1, 13-25;
Luke 9: 51-end*
- 6.00pm 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	10.15am 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 Arkages	0 to 3
Children's Churchages	3 to 10
Pathfinders	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