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Dear Friends,

It is a good rule after reading a new book, never to allow yourself another new one till you have read an old one in between.

So, apparently, wrote C S Lewis, and I have to admit that I have such a relationship with books, as and when time allows. Sometimes there are too few hours in the day to permit much of either, although you will be pleased to hear that I do keep my Bible reading on a daily footing!

I was phoned by Rev Gary Simmons when I was appointed Rural Dean to say that there was a large metal box which went with the job. When I collected it, I found it full of minute books for the Deanery dating from 1840, when deaneries as we know them were formed. The books prove to be a treasury of historical narrative for the church within our area.

In 1840 both Worth and Crawley (the Rector was also Vicar of Ifield) were part of the rural deanery. In that year Slaugham, Ardingly and Wivelsfield had no school provision and only Cuckfield and Crawley had National Schools – the few others were supported by payments from parents or benefactors. Cuckfield also had its ancient Grammar School. The churches are recorded as being in good condition, other than Lindfield, which was described as ‘very dilapidated’! Mention is also made of the railway chaplain attending meetings – the main line was under construction, and Haywards Heath really was just a heath! The clergy of the deanery were not averse to sending requests or petitions to parliament about matters they felt strongly about.

This fascinating collection of books is, as I said, a glimpse into the life and witness of the Church within our deanery over a period of extraordinary change in people’s lives. However, as far as books are concerned, the **Bible** is our constant. It bears as much relevance for us today as it has done for our forebears since it came into existence. History, Prophecy, Wisdom, Epistle, but above all, Good News. From it, we find of God’s love for each of us, revealed most personally through Jesus Christ.

A Book of Books – old, yet ever New and ever Relevant.

With love,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

First Communion A large number of our young people will be making their first Holy Communion at the Family Service (9.45) on **Sunday 3rd July** - a great occasion for both them and our church family. I am most grateful to Hilary and the team who have prepared them, and I also greatly enjoyed sharing a service remembering God's forgiveness as part of the course they have followed. Please do pray for them as they join us around the altar – the Table of the Lord.

Parish Barbeque Following coffee on that day, there will be a barbeque at Mill Hall Farm, Whitemans Green, RH17 5HX – by kind permission of Jonathan and Kate Berry. Please park at the Whitemans Green Recreation Ground car park (and take care crossing the road!). All parishioners are welcome to this happy occasion. The barbecued food will be provided, although if people would like to bring salads and desserts, that would be much appreciated. There will also be Pimm's for the adults!

School Holidays Where has the year gone? The schools in our parish break up for their summer holidays towards the end of the month, and we shall say farewell to the oldest children at Holy Trinity School as they prepare to enter senior school in September. We shall also say farewell to Mr Steve McCulley, who has served the school as deputy head teacher and now takes on responsibility as head teacher at St Peter's School, Henfield, where we wish him all the best. Next term we welcome Mrs Ann MacGregor as our new head teacher.

An Organ-a-thon! Advance notice that I shall be playing the church organ from 9.30am – 6.00pm on **Monday 15th August** as a fund raiser for my mayoral fund. Do come at any time during that day, and if you think the playing worth rewarding, please leave a contribution. Hopefully the organ blower won't catch fire!

More music If you want to hear me in another musical idiom, I am giving a concert with the well-known organist Michael Wooldridge at the East Sussex National Golf Course in Uckfield (accessed from the bypass). The function room contains the largest Wurlitzer pipe Organ in Europe and a large classical electronic instrument. The concert is on Sunday 10th July at 3.00pm – Admission £9.00 (bookings 01825 880088)

Canterbury Trip Just another reminder about our trip to Canterbury on Monday 12th September. The cost is £20 (to include coach and refreshments at the cathedral when we arrive). We will be celebrating a Eucharist together in the cathedral before free time in both city and cathedral (free entrance, as we are pilgrims). Names and money to Gill in the church office, please.

Confirmation Again, another reminder! We currently have several adult candidates to prepare for the Confirmation in November. If you are not yet confirmed, but would like to explore this opportunity, please do have a word with me. It is a great chance to say that 'yes' to that inner calling that Jesus is central to enriching one's life journey. The classes will not be onerous and we hope to arrange them to suit different people's commitments. People are most welcome to put their names forward even if they just want to learn more about our Christian faith.

Congratulations (and celebrations!) to our friends at Cuckfield Baptist Church on the formal opening of their splendid new church. A great undertaking in the Lord's name, and we do wish the community every blessing at this opening of a new chapter in their church family's history. As stated on the invitation: **'To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever.'** (Ephesians 3: 21)

Please pray for Endre Kormos, our placement student from Mirfield last summer, who is to be made Deacon by Glen, Bishop of Beverley, at the parish church of St Luke, Wallsend, where he is to serve. The ordination takes place on 6th July at 7.00 p.m. If people would like to send a card, his address is 148, Park Road, Wallsend NE28 7QS. Please pray also for Kata, his wife, and the people of St Peter & St Luke, Wallsend.

Pray too for Jules Middleton, a former member of our congregation, recently also ordained deacon and serving at Holy Trinity, Lewes.

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL:

TRINITY SUNDAY, 2016 - STRANGE YET FAMILIAR

Every Trinity Sunday, a fair few preachers get into a lather thinking of the best way they can explain the enigmatic concept of the Trinity. On Trinity Sunday this year, the parish's Feast of Title, we were blessed to have on hand, as visiting preacher to do it for us, The Revd Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, SCP, Vicar of St John The Evangelist, Angelltown, Brixton, Public Policy Adviser to the Bishop of Southwark, member of General Synod, community activist, and many other involvements with church and society in her living out of the Social Gospel.

"The concept of the Trinity is strange but so familiar to us, as we welcome, gather, preach, baptise, confirm, marry, ordain, bury, bless, dismiss (and every other thing in between) in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit", Rosemarie began. The imagery of the Trinity was the early church's "explanation of their lived experience of God's threefold activity in their lives ... witnesses, as they were, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; and blessed by their powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit".

The concept of the Trinity provided an answer, but no easy interpretation. When humans search for tangible ways of describing the wonder and awe of God, they turn to metaphysics, or imagery such as "Celtic knots, dancers, butterflies, water, eggs, apples and all the others you may have heard or used yourself. Or, if they are theologians (!), they spend a fair amount of time explaining the doctrine - God as three consubstantial persons, distinct, yet of one substance, essence, nature!"

A communal and relational reality ...

Rosemarie went on to explain that the best way to be faithful to the communal and relational reality of a Trinitarian God is to avoid a doctrinal lecture on the Trinity and highlight the accessible nature of the creator God in Christ, working with, in and through us, through the presence of the Spirit,

"We, the Christian community of today, need to be in relationship with those around us and with the living word of God, as we build the kingdom here on earth. So, part of being a Trinitarian

community, is to continue to be strive to make a place for the voices of those who are different to us, those who bring different experiences, who challenge our status quo, who bring change to our familiar world. Such change can disrupt our understanding of who and how we are to be. It can even turn over tables in churches, and concepts in our minds”.

The image of the Trinity is one where there is equality of access to all ...

As Paul underlines it is precisely because we have the peace of God through justification that we can endure almost anything, any change, and always find hope: “justification is the promise that God accepts us as we are, in the same way as he accepts and justifies the ungodly, the outcast, the marginalized, the doubting, even the betrayers, in order that we might know peace and turn in love to extend the same grace, mercy, and acceptance to those around us.

Being part of a Trinitarian community is to be a community that looks outward to the community around us, as we bear witness to the peace of God in Christ that responds to the needs of the neighbour. The image of the Trinity is of a community where all are involved and valued, a church where all can play a part, a communion table where all invited to be at the table in relationship with God, with his Son whom we take on through communion and with the Holy Spirit who empowers us outwards”.

The image of the Trinity is one where there is equality of access to all “no matter the colour, language, denomination or even creed. We are all empowered to go and speak of the Father who is the creator and source of love and all good things; of the Son who was and is the Word telling the Father’s message of love and care and concern for his creation; and of the Spirit who is the active force within us and the world that will use us to puts God’s love and care and concern into practice ... and invite new folk - who may look nothing like us - into the family of faith, the community of Christ. May it be so.”

Living out the Social Gospel ...

The call to living out that Gospel challenge in areas of particular hardship is not easy and a continual see-saw of highs and lows:

in the week following her visit to us, Rosemarie was at the opening of the Chelsea Flower Show to accompany one of her six-year-old parishioners present the bouquet to the Queen; the following week, one of the gardens from the Show, designed with Angeltown Brixton in mind, arrived from the show, was planted in the community and opened by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, as part of the community-building programme Rosemarie had been working on; in the same fortnight there were three shootings in the parish, but mercifully on this occasion no burials from among her Youth Group for her to deal with, the wakes following which would typically have lasted for a week as the whole community went into mourning.

Let us pray that, in the year ahead, as a Trinitarian community, we too can learn to understand what it means truly to make space for the voices of those who are different from us; for those who bring different experiences; who challenge our status quo; who bring change to our familiar world; and in so doing, disrupt our understanding of who and how we are to be.

A Syrian Refugee family who have been received in Crawley under the Government's asylum programme, and who are currently sitting uncomfortably on dining room chairs, have an urgent need for two armchairs, should anyone have some spare ones.

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THE PARISH MAGAZINE

It is not often we make headlines of our own, but this month we need to pay tribute to our erstwhile Editor of the Magazine, **Joyce Donoghue**, who has, for over 21 years, month in and month out, been the executive editor of this publication: we all owe her an enormous vote of thanks and deep gratitude for the service she has given the parish and the wider community - for tirelessly bringing us the news and the comment.

We wish her a well-earned rest!

As ever with loyal servants like Joyce, they inevitably turn out to be irreplaceable by one person; and so, at least for the foreseeable future, we shall be operating with a rota of duty editors taking it in turn to edit the magazine, covering for each other's absences, and doing their best to keep up the 'Joycean standards'.

To help with this, we have introduced a new email address:

duty-editor@holytrinitychurch.org

Magically, mail to this address will forward to whoever is the editor for the month, and we would encourage all our contributors to start using this address, please, as the quickest and easiest way to reach the editor of the month. Replies to you will come from the real person who is on duty, however.

We hope this will work seamlessly for us all and, in the meantime, can we say copy date for the **August edition** of the magazine will, as usual be, **MONDAY 4th JULY**.

The Editorial Team



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 2016: Update

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week in whatever way they could, whether by praying, posting a prayer card, making a donation or knocking on neighbours' doors in our house to house collection in Cuckfield.

The week started with a very enjoyable Talent Sharing Event. The Old School resonated to the sound of saxophone, trumpet and guitar, whilst others quietly tried to master the art of knitting, spinning, First Aid skills or getting to use their mobile phones better! In the church, some were trying their hand at the organ, whilst others were in the bell tower discovering the art of bell ringing.

After all this concentration, a tasty lunch of soup and cheese, revived everyone enough to try out another skill in the afternoon. Cake also helped! The event also raised a fantastic £325.

As I write, money is still coming in from the Christian Aid Week Appeal but our total at the moment stands at £2,624.09 which includes the House to House Collection and our Church collection. On behalf of people like Feroza, "Thank you!" Thank you for showing your love and compassion to people who have so little and who risk losing the little they have once a year by devastating floods. Through your generosity their lives have been transformed.

In the light of recent press concerns regarding the work of certain charities and the proportion of income that reaches the intended recipients, I thought you would be interested to know that 68.4p of every pound raised goes directly to projects helping those who need it most. A further 10.7p in every pound is spent on campaigning, education and advocacy. 1p in every pound is spent on management and administration. Christian Aid does not give money to Governments nor individuals.

In respect of one of the other charities we are committed to supporting, Samara's Aid, 100% of all donations (material and financial) goes directly to supporting refugees in the Middle East and Syria.

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*Hilary Turner-King
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THE FLYING ANGEL – MISSION TO SEAFARERS



The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

Sea Sunday this year will be celebrated on **Sunday, 10th July**, with special attention being given to all seafarers at the 9.45 a.m. Service.

The “Mish” was founded in 1856, growing from ship-visiting in the Bristol Channel following a child’s chance question on seeing ships at anchor on a Sunday – “Where do the sailors go to Church?”

Work gradually developed and was vital in both the World Wars, and, in the second of which, the Chaplains were kept very busy at many ports helping the sailors in various ways.

There is now representation in over 200 ports, and in 118 of these there are “centres”, used for relaxation and communication with families via wi-fi. There is even a “floating centre” – the MV Flying Angel – in Dubai - for the UAE east coast anchorage. Some 2,000 seafarers are unable to go ashore, so there is an internet cafe, telephone, medical clinic and book and DVD library. Chaplains work aboard during the week.

The seafarers are usually aboard container ships carrying probably about 90% of everything we consider a “necessity” – cars, TV’s, washing machines and fruit and veg.

We have been unable to support the “Mish” financially for some time owing to the repayment of loans taken out for the reordering of the Church. There is hope that charitable giving will soon be restored to form a vital part of our church ministry, so this month you will find leaflets about the Mission, together with envelopes for donations, at the back of the Church at the end of the services on Sea Sunday.

Please give generously to enable the invaluable work of “The Mission to Seafarers” to continue!

Eileen Macdougall

VOCAL WORKSHOP IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CUCKFIELD

**SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 2016,
from 2.30–5.30 p.m.**

**HAYDN'S MASS in D Minor – The 'NELSON' MASS
CONCERT PERFORMANCE at 7.30 p.m.**

Olivia Bell (soprano) Jane Haughton (mezzo soprano)
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Conductor: Robert Hammersley Organ – Michael Maine

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**All profits from both the workshop and concert will go towards
church funds**

A vocal workshop will take place in Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, in aid of church funds.

The workshop, directed by Robert Hammersley, will take place during the afternoon of Saturday, 24th September, and will be followed by a performance of the Nelson Mass at 7.30 p.m. that evening.

It is hoped that a choir of about a hundred voices will come together to sing this popular work. There is an excellent team of soloists who will join the choir to sing in the complete performance during the evening and they will also be singing individually, too.

Robert Hammersley is currently the conductor of the Ardingly Choral Society; and Michael Maine, our vicar at Holy Trinity Church, will be accompanying the workshop and concert.

Probably the most popular edition of this work is the one published by Novello, but the Schott edition is equally acceptable and singers without a copy can hire a copy for £2.00.

It is hoped that this event will be well-supported by members of the church congregation and other local people who enjoying singing, and who may not necessarily sing regularly in a choir. There is no charge to attend the concert, but donations will be appreciated.

Application forms to take part in the workshop are available to complete from the Parish Office: and it will be helpful if these can be returned, together with a cheque for £10 (or £12, if you need to hire a copy of the score), as soon as possible. We need this to know how many copies of the score will need to be hired.

Rosemary Pardey

FAMILY SOCIAL WORK (FSW) NEWS

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Thanks to our supporters, FSW is able to offer families residential breaks once more. Workers and volunteers recently took 12 families for a weekend away at **Dalesdown Christian Conference Centre, near Horsham**. The venue is purpose-built with comfortable bedrooms, a well-equipped kitchen, large dining area, and lounges where children can play and parents can relax. Outside, there is ample space for football and running around; plus, mini-golf, an adventure trail, BBQ area and separate sports hall ...

Workers and volunteers provided activities, including a *Dalesdown's Got Talent Competition*, where staff and children showed off their singing and dancing skills; and a campfire, with roasted marshmallows. Great fun was had by all, and families were so grateful for a break from stressful day-to-day lives.

One parent said "My girls have slept in their own beds for the first time in 3 years! They felt safe here and I was able to go off and talk to other parents while they played happily". A father said "It's been so good to have other Dads to speak to, and also to speak to the staff about things".

FSW plans to take another group of families to Dalesdown in August.

Mothers' Union Caravans - FSW is fortunate to have access to two Mothers' Union caravans, in Winchelsea and Selsey. Each year, several FSW families, who could otherwise not afford a holiday, are able to use the caravans at no cost, thanks to Mothers' Union. They only have to pay for their travel and food, but sometimes FSW can even assist with this. FSW families use the caravans during school holidays, but there is still availability in term time, and Mothers' Union invites any church members who are in need of a break to apply.

Martin Auton-Lloyd
FSW Director

FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN

When the ladies who arrange the flowers in the Church met in October, 2015, they decided it would be a great idea to do something to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. Someone suggested the idea of 'decades', as there are nine windowsills in the Church that are regularly decorated. Each windowsill could cover a ten-year span – picking an event within the specific period – and so the theme was created. With the Vicar's blessing and assistance, it was decided that Trinity week-end would be an appropriate time to showcase 'Flowers for the Queen'.

The interpretation of events over the 90 years was varied, going from the Queen's birth, the war years, her accession, birth of her children, Royal visits, three Jubilees, sporting events, fires - and a life size figure of the Queen to greet you at the door! Some visitors even took selfies with her! Not only were the windowsills decorated but there were numerous other arrangements within the Church. The atmosphere was buzzy, friendly, tea/coffee and cakes were enjoyed by all - and over £400 was raised towards Church funds.

A week-end of floral pleasure and a thank you not only to those people who visited but to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2016: THE ARTIST'S PALETTE

The Festival was seeking to raise funds for the Cathedral Restoration and Development Fund, responsible for looking after the fabric of this wonderful old building, and which to this day, unlike many other cathedrals, does not ask visitors to pay an entrance fee – donations can be left on the way out if one wishes *.

This year's biennial Flower Festival celebrated "The Artist's Palette", which was shown in so many different ways. There were displays celebrating numerous well known artists, such as Picasso, Turner, John Piper, Lowry, Degas, Millais, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Monet,

Klimt, Canaletto, Gauguin, Singer Sargent, van Gogh, Hockney, Renoir, Sir Alfred Munnings, the illustrations of E H Shepard for *Winnie the Pooh*, and the photographs of Cecil Beaton, to name only some of them.

What an amazing mix of artists to celebrate. There were a number of displays that really touched me and were really special, so I shall tell you about those in particular.

I had three particular favourites. The first was in the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene (adjoining the Lady Chapel). In that chapel on the altar is the Graham Sutherland painting of *Noli me Tangere*. The painting represents “one of the most significant moments in early Christian history – the first realisation by a mortal that Christ has risen from the dead” [programme note]. The flowers in varying sections, bright red on the floor, and some hanging with painted backgrounds, reflected the main colours in the painting – red, turquoise and subdued yellow. It was magnificent and I am sorry I cannot do it justice in words.

In the Chapel of the Royal Sussex Regiment there was a tribute to the men and women of the Great War named *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*. I am sure you will remember the display of poppies at the Tower of London in 2014. East Preston Flower Club used red anthuriums (red waxy lilies) instead and on thin mesh wire, the red swept down one side of the chapel, and individual flowers sat in oasis all-round the foot of the chapel under the names of the fallen. It was as moving as those poppies at the Tower.

The Chagall window, near the Lady Chapel, is a lovely window of red and blue glass – this year below the window stood a triptych made up of tulip and rose petals and light green moss, the petals dyed to match the red, blue and yellow of the window, with a tambourine in the centre picture. It was a modern rendition of the verse from Psalm 150, *Praise Him with Tambourines and Dancing*.

Other highlights for me were:

- (a) *The Orchestra* either side of the entrance to the Lady Chapel done by ladies from All Saints, Lindfield – red anthuriums, lilies and roses with greenery and various musical instruments;

(b) In the South Transept was displayed a wonderful *Tudor banquet* and an amazing floral carpet (yellow (inc. lilies) and red flowers, each small section surrounded by blue delphiniums) that was beautiful;

(c) *Winnie the Pooh and Mr Toad* in the North Transept on one side (Pooh and Rattie crossing the bridge and Mr Toad in a wonderful old car all surrounded by beautiful flowers and greenery);

(d) opposite this was Goodwood (based on Sir Alfred Munnings *At the Races*– two jockeys on horses (cardboard cut-outs) with their shirts beautifully made of tiny flowers (one blue, one red), and the table with the champagne glasses and the beautiful floral display behind the wrought iron seat;

(e) looking into a small chapel from the Scriptorium, decorated as a monastery garden, with lilies at the front of the grille, sat a monk working on a script with a wonderful display of colourful flowers by the altar – this was inspired by *medieval manuscripts*;

(f) on a high stand, draped with dark blue satin, were two photos, of the Queen and the Queen Mother, taken by Cecil Beaton, displayed amongst lovely flowers; beside this was another simpler display showing portraits of five people, Jackie Kennedy was one, and each portrait was framed by dried rose petals; and finally ...

(g) the nave represented the *Five Senses from La Dame a la Licorne* – unique medieval tapestries – with high urns up the pillars bearing pink and white roses, and at the foot on the left some orange or yellow flowers (gerbera or roses), and on the right white roses and other white flowers – an interesting combination.

As always this Festival of Flowers did not disappoint – Sussex is lucky to have so many talented floral artists to portray “The Artist’s Palette”.

Margaret Thistlethwaite

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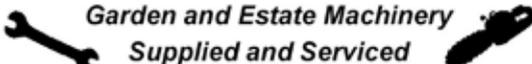
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WARDEN PARK'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB kicked off the new term with a look at "Football over the Ages", prompted by the anniversary dating from 1931 when professional football was allowed to be played on Sunday.

A picture display showed different styles of football in various countries dating from Mayan culture through to this century (avoiding the over hyped and over-priced traditional fixtures of today!). This led to a number of thoughts and questions about the locations and what the object of the game depicted might have been. This was followed with a version of "Hurling the Silver Ball" game from St. Columb Major in Cornwall.

Anzac Day was marked with a Wordsearch and Maori art Poster and a quiz with discussion about a variety of Australian and New Zealand facts – including New Zealand's trail blazing over women having the right to vote.

Week three covered a miscellany of "National Days" – Mother's Day in America, Orange Juice Day, Bike to School Day, Day of Prayer, Wear Two Different Shoes Day and Bird Day. Jonathan gave some reflective thoughts about Prayer and Rod demonstrated a participative "Fizzy Forgiveness" prayer time.

Brexit as a topic brought forward some interesting and wide ranging comments about the arguments "For" and "Against" – looking also at some Flags and Euro coins and Banknotes.

PENTECOST examined the concept of "God in Everything", through a Wordsearch, Multiple Choice Quiz sheet and competitive team quiz; with some good conversation around the theme – where do good ideas come from? Leaps of imagination, invention, etc., concluding with a reading from Acts and the lighting of a candle and a short prayer about searching for inspiration in every aspect of life.

To bring us up to Half term we looked at Amnesty International – Refugees and Migrants. Jonathan read through a scenario about an

extended family living under an oppressive regime following a military coup and constantly changing circumstances. There were several ideas explored as to how the family or some of them could escape and seek safety. A form was then distributed for completion, as if one was at the border of a foreign country and you could not understand what information was required. A short Video was shown about Gatwick Detainees.

On each occasion energy was burned off at the end with Cricket, football, Smash the Bottle or Head it/Catch it.

We still wait to hear from the management at the Academy as to whether our services have any future there in September – prayers for this please!

Rod Montague

PRAYER GROUP

What is it???

Once a month, you will find it on the weekly information sheet, listed among regular church meetings. It is a small group which meets at 10.00 a.m., every third Tuesday of the month, to lift prayer requests to the Lord. We are graciously led by Margaret Walker. We meet in the south chapel where, in a rather dark corner, there is a notice board with slips of card bearing prayer requests. Nearby a box holds cards and pens. The requests are very varied and always heartfelt.

Once a year, at the Christmas Tree Festival, the group has a special task - namely to set up the Prayer Group tree. This is one of the larger trees, has its own place in the chapel and is one of the four trees that remain in place till Twelfth Night. We make cards in a book form. People seeking prayer write their thoughts on a card and hang it on the tree. This seems to be greatly appreciated, the tree quickly fills up and there are always well over 200 requests. These prayer needs are lifted to the Lord in the Christmas services, and by the group, together and individually by the members.

It would be so good if more people could join us in this work: do come along one third Tuesday to see if you might join us on a regular basis.

If you would like to know more, please call me on 01444-414409.

Pam Sagar

MOTHERS' UNION MAY MEETING

The Mothers' Union was privileged to hear a most interesting talk given by Christina Fitzsimmons, our Branch Treasurer, which is described as follows:

Christina has been a volunteer visitor with Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group for over 10 years, visiting people held at Brook House and Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centres.

The experience has opened her eyes to some of the issues around immigration detention - in particular, the fact that the UK is the only country in Europe with indefinite detention.

Christina has visited people held for many months and knows people who have been held for over a year in centres that are only designed for short-term detention. The effects on mental health of prolonged detention are very visible - and continue long after people are released.

The charity has been running outreach projects for several years, raising awareness of issues around detention. One motivation has been that people in detention have said that they feel invisible and that no one knows their stories.

This has led to the latest project - a walk through the South of England, with free evening events at the overnight stops, where tales are told of the refugee experience along the lines of the Canterbury Tales. These tales have been written by well-known authors who have been paired with refugees or with people working with refugees. These collaborations have been very moving for the authors.

Christina's part of the project has been to be in overall charge of organising the walking and accommodation. Last year's walk was along the North Downs Way, which closely follows the old Pilgrims' Way. This year's walk in early July is from Canterbury to London. She has found it an enriching and life-changing experience.

For more information, see: www.refugeetales.org

Shirley Rawlins

WHAT'S ON AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL



CONCERTS

Tuesday 7th June @ 1.10 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert: Alexander Panfilov (piano)

Tuesday 14th June @ 1.10 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert: Mediterranea Trio (violin, cello, piano)

Saturday 18th June @ 7.30 p.m.

Festival of Chichester Concert: The Chichester Singers

Tuesday 21st June @ 1.10 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert: Laura Erel (organ)

Monday 27th June @ 1.00 p.m.

Festival of Chichester Lunchtime Concert: Victor Ryabchikov (piano)

LECTURES AND TALKS

Tuesday 21st June @ 6.30 p.m.

Living with Invisibility: Chichester Theological Society Lecture by Professor Graham Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Oxford

OTHER EVENTS

Until Sunday, 10th July

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CUCKFIELD LADIES GROUP

We've been busy with our varied programme over the last few months during which we've been able to give donations to two local charities – 'The Yews' in Haywards Heath and 'The Stroke Association', who meet at The Queen's Hall in Cuckfield. We had an interesting talk from a volunteer at the Stroke group and are awaiting to hear from a 'Yews' representative who will tell us more about the activities there.

The Games evening at Gill Butterworth's became more of a discussion about topical issues than playing games! Our June meeting is to be tea at the 'Camelia Botner' garden centre instead of the Prairie Garden which isn't yet in full bloom.

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FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE for JULY 1916

PARISH NOTES

The Church Festivals – A notable feature was the Thanksgiving Service at the close of Evensong on Whit Sunday for the Naval victory off the coast of Jutland. There was a crowded congregation and the service, which concluded with the *Te Deum*, was most hearty.

The Great War – In these days when newspapers are so plentiful and so widely read, we need refer only very briefly to recent events. The Daylight Saving Bill, which came into operation on May 21st, has been welcomed by most people, and has been accepted rather as a benefit than otherwise. There was a very interesting paragraph in the “Mid-Sussex Times,” under the heading “How we altered the Clock in Cuckfield” which is well worth reading.

The passing of the **Military Compulsion Bill** is a sinister sign of the times which will have a great affect upon the life of the nation. There are, we know, many hard cases which deserve our sincere sympathy, and certainly the responsibility will rest upon us of seeing that those who leave home and business to serve their country shall not suffer financially when they return.

The news of the death of **Field Marshal Earl Kitchener**, through the sinking of *H.M.S. Hampshire*, was received with consternation throughout the country. He was indeed an illustrious soldier and a great patriot, and the debt of gratitude which the nation owes to him is immense.

We have every reason to be proud of the men of our Navy and to be thankful for the great victory won in the battle off the coast of Jutland which resulted in the rout of the enemy. The price which we had to pay was, of course, very heavy, and many thousands of our brave sailors now lie in their last resting place beneath the sea. One Cuckfield man was unhappily among the lost, **Charles Frank Doick**, A.B., of *H.M.S. Black Prince*, and we have also to regret the loss of the Hon. **Bernard Michael Bailey**, grandson of the late Major Warden Sergison, of Cuckfield Park. We regret also to have to record the death of Major **William D. O'Brien**, which took place on June 7th as the result of wounds received in the trenches.

News has been received that Private **H. F. Pattenden**, who is in one of the Southdown Battalions of the Royal Sussex Regiment, is in hospital, but it is hoped that his wounds are not serious.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Captain **Ralph Wells** on the award of the Military Cross for distinguished services in the Mesopotamia campaign. Unfortunately, Capt. Wells is now a prisoner of war from Kut, and no news has been received from him for several months.

The Flags in the Church – We wish to acknowledge, with very many thanks, the gift from a gentleman, who wishes to remain anonymous, of two large flags – the Union Jack and the Cross of St. George – which he has presented to the Church. They were placed in position on the spring of the Chancel arch for Trinity Sunday. We should like to have two similar flags, but of rather smaller size, to be carried in procession on what we might call patriotic occasions.

We are glad to say that Mr. Stephen Knight has very kindly promised to give us a 30ft. flag staff to be placed on the Church Tower. It will be a very welcome gift, and we hope that it will soon be in position. What a happy day it will be for us all when we hoist the flag in honour of Peace, provided, of course, that it is Peace which is the result of Victory, which alone can be a lasting and effective Peace.

Since the above paragraph was written we have received the kind promise from Mr. John Cow of the two flags to be used in Church, and from Mr. E. A. Mitchell of a large St. George's Cross, to be flown on the tower.

Our Roll of Honour – The Vicar will be very glad to receive the names of any who have recently joined up, in order that they may be added to the Roll of Honour.

The Great Anniversary – We hope that Friday, August 4th, the second anniversary of the outbreak of the war, will be observed in Cuckfield as a day of Intercession for our Country and our brave Sailors and Soldiers, and also of a solemn renewal of our determination 'to carry on the war to a satisfactory conclusion.

The offerings throughout the day will be given to the *Fund for Soldiers Blinded in the War*. It is earnestly hoped that everyone who can possibly do so will attend one or more of the services.

Church Army War Fund – The total amount received from the Lent Self-Denial Purses, £7 13s. 7d., and Mrs. Druce, the local Hon. Secretary, has received a letter of warmest thanks from Captain Spencer, of the Church Army.

Diocesan Board of Missions – The attention of our readers is particularly drawn to the fact that there will be a "Missionary Day" at Hove on Tuesday, July 25th. The following arrangements have been made:

8 a.m. – Holy Communion in all Hove Churches.

3.15 p.m. – Garden Meeting at "Wavertree" The Bishop of Chichester will preside, and the chief speakers will be the Bishop of Natal and the Rev. E. A. Hamilton (West China).

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Women's Work on the Land – A well-attended meeting was held in the Church Room on May 31st to arouse interest in this matter, and we are asked to say that, by the kindness of Mr. Preston, a list of women willing to work on the land is now kept at the Cuckfield Club and may be seen at any time by those who are in need of workers.

JULY GARDEN NOTES

Summer at last, as the South of England Show begins, and we are enjoying tee-shirts and shorts. Beans and courgettes that have struggled in our exposed garden with chilly northerly winds have done a much needed growth spurt - as have the weeds!

July is berry picking month with strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries and currants, all but the strawberries requiring pruning afterwards, though August will do if you are away or short of time.

Other pruning jobs for July include cutting privet and hawthorn hedges, ornamental Ribes/flowering currant, Weigelia, Choisya, Spireas, Deutzia and Philadelphus and dead head roses. Feed baskets, pots on the patio and plants in grow bags especially tomatoes. Keep up with tying up and removing side shoots on all but bush varieties (e.g., Tumbler). Watch for whitefly and red spider mite under glass (for which there are biological predatory controls); and outdoors, the unwelcome potato/tomato blight (watery spots on leaves and stems). To avoid unwanted seedlings next year, remove dead heads of alliums, aquilegias and other early flowering herbaceous.

In the vegetable garden, keep hoeing off the weeds, plant out any remaining leek and brassica seedlings and sow swede and turnips early on in the month. Harvest shallots and garlic once their "tops"/leaves have turned brown.

Ants can be a nuisance in gardens although they do little harm. If they remove soil from around plant roots this can cause some plant stress in dry spells. On patios, ant powder or boiling water may help control them.

Turning to the chemicals you may have in your shed, currently under review is the weed killer “Roundup” (or its equivalent) containing “Glyphosate”. I have added the link to a recent article in the Guardian for those who may be interested. As always, read the manufacturer’s instructions, dispose of containers safely, and never leave chemicals out where children or pets can “play” with them.

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/may/20/monsanto-weedkiller-faces-recall-from-europes-shops-after-eu-fail-to-agree-deal>

Enjoy the summer holidays for those going away, and remember to make life as easy as possible for neighbours and friends who may be watering in your absence by grouping pots together - and having a hose pipe long enough to reach them all!

Lindsay Shurvell



Sussex
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SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST: BUZZARDS ABOUND

January 3rd 1985, a cold winters’ day, my first day of employment with the Sussex Wildlife Trust. Thirty-one years and six months later, retirement beckons and my time as an employee with the Trust is drawing to a close. Of the many changes that have taken place in terms of wildlife in Sussex during that time I have been trying to think which species has seen the most dramatic change - and there is one that really sticks out in my mind, the buzzard!

In 1985, there was estimated to be about 5-6 pairs of buzzards in the county, and the next decade showed no discernible increase in their population. However since then there has been an astonishing growth rate and using results from the British Bird Atlas, following the surveys between 2007-11, it is now estimated that there could be over 600 pairs. Now, if you are out and about in almost any part of Sussex for a morning or afternoon at any time of year, you might consider yourself unlucky not to see one at all. A good news story indeed.

Well, a great majority of people think it is - but sadly not everyone. Persecution by gamekeepers meant that by the late 19th century, the buzzard population was confined to relatively few pairs in remote places in northern and western Britain. It wasn't until the second half of the 20th Century when they were given full protection - but then *myxomatosis* in the rabbit population, their main source of food, meant that recovery was initially very slow. Eventually rabbit numbers recovered and buzzards began to increase and spread to most parts of the UK, including Sussex.

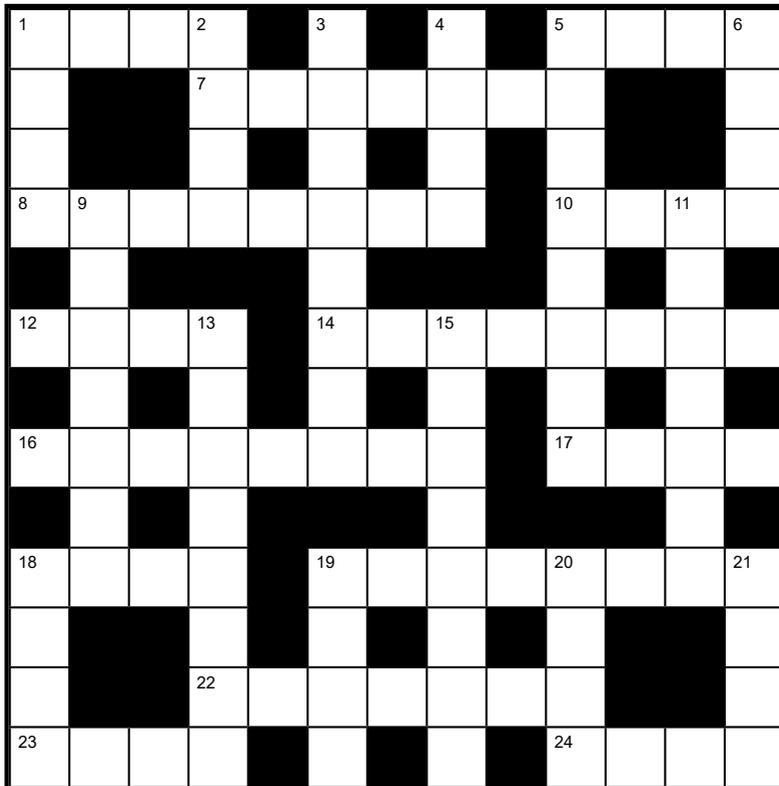
This increase has led some shooting organisations to call for 'loosening the protection' given to buzzards as they say that they take young pheasant chicks. Seeing that pheasants are non-native, are bred to be shot and the numbers of them killed by buzzards is miniscule compared to those run over by vehicles, there was huge outcry against relaxing the laws when it was proposed by the shooting fraternity; the idea was not taken up by the Government, but the idea hasn't gone away entirely.

It is now one of the great sights over much of Sussex to see these magnificent birds circling high over our heads, their broad wings slightly pointing upwards, enjoying the thermals that allow them to survey the landscape below them, without exerting any energy by having to flap. Often it is their soft but penetrating 'mewing' call that first attracts you to search the skies for them. Increasingly, they are becoming more common in suburban and even urban areas and are increasingly seen on the side of the roads, ready to mop up any road casualty.

In a time when so much more of our wildlife is declining it is good to be able to write about a species that is confounding that trend. People also like buzzards; they are big, dramatic, and important as a barometer for the general health of the environment. Long may it continue to be that way.

Mike Russell
Sussex Wildlife Trust
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

July Crossword



ACROSS:

1. CALL (4)
5. FLAT (4)
7. THROWN OUT (7)
8. BELIEF IN GOD (8)
10. VALISE (4)
12. SON OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH (4)
14. IDLENESS (8)
16. FLOWERING SHRUB (8)
17. DRUG (4)
18. AS FAR AS (4)
19. ENCLOSURE (8)
22. THRILLS (7)
23. BLYTON (4)
24. SON OF NOAH (4)

DOWN:

1. UNIT OF TIME (4)
2. MATTHEW'S OTHER NAME (4)
3. URBANISED (8)
4. KNOCK OUT (4)
5. LEARNED (8)
6. PAPER MONEY (4)
9. GREEK LETTER (7)
11. BENT (7)
13. NOT PROCLAIMED (8)
15. AERODROMES (8)
18. PRESS (4)
19. UNWELL (4)
20. BUSS (4)
21. TEST (4)

(Answers on page 42)

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What's on Around Cuckfield...

**Mid Sussex
Alzheimers Support
Group Carer's
Monthly Meetings**

1st Monday of the month from 7 to 9pm.
Held at "Age Concern" (adjacent to Clair Hall),
Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath.
For further details contact The Alzheimers Society on
01403 750485 or 01403 213017 (Monday to Friday)

**Friendship Club Ansty
Village Hall**

2.30 to 4pm on 1st Tuesday in month. Please come,
have a cuppa and cake and a natter. Enquiries 413061.

Ansty Village Hall

CARD & TABLE GAMES. The third Thursday of the
month at Ansty Village Hall, from 2 – 4 including tea
and cake £2. Not a serious card school – much laughter.
Tel 413061

**Wednesday 27 July
Ansty Garden Club**

Summer Supper Ansty Garden Club meets in the Village
Hall at 7.45pm on the last Wednesday of the month with
a varied programme of events including speakers, outings,
plant sales etc. Members' subscription is £8 per year.
Visitors are charged £2 per evening visit. Refreshments
and raffle at small cost. New members always welcome.
For more details contact Chairperson : Derry Bailleaux or
Secretary: Suzanne Mace – 01444 459151

**Advance Notice
Sunday 14 August
Ansty Village Hall
Trust**

Ansty Village Hall Trust will be hosting a Summer Lunch
in the garden of Challoners in Ansty from 12noon. Bar,
Music, Raffle. All welcome. Tickets £9 each, childred
under 14 £4, children under 5 free. Vegetarian and
gluten free options available. Tickets must be purchased
in advance for catering purposes. Proceeds towards
the new village hall. Please contact Marion Petipierre –
01444 453277, email marionpetipierre@gmail.com or
Maureen Gibson – 01444 413061, email gibson50qqq@
btinternet.com

**Sat 23rd July
Friends of Holy Trinity**

Summer Luncheon
Cuckfield Park.

The master pages (including adverts) used to print this magazine can be
viewed at www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/directory/parish-magazine/

Regular Events

Bellringers Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.

Choir Choir practice Friday evenings 7.15–8.15pm. (There are no practices during August)

InSpire Youth Club *Friday evenings (term time only) in the Old School (South Door).
Years 5-7 from 7.00 - 8.30pm.
Year 8 and above from 8.00 - 9.30pm
£1 subs, activities, games, friendship and much more.*

Holy Trinity Mens Group 20 July – Bowling at Crawley Bowl
For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481
or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com

Home Groups *Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm call Clive & Isobel
Simmonds 01444 454481
Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time). David and Ros Thunder,
Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.*

Prayer Group *19 July 10am in The Lady Chapel
Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.*

Mothers' Union Tuesday 12 July – “Origins of Nursery Rhymes” 2.30pm at 41
Muster Green
Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details

Little Ones Church Service Come for a story, some songs and a prayer. All welcome. Please
contact Catherine Snashall for more details 01444 454712 or
07775932823.



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Esmè Joanna CLARKE
Alexander Alban Simner BOTWOOD

HOLY MATRIMONY

George William Adrian GOSSAGE & Ria Georgina FERRETT

Regular Events (continued)

**Royal British Legion
(Women's Section)**

*27 July Garden meeting
Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School,
Cuckfield*

**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**

8 July 'Tee Bee Dee' Pat MacDonald

**Cuckfield Ladies
Group**

Tuesday 5 July – Tea with Diane Stenning, whose
garden will be in full bloom
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch

There are no Solo Lunches in July or August. The next
Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 11 September Tickets
will be available from the church office from early
August. Cost £5.

Cuckfield Evening WI

19 July – WI meal
Meetings take place at 8pm in the Old School.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. HAIL; 5. EVEN; 7. EVICTED; 8. RELIGION; 10. CASE; 12. ESAU; 14. INACTION; 16. OLEANDER; 17. DOPE; 18. UNTO; 19. STOCKADE; 22. EXCITES; 23. ENID; 24. SHEM

DOWN: 1. HOUR; 2. LEVI; 3. CITIFIED; 4. STUN; 5. EDUCATED; 6. NOTE; 9. EPSILON; 11. STOOPED; 13. UNAVOWED; 15. AIRPORTS; 18. URGE; 19. SICK; 20. KISS; 21. EXAM

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July 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 3 JULY – THOMAS THE APOSTLE

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Habakkuk 2: 1-4; Ephesians 2: 19-end;
John 20: 24-29*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
Ephesians 2: 19-end; John 20: 24-29
- 6.00pm Evensong
Job 42: 1-6; 1 Peter 1: 3-12

SUNDAY 10 JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14;
Luke 10: 25-37*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 17 JULY – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28;
Luke 10: 38-end*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 41: 1-16, 25-37; 1 Corinthians 4: 8-13

SUNDAY 24 JULY – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15;
Luke 11: 1-13*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 42: 1-25; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-24

SUNDAY 31 JULY – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11;
Luke 12: 13-21*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 50: 4-end; 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

SUNDAY SERVICES & MAJOR FESTIVALS FOR THE MONTH (SEE INSIDE)

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am 5.00pm	Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	11.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
Saturday	8.45am	Morning Prayer

FOR CHILDREN - IN THE OLD SCHOOL – SUNDAYS

Noah's 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

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