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Dear Friends,

At all of our regular worship, readings from the Bible are an important part of drawing us towards God. They help us to think of God's dealings with creation and humanity in a vivid way. The readings are not random; those at Morning and Evening Prayer are laid down for us in a lectionary – a schema used by the Anglican Communion throughout the world - whilst those used at the Eucharist largely follow the same two and three-year cycles used by the Roman Catholic Church. Until the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s, the range of Biblical readings in Catholic liturgy was fairly limited, but that great renewal of theology and liturgy started by Pope St. John XXIII had a profound effect on the whole of the Western Church. Thus, all mainstream Western Churches use readings for Sunday worship largely based on that brought about by Vatican II – a reminder of our common heritage.

One of the joys of daily worship is the working through books of the Bible fairly systematically. We are currently reading through the story of King David in 1 & 2 Samuel, and I am reminded what an extraordinary account it is. No similar ancient biography can compare to it for richness of detail or drama – there is certainly nothing to compare to it in the Old Testament. The account of David's life contains elements which resound with life in our 21st century – murder, treachery, adultery, political power – you name it, and this vivid story displays it. It is a story set 3,000 years ago and yet it is an account of today. In other words, it is worth picking up your Bible to read!

At Mirfield we were very fortunate to have a splendid lecturer at Leeds University for our 'Hebrew Scriptures' module –Dr Johanna Stiebert. She introduced us to an excellent book dealing with the story of David – one which tries to imagine the way in which the account was put together from different sources (which is obvious when you read through it). The book is by the East German dissident, Stefan Heym, and called '*The King David Report*'.

A quite brilliant imagining of how a scribe called Ethan is commissioned by King Solomon to write the official history of his father's reign, it is an exciting and thought-provoking novel of great power. Heim himself writes of his book that 'opinions might differ on the question whether *The King David Report* is to be considered a historical novel or a biblical one, or a story of today, charged with political meaning. To me, it is all three.'

Heim was an interesting character. He emigrated from his native Germany to America during the Nazi era, serving with distinction in the U.S. forces in

Europe during the Second World War. However, he became disenchanted with the American way of life during the Korean War and returned to East Germany where he continued writing as a dissident in that repressive regime until he was elected as a member of the German Parliament following reunification.

The importance of *The King David Report* (and I have a copy if any one wishes to borrow it, and it is still obtainable through Amazon, etc.) is that Heim captures the relevance of the Bible in his account, which shows us that it is as vibrant and vivid a message today as it has ever been –perhaps more so. In the turbulent times in which we live, the Bible is an anchor of love.

One of our great desires as Christians should be sharing the riches of the Bible with those who know nothing of its glory, particularly in the way in which it reveals to humanity the pathway to Jesus Christ - who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

With love and blessings,
Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Thanks My dear friends, I am writing this whilst still recovering from the unexpected bout of severe double-pneumonia – something I am anxious never to repeat! No-one was more surprised to end up in hospital, as I did; but I have been greatly strengthened by your cards, letters and prayers. Indeed, I have been humbled by your kindness. Day by day I am regaining my strength and so I hope that by the time you read this letter I will be preparing to resume our shared ministry. Again – many thanks.

Canterbury We have our trip to Canterbury on **Monday 12th September** and I hope this will be a rewarding experience for all who are attending. The visit will include the opportunity for our Eucharist in the crypt, time to pray for our parish as well as experience some social time in and around the mother church of the Anglican Communion – so, it promises to be a very pleasant day. At the time of writing there are eight tickets left (£20 each, to include coffee and biscuits). The coach leaves from **Whiteman's Green Car park at 8.00 a.m.**, and we should be back between 4.00-5.00 p.m. Please apply for any remaining tickets to Gill in the Parish Office (cheques payable to Holy Trinity Cuckfield PCC, please).

Choral Workshop You will find details in the porch and elsewhere of a choral workshop taking place in the church on **Saturday 24th September** when people are invited to sing the **Nelson Mass by Haydn**. A free performance will then take place in the evening and I know that all are welcome to either sing or listen! All proceeds will go towards church funds.

Harvest Our Harvest Festival will take place on the **2nd October** when we welcome gifts towards **Family Support Work** – so tinned or dried food, tea, coffee, etc. We will also celebrate with a **Barn Dance** on the Saturday night (1st October) in church. Details will be found later in this magazine.

Please pray: For the Reverend Christopher Powell, to be inducted as Vicar of Wivelsfield on Thursday 22nd September; for the Reverend Sarah Upchurch, to be licenced as Associate Vicar at the Ascension Haywards Heath on Thursday 29th September; and Ann MacGregor as she takes up her role as new head teacher at Holy Trinity School.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

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.

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

duty-editor@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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 **October edition** of the magazine will, as usual, be **MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**.

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SERMON SPOT

On Sunday 7th August, the Parish was privileged to have The Rt Revd Alan Chesters, former Bishop of Blackburn (now Assistant Bishop in the Dioceses of Southwark, Chichester and Europe), as visiting President and Preacher at the 11.00 a.m. Eucharist. Here is an edited version of his sermon on the text Hebrews 11 v1.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

The media often reminds us that in Britain we live in a multi faith society. But I wonder, if in the interests of brevity, the media confuse faith with religion, so for example our church schools are now grouped with Jewish and Moslem schools as faith schools. The media is usually talking about different religions. Faith and religion are not the same although they are obviously related. A religion has three distinguishing features. It engages in worship and it has a code of behaviour but overarching these is faith, belief in God. For Christians our faith is in God, uniquely revealed to humanity in Jesus Christ.

Faith is religion's driving force. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews helpfully defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for". As Bishop Tom Wright comments "faith is looking at God and trusting in him for everything, while hope is looking at the future and trusting God for it. Faith gives hope assurance. Without faith in God hope is mere optimism". Concepts like faith, hope and love can be understood in practical examples. The parable of the Good Samaritan spells out what love involves. Speaking of faith, the writer of Hebrews asks us to think of Abraham, the father of Israel who left his home and set out for he knew not where. Abraham set out, trusting in God. He and his fellow patriarchs trusted God even though the odds seemed stacked against them. Their faith in God not only enabled them to take risks but to press on in adversity. Their conviction in the power of God was the driving force of their lives.

The gospels make it very clear that Jesus knew that his followers would be called to make sacrifices if they were to follow in his way. The Christian badge is a cross. As Robert Runcie put it "At the heart of our faith is a cross and not as in some religions an eternal calm". As Christians face physical and mental persecution today, we must take courage from Jesus' words in our gospel "Fear not little flock for it is the father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". As we press on our calling is to translate our faith into faithfulness – to follow in his way. It is in part to keep that faith alive that Christ gave us his

church where in our worship, prayer and our fellowship together we are strengthened. The church community should provide an oasis in a stormy sea. We don't know what tomorrow will bring. Looking at Jesus as we meet him in the gospel we see that following him means responding to need. Christian discipleship means taking risks. Problems are to be seen as challenges for it is in a cross that we see the true glory of God in whom we put our trust. We need a living faith which becomes so part of our life that hope and love flow from it when the moment comes.

Pray that when the Lord comes he finds us prepared, ready to go where he would lead us.

Bishop Alan Chesters



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**A Campaign Broadcast for
MICHAEL FOR MAYOR**



This year Mothers' Union celebrates its 140th Anniversary. In Cuckfield, two members received long-term member awards: Hilary Ruddock 65 years; and Daphne Stuart 50 years. In this article Liz Graydon reflects on what membership of Mothers' Union has meant to her ...

Who would have believed the journey I would take when I joined the Mothers' Union in 2001? I was following in the footsteps of my grandmother who was a member of the Mothers' Union in Robertsbridge for 69 years and also Branch Treasurer for a good many of those.

I have taken my turn at being Branch Secretary and for several years I also wrote the monthly news report for the Parish Magazine.

I am not a creator of new ideas (unless it is "crafty") but would call myself an enthusiastic participant in those aspects of our branch MU activities in which I am involved. I did, however, have the idea of "Tea and a Good Read" which became an outreach as it spread wider into the community and became a book club which met in members' houses. I helped to get the Service of Light and Advent Breakfast off the ground and participate in MU services in Chichester Cathedral, local churches in the area and, of course, in Holy Trinity.

The one area of our work that means so much to me is "Supporting Family Life" but, of course, all our work is important both at home and abroad. It was important enough that, even though I hate heights and looking over high edges, I took the decision to join an abseil down Peacehaven Cliffs for MU funds. I was grateful to Jose Wright for accompanying me that day.

My first love has always been craftwork and through that helping others. I love trying to find new themes and decorations for our tree at the Tree Festival, everything from cutting paper cycles to demonstrate the MU Wheels appeal in Africa, cutting paper watering cans for the national Growing Seeds theme and last year crocheting and knitting many items of premie clothes and cakes to explain our work at the local special care baby units.

A few years ago I made several “Cross in my Pocket”s and sold them along with my cards in aid of church funds. Several of our branch members made the ones that were given to the young people who were taking their First Communion in July this year.

Knitting gives both pleasure to the recipient and also the maker. It can bring a purpose to people’s lives when they feel they are no longer needed; I know it has really helped my 94-year-old mother make the transition from a flat to a residential home and then on into a nursing home. She still enjoys knitting for SCBU. I take her the wool and the patterns and we enjoy discussing and talking knitting each week when I visit her in Bexhill.

Ros Thunder had a brilliant idea to provide support to parents with babies in special care baby units and, after a great deal of groundwork on her part (and I must acknowledge David’s support, too), we finally got the go ahead at PRH. Ros and David Thunder, Pat Montague and I, then Patricia Jamieson, together with two members from the St Wilfred’s MU, went through the tortuously slow process of volunteer training for Brighton and Sussex University Hospital Trust and, after a year, finally became chaplaincy volunteers with a remit for SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit). The six of us took it in turns, as a pair, to make a weekly two hourly visit to SCBU, taking cake and listening ears. Pat and I took our knitting as well as we found it provided a homelier atmosphere and was a great icebreaker for some parents. We were thrilled when more members from St Wilfred’s and Hurstpierpoint joined us as it meant we could provide visits twice a week.

Our visits to SCBU has given us, and other members of our branch, an outlet for knitting preemie and new-born baby clothes according to SCBU’s requirements. These clothes help parents who haven’t yet had a chance to make or shop for their babies who arrived unexpectedly early or poorly and the monetary donations for the clothes helps the Early Birth Association.

Our volunteer increase in numbers had the downside of not only making the rota harder for me to compile but also we only had duties at SCBU once a month. The wonderful positive was that we now felt in a position to offer the same service at the Trevor Mann Unit in Brighton. This unit at Brighton is one of very few hospitals that offers intensive and high dependency care as well as the normal special care. Babies come from all around the UK; even babies from the Channel Islands are flown to Brighton if there are no spare incubator spaces at Southampton which is their closest unit.

Six of us now take it in turns, in pairs, to visit TMBU on a Wednesday. We go down on the 10 a.m. bus taking with us a range of cakes and savoury foods. Whilst there we get to visit the wards, speak to the parents with babies and invite them to share some time and refreshments if they would like it. They like!!

Parents know Wednesday as cake and macaroni cheese day and in fact this week we were told that it helps them know which day of the week it is; one day merges into the next for them as they are usually there for weeks on end. They often fail to think of themselves and their need for food during their cot side vigils, so providing them with a cuppa and piece of cake during their short spells away from the cot, provides an important service. So many parents have thanked us not just for the cake but for our time and a chance for them to talk and perhaps break the ice with other parents. It is such a different ministry down there; so busy, so many poorly babies, so many stressed parents and grandparents. We don't always know the outcomes for these parents and their babies but prayers for comfort and healing are always in our hearts.

Our chaplain, Jo Elliott, is very supportive of us, as are all the chaplaincy team. We have also become well known for our cake making and so have a high standard to keep up!! Ros now has arrangements in hand with the Rye MU branch to extend the project to the Conquest Hospital in Hastings.

I recently became involved with making fiddle muffs for people with dementia. The knitted (or crochet) muffs are made from different textured yarns, different textured stitches and a variety of items like buttons, bows and ribbons to provide soothing sensory experiences for people that may be agitated.

I belong to a group on Facebook (yes, the dreaded 'social media', but what a power for good it can be as well) that call themselves Helping Hands. We help one another in the charities we each support; we share ideas and materials. This is where I learned about fiddle muffs and two friends and I have made 15 for the nursing home where my mother is and we then needed another outlet. I asked our chaplain whether the hospital might like them so now we have an unlimited outlet as the patients in appropriate wards in Brighton, PRH and the Kleinwort Centre get to keep the fiddle muff and take it home with them.

The staff were so thrilled with the muffs that Jo was asked if we could produce fiddle boards as being more appropriate for men so Peter and I are now producing a trial board for approval to suit their particular requirements.

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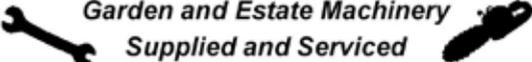
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And lastly; well there has to be a lastly (if you haven't given up reading this already!!), the nurses on SCBU mentioned to Jo that their incubator covers, designed to protect the babies from bright hospital lights, were in need of replacement. Jo just happened to wonder if we could help. Could we help? Of course we could! I went back to my Facebook Group and had instant offers of help from over a dozen people not just with the covers, but with fiddle muffs too and Ros also knew a group of people who would help make covers.

My journey since 2001 has taken me down several paths and provided many fulfilling experiences but my path as a chaplaincy volunteer has been the most rewarding of all.....from the bottom of my heart I offer thanks to Ros for the idea and to God for giving me the gift of skills I can share.

Liz Graydon

A GLYNDEBOURNE THANK YOU

On 21st July, eleven months after retiring and being able to choose tickets to "The Marriage of Figaro" at Glyndebourne as part of your generous "leaving present", Marilyn and I found ourselves at the heart of a truly British tradition.

Picnics, tables and chairs were already being unloaded from cars as we arrived, some audience members were even changing in the car park! The caterers were busy and the champagne and Pimms was flowing. Two days after the hottest day of the summer (so far) the weather was glorious, the gardens gorgeous and the atmosphere full of anticipation for the evening ahead.

We chose 'Figaro' because we wanted our memorable gift to be just that, a happy and fun memory. And we chose well. The scenery was imaginative with the setting a Moorish-style palace in Spain. The Director decided to set this production in the 1960's with costumes from that era - the Count and Countess arrived in a red Austin Healey - and whilst this sounds as if Mozart might have been doing 78 r.p.m. at the thought of this, it worked really well. The Count (Baritone Gyula Orendt) was a Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen look-alike and South African soprano Golda Schultz as his Countess Almaviva, gave a performance which deservedly gained the greatest applause for her exquisitely beautiful voice and sheer presence.

If you are not familiar with the story it is not one that can be summarised easily, with more plots than a large allotment. It should really be called *The Marriage of Susanna* as it is she who is really at the centre of everything. Maid to the Countessa, loved by Figaro but equally desired by the Count, Susanna (played by Rosa Feola) is the catalyst for the *Folle Journée (Day of Madness)* referenced in the title of the source of the play.

Jonathan Cohen conducted the brilliant Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment as the story swept along and you become immersed in the music, dance, action and comic timing of this timeless work.

Marilyn and I were especially pleased to see John Graham-Hall cast as Don Basilo. Many years ago we had the pleasure of singing with him in a production of "Dido and Aeneas" and so this added to the enjoyment of a very special occasion.

So once again, thank you for your generosity in making this part of my lasting memories of my time as Organist and Choir Director at Holy Trinity Church.

David Curtis-Brignell

NEWS FROM SYRIA & IRAQ

SAMARA'S AID

WINTER CLOTHES FOR IRAQ

We are collecting new and nearly new winter clothes for the displaced peoples of Iraq which may be left in the church **from Monday 5th September. till Saturday 17th September**, when we are packing the banana boxes. Samara asks that we give £5 per box towards the transport costs (each lorry costs £6,000 to send); and we will be very grateful for donations of money as well, therefore. These will be our gifts of love and concern to help restore some dignity to the people who have lost everything and live in appalling conditions with severe winter weather approaching. Thank you.

Hilary Turner-King & Ros Longfield

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Samara writes:

Dear friends

Emmanuel* Hospital is now officially open as of this morning. The first patient was a girl, 10 years' old, who was brought in with acute abdominal pain and loss of appetite. One of our surgeons examining her and performed an abdominal ultrasound. Our team were waiting for blood results and wanted to rule out appendicitis. If she needs surgery it will be done there in our hospital. We have our mobile operating room working with this hospital and have the capacity to carry out open and laparoscopic (key hole) surgery.

This hospital is in a very poor area in Syria, 1-2 hours' drive from the closest hospital. After dark no emergency services will come out to this area as the road is very dangerous and people travelling along it are regularly attacked by armed groups. The doctor is one of our team, and he is giving his time at this hospital as a volunteer to serve his people. When the hospital was being painted and repaired ready for service last week, around 100 people from the local community turned out to help.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this hospital which will save many lives and is bringing hope to a community that has been devastated by war and poverty. A huge thank you also to everyone who contributed to our last winter and summer appeals. Today we also loaded lorry number 47 in less than 2 years which is carrying winter aid in preparation for Autumn. It is headed for the high altitude area of Dohuk where it gets colder earlier in the Autumn, especially at night.

Love Samara

** names of hospitals are changed to protect the safety of our teams in this war zone where hospital and doctors are actively targeted.*

Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East write:

Last Sunday, a lorry packed with explosives was detonated in the Karrada district of Baghdad. 250 people were killed, with hundreds more wounded. Within hours of the attack, Islamic State claimed responsibility. It was revenge, they said, for the retaking of Falluja by Government forces two weeks prior. As sectarian divisions in Iraq deepen, our clinic in Baghdad, which is situated within the compound of St George's Church, remains committed to its mission of free, non-sectarian health care.

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As ever, children are a priority. This week, a young boy called Sajad came into the clinic with severe abdominal pain. He had been vomiting for three months. After a thorough check-up from the clinic's doctors, Sajad was diagnosed with an abdominal infection, prescribed with the necessary drugs, and is now recovering.

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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



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1066 and All That: Cuckfield Museum's September talk, on Wednesday 14th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, The Queen's Hall, Cuckfield. In commemoration of the 950th Anniversary of Sussex's famous battle, David Mortimer discusses what really happened in 1066 and how recent research suggests that the battle might not have been where we thought it was and how Harold's end may not have been so clear cut. Tickets £5 or £3 for Members. Ring Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448 to reserve a place or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

Cuckfield Museum's Open Morning – September 24th 10.00-1.00 p.m. Are you interested in the history of Cuckfield? Come to Cuckfield Museum and find out more about how the Museum works and how you could get involved. We'd be delighted to see you! For more information ring Phillipa Malins 01444-452307 or go to <http://www.cuckfieldmuseum.org>

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SEPTEMBER GARDEN NOTES

No heatwave as yet, but so often September is a dry, gloriously sunny month just as the children return to school.

September is hedge cutting month - yew, holly, beech, privet, hawthorn, leylandii and mixed ones - since the birds have stopped nesting and there will be minimal regrowth, meaning hedges will stay neat and tidy over the winter.

Continue with dead heading in herbaceous borders and pruning of shrubs such as Escallonia, Spirea, Weigelia, Olearia, Ceanothus and others after flowering. Also prune back Buddleias by a third to half to reduce wind damage in the autumn/winter. Tie in and prune climbing/rambling roses, also Jasmine, Clematis, Solanum and Honeysuckle before the autumn winds blow.

Spring bulbs are now available either from mail order companies or in garden centres so plan ahead rather than impulse buy and see where bare areas (borders or grass) might benefit from a splash of spring colour. Empty and clean out pots/tubs when summer bedding is past its best before planting bulbs, pansies and other autumn bedding. Avoid reusing compost in pots and tubs as it has lost all nutrient value from summer bedding, and may contain disease or vine weevil larvae which will munch at the roots of your plants until temperatures fall low.

Don't rush out to buy shrubs, trees and new fruit (e.g., currants, raspberries and blackberries/tayberries): rather wait until October, unless you are prepared to water them weekly as September may be warm and dry. Water is best directed straight to the roots not sprayed around the leaves, so empty the contents of a watering can around the stem.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, beetroot, onions, brassicas and potatoes have been good this year even though potato blight appeared at the end of July in our garden. Sow winter spinach and lettuce, plant out spring cabbage plants.

Leather jackets and chafer grubs can be problems in lawns in the autumn. One organic method, somewhat labour intensive, is to

water the lawn in the evening, place black polythene over the lawn and then in the morning remove the polythene, pick off the grubs and destroy (in a bucket of salty or boiling water works!). Repair lawns by reseeding or laying new turf - and if you are plagued with weeds and moss and like a good green sward, apply autumn weed, moss killer and feed.

For those with fruit, the harvesting of plums, apples and pears, autumn raspberries and blackberries is a happy autumn pursuit, along with pumpkins, squashes, marrows and digging of any potatoes remaining in the ground for storage or immediate consumption. If you have good quality wooden garden furniture (e.g., teak) then cover it at the end of the month with a breathable waterproof fabric cover or put away in a dry airy garage or shed to help preserve the wood and avoid green algal growth over the wet winter months. Sitting out weather is generally over by October - but an Indian summer sometimes surprises us in early October!

Lindsay Shurvell



TIME FOR A CHANGE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

RESTRUCTURE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Owing to the lack of response to calls for further Adult Volunteers to come forward and support the Part-time employed Youth Support Team, we are looking to try and move forward in September by operating two separate Clubs on Friday nights in term time at The Old School, but with reduced "hours".

If this does not succeed we will have to consider closing the Clubs altogether, but we hope this will not happen, especially since a number of applications to join or renew their membership for next term have been received from potential young members.

So, from **Friday 16th September** we will run one Club for school years 5, 6 and 7 from 18.45 to 20.00 - AND **separately**, another Club for school years 8+ from 20.15 to 21.30.

It also looks as if we will have to discontinue the provision of hot food in the Tuck Shop and these changes will also probably impact upon the variety of activities provided. The final details of this are still being worked on as this article is being written.

The summer break will hopefully allow time for a review and renewal of resources and equipment used in the Clubs and there are proposals by some Young Leaders to redecorate the Youth Room.

On a more positive note, we look forward to welcoming Lisa (Nash) back from Maternity leave in October and very much hope Shelley will continue with us for a short while at least to assist Marlene in this period of transition.

We still wait to hear from the management at the Warden Park Academy as to whether our services in operating the Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL CLUB have any future there from September.

Prayers for both these areas of work with Young People please.

Rod Montague

The lengthy list of sick and wounded reflects the scale of the anxiety affecting families in our village 100 years ago this September: the additional information regarding the men's condition and where they were being nursed must have enabled the whole community to feel comforted and share in the concern of their families for 'our' Cuckfield men. One can imagine the daily checking for news as people met in the shops or in the High Street ...

FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER 1916

THE NATIONAL MISSION – With this number of the Magazine there will be issued a copy of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese. By the directions of the Bishop this letter will be read in Church on Sunday, September 3rd, and it is earnestly hoped that it will be carefully read and considered by all of us in our own homes. The Mission will be held in this parish from November 4th to 13th. and the Revd C. E. Hoyle, Vicar of Easebourne near Midhurst, will be the Bishop's Messenger. We must now begin in earnest to make our preparations.

We hope to hold services and meetings in all parts of the parish, not only in the Parish Church, but also in the Mission Churches and other buildings and in the open air if the weather is favourable. We shall have the advantage of the help of a lady worker, Miss Gurney, in the parish for a month, and we hope that she will receive a hearty welcome. A meeting of communicants will be held in the Parish Room at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12th, at which Mr. Hoyle will be present, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance so that we may take counsel as to what can be done.

A RETREAT will be held by desire of the Bishop of Chichester at St. Michael's School, Bognor, from September 14th to 18th, for Women Workers in the National Mission and for others. All information can be obtained from the Vicar.

THE GREAT ANNIVERSARY –We are very glad that so many people were present at the services, though there might well have been a larger attendance at the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The service in the evening was particularly dignified and impressive and worthy of the occasion, and we are very much indebted to the Rev. C. E. Wilson for his powerful and eloquent sermon which will long be remembered. We have been able to send the sum of £16-13s-10d, the offerings of the day, to the St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for those of our Cuckfield men who have recently given their lives to defend us will be held at Evensong on Sunday, September 10th. The offerings will be given to the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund for Disabled Officers and Men of the Navy and Army.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR – After a long period of suspense Mrs. Hockett has been informed that the death of her son, **Lieutenant A. W. Hockett**, of the Wiltshire Regiment, is presumed to have taken place on the Gallipoli Peninsula on August 10th, 1915, when he was killed in action.. To the list of the men from this parish who have given their lives for their country we have now to add that of **Private George Izzard**, who, died of wounds on August 5th. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Izzard and her young children in their sorrow.

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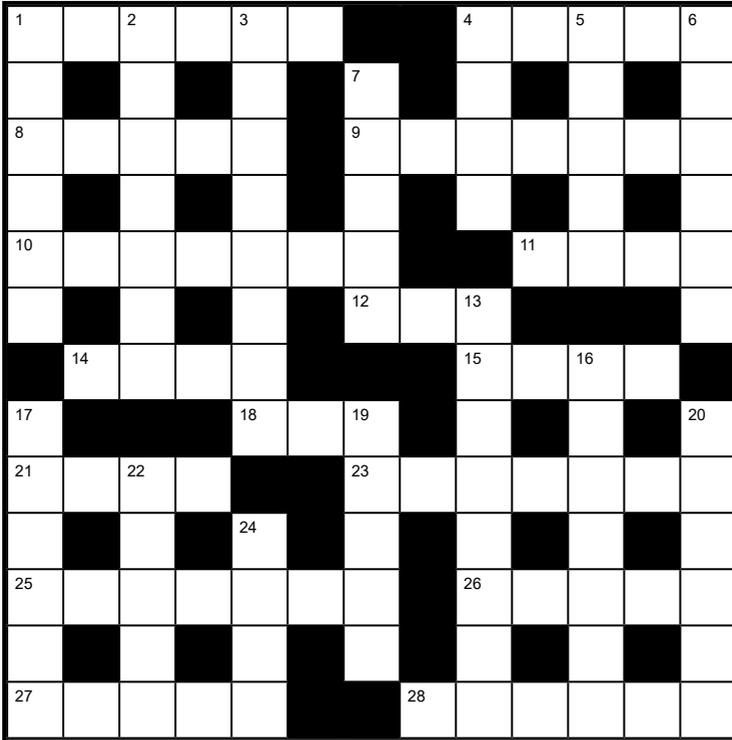


We are glad to hear good reports as to those of our men who have been wounded or are ill. **Lieutenant William Philip Wood**, Hants Regiment, has been invalided from Mesopotamia and is in hospital at Simla, where he is doing well. **Private Hugh Hockett** has been wounded in the hand and is in hospital near Norwich. **Sergeant M. A. Anscombe** is now at Colchester, and his brother, **Corporal Fred Anscombe**, is at Wadhurst. **Lance-Corporal A. J. Ballard** has been severely wounded in the head and for a time he was dangerously ill, but he is now, we are thankful to say, making good progress towards recovery and he is in hospital in England. **Private Gander** is still at Bristol and **Sergeant T. Stoner**, who was wounded in the arm, is now at Gloucester. **Private J. Rowland** is in hospital at Manchester and is improving. We are glad to know that **Privates W. Robinson and W. Fox**, who were suffering from shell shock, are making good progress towards convalescence. No news has been received of **Private Ernest Henley**, who has been missing for nearly a year, and we are sorry to say that his brother, **Private T. Henley**, and **Lance-Corporal A. Keep**, are also missing. **Private J. Webber**, of Whiteman's Green, has been invalided out of the Army owing to heart trouble. We are glad to welcome **Private Harry Mitchell** home and to see that he has made a good recovery of his wounds, though he has unfortunately lost his left hand. He will shortly go to Roehampton to have an artificial hand fitted. We are very sorry to say that **Private Alec Sloan**, who was married in our Church on September 8th last year, is dangerously ill in France, but we still hope for good news.

DAY NURSERY FOR CHILDREN – This institution has proved of great service to many mothers who have been out to work during the summer, and in order that the good work may be continued Mrs. Bevan will be very glad to have offers of help in taking out the children in the morning and afternoon.

CORRECTIONS: Sally Williams writes in connection with her article last month, 'A Crisis of Brilliance', to correct (first) one's pulse should be over 60 and not 50; (second) the date should have read 15th June, not July; and (third) to remind readers there are just a few copies left of her book 'Sailing in the Wind or Nutty as a Fruit Cake', for sale in the Coffee Shop on the corner of the High Street (£6.50 of the £12.00 cover price goes to Holy Trinity Church).

September Crossword



ACROSS:

- 1. SOGGY (6)
- 4. MUSICAL (5)
- 8. EXCLUDE (5)
- 9. TIMES OF THE YEAR (7)
- 10. COMPLIED WITH (7)
- 11. EAT (4)
- 12. DINE (3)
- 14. GIRLS NAME (4)
- 15. LISTEN (4)
- 18. ERR (3)
- 21. GENUINE (4)
- 23. REMNANT (7)
- 25. WHERE PLANTS ARE GROWN (7)
- 26. COME IN (5)
- 27. LOWEST POINT (5)
- 28. GONE MISSING (6)

DOWN:

- 1. INDIAN CITY (6)
- 2. GIRLS NAME (7)
- 3. HEROD'S SISTER-IN-LAW (8)
- 4. SIDE (4)
- 5. RUTH'S MOTHER-IN-LAW (5)
- 6. WHIPS (6)
- 7. OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARING (5)
- 13. A DISCIPLE (8)
- 16. HE HELPS TO DO WRONG (7)
- 17. START (6)
- 19. LOOP OF ROPE (5)
- 20. STRONG (6)
- 22. MADE KNOWN (5)
- 23. SOOTHSAYER (4)

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ACROSS:

1.MARSHY; 4.TONAL; 8.DEBAR; 9.SCHOOLS; 10.ACCEDED; 11.DINE;
12.EAT; 14.SARA; 15. HEAR; 18.SIN; 21.REAL; 23.ODDMENT; 25.GARDENS;
26.ENTER 27.NADIR; 28.ASTRAY.

DOWN:

1.MADRAS; 2.REBECCA; 3.HERODIAS; 4.TEAM; 5.NAOMI; 6.LASHES;
7.ASIDE; 13.THADDEUS; 16.ABETTOR; 17.ORIGIN; 19.NOOSE; 20.STURDY;
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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	<i>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.</i>
Holy Trinity Mens Group	Wednesday 21 September – Thai Evening at Whyte Harte For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
Home Groups	<i>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.</i>
Prayer Group	<i>20 September 10am in The Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.</i>
Mothers' Union	Monday 12 September – Trip to Canterbury 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.



HOLY BAPTISM

Ayla Jasmine KINSELLA
Luca Ryan KINSELLA
Coltrane William Eric BUCHANAN
Rupert Oliver GIBSON

HOLY MATRIMONY

Alan James LAWLOR & Mandy Kate SIVIOUR

IN MEMORIAM

Keith Arnold BROWNING Aged 74

Regular Events (continued)

Royal British Legion (Women's Section) 28 September - "Musical Afternoon" with Robert Hammersley
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 9 September - Supper

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 6 September Bring and share Lunch please contact JJan Bryan for details
Thursday 8 September Visit to Prairie Garden. Meet at 2pm at Ansty CarPark
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 11 September
Tickets will be available from the church office Cost £5.

Cuckfield Evening WI 20 September – Sarah Oldridge "Marianne North. A remarkable Victorian Flower Painter"
Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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September 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14: 25-33*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33
- 6.00pm Evensong
Isaiah 43: 14-44: 5; John 5: 30-end

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17;
Luke 15: 1-10*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7;
Luke 16: 1-13*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Ezra Chap 1; John 7: 14-36

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19;
Luke 16: 19-31*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Nehemiah Chap 2; John 8: 31-38, 48-end

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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

FOR CHILDREN - IN THE OLD SCHOOL – SUNDAYS

Noah's Ark	ages 0 to 3
Children's Church	ages 3 to 10
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