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Dear Friends,

## **Embracing Life and Hope**

Some time ago I saw the film 'The Impossible.' It tells the true-life story of a Spanish family caught up in the Boxing Day Tsunami in Thailand. Maria and Enrique Beln and their three sons Lucas (15), Tomas (7) and Simon (5) were staying at a beachside resort. When the tsunami hit, Maria was swept violently into the path of the water as was Lucas who, playing in the swimming pool at the time, dived under the water when the wave hit. When eventually the two cease to be swept along, it was Lucas who ensured that his badly injured mother survived when eventually they were taken to an understandably chaotic hospital.

The remarkable thing is that the whole family survived; although it was not for some considerable time that Enrique, who discovered the two younger boys had managed to climb trees as they were swept along, finds Maria and Lucas. In the film, Maria is played by Naomi Watts, her husband by Ewan McGregor. It is quite one of the most moving films that I have seen in recent years because of the depth of characterisation. Maria Bel n herself was constantly on the set to advise, and, although before the birth of her children practiced as a doctor, now works as an advocate for those recovering from the effects of the tsunami. She herself has stated, *'The tsunami was an incredible gift. I embrace life. My whole life is extra time.'*

Whilst some might find the depiction of such horror - especially since it is still recent in many people's minds - as unfortunate, yet nevertheless it affords us the opportunity to explore the way in which life can twist and turn in unimaginable ways. It certainly seemed to me that the film contained a strong message in regard to hope versus hopelessness, and determination versus purposelessness.

Why, you will ask, have I spent so many words writing about a film? Well, for me, November is punctuated by moments of remembrance which help to understand who we are called to be. The month starts with All Saints' Day (1<sup>st</sup>) followed by All Souls (2<sup>nd</sup>) – the celebrating of the great cloud of witness of which we are a part, together with more personal calling to mind of those we have loved but see no longer. Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) is a reminder not only of those who gave their lives in two world wars but also of the conflicts which still mar humanity's commonality. Yet at the heart of our Faith is HOPE. This great hope is revealed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - something we are called to proclaim in the words we say during the Eucharist: **'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.'** We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the Church Year (20<sup>th</sup>) to remind ourselves of the way in which Jesus transforms our understanding of God's love.

Jesus embraced life and death with self-giving love which is dynamic and personal to each one of us. The wave of disaster which left him on the cross also helped to bring about the revelation of the totality of God's great love – truly the HOPE above all others.

May we all, like Maria Beln, embrace life, and also seek to deepen our love for Jesus

With love and blessings,  
Michael

**Thank you** Sincere thanks to Rosemary Pardey for the great work undertaken in organising the choral workshop and concert featuring Haydn's Nelson Mass towards the end of September. Nearly 100 singers took part on the day, and we had a goodly audience in the evening. Our enjoyment was enhanced by wonderful soloists (Olivia Bell, Jane Haughton, Neil Jenkins and Robert Garland) together with accompanist Phillip Sear. We are also very grateful to Robert Hammersley who rehearsed and conducted the performance with such good humour. Rosemary assembled a great team, and I would like to particularly thank Gerry Larnar, who organised the practicalities of setting up the church and returning it to normal afterwards, together with Ros Thunder who provided an excellent tea for the soloists. The occasion raised over £1,000 towards the church roof (something we will hear more of!)

**Harvest** Although Harvest was celebrated at the beginning of October (now some time ago!), I would thank sincerely the flower team who enhanced the beauty of our church with spectacular flower arrangements and Hilary, Nicky and all who organised or participated in the Barn Dance and Harvest Supper (again great fun!). Thanks, too, to all who gave so generously to our Harvest Gifts for FSW.

**All Saints and All Souls** We shall keep these two festivals of the saints of God including our departed loved ones thus: **All Saints Sunday - 30th October.**

**All Souls Day on Wednesday 2nd November.** If you would like the names of loved ones remembered by name on at the **10.30 a.m. Requiem Eucharist** on that day, you will find a list at the back of the church, or please give them to Gill in the office.

As the body rests,  
Quiet in thy keeping  
Let my soul ascend  
And sing in thy light:  
*Hosanna in the highest*

**Remembrance Day** Our services take place on Remembrance Sunday at the following times: 9.00 Parish Eucharist (with hymns) 10.45 a.m. Parish Remembrance Service (starting at the War Memorial) and Evening Communion at 6.00 p.m. There will also be a short service on Friday 11th November at 10.55 a.m. at the War Memorial in the churchyard, when as well as commemorating Armistice Day I shall also hope to remember those from our parish who died in 1916. The 11.00 a.m. Eucharist will follow thereafter.

**Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** Our annual service for those who have suffered bereavement (particularly inviting those who have lost family or friends during the past year) will take place on **Sunday 20th** November at **2.30** followed by tea in the Old School. All are welcome to this opportunity to remember those who have touched our lives but who we see no longer, giving thanks that they are now enfolded in God's love.

**Samara's Aid** Many thanks for all contributed to the appeal recently. A goodly number of boxes are now on their way to the benighted people of the Syrian nation, many of whom are forced to live in appalling conditions in refugee camps. We are grateful to Hilary and Ros L for organising the packing, together with all those who took part. Please do continue to pray for those many millions of displaced people in the Middle East and throughout the world.

**A few dates** for the diary (apart from the usual festivities during December!)

Thursday 1st December - free Evening Concert at Holy Trinity given by students from Ardingly College

Friday 2nd December - Carol Service in church at 3.30 p.m. in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Sunday 4th Family Service at 9.45 a.m. - Toy Service - please bring a gift of toys and they will be distributed to less fortunate children.

Friday 16th December **The Cuckfield Nativity** starting in church at 6.00 p.m.

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## 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, copy date for the **November edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**.

*The Editorial Team*

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## A NOTE FROM THE PCC ...

Every year for the past few years the PCC has formally considered a motion to test whether it is yet in a position - and it is financially safe - to restore some measure of Charity and Mission Giving. At the September PCC, we were finally, as the parish's indebtedness recedes, able to approve a very modest budget of £5,000 for this year, with the possibility held out that we might be able to add to this before the end of the year. Hilary Turner-King and the Mission Committee will now be able to consider best use of this before the year end.

While in print, it is worth giving wider coverage to the thanks the PCC often expresses to the many who labour tirelessly in the vineyard: and we have in particular been very aware of and grateful for the roles that Gill Squires has filled in the Parish Office (keeping us equipped with visiting priests during Michael's recent illness); in the organist interregnum, Eileen Macdougall, who has managed the rota of visiting organists so well; Jane Haughton, who works with the choir to keep them rehearsed and ready; and to Janice Peek and all our Governors, who have not only managed the handover between head teachers, but have also (thanks to Philip Richings) master-minded the extensive building programme at the school with its many logistical challenges for staff and pupils alike.

*David Thunder – PCC Secretary*



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# ENSEMBLE REZA at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CUCKFIELD

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Mendelssohn Trio in D minor

**Performers:**

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Andrew Thurgood (violin)  
Sarah Carvalho-Dubost (cello)

Tickets will be available from Wednesday 5th October, 2016 and will cost £13 for adults and £3 for students and children and will be available from Carousel Music, Pepperbox and online at [www.ensemblereza.com](http://www.ensemblereza.com)

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## CUCKFIELD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



It's that time of the year again to look forward - not quite as far as Christmas - but certainly to **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, when the 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival opens – this is the first date for your diaries. The Partner Charity this year is the **Mid-Sussex Branch of the national charity Parkinson's UK**.

As in previous years, we are looking to you all for your invaluable support.

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October** volunteer forms will be available for you to offer your help in a variety of ways – this is the second date for your diaries. Please be prepared to sign up and help make this year's Festival another huge success.

Thank you

*Sue Towns (on behalf of the CTF Planning Group)*

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016

At this, the 14<sup>th</sup> Festival, the partner charity is the **Mid Sussex Branch of Parkinson's UK**. To find out more about its work please read on. ... Also, look out for the poster, based on an original watercolour by a member of this Branch, with Festival dates and opening times. ... Then come along to support the Church and this Charity.

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>** CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

## **MID SUSSEX BRANCH**

The Mid Sussex Branch of Parkinson's UK is delighted to be nominated as the Charity Partner for the 2016 Christmas Tree Festival.

One person in every 500 has Parkinson's so that's about 127,000 people in the UK. A lack of the chemical dopamine in the brain causes the symptoms of tremor, stiffness and mobility difficulties. Other lesser known problems include, depression, sleep disturbance, speech and swallowing difficulties. There's currently no cure, but drugs and treatments are available to manage many of the symptoms.

The Mid Sussex Branch is the local support group and offers information, friendship and support to people living with Parkinson's, their Carers and families. We arrange social and fundraising events and run weekly exercise and hydrotherapy sessions, communication skills classes and a choir, to help keep people with Parkinson's as active and independent as possible. We even run an annual Arts competition and keep in touch through a regular newsletter, called Shakers and Movers.

As we receive no financial support from the National Office of Parkinson's UK we rely on our own fundraising events and the generous support of the local community to fund our varied activities. Thank you for your support.

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# MOTHERS' UNION

## VISIT TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL



It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day early in September when Mothers' Union members and many others from Holy Trinity left Cuckfield by coach at 8.00 a.m. to enjoy a day at Canterbury Cathedral which Michael had arranged for us. When we arrived at the cathedral we were welcomed with coffee and refreshments, which we enjoyed in the garden of the Cathedral Lodge and International Study Centre, where Michael also gave us a brief introduction to the history of the cathedral.

It was planned that we should have a noon Eucharist, led by Michael, in the Crypt Chapel, and this was in part to pray and meditate on the need of our own parish in Cuckfield and for peace in the world. The collect and readings were very pertinent to where we were and opened up a day of reflection and wonder at the awe-inspiring history and architecture of the cathedral, and the people who have gone before to build it into what we see today.

The Crypt was a place of peace and refreshment and we had time to browse, enjoy the atmosphere and absorb the things we saw around us. Returning up the stairs to the Nave, Michael pointed out two newer stained-glass windows in the transept, in modern style, one depicting peace and the other salvation.

Part of the early history of the cathedral is the sad and gruesome story of Thomas à Becket, who was an Archbishop of Canterbury in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. King Henry II and Thomas were initially good friends but then disagreement over clerical privilege and the power of the throne led to Thomas spending six years in exile in France before feeling it was safe to return to Britain. He continued then to be a 'thorn in the side' of Henry, and so four of the King's knights decided to take action, and murdered Thomas before the high altar.

Becket was immediately hailed as a martyr and canonised in 1173, and his shrine in the cathedral became famous and attracted pilgrims from throughout Christendom. Unfortunately, his shrine was total destroyed at the Reformation in 1538, but the tomb of S. Thomas can be seen in the Trinity Chapel behind the high altar.

It was an enjoyable and inspiring day and our thanks go to Michael for organising this visit for us. Where do we go next year?

*Heather Hollis*

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## THEY'RE OFF!

So, the new academic year began and our Youth Club doors flung open ... We got off to a flying start and have welcomed some new faces, both in the shape of lovely little year fives and awesome adult helpers!

Week One was a settling back in session – we ate ice lollies whilst helper supremo Phillip showed the kids how to draw cartoons. They loved it and many of them tried their hand at it too!

In our second week we painted nails and had fun shooting each other with Nerf guns! It was a full on Western Showdown (crossed with an Essex Nail bar!) We managed to fit in a balloon team game where the girls beat the boys! Go girls!

We have also hosted an indoor Olympics - where the boys dropped the eggs.... whoops! More ice lollies were consumed – well, it did still feel like summer! Lots of kids indulged in making paper aeroplanes too!

This week will have Mat coming in to do some crazy Kung Fu moves with the kids as they have loved this in previous terms. We will also be welcoming Lisa back from maternity leave so that will be great!

We are planning a bowling trip on 14<sup>th</sup> October at Crawley, which is always loads of fun.

All in all, we have crammed a lot of fun stuff into the term so far, with loads left still to come! Thanks go out to all the Young Leaders and the Adult Helpers, without whose help we would really struggle!

*Shelley Ward*

# REVIEW - VOCAL WORKSHOP AND CONCERT

On Saturday 24th September 2016, a very successful workshop was held in the afternoon in the church, when the singers enjoyed singing Haydn's Nelson Mass. This was followed in the evening with a concert. There were ninety seven singers who took part in the workshop and concert, and they came from East Grinstead, Crawley, Forest Row, Horsham, Burgess Hill, Henfield and Seaford, as well as from Mid Sussex. One singer came from France! The concert in the evening was in two halves. In the first part of the concert, the soloists all sang songs of their own choice, and they were accompanied on the piano by Phillip Sear. After the interval, the singers gave a performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass.

The workshop and concert were directed and conducted by Robert Hammersley, and they were accompanied on the organ by our vicar, Michael Maine. The soloists who took part were Olivia Bell –soprano, Jane Haughton – mezzo soprano, Neil Jenkins – tenor and Robert Garland – baritone.

There were several other people who were especially helpful in making this day such a successful one: Gerry Larner, who organised stewards, both in the car parks and in the church, but also organised wine, etc. on sale during the concert interval. Ros Thunder, who provided a delicious tea for the soloists, conductor and accompanists, and also tea to drink for all singers, as required during the afternoon.

After some small expenses had been paid, it looks as if the workshop and concert produced about £1,400 towards repairing the church roof.

*Rosemary Pardey*

# CUCKFIELD LADIES GROUP

The first meeting following the summer break was a 'Bring and Share' lunch at Pamela Knighton's. It was a beautiful day and we were able to sit outside in their lovely garden while we enjoyed the food and discussed the details of the forthcoming programme. We thank Pamela and Wilf for their hospitality and the drinks they provided.

We had an additional event that week, which was a visit to the 'Prairie Garden' near Henfield. It was a perfect, hot day to see the garden at its best.

We now look forward to our interesting and varied programme of monthly meetings.

*Jan Bryan*

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New opening hours for Cuckfield Museum! The Museum is now open on Wed, Thurs and Fri mornings 10-12.30 p.m. and Saturdays 10-3 p.m.

Cuckfield Museum's November talk will be 'Sussex during World War I'. Historian Ian Everest will be speaking in the Council Chamber, The Queen's Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Nov 10th and showing fascinating photographs from the time. To reserve a place, please ring Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448.

Two recent acquisitions will interest visitors: a C19th workhouse token, issued to casuals to cover the cost of a night's board in the workhouse, and a coaching token used for coach travel. 'Full Steam Ahead', our celebration of the arrival of the railway in 1841, continues until our winter closure on Dec 10th at 12.30 p.m.

More information from [www.cuckfieldmuseum.org](http://www.cuckfieldmuseum.org)

*Phillipa Malins*

# REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

(In Aid of the British Legion)

Sunday 13 November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.  
Dolphin Leisure Centre Haywards Heath

## *The Programme:*

Remembrance - Robert Hammersley  
Vivaldi - Magnificat  
Barber - Agnus Dei  
Pergolesi - Magnificat  
Ave Maria - Gounod/Bach

## *Performers:*

ARDINGLY CHORAL SOCIETY - Conductor: Robert Hammersley  
MID SUSSEX SINFONIA  
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## *Soloists*

Soprano - Eloise Irving  
Alto - Jane Haughton  
Tenor - John Baker  
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## HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY

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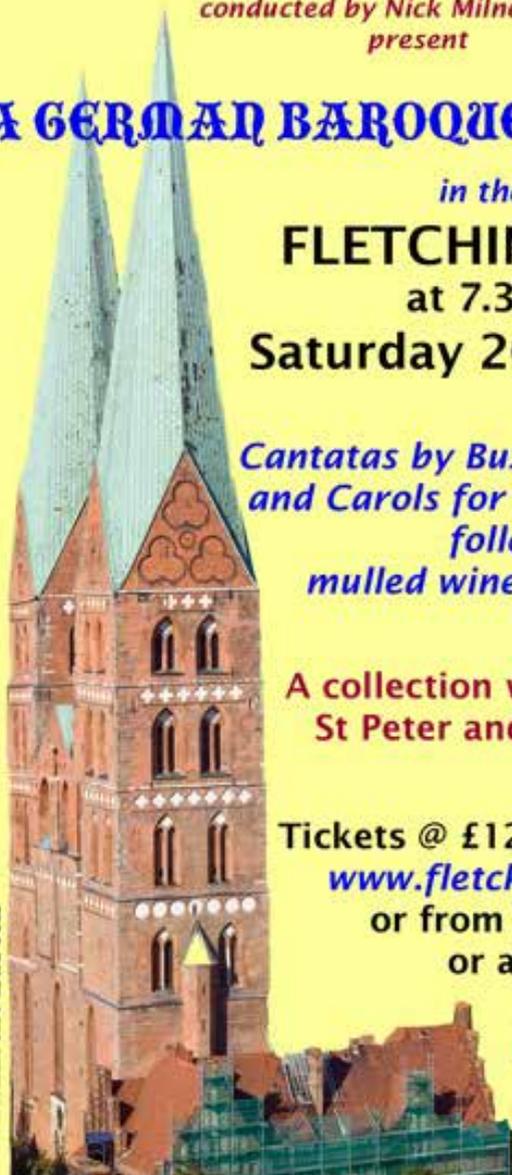
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An ash tree's bare branches curve, swirl and sag, looking like an inked thumbprint on the winter sky. Arched twigs reach out like bony, beckoning fingers, each tipped with a dirty black fingernail. These black buds are unique to ash trees and in spring they'll burst into a spray of purple flowers like a freeze-framed firework explosion. Ash trees have no shame. They love to stand naked. They are the last tree to put on their leafy green gown in the spring, and the first to throw it to the ground in the autumn. In winter gales their grey, lean limbs flail and sway like that crazy old man you see at a music festival dancing shirtless and alone. Yet there's something eternally youthful about even the oldest ash. They can sashay elastically through a storm with suppleness, lightness and flexibility.

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## **FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 1916 PARISH NOTES**

**THE NATIONAL MISSION** – A full list of the services to be held during the National Mission in this parish is being widely distributed, and it is hoped that special attention will be given to it. It is not necessary to add much to what has been said, but we ask that it may be made the subject of earnest prayer that God's blessing may rest on all that is done and that there may be a great response to the call made through the Messenger and all who are working with him. We should like to call attention to the **Procession** on the first Sunday of the Mission. It will start from the Church at 3.30 p.m., and it is hoped that many members of the congregation will take part in it and so bear witness to their Faith in the great Truths of our Religion.

In Connection with the Mission a meeting of men was held at Ansty on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a very good attendance, and after an explanation of the purpose of the Mission and an interchange of opinions the remainder of the evening was devoted to music, so that altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

**OUR ROLL OF HONOUR** – It is with very great regret that we have to add another name to the list, now a long one, of the Cuckfield men who have given their lives to defend us. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. and Mrs. James Cartner received the news that their son, Private Hubert W. Cartner, Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in action on September 9<sup>th</sup>. His body was found on September 27<sup>th</sup> and was buried where it lay, the short service being held amid heavy shell fire. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Cartner on the loss of their only son. We have also heard, with great regret, of the death of Major Edward Whinney, of the Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in action on September 26<sup>th</sup>. He was the son-in-law of Mr. John Cow, of Elfinward, who is a regular member of our congregation and the Treasurer of the Schools. Among those who have been wounded we have to include Lieutenant Henry C.S. Maine, Grenadier Guards, younger son of Mrs. Maxwell Campbell, of Henmead Hall, who was wounded on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The bullet lodged in the ankle, but it was extracted a few days later. Second-Lieutenant Wilfrid Fisher is now at home on sick leave, having been shot in the left arm. Private Percy Selby was wounded on July 19<sup>th</sup> and is now in hospital at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Private A.J. Stevens, Middlesex Regiment, has been wounded in the shoulder and left elbow and is now in hospital at Hove, and Lance-Corporal W. Bennett has been wounded in the shoulder and is in hospital in London. We are thankful to record they are making good progress. Private W. Miles has been home for a short time on sick leave, but is now much better. We are sorry to say that no news has been yet received of the men who are missing – Lance-Corporal A. Keep, and the brothers Tom and Ernest Henley – and Private Alec Sloan is still seriously ill. We have to congratulate Second-Lieutenant R.S. Clarke, Sussex Yeomanry, on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, and Private Frank Bentham Stevens, of Garnalds, on obtaining his commission for duty with the Royal Flying Corps. We have been very glad to welcome home on leave from Egypt Captain Stuart Reid, and we were very glad to see him looking so well and fit, and Mrs. Reid has also had the pleasure of seeing her elder son, Colonel Reid, of the Irish Guards, who was home on leave after having been in hospital suffering from trench fever.

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It is proposed to issue in the Magazine, as soon as possible, a revised list of all the Cuckfield men who are serving their country either at home or abroad, and the Vicar will be very pleased to receive any additions or alterations to the Roll, which was last published in March, 1916.

**THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING** – The Parish Church and also the Mission Churches at Ansty and Brook Street were very prettily decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and we are very much indebted to the ladies who so kindly undertook the work and also to those who sent offerings of flowers, fruit, &c. All the fruit and vegetables which were suitable, and they amounted to quite a large van full, were sent to the Fleet, and we have received a letter of warm thanks from the Secretary of the Vegetable Produce Committee. In spite of the hard times the collections were very good and were another proof of the generous spirit of our people. The offerings at the Parish Church were divided between the Sussex County Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and those at Ansty and Brook Street were given to the Haywards Heath Cottage Hospital.

**THE ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE** – It is felt by many that the reading of the Roll of Remembrance has become rather wearisome, owing to the number of names which are now upon it. The Vicar thinks that it would be a great pity to discontinue the reading of the Roll, and doubtless this would be a cause of regret to many. The only alternative seems to be the omission of all names of those who are not actually on active service either on sea or land, but to include those who are sick or wounded, prisoners or missing. As no name has been added to the Roll except on request of the friends or relations, so the Vicar does not propose to omit any names without some intimation from those who are interested that they are willing for him to do so.

# NOVEMBER GARDEN NOTES

September has been a glorious month of sunshine and October so far has not brought rain and strong winds, but one thing is for sure: the autumn colours then leaf fall are on their way, so have a rake and broom ready for the tidy up.

As November is generally a quieter month wind-wise, leaves which have danced about, escaping your raking efforts along with twigs and smaller branches dislodged in the October gales, are good for putting at the base of a new compost heap, or else dried out and used to start a bonfire. In some villages the local bonfire society allows garden rubbish to be added to their heap for November 5th - a good opportunity where burning in your own garden is neither practical, safe or neighbourly. Green council bins of course are great for "recycling" / commercial composting. Clearing up isn't the most inspiring of work (as housewives/ househusbands will well know!) but in the garden at least, once it's done, it stays that way for the winter months - unlike in the house, which in winter requires more cleaning and tidying than summer.

Cut down all herbaceous plants to ground level, and prune roses (reduce floribundas by half, shrub roses and hybrid teas by a third, but they will need further pruning in March). Scarify lawns if not done earlier in the autumn (and you prefer a lawn, rather than mown moss and grass full of "thatch"), and mulch borders once tidied, before the spring bulbs start poking their noses through.

In the veg garden take down bean poles, burn bean haulms especially if infected with rust which appeared late on here, likewise tomato plants with blight. Dig up sweetcorn stalks, which are also good at the bottom of compost heaps if chopped up. Stake sprouts and other vulnerable brassicas, and start harvesting leeks, swede and parsnips, once you're in the mood for a more wintery diet. Plant any bulbs bought but not yet in the ground, and if you grow / force hyacinths for the festive season, peep at them regularly in their darkened corner as the month progresses, and bring them into the light once the shoots are 1-2" tall. Keep as cool as possible, otherwise they grow leggy and flower spikes flop over readily.

Amaryllis can be grown in October / November, planting the bulbs in a sturdy pot, watering sparsely at first until the strong shoot appears. On indoor/ not fully hardy cyclamen, remove all dying and mouldy leaves to avoid botrytis infections, also flowers once petals have fallen (twisting/ rotating the stem as low down as possible, until it severs, being the easiest way). Indoor azaleas need plenty of water but winter cacti little. Both prefer plenty of light, but not the brilliant south-facing window sill sort. East- or west- facing, or a position set back from a south-facing window, is best.

Keep a check regularly for rotten/mouldy stored veg/fruit as one bad one can infect a whole lot of good ones (there's a similar biblical analogy: "a little yeast works through a whole batch of dough. Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast"- 1 Corinthians 5 v6. In the bible the yeast is malice and wickedness so people of such character are likely to "contaminate" those in their close company, like rotten fruit or veg in a box!)

Bare root hedging and fruit trees are often available this month. but if buying mail-order, be careful to check on size and quality, as it's harder to send it back if wrong! Hopefully by the end of November your garden will be ready for Christmas.

*Lindsay Shurvell*

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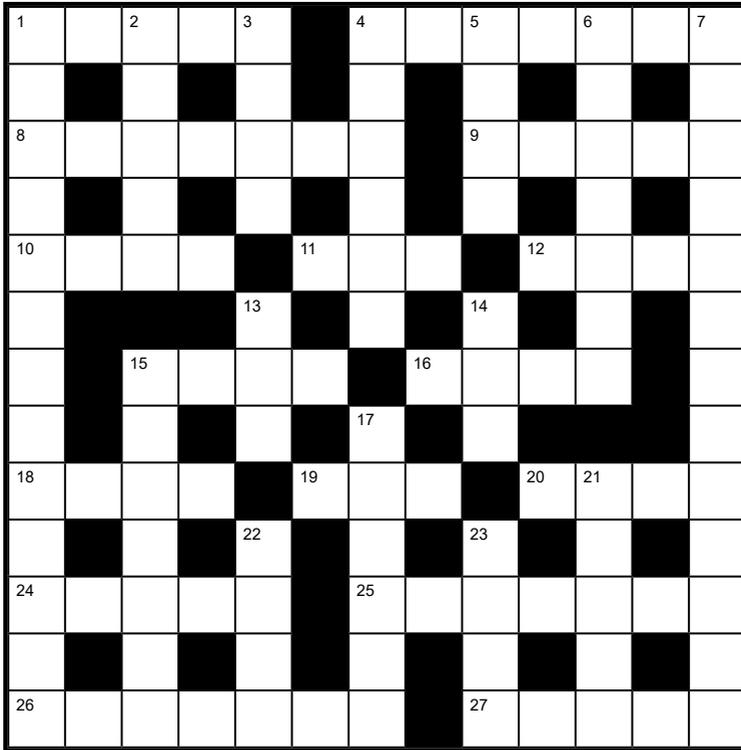
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**ACROSS:**

- 1. SING IN A SOFT FASHION (5)
- 4. DELIGHTFUL (7)
- 8. AN AMOUNT (7)
- 9. AT NO TIME (5)
- 10. THE FIRST GARDEN (4)
- 11. WORN AT THE ALTAR (3)
- 12. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (4)
- 15. INK MARK (4)
- 16. LARGE NUMBER (4)
- 18. BOOK OF THE BIBLE (4)
- 19. NOT OF THE CLERGY (3)
- 20. RIP (4)
- 24. THOUGHTS (5)
- 25. PRAYERS (7)
- 26. FEMALE COMMUNITY (7)
- 27. EXCUSE (5)

**DOWN:**

- 1. A CELEBRATION IN MEMORY (13)
- 2. EGG SHAPED (5)
- 3. INTELLIGENCE (4)
- 4. PERFECT ASPIRATIONS (6)
- 5. AMERICAN (slang) (4)
- 6. BABY HARE (7)
- 7. FESTIVAL ON THE THURSDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY (6,7)
- 13. OT CHARACTER WHO SUFFERED MUCH (3)
- 14. FRENCH RIVER (3)
- 15. SEPARATING (7)
- 17. MONEY HANDED OUT THE DAY BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY (6)
- 21. BOREDOM (5)
- 22. AN AREA SURROUNDED BY WATER (4)
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# What's on Around Cuckfield...

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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)

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**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.

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**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

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**Wednesday  
30 November  
Ansty Garden Club**

'Small but Mighty' an introduction to the Small Mammals of Sussex by Laurie Jackson 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

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:**

1. CROON; 4. IDYLIC; 8. MEASURE; 9. NEVER; 10. EDEN; 11. ALB; 12. URDU; 15. BLOT; 16. HOST; 18. ACTS; 19. LAY; 20. TEAR; 24. IDEAS; 25. NOVENAS; 26. NUNNERY; 27. ALIBI

**DOWN:**

1. COMMEMORATION; 2. OVATE; 3. NOUS; 4. IDEALS; 5. YANK; 6. LEVERET; 7. CORPUS CHRISTI; 13. JOB; 14. LOT; 15. BETWEEN; 17. MAUNDY; 21. ENNUI; 22. ISLE; 23. UVEA

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# Regular Events

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<b>Bellringers</b>	Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.
<b>Choir</b>	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.15–8.15pm. (There are no practices during August)
<b>InSpire Youth Club</b>	Friday evenings (term time only) in the Old School (South Door). Years 5-7 from 6.45 - 8pm. Year 8 and above from 8.15 - 9.30pm £1 subs, activities, games, friendship and much more.
<b>Holy Trinity Mens Group</b>	16 November – Skittles at The Bull, Henfield For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: <a href="mailto:clivesimmonds@btinternet.com">clivesimmonds@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Home Groups</b>	<i>Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm</i> call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481 <b>Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time).</b> David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
<b>Prayer Group</b>	<i>15 November 10am in The Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.</i>
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Tuesday 8 November 10am "Activism against Gender-based Violence" Ros Thunder Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
<b>Little Ones Church Service</b>	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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# Regular Events (continued)

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**Royal British Legion** *5 November Poppy Appeal Morning 10.30am – 12noon*  
*(Women's Section) 13 November – Remembrance Sunday*  
*23 November Travels on a Wide Beam Narrow Boat Sally Williams. Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield*

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

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

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**Cuckfield Evening Flower Club** 11 November – Flowers for Fun

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**Cuckfield Ladies Group** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8pm Film Evening at Juliet Middleton's. Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

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**Solo Lunch** The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 6 November Tickets will be available from the church office Cost £5.

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**Cuckfield Evening WI** 22 November – 'Life and Times of Edith Cabvelle' Melanie Gibson Barton  
Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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## HOLY BAPTISM

Alexander Jeffrey HALL  
William Peter HALL  
Hugo Arthur Ernie SHORT  
Hugo George TRIMMINGS  
William Patrick Laurence JOYICE  
Darcy Carol Elizabeth GROUND  
Isabelle Sophie HARDWICK  
Joshua TAYLOR-JOHNSON

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Alexander John Leslie CHARD & Jennifer Abigail PARSONS

## IN MEMORIAM

Margaret (Maggy) Ellen WILLIAMS      Aged 78  
Stuart Alexander INGRAM                      Aged 68  
Peter Eric KAPFF                                  Aged 94  
Patricia HAGUE                                    Aged 94

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# November 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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## **SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER – 3 BEFORE ADVENT**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Job 19: 23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end*  
*Luke 20: 27-38*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20: 27-38*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*1 Kings 3: 1-15; Romans 8: 31-end*

## **SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

- 9.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*Maklachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13;*  
*Luke 21: 5-19*
- 10.45am Service of Remembrance
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

## **SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20;*  
*Luke 23: 33-43*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*1 Samuel 8: 4-21; John 18: 33-37;*

## **SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-end;*  
*Matthew 24: 36-44*
- 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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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