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## CONSIDERING EASTER

My dear friends,

*Tomorrow the Son of Man will walk in a garden  
Through drifts of apple-blossom.*

These evocative words end a beautiful poem by the great Scottish poet George Mackay Brown called *The Harrowing of Hell*, in which the writer imagines Jesus meeting different Old Testament characters as he descends to the dead after crucifixion and before resurrection. Solomon is seen first, in a coat like daffodils; King David, the singer of harp-songs, who on seeing Jesus utters his purest cry; Joseph, Jacob, Abel and finally Adam – ‘the tall primal dust.’

The ancient thoughts on the movement of Jesus from death to Resurrection are powerful ones that might be regarded as an exploration of a gap in the narrative of the Gospel, rather than concrete knowledge. For the Fathers of the Church, it was an opportunity to explore how the righteous who had died before the birth of Christ were drawn into the Divine story.

The Chora Church in Istanbul, an ancient edifice turned mosque following the Ottoman conquest and now a museum, contains a beautiful fresco on this subject. The risen Jesus, vested in white and gold symbolizing his divine majesty, stands on the gates of Hades which are broken and have fallen in the form of a cross - Jesus has trampled down death itself through his crucifixion. He holds Adam and Eve and pulls them up out of Hades by their wrists, to illustrate the theological teaching that humanity could not pull itself out of sin alone, but only by the work - the energy- of God. Jesus is surrounded by various righteous figures from the Old Testament, whilst the bottom of the icon depicts Hades as a chasm of darkness, strewn with various pieces of broken locks and chains.

The drama of this imagery may seem unrelated from the realities of everyday life, but this is far from the case. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus draw us to know that the self-giving of Jesus Christ draws each of us into Divine Love enabling us to know that through the events of that first Holy Week, God is not just divinity beyond our understanding, but journeys with us in every aspect of our humanity.

A very happy and blessed Easter to you.

With love,  
Michael

## **FROM THE VICAR'S DESK**

**Bishop Mark Sowerby** I am delighted to announce that we are fortunate that the Bishop of Horsham will be joining us for our worship and preaching on the Three Great Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – known as The Triduum,) together with the 9.45 on Easter Day. It gives us the opportunity to be led on our journey in a unique way. Please do your best to attend as many of the services as you can!

**HOLY WEEK** gives all Christians the opportunity to deepen their understanding of God revealed through the self-offering love of Jesus Christ.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

(9<sup>th</sup> April) The **9.45** will feature a procession with our palm crosses, for which the children will join us. We will start from the Old School courtyard in Church Street, weather permitting!

This procession gives us an insight into the excitement of the crowd who accompanied Jesus into Jerusalem, crying 'Hosanna to the Son of David.' If processing is difficult for you, please do sit in the church, and you will hear us coming and so still feel part of it until we reach the church for the rest of the service. We also hear the Passion read in its entirety, this year from Matthew's Gospel.

### **6.00pm - The Cross of Christ - a devotion for congregation and choir**

We are led through word and music to journey with the Lord. Please do support this act of worship enriched by our choir.

### **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week**

There will **Holy Communion each day @ 6.00pm** with a short address at each. *Also on Tuesday - The Chrism Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome to this service at which the clergy renew their vows.*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (13<sup>th</sup> April)

**8.00pm Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper** with stripping of the altars and silent watch until 10.00pm. This service starts with a sense of joy as the Gloria is sung for the only time during Lent as we give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion. The tone of the service then changes as we contemplate Christ's journey to Gethsemane and the cross. At the end of the service the Sacrament (consecrated bread and wine) is taken to the Lady Chapel which becomes the Garden of Gethsemane for us. Please do try stay for a while in the quiet of the church – it can be a profoundly moving time of contemplation.

## **GOOD FRIDAY** (14<sup>th</sup> April)

**10.00 - Family Service** (followed by hot cross buns!)

**12 noon The Devotion** – led by the Bishop of Horsham.

**2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday** We will be using Common Worship's rediscovery of ancient liturgical practice. The service consists of a Service of the Word, Proclamation of the Cross, The Solemn Prayers and Holy Communion (using the sacrament reserved on Maundy Thursday).

## **HOLY SATURDAY** (*Easter Eve*)

**8.00pm - The Easter Vigil, First Eucharist of Easter and Resurrection Party** Last year we had a super number of people for The Service of Light. We light our candles from the great Paschal Candle – itself lit from a fire. The journey of our salvation is heard through lessons and then we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows before Communion is celebrated with joy.....followed by our RESURRECTION PARTY.

## **EASTER DAY** *The Day of Resurrection Joy!*

Services at the normal times: **8.00- Holy Communion, 9.45- Sung Eucharist and 6.00pm Evensong.**

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** YES! Coming live to Holy Trinity in a performance by the wonderful children of Sunday's Cool on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4.00pm.** Ticket details to be seen on the posters. I can't wait!

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** together with the Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** after the 9.45 Eucharist, starting at about **11.30am** The APCM marks the life of the church in the previous twelve months and gives all parishioners the opportunity to see the great work which goes on within the parish. Please do come if you can.

**Dome, Brighton** I have been asked to give another concert at the Dome, Brighton on **April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.** I'm not sure of the state of the organ at present, but hopefully they will be able to raise the console this time! There will be a mixture of light and classical works. Tickets available from the Dome Box office.

**Brighton Chamber Choir** The Brighton Chamber Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.00pm** followed by a glass of wine and short concert under the direction of their Conductor, Jane Money. There will be no charge for the concert. Please do come and enjoy some beautiful music in our lovely church.

**World Class Art** From the 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> July there will be an Exhibition of Modern Art at the Methodist and URC churches in Haywards Heath. Currently they are hoping to find people to help steward at the two venues. If you felt that you were able to help, please contact Nicola Sheldon at the Methodist Church, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath (tel: 01444 412927, email: [nicholajsheldom@gmail.com](mailto:nicholajsheldom@gmail.com)) There will be works on show from the Methodist Modern Art Collection by Sutherland, Frink, Hambling and others – well worth attending!



## 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](mailto: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 **May edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**.

*The Editorial Team*

**Holy Trinity, Cuckfield**



# **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

A Devotion of Readings and Music  
for Congregation and Choir

**Palm Sunday**

**9th April 2017**

**6.00pm.**

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD HOLY WEEK 2017



## **Palm Sunday** (9th April)

8.00 Holy Communion

9.45 Parish Eucharist with procession of palms

6.00 The Cross of Christ - a devotion of readings and music

## **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** (10th, 11th 12th)

6.00pm Holy Communion and short address

## ***The Three Great Days - The Triduum***

### **Maundy Thursday** (13th April)

8.00pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper and watch until

10.00pm

### **Good Friday** (14th April)

10.00 Family Service *(followed by hot cross buns)*

12.00 Meditation for Good Friday

*(people are welcome to come and go as they please)*

2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

### **Holy Saturday** (15th April)

8.00pm Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter

*(followed by a party)*

### **Easter Day** 16th April)

8.00 Holy Communion

9.45 Parish Eucharist for Easter Day

6.00pm Evensong

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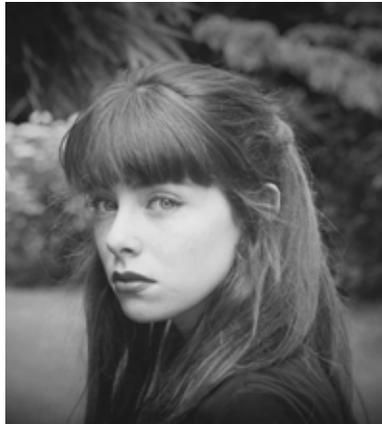


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**Free Lunchtime Recital Series**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 1-2pm (with soup from 12.30)



**Rebecca Milford** Mezzo Soprano

**Phillip Sear** Piano

We are delighted to welcome back young mezzo soprano Rebecca Milford who plans to sing music by Mozart, Grieg, Purcell, Barber and Faure.

*There will be a collection after the concert raising money to help fund the lunchtime concert series.*

*For more information email: [hannah.carter@me.com](mailto:hannah.carter@me.com)*

## **MOTHER'S UNION MEETING - 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

A very interesting and thought provoking time. We were asked to bring or describe "four things that sum me up." There were many various expressions and as each person told of their individual experiences it brought back many of the things that we had perhaps forgotten and so was a helpful way to reminisce on our own memories. One member spoke of her childhood in a family of thirteen children and how close those family members have remained.

Some members brought with them various items that helped to describe the times that had been important to them and which they felt had been part of the development of their personality. Others shared the memories that had stayed with them over the years.

It was interesting that many shared how they had come to their Christian faith. One had been brought up as an Anglican but had been to a Catholic school and had returned to the Church of England later. Another member mentioned the inspiration of her parents and grandparents who had encouraged faith in action through mountaineering, walking and camping.

One member told of her encouragement through attending a Cursillo weekend and brought with her a Cursillo cross. She felt that this had been a very important part of her Christian journey. We all wondered what a Cursillo weekend is so this brief synopsis describes it more comprehensively.

"Cursillo is 'A movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone.' A Cursillo weekend is three days long, normally running from Thursday evening through to Sunday afternoon. All weekends are led by a team of lay people and clergy, who have all experienced a Cursillo weekend themselves.

During the weekend the participants will live, worship and learn together. Talks will be given by the leaders on some of the main areas of Christian life and faith, such as grace, faith and

action. These areas will also be discussed in group workshops, and reinforced with prayer and quiet reflection.

Julian of Norwich was especially memorable with her hazelnut which she held in her hand. She asked God “‘what can this be?’ and the answer came, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marvelled that it could last, for I thought it might have crumbled to nothing, it was so small. And the answer came into my mind, ‘It lasts and ever shall because He loves it.’ And all things have being through the love of God.”

There were wartime reminiscences, love of animals, travel, and objects that reminded us of our grandchildren. War time experiences and school experiences some of which had been frightening or exciting. It was a time of remembering a special friendship that had lasted many years. Then there had been times of happiness with three young children in a motor caravan visiting Hungary and the Holy Land. These had been memorable and lovely experiences.

One item was most impressive it was a sampler beautifully embroidered headed “Old Family”. The stitching was wonderfully precise and laid out the whole family tree in full detail, a work of extreme delicacy and perfection. There were many more fascinating tales. We all enjoyed a very interesting morning.

*Heather Hollis and Shirley Rawlins*

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## **CUCKFIELD LADIES GROUP**

We started the year with a relaxed games evening at Gill Butterworth’s. With brains engaged, we sped through several rounds of ‘Beetle’ – a fast and competitive game!

The February meeting was somewhat more serious. Christina Fitzsimons kindly came to talk to us about the injustice of incarcerating refugees in detention centres. Many refugees have been in this country for several years before being arrested and locked up for indefinite periods. We saw a film entitled ‘Refugee Tales’, telling individual stories of their plight. We do admire Christina’s and other volunteer’s efforts to increase awareness through organised walks and talks.

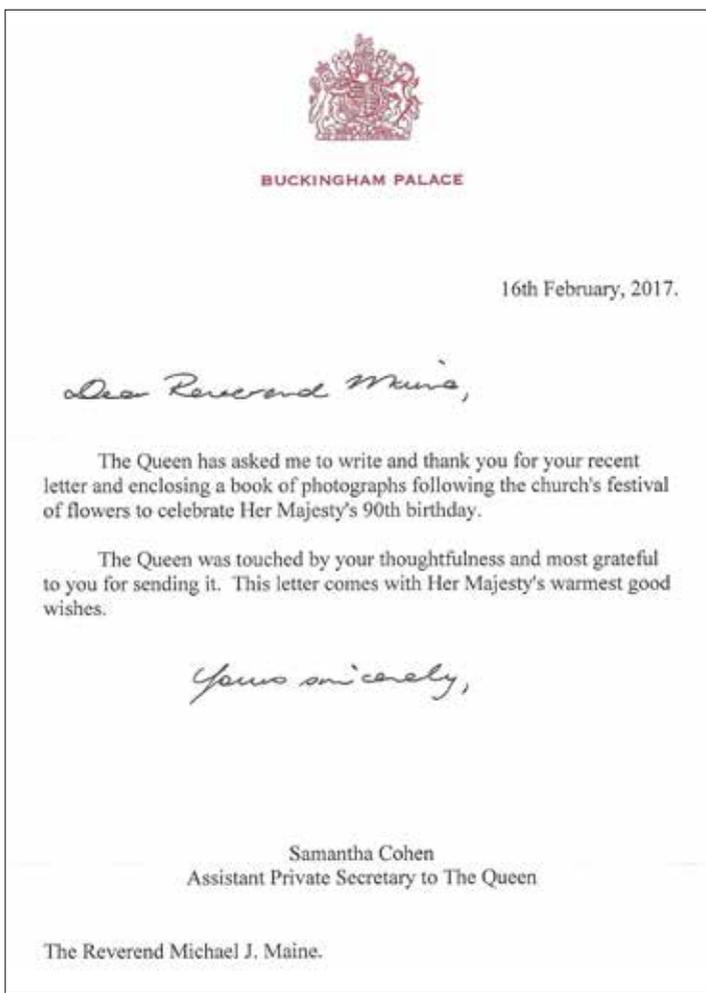
Our next meeting will be coffee and a visit to Cuckfield Museum.

*Jan Bryan*

## A CUCKFIELD TRIBUTE TO HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN

To celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday last year, the ladies who regularly display the flowers in the Church, marked the occasion on Trinity Sunday. You may well have seen the floral tributes. Each window-sill depicted key events from each of the nine decades of Her Majesty's life. A book of photographs covering the event was sent to the Queen and a 'thank you' letter has recently been received from Buckingham Palace.

We will have a copy of the book and the letter on display in the Church to view for yourselves. Enjoy!



# CUCKFIELD SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Our 3rd Spring Craft Fair is to be held at The Old School, Church Street, Cuckfield on Saturday 1st April between 10.00am and 2.30pm. There will be over 40 stalls spread over four Halls, selling a wide variety of hand crafted products. These include handbags, scarves, jewellery, candles, greetings cards, homeware, knitted and crocheted items, 'photo frames, soaps and many other gift items. There are many new stallholders along with the return of many other regulars.

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*Jane Berkeley*

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## GLASS HIRE

You probably know that both Sainsbury's and Tesco have recently withdrawn their service to supply drinking glasses for customers holding events. So, the OLD SCHOOL has purchased a large number of quality wine glasses, tumblers, and champagne flutes and these are available NOW in smart, portable boxes of 24 or 35 to all our readers at a very modest charge. They are available for events at your home or other address as well as an event or party held in the Old School or Church.

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## MUSEUM TALKS – SPRING 2017

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30 pm, in the Tudor Hall, the Old School, Cuckfield.**  
**“Romans in the Ouse Valley” by Dr David Rudling, FSA.**

This fascinating talk by Dr Rudling looks at Roman settlements and land use in the Ouse valley. David takes us on a journey reviewing various excavations of period villas, farmsteads and ironworks, in particular those excavated under his direction at Beddingham, Barcombe and currently at Plumpton.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8.00 pm, the Council Chamber, The Queen's Hall, Cuckfield.  
"Historic Gardens of Sussex" by Jim Stockwell.**

Over the centuries, numerous wonderful gardens were developed in Sussex. Although some have deteriorated, or been lost, many superb examples remain intact and in excellent condition today. Jim Stockwell takes us on a journey of their heritage, evolution and conservation.

To book a place, please phone Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448 or email [events@cuckfieldmuseum.org](mailto:events@cuckfieldmuseum.org)

**Please note** that the Queen's Hall will be closed for building maintenance from April 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> so the Museum will also be **closed** at that time.

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

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## **ALFRED BROWNE, EASTER SUNDAY HERO, 1917**

One hundred years ago this Easter Sunday, Holy Trinity Church hosted its own drama. The congregation had gathered for Evensong and the Verger, Alfred Browne, had one more duty to fulfil before joining the service: he needed to strike the Union Jack flag from the battlements at sunset. On arrival he found that the door was on fire and the spire in grave danger of being destroyed. He managed to summon help and extinguish the flames without disturbing Evensong worship.

In recognition of his prompt and effective action the members of the congregation presented Alfred with a commemorative gold pocket watch. This watch now belongs to Vee Willis, his step great granddaughter, and will be displayed in Cuckfield Museum during April and May. The display will also feature copies of the List of Duties for the Verger compiled by Alfred Browne and other objects that have been passed down through the family.



### **Opening hours for Cuckfield Museum:**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10-12.30pm, Saturday 10-3.00pm.

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Alfred Browne's List of Duties on display by courtesy of West Sussex Record Office

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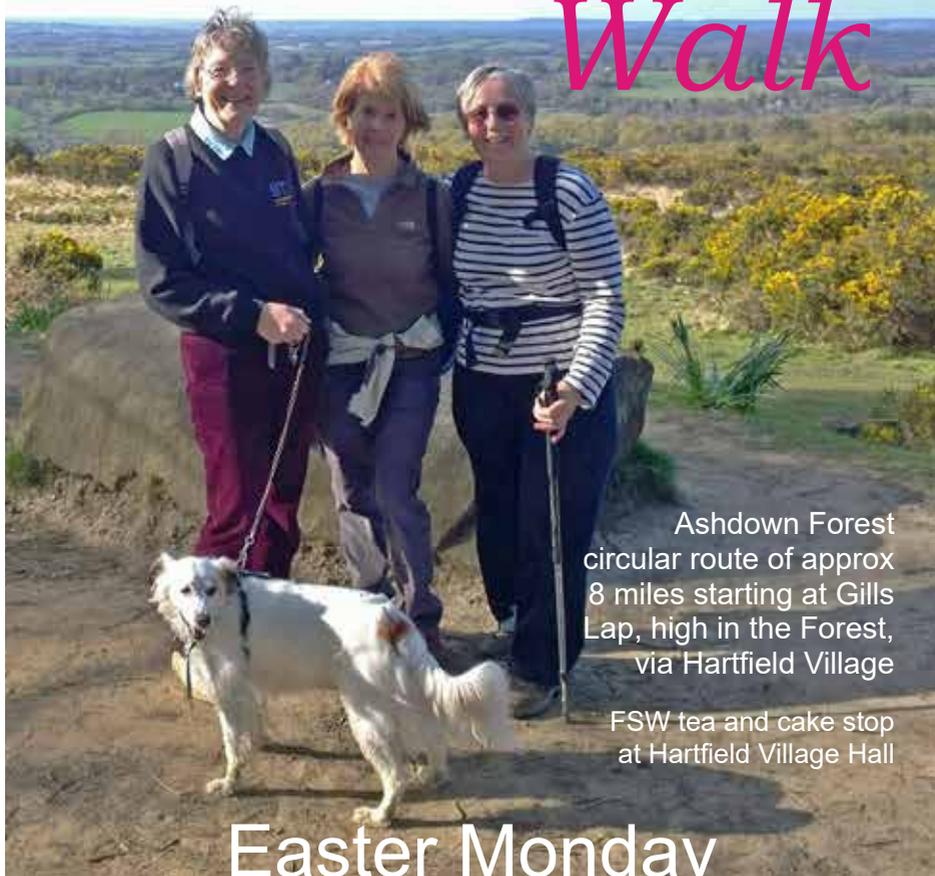
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*Christopher Segar (FRRME Trustee) with Archbishop Daoud (middle) and Sarah Ahmed (FRRME's Director of Operations in the Middle East)*

Through our partnership with the Syrian Orthodox Church we provide food for some of the 3,000 Iraqi Christian families now in the diocese of Erbil (100 of these families are Armenian). This is important not just because these people have nothing and need our help, but because we are helping to keep Christianity alive in Iraq.



*The alter at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Qaraqosh, 20 miles south east of Mosul (this photo was taken by Sarah Ahmed in January)*

However, Archbishop Daoud and Mr Mardian have said that their own parishioners will not return either to the Plain of Nineveh or to Mosul until there is an improvement in security and clarity about future governance. For the moment the Christians in Erbil are - like their counterparts in Amman - happier to wait for the possibility of resettlement in The West, a process that can take up to three years.



*Sarah Ahmed discussing work with Dr Omeed Mansour of the Bishara Association*

We have also partnered with the Bishara Association in a number of projects for IDPs. Dr Mansour is a government lawyer who has set up the NGO on his own initiative. He hopes to set up a branch in the predominantly Christian town of Qaraqosh to support IDPs who wish to return home. He was instrumental in getting our team into Qaraqosh on 25 January to accompany one of the Christian IDPs who wanted to visit her old house.

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## ROOKS

*by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust*

The first sound that a new-born rook hears is other rooks. Lots of them. It's a sound that will surround it every day for the rest of its life. Rooks are one of our most sociable birds. They'll live, love, feed and fight together – team players from the rookery to the grave.

There's a rookery near my local train station, and in April I often stare up at the community of messy twig nests high above the platform. There's a definite pleasure to be had from watching a rookery – the sort of pleasure you get from pulling up a deckchair and watching your neighbour hard at work. High in the trees the rooks are busy: carrying twigs back to their nests, building their nests, stealing twigs from their neighbour's nest when he's not looking, getting into a fight with the neighbour when they're caught. It's a tree-top soap opera.

It can be easy to dismiss them as unattractive, plain black birds with a croaky call that sounds like Tom Waits coughing up a hairball. But look closer and you'll see the rook's plumage contains a hidden beauty – an iridescent sheen which gives the bird a flash of exotic purple and green. Loose feathers hang low to their knees like a pair of baggy shorts, the sort favoured by teen skateboarders or middle-aged men who listen to The Foo Fighters.

Sure, that raucous 'KAAH' may not rival the nightingale's song, but the communal cacophony gives constant reassurance to every individual rook that it belongs within the team. That call also helps rooks communicate the best local areas for feeding; the discovery of a worm-filled field is noisily shared to ensure that all can join in the feast. This teamwork is one way to tell them apart from their similar-looking but anti-social relative, the carrion crow. Any rook on its own is a crow. If you see a group of crows they're rooks. Usually.

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Outside the nesting season and away from the rookeries, the birds gather each evening to roost. Rooks travel over the landscape and converge to form a super-flock of hundreds or even thousands of birds. Jackdaws, their smaller relatives, join in the party and this black cloud whirls across the sky, a crazy, cackling, cawing celebration of all things crow. As winter draws to an end this nightly ritual dissipates and rooks return to their respective rookeries, start collecting (and stealing) twigs and prepare themselves for the arrival of another generation of comrades in baggy shorts. While I'm watching my local rookery, I look down from the railway bridge to Platform 2 and I see the crowd of commuters awaiting the London train. People all living similar lives but without any interaction whatsoever between them. Sometimes you'll catch them looking up at the wonderful chaos of the rookery above, no doubt wondering what it's like to never feel alone.

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## FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE APRIL 1917

**Holy Week and Easter** –on account of the closing of the Schools there will be no Children's Services except on Good Friday and Easter Day. At Evensong on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday a course of Addresses will be given by the Rev. J. H. Layton. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a Service for Mothers and in the evening the usual Service of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers will be followed by a short service of preparation for our Easter Communion. On Good Friday the Three Hours' Service will be taken by the Vicar, and in the evening the Choir will give a rendering of Maunder's Cantata "Olivet to Calvary."

**The Easter Communion** – On Easter Day there will be four Celebrations of the Holy Communion at the Parish Church, viz. at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer. There will also be a Celebration at Brook Street at 6 a.m. It has not been found possible to arrange for a Celebration at Ansty on Easter Day.

**The Easter Vestry Meeting** will be held in the Church Room on Friday, April 13th, at 6.30 p.m., and it is earnestly hoped that many members of the congregation will make a point of being present. Absence from the meeting may imply that the members of the congregation are satisfied with the way in which the business affairs of the Church are conducted, and that they have nothing of which to complain, but at the same time it is not a proof of any great interest in the affairs of the Church and a realisation of the responsibilities as members of the congregation.

**The Confirmation** – We were very pleased to welcome the Bishop of the Diocese on March 25th, when he Celebrated the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and administered the rite of Confirmation in the afternoon. There were 54 candidates from our own parish.

**The V.A.D. Hospital** – We are all proud of having a V.A.D. Hospital in our midst, and glad to know that Cuckfield is doing something to help our wounded soldiers to regain health and strength. In 1916 the number of patients admitted was 373, and we may safely say that they all derived great benefit from the careful treatment which they received, and from the health-giving air of Cuckfield. A request has now come that the Hospital should be enlarged, and we are very pleased to accede to the request of Mrs. Cooper and insert the following appeal:

Dear Friends,

From Headquarters came an urgent request to the Hospital that it would provide twelve more beds (I suppose because our patients recover so quickly!) The Committee represented, in reply, that it meant an outlay in structural alterations and equipment of at least £250. Was it really necessary? The reply was "Urgently and badly needed." Of course, and you agree, we have to do it. So now, though we know all about the Red Cross Sale at Haywards Heath, and about the Cottage Hospital, we want cheques,

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notes, shillings and sixpences to “roll in.” If all help, and I know you will, it will soon be done. Subscriptions may be sent either to me or straight to the Capital and Counties Bank, Haywards Heath, for the “Cuckfield Enlargement Fund.” Please help – money, gifts in kind, good wishes and your prayers are all wanted. *M. A. Cooper* (Signed for the Committee).

**New Service Book** – On Sunday, March 18th, we had Evensong at 4 p.m., and at 6.30 p.m. we had a special form of service, approved by our own and many other Bishops. We can hardly judge any form of service from one use, especially as many of the congregation did not have a copy, but we propose to use it again, with certain alterations, on the evening of the 1st Sunday after Easter, when we shall have a Festival Service. We hope by that time to have a further supply of copies, and we may add that copies may be purchased at Mr. Vaughan’s, price 10d. each.

**Mid-Sussex Voluntary Work Organization** – At a meeting held at the Vicarage in February, 1916, it was decided to hold Work Meetings in connection with the above Organization every fortnight. These have been held regularly ever since, and the Depot at Haywards Heath has been well supplied with garments made by our workers, comprising: bed jackets, 39; vests, 9; operation stockings, 5; Nightingales, 34; mittens, 231; surgical slippers, 31; helpless case jackets, 56; bed socks, 20; socks, 71; mufflers, 39; shirts, 54; towels, 49; sunshields, 30; pyjamas, 11; mosquito nets, 34; pillow cases, 27; limb pillows, 92; nightshirts, 16; bags, 10; helmets, 15; &c. The articles have been sent from the Depot direct to France, Salonica, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Hospitals in England, &c. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking our subscribers for their generous help, and of soliciting a renewal of that help, as funds or material are absolutely necessary for the carrying on of this excellent work. *Winifred T. Wilson. Secretary, W.I.*

**The Problem of Bagdad** – The Rev. John Goodchild’s lecture on Germany and Mesopotamia was a great success. The collection for the War Fund of S.P.C.K., amounted to £4 6s., which was very good. Mr. Goodchild has promised to come again on Monday, April 30th, when he will give a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, about the Kut Expedition and the capture of Bagdad. The lecture will begin at 7.30 .

**The Parish Magazine in 1916** – During the year 4,810 Magazines were issued and a comparatively small number remained unsold, but the cost of the Magazines and of the printing has increased, resulting in a deficit of £14 6s. 10d. This is unfortunate, but the Vicar is sure that the Magazine does a good work, and it is well worth while keeping it going as a part of the parochial machinery.

**Sergeant M. Anscombe** – We are very glad to welcome our friend home; his soldiering days are over, as he has received his discharge from the Army on account of the wound in his foot. He can look back with great satisfaction upon his career in the 8th Sussex Pioneers; he responded to the call of his King and Country and he has done his duty manfully. He has the best wishes of his friends for his speedy recovery.

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## APRIL GARDEN NOTES

January and February have not been particularly wet (just over 3 inches in each), so the ground is in good condition for gardening activities especially if “March winds” dry it even further.

Veg growers in particular relish dry soil for sowing, e.g. successive plantings of carrots, beetroot, radish, broad beans, spinach, and salads. Also plant red onion sets and second early and main crop potatoes. Under protection (i.e. glasshouse or polytunnel) sow tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, chillies, aubergines and basil, as well as brassicas, leeks, lettuce and other annuals: antirrhinums, petunias, marigolds, alyssum, lobelia, i.e. all the “bedding/basket” plants you may prefer to sow yourself. Veggies like courgettes and the squash family, sweetcorn, and runner and french beans should be sown under protection, then hardened off in early May before planting out. This is more reliable than sowing directly into the ground (early May) where they run a greater risk of being eaten by mice, squirrels or worse before germinating, or may rot if the weather suddenly turns wet and cold.

Remember to keep a close eye on seedlings, and prick out before they get overcrowded; also try to sow more thinly next time if you have a mini “forest,” to minimise root damage and disturbance. Don’t over-water, but rather keep trays/pots on the

dry side, to avoid damping off especially when the weather is overcast. This also encourages stronger, sturdy growth. Most seedlings (notably tomatoes, brassicas and squashes) should have the whole stem below the first "cotyledon" leaves, as well as the root, buried in the compost/ soil to avoid legginess. Ventilate greenhouses well on sunny days, and use cloches or fleece on early veg to speed up growth/maturity, e.g. for lettuce, carrots, strawberries and spuds.

New hedges and shrubs you may wish to plant should be in the ground before the end of the month, in order to get their roots down and well-established in case of a dry summer. Also move any deciduous shrubs you may wish to reposition before they leaf out, digging them out with a big rootball to minimise root disturbance. If you need to move evergreen shrubs such as Rhododendrons, do it after flowering when their moisture demand is less, but ensure they are kept well watered - Rhododendrons in particular being shallow-rooted. Autumn is therefore best but sometimes it's not so convenient.

Mulch flower and shrub borders you may not have done yet and it will pay off in suppressing weeds and giving plants more moisture as well as nutrients. April is also a good month for turfing or seeding lawns.

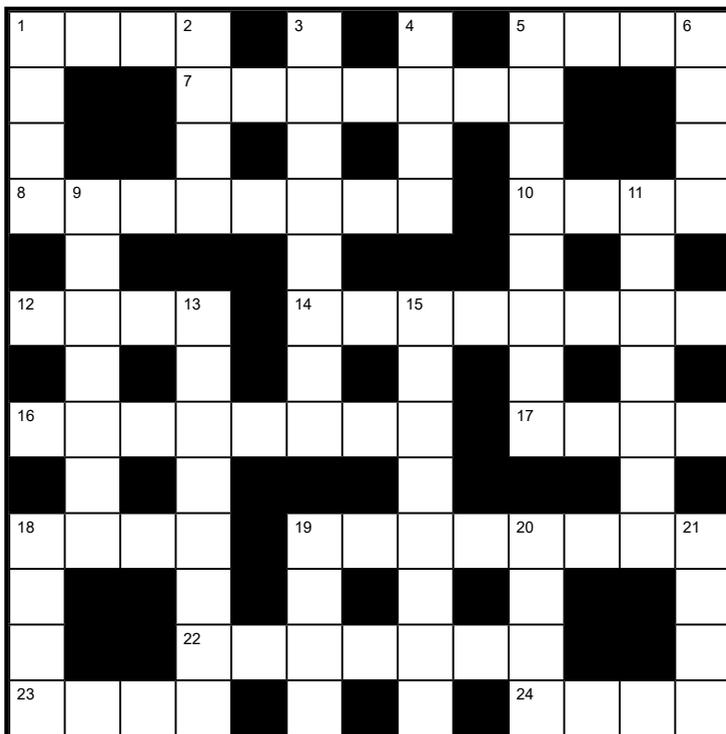
Shrubs for pruning this month include Hydrangeas, Buddleias, Osmanthus, Viburnums, Erica carnea and semi-woody perennials like Penstemons, Salvias, Fuchsias, Santolinas and lavender, as well as early flowering Camellias where they need shaping. Plums, cherries and gages should also be pruned now as the sap rises, causing the cuts to heal quickly, minimising disease entry.

Feed daffodils as soon as the flowers fade, but before the leaves go over, by scattering growmore or fish, blood and bonemeal over the clumps - and pray for rain to water it in! Don't be tempted to cut off bulb foliage until it has died down almost completely, as the nutrients return to the bulbs. Dahlias, gladioli corms, tuberous begonias and Lilies can be planted this month, either in pots or in the ground.

Happy Easter

*Lindsay Shurvell*

# April 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 39)*

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The wildlife charity Buglife is at the forefront of pollinator conservation in the UK. It is working across towns, cities and our countryside to enthuse people to take action. One of Buglife's key pollinator programmes is B-Lines – which is aiming to develop a network of wildflower-rich habitats across the UK.

B-Lines are a network of routes running through our countryside and towns linking together the best of our existing wildlife sites. Over time, and with help around the country, we will join these sites up by 'filling' the B Lines with new wildflower-rich areas. These new flower-rich areas will provide food for pollinators as well as helping them move around the country in response to climate change.

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The Church of England has considerable land holdings within its churchyards, burial grounds and other estates. Large areas

of this land is already being managed to help conserve wildlife, however there is always more than can be done. Work for pollinators can take many forms, from maintaining areas of wildflower meadow to simple operations like cutting the grass a little less often can encourage wildflowers to flower - providing food for bees and other insect pollinators. Planting spring flowering native trees and shrubs can provide early spring pollen and nectar, and flowering ivy offers food late into the autumn.

In addition we can achieve much, much more by passing on the message, and encouraging others to participate on their own land, in their gardens, or on other community space.

The Church of England is working with Buglife by looking to see how its land assets within the B-Lines can offer more for pollinators. In addition it wishes to mobilise people in parishes along the B-Lines to take action themselves – whether this is a farmer who can restore wildflowers to part of their farm, a schools who can plant pollinator friendly trees and shrubs, or a gardeners who can plant pollinator friendly flowers.

More information on B-Lines and pollinators is available at [www.buglife.org.uk/b-lines-hub](http://www.buglife.org.uk/b-lines-hub) or you can contact Buglife direct at [paul.evans@buglife.org.uk](mailto:paul.evans@buglife.org.uk)

## **ANSWERS TO APRIL 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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# 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 26 April  
Ansty Garden Club**

Hedges & hedgelaying by Dave or Geoffrey Truran 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: Amanda Hulejczuk 01273970183

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**Saturday 8 April  
The Friends of Holy  
Trinity Church**

Cuckfield ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 11am in The Old School. Coffee served from 10:30am.

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

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# Regular Events

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## **Bellringers**

Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.

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## **Choir**

Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30 for 7.45-9pm.  
(There are no practices during August)

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## **Holy Trinity Mens Group**

No meeting in April  
For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444  
454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com

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## **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.

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## **Prayer Group**

*18 April 10am in the Lady Chapel  
Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.*

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## **Mothers' Union**

Tuesday 11 April 10am in Committee Room, The  
Old School "Hand in hand" – MU talk about the  
Baptism Book  
Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details

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## **Little Ones Church Service**

First Tuesday of the month at 11am. 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**  
(Women's Section)

26 April – 'Do it Yourself'  
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

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**Cuckfield Local Market**

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

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**Cuckfield Evening Flower Club**

No details available

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**Cuckfield Ladies Group**

Tuesday 4 April at 2.30pm Weather permitting,  
Borde Hill walk to Elvira Cafe for tea and cake (for  
those not wanting to walk, meet at the Cafe at 3pm)  
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

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**Solo Lunch**

The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 9 April.  
Tickets are be available from the church office  
Cost £5.

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**Cuckfield Evening WI**

18 April – Our WI Birthday Dinner  
Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at  
the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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**HOLY BAPTISM**

Ross Edward WIFFEN  
Charlotte Helen SPARKES

**IN MEMORIAM**

Susan GRINLING	Aged 88
Margaret Dora PRESSMAN	Aged 97
Thelma Rose DIXON	Aged 94
John Edward HAGGART	Aged 96
Perry James BROWNE	Aged 68

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# April 2017 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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## **SUNDAY 2 APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11;  
John 11: 1-45*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Lamentations 3: 19-33; Matthew 20: 17-end*

## **SUNDAY 9 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philemon 2: 5-11;  
Matthew 26: 14-27: end*
- 6.00pm The Cross of Christ:  
A Palm Sunday devotion for congregation and choir

## **SUNDAY 16 APRIL – EASTER DAY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-4  
Matthew 28: 1-10*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Song of Solomon 3: 2-5, 8: 6-7; John 20: 11-18*

## **SUNDAY 23 APRIL – EASTER 2**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9;  
John 20: 19-end*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Daniel 6: 6-23; Mark 15: 46-16: 8*

## **SUNDAY 30 APRIL – EASTER 3**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1: 17-23;  
Luke 24: 13-35*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Haggai 1: 13-2: 9; 1 Corinthians 3: 10-17*

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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