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Dear Friends,

The title of the magazine article together with its subheading caught my eye – **‘Why liberal churches are doomed** – For many Americans, religion has become an irrelevance.’ Written by Harriet Baber, Professor of Philosophy at the University of San Diego, USA, it gave me pause for thought. Baber is a member of the Episcopal Church, that part of the Anglican Communion which is (in the main) very liberal.

Her article points out that Americans are, on average, far more religious than citizens in other affluent countries, but that this is not uniformly seen within the USA itself. There are a growing number of ‘nones’ – people who say that they have no religion, and she says that ‘Most nones are neither militant atheists nor spiritual seekers. To them, religion is like Mah Jong, photosynthesis, or the Ross Ice Shelf – something that they have rarely thought about, and in which they, nor anyone they know, have any interest.’

Within her own Church there has been a dramatic collapse of membership. During the Anglican Decade for Evangelism (1992-2002) the Episcopal Church declined by 32 per cent. I remember visiting the vast Episcopal cathedral of St John the Divine in New York, the world’s longest church, known as ‘St John the Unfinished’, and wondered what its future might be once the money ran out. There are only so many Barberini tapestries that one can sell to keep going!

The opposite of this decline can be seen in the Anglican Church in Nigeria, with over 18 million (and growing) baptised members – an active membership outnumbering those of the Church of England, the American Episcopal Church and several others combined. The Nigerian church is what we would describe as very conservative – nothing to do with ecclesiology or worship, but approach to the Holy Scriptures.

Where does this leave the Church of England? How do WE correctly display our Faith within the community? Liberalism or Conservatism?

This balancing act can be seen at churches up and down our Land. Within our own deanery we have a wide range of what used to be called ‘churchmanship.’ However, as far as I am concerned, there must be **authenticity** to our faith.

This is to my mind hardly to do with the externals of worship, but more to do with the interiority to which we are drawn through Holy Scripture and Worship, whatever its form. These grace-filled building blocks then help us to embed faith within our hearts and lives, drawing us to know ourselves as part of the Body of Christ – calling us to reveal salvation to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through faith, God's great gift of His Son means that we are each the face of Jesus Christ within Cuckfield and beyond through our lives, actions and words – and there couldn't be anything better than that.

With love,  
*Michael*

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Christ has no body but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

*Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

I am writing this just after the General Election and in the light of recent terrorist attacks in Manchester, London and parts of the Middle East. Some of them have involved suicide bombers, and there will hardly be a rational person who can enter the mind-set of those who carry out such deeds. In the face of what seems like a period of great uncertainty, we are called by faith in Jesus to persevere in loving the world, no matter how imperfect it is, or how difficult we may find this to do. There was a candle alight in the church during the week following the Manchester bombing and it was very moving to enter the church and find a steady stream of people just sitting quietly in a holy space, finding an opportunity to re-centre themselves. Please pray for peace, together with the turning of hearts from darkness to light.

**Cuckfield Arts Festival** I would like to commend to you the various events taking place at the start of July as the first ever Cuckfield Arts Festival. There are several important concerts taking place, together with street busking (8<sup>th</sup> July – 10-11.30am in the High Street). The Lunchtime Recital on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> features Tango 44 – something not to be missed. There will be a Festival Evensong in celebration of the Arts festival on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm

**Kingfisher Chorale** Associated with the festival, The Kingfisher Chorale are giving a concert on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. The Chorale is based in Leicestershire and very highly regarded, and I would commend them warmly to you if you enjoy choral music. Their programme is entitled 'If music be the food of love.' All proceeds from this concert will go towards church funds, and tickets (£10) are available from Carousel Music, The Wealden Stores, Pepperbox and on the door.

**Our Musicians** I wanted to express my sincere thanks to all those musicians who enrich our music. We are fortunate to have a thriving musical ensemble who play at Family Services and on other occasions, and whose numbers seem to grow every time they perform! The choir enriched our experience of Easter very greatly this year, and it has been wonderful to see the way their repertoire has grown, again along with their numbers! Although it is still early days, I must thank Richard and the team for the reestablishment of a Junior Choir, who are meeting regularly on Friday evenings with nearly twenty children on the register. Please do contact Richard if you know of any young people who would like to join the choir.

**Endre Kormos** Many will remember that Endre joined us from the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, for several weeks two years ago prior to his ordination to the diaconate last year. His priesting takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> June at St Peter's Church, Wallsend, by Glyn, Bishop of Beverly. He will continue to serve as curate of St Peter and St Luke, Wallsend. Please pray both for him, his wife Kata and the people of his parish. If you wish to drop him a card, Endre's address is: 148 Park Road, Wallsend. NE28 7QS

**Pilgrimage to Salisbury Cathedral** Last year a good number of us travelled by coach to Canterbury Cathedral on pilgrimage. I hope people will agree that we had a very lovely day, where we were able to worship together and enjoy exploring the cathedral and city. This year we are travelling to Salisbury Cathedral on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. We will have coffee on our arrival, worship together and then explore. It is also hoped to have a guided tour of the cathedral. If you would like to join us, please contact Ros Thunder or give your name to Gill in the office. The cost is yet to be confirmed, but it would be lovely to have a full coach. We have been assured that there will be no long walk as we had last year! The cost will be in the region of £20 per place.

**School Holidays** Where can the school year have gone? The schools in our parish will finish for the summer holidays towards the end of the month and we do wish all the pupils and staff a very good period of refreshment. In addition, we hold in our prayers all those students from both Holy Trinity, Warden Park and any children from our church community who attend other schools moving on in their education to new challenges and excitements.

**Communion for the sick and infirm** As many will know, for many years Holy Communion has been taken to the sick and infirm within our church family – always a privilege for those Ministers of Communion who do so. If you know anyone who would like Communion, please do let me know and we will arrange for this to happen. Communion bread consecrated at a Eucharist is ‘reserved’ for this purpose. At present, this is inadequately housed in the church safe where its container tumbles around with all the other silverware. The ideal within the Church of England is that the sacrament should be kept in a place reverently. At a recent PCC meeting, there was a unanimous vote to apply for a faculty to install an aumbry within the church. An aumbry (an ancient English word) is the name for a small cupboard which houses the sacrament – Brian Cutler recently found reference to a medieval aumbry which was in our church in the 1920s, although it has long disappeared! It is hoped that the new aumbry will be installed in the south wall near the high altar. At present, this area feels unused, and we hope that the aumbry (which will be unobtrusive), together with an associated lamp will be an enhancement which will ‘lift’ this part of the church. We are fortunate that several generous parishioners have already offered to fund this work should we gain permission.

**The Magazine** I recently (and very belatedly) thanked Joyce Donoghue for her outstanding work in editing the magazine over many years. The keeping of deadline, with hardly an edition missed in well over twenty years are tributes to Joyce’s talents on this front. **Joyce** – we are so grateful for your past work, together with the contribution you still continue to make in providing articles! **HOWEVER**.....we are in great need of others to help share the load of keeping the magazine in production. Editing is largely being carried out by our Duty Editors, David and Ian. They need help, and the magazine needs new contributors. Please do consider writing articles. These can cover

anything you consider relevant from holidays, hobbies, church life, poems, reminiscences, stories of saints you have known – anything you think would be of interest. You are even welcome to be contentious if you wish! We still have a substantial subscription list approaching 500 people, and it would be a great shame to lose this important part of our outreach. Although much is on-line these days, people still like to read from paper! Please do consider how you might help on this front.

## 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 **August edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY**.

*The Editorial Team*

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017

### EVERYONE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME



Heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave so generously during Christian Aid Week. So far Cuckfield has raised £2,229.92, which will help make a big difference to the lives of refugees across the world, fleeing oppression and terror. Thank you too for your prayers and for the knotted red strings. These strings have been sent to Christian Aid, who will present them to the Government along with hundreds of thousands gathered from around the country, as a clear message that we are standing alongside refugees, and as a symbol that we are all bound together, each of us around the world deserving safety and welcome.

If you missed our Christian Aid event, you missed a very powerful and thought-provoking evening. Some of our young people built some pretty impressive shelters and we were all moved as we followed the red string prayer stations, thinking about the extreme difficulties refugees face on a daily basis. Many thanks to Ros Thunder for organising this. Thanks too to Rebecca Anderson and Jill Brotherton who sparked some interesting discussions after they shared some of their experiences of working with refugees locally. We all felt there is more we can do practically to support those near to us. Let's pray we can turn this into action!

Cuckfield really has shown how much it cares for those facing extreme hardship. In addition to the money raised during Christian Aid Week, a further £1,384 was donated to the DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal which means that Cuckfield has generously given £3,613.92 in the past couple of months alone via Christian Aid.

We pray that people everywhere may have life - life in all its fullness. Amen.

*Hilary Turner-King (Christian Aid Rep)*



At our meeting in May we were fortunate to have as our speaker the Reverend Jo Elliot, who described comprehensively the work of the Hospital Chaplaincy in the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust. Jo is one of a team of five Church of England Chaplains visiting the hospitals in the Trust's area, including the Royal Sussex Hospital in Brighton, the Princess Royal in Haywards Heath, the Children's Hospital and the Eye Hospital, among others. The chaplains are helped by several volunteers who spend time with the patients, giving valuable encouragement and support.

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The Reverend Peter Wells is the Lead Chaplain, based in Brighton. He is also a Canon at the Cathedral. The Chaplaincy is paid for by the Trust to represent faith. The aim is to show love; by visiting the sick, the chaplains and volunteers are visiting Christ. Jo said they are there for encouragement and not proselytising, and to help patients adjust to the strange environment they are encountering, which is so different from their home surroundings.

They will encourage, by entering into whatever interests the patient. It may be gardening, reading, sewing, or whatever is their main hobby or occupation. People in hospital are taken out of their comfort zones and are emotionally vulnerable, so chaplains are there to support them in whatever way is appropriate. It may be just chatting, it may be prayer, or just being with people wherever they are.

Chaplains take Holy Communion to those who want it in the ward – “Christ in the midst of the healing and the suffering,” as Jo described it.

The chaplains not only support the patients and their relatives, but the relatives and friends of those who have suffered bereavement, offering communion, prayer and other means of support.

The chaplains also support the hospital staff, who are under a great deal of strain now, and do what they can by listening and encouraging.

Chaplains are on call twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. It is hard to get up in the middle of the night, but they are often needed to be with young mothers who have lost a baby, or whose baby is in the special care unit. They are alongside parents, of whom some are with their baby for long periods in the hospital, before they can take them home.

A chaplain’s work is varied, so they have training along the way for new ministries: chaplains are independent assessors for organ donations, assessing both the donor and the recipient to make sure they are coping emotionally.

Jo expressed her thanks for the Mothers' Union volunteers who do sterling work in the hospitals, especially the baby unit and the dementia unit. She applauded the work of those who make fiddle muffs and lap quilts for patients suffering from dementia. These are excellent aids for people who need something to do with their hands.

Jo asked for our prayers for the NHS; the staff, patients and chaplains who are in need of our prayers at this time.

*Shirley Rawlins and Heather Hollis*

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## **CUCKFIELD LADIES' GROUP UPDATE**

Our June meeting was held at the home of Sally Williams, and was a tea party in memory of dear Rosemary Baxter. Sally had collected, from Rosemary's son Anthony, two baskets filled with the lovely china she had used at all her fund raising events, which we shall now use. We decided to donate £50.00 to the Zumba Group in Lindfield, who are raising money for a memorial bench on Lindfield Common. Later in the year, when we know how much money we have raised, we shall send donations to the two charities she loved most, St. Catherine's Hospice and Parkinson's UK.

*Sally Williams*

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## **WE ARE ALL THEOLOGIAN!**

I recently visited a Neolithic religious site 6000 years old on Jersey, predating Stonehenge. The capstone weighed 24 tons and was supported on a semicircle of standing stones. How did they build it? Why? What was their theology? There were two parallel rows of standing stones to the east, so the sun seems to have been important. What did they do at these sites? Why did they bury people there? With no written record, we can only guess. Did they experience something sacred?

We are all theologians! We live in an age when freedom of thought and expression are valued and we quietly get on with thinking about God in our own way. Times have changed. When

Galileo confirmed the observations of Copernicus (that the earth is not the centre of the universe), he was put under house arrest by the church. He was told to change his mind, his book was burned, and he was not allowed to publish more. Fortunately, we in the UK no longer have to believe what we are told. We are free to choose what to believe. A recent BBC survey of 2000 adults showed that many people who self-identified as Christians held widely diverging views on Christian doctrines, including the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and life after death.

Adult faith has to be constantly questioned and re-interpreted. St. Paul said to the Philippians, "Continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling", or perhaps in contemporary language, "with humility and reverence." Jesus said "The truth shall set you free."

Theology is like a conversation which started before we joined in, and will continue after we have left. The conversation has moved on a long way since 4000 BC. For many of us, the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament are helpful, with their ideas of a God of love embodied in Jesus, who intends that we should love one another and live in a peaceful and just society.

For many, the way people see scripture has also changed. In former times it was seen as the immutable and literal word of God. But as we read now we could say that we are eavesdropping on a conversation between people and God that happened a long time ago and in different circumstances. What we read in the Bible was never intended for us. The people who wrote the bible had no idea that nearly 2000 years later people would still be reading their words and trying to work out their relevance in our own time.

Jesus never told people what to believe. He encouraged and valued *faith*, which is rather different - perhaps more akin to trust. However, he did suggest how people should live - to love God and to love one another (including enemies), to forgive one another, to give to the poor. In the Sermon on the Mount, there is very little about *belief*, but much about *doing*.

And so I return to Jersey. I was left thinking that something they *did*, their practical applied 'theology', outlived their belief.

*Jonathan Berry*

# JERUSALEM, NOW & THEN

I first visited The Holy City in 1959, staying in a monastery overlooking the Via de la Rosa, watching the pilgrims processing down it. I was in the old Jordanian half of the city, and we spent a lot of time walking up and down narrow stone footpaths, for in those days the city was partitioned and one needed a visa to go into the Israeli half. Not so now. Now I was on a day trip from the southern port of Ashdod, an hour and a half, with luck and no traffic jams, from Jerusalem, my tenth port of call after leaving Singapore on April Fools Day! I was in coach no. 5, and I discovered during the course of the day that different guides did different things - and we were very lucky to have a good guide specialising in the whereabouts of loos!

We started off in the holiest of holy places, just outside the Zion gate of the old city, first entering a church where some believe Mary, mother of Jesus, died. Then we entered a fort-like complex, the Cenacle, where after climbing outside steps we entered the 'Upper Room', just an oblong room, now venerated as the site where the Jesus held his Last Supper with his disciples. The Pope has been there, and celebrated Communion.

Also in that complex is the Tomb of King David, to which we descended down more stairs. There I discovered women went in on the right and men the other, you couldn't see them, and this segregation also takes place at the Western or Wailing Wall. As one leaves the complex of venerable sites, there is a stone pineapple, "an ancient symbol," said our guide, but he didn't know of what. All I can say is that the pineapple is the perfect example of the Fibonacci code, and is a fertility emblem.

After leaving the Cenacle and paying regard to the statue of King David, we entered the old walled city through the Zion gate. This wall and gateway were not there in Roman times; I think they were built by the Knights Templars. The wide Roman road itself could be seen from here, several feet lower down. This lovely walk then entered a long stone arcade. Imagine Burlington Arcade, but with stone walls and curved stone ceilings! Our guide assured us we were not going there to buy anything, but just to look, for it was very expensive. Another

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loo and coffee stop, and then the slow walk down wide stairs to the Wailing Wall. On TV, one only ever sees the men in their stove-pipe hats and long black coats bowing before it, not the women pressed against the wall, the cracks filled, I was told, with their lottery tickets!

There was no time on this tour to visit the Dome of the Rock; we could only see it gleaming above the high walls, but I had been lucky enough to do that in 1959. One never forgets putting one's hand into the crack which occurred as Jesus was crucified, and then descending to the holy of holies, seeing the gold-rimmed oblong glass box of his tomb, with the priest inside with his bowl for offerings.

At 2 p.m. we set off in the coach again, to the Garden of Gethsemane, filled with olive trees. We walked round two sides to enter the dark blue mosaic-encrusted Roman Catholic Church of All Nations (also known as The Basilica of the Agony), consecrated in 1924. People were lying flat-out on the floor, around the altar enshrining a portion of the bedrock. I didn't remember seeing that before; what I remembered was the wonderful view over Jerusalem from the site of the crucifixion.

That was our last visit, but before returning, we stopped for a photo-shoot overlooking the Mount of Olives, then a drive around the Arab quarter.

It was Anzac day, so at 5.30 p.m., having left the port of Ashdod, there was a Service in the Magellan Show lounge for the Australians and New Zealanders, commemorating that dreadful slaughter in Turkey, which I had seen in the distance when at Delphi. I'd learnt that is the reason for the Turkish flag being blood red with a sickle moon and one star, for that was what was reflected. It was a fitting way to end a day in Israel where there has been so much conflict over the years.

*Sally Williams*

# WHAT DO YOU DO ON A SATURDAY NIGHT?

*Brian Cutler reviews the latest offering from Cuckfield Dramatic Society, 'Bridge to Farce'.*

It has been said that farce treats the improbable as probable and the impossible as possible. The idea of two couples mistaking the venue of their Saturday night out and ending up with totally different evenings to what they had been expecting is really quite improbable, if not impossible. However, this is exactly what Richard Willis and Paul Ruse's new play, *Bridge to Farce*, convinces you can happen.

The Nicol-Stevens (Margaret, the politically ambitious wife, and Norman, a henpecked, golf loving husband), are expecting a couple they do not know, the Websters, for a game of bridge. The young couple that arrive, Barrie and Angie, are looking forward, somewhat anxiously, to a totally different kind of evening, a wife swapping party. As other guests arrive the opportunity for misunderstanding and double entendre are innumerable and the language of bridge subjected to the strangest of interpretations.

Meanwhile, the Collins (George, a photographer and Zoe, a model, both of whom enjoy the recreational use of sex and drugs to the full), are awaiting their unknown and anonymous guests. The real Websters arrive and soon also find that this is not quite the evening that they had in mind either. However, by the time that they realise their mistake, they are enjoying the evening so much that they suggest the Nicol-Stevens join them. Soon everyone is there, including the local MP and the police. Chaos reigns with some resolution in the final act, through the investigations of DS Doyle, the perspicacity of the prosecuting counsel, Nailer, and the judgement of the local magistrate, none other than Norman Nicol-Stevens.

This amusing and entertaining piece has no fewer than 21 roles undertaken by a cast of 15 talented actors. However, their success is not primarily in any individual performance, but in how well the Director, Sophie Bradshaw, enabled the whole company to work together to produce a lively, engaging and fun show. Of course farce can be seen as just that – something to make us laugh. However it does also demonstrate just how much perception is dependent upon expectation, on the mindset with which we approach any issue.

Watch out for CDS' next production, Chekhov and *Uncle Vanya*, in the autumn.

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Cuckfield Museum's new summer display 'Trading Places' continues, looking at the changing face of the High Street over the last 120 years. Photographs show that the buildings may be recognisable but their use has changed dramatically. Tools of the many trades which flourished bring the past to life.

This summer Cuckfield Museum is once again displaying work by Brighton University Design & Craft students inspired by their visits to New England Wood. As part of their first year studies, they have created wooden spoons in various shapes and sizes from sycamore, ash and hazel. Some are more decorative than practical but all are an interesting direct connection with our local woodland.

On July 29th from 10.30am-12.30pm, Colin Manton will be signing copies of his latest book at Cuckfield Museum. Drawing on his experience as a Curator at the Museum of London, 'Victorian London Through Time' uses a fascinating collection of photographs and illustrations to show how London has changed and developed since Victorian times.

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

Cuckfield's Royal Observer Corps Nuclear Bunker will open again on Saturday 15th July 11am-5pm & Sunday 16th July 10am - 2pm as part of the Festival of British Archaeology.

The bunker will open for the last time this year on Sunday 6th August, 11am - 5pm.

For more information see the Cuckfield ROC Post Facebook page at **[www.facebook.com/cuckfieldnuclearbunker](https://www.facebook.com/cuckfieldnuclearbunker)**

# GROWING IN FAITH

This year's Lent course was the first time we held a Friday afternoon group, as well as the usual evening session. As a result, the idea of holding a regular Friday afternoon study session has been suggested. This will allow people a chance to discuss and explore the readings and sermon from the previous Sunday in more depth.

The Group will be led by Clive Simmonds, supported by Michael, and will meet in Church on Fridays at 3pm starting on Friday 1st September. This will be an informal group, aiming to help and support each other on our journey of faith.

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester, used by our the Diocesan Strategy, calls us to know Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, day by day. Do join us if you want an opportunity to explore matters of growing in faith, and look out for the leaflets in Church during the summer. If you are not sure, or want to find out more, call Clive Simmonds on 07793420399.

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## MISSION GIVING UPDATE

### STONEPILLOW, CHARITY NO. 1000830

This year Mishcom are supporting the Chichester based charity, Stonepillow, which was founded in 1989 under the name St. Richard of Chichester Christian Care Association. The charity provides a lifeline for homeless and vulnerable people in the Chichester area with hubs, hostels and supported accommodation.

In 2015 the charity opened Stonepillow Lodge, a new facility of 5 en-suite bedrooms, in conjunction with St. Richard's Hospital, to house homeless people discharged from hospital.

Their social enterprise project, Stonepillow Restore, works with the local community recycling furniture and white goods donated by the public. It is here that their clients and the long-term unemployed receive training in restoration work, furniture repair and office skills. Items are then sold in aid of Stonepillow from their premises in Chichester.

The charity also run Stonepillow Hub at The Old Glassworks at St. Cyriacs in Chichester. It functions as the charity's drop-in day centre providing clients with access to a range of facilities. The hub is open all year round, seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. For a daily charge of 50p, clients are provided with breakfast, lunch and hot drinks. There are also shower and laundry facilities. In the afternoons the hub offers workshops on a range of subjects such as life skills, cookery and art lessons. Clients also receive assistance with benefit claims and housing options. Also, on site, there is a GP surgery and counselling support for clients.

Stonepillow employs over 40 people but also relies heavily on a team of volunteers. They have supported hundreds of clients to regain their independence, many of whom would otherwise be sleeping on the streets. Their annual fundraising event, The Big Sleep Out at Chichester Cathedral, will be held on Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Mishcom are planning to ask for donations of domestic items on the same weekend – details of this will follow soon.

For further information about Stonepillow, their website is [stonepillow.org.uk](http://stonepillow.org.uk)

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The longest serving volunteer, Mrs Margaret French (pictured) has been involved with the organisation since 1960. When Margaret joined, the Association was an adoption and fostering agency, supporting single mothers at a number of Maternity Homes throughout Sussex. Now FSW helps all kinds of families by undertaking home visits and running group activities.



The Lord-Lieutenant spoke about his involvement with and respect for the charity, saying: "FSW is one of those organisations that gets things done. They don't shout about it, they do it. They work with any family that needs them and they are a shining example of practical Christianity at work, reaching out to where ever there is need."

## Teddy Bear Weekend

You're invited to participate in FSW's annual Teddy Bear Weekend, to raise funds for vulnerable families in Sussex. Hold a 'Bring Your Bear to Church' service, a Teddy Bear breakfast, picnic, afternoon tea or supper and ask your guests to make a small donation. The weekend takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July, but you can hold your event at any time during the month. Please contact [fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk) or call 01273 832963 if you'd like FSW leaflets or other materials for your event.



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## **MINE'S A PINT**

***BY MICHAEL BLENCOWE OF THE SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST***

Let me see. I've written about cuckoos and cuckoo spit. What's next? Ah, *Arum maculatum* or cuckoo pint; the most evil plant in the British Isles. Never mind its highly toxic berries, this plant has the power to steer the most pure-thinking botanist down the path to innuendo and obscenity. It's a tiny hybrid of Benny Hill and a triffid hiding in the hedgerow. Each spring, a most bizarre plant appears in our countryside. Above shiny, speckled, trowel-shaped leaves arises a pale hood (the spathe). The spathe cloaks a purple poker-shaped flower-head (the spadix). This structure is a stinking beacon which gives off that sweet smell of decay so irresistible to insects. Flies are hypnotically drawn into the plant and are imprisoned by stiff bristles forcing them deep inside the hood where they pollinate the female flowers. After this pollination the male flowers develop, coating the insects with their pollen before the guard bristles wilt, releasing their prisoners to pollinate another plant. In the autumn the pale hood drops to reveal the fertilised female flowers which have now developed into striking orange and red berries; a poisonous, lumpy lollypop.

What is even more fascinating than this complex performance is the huge array of common colloquial names that have been given to this plant. A few refer to its unusual appearance; 'parson in the pulpit', 'soldier in the sentry box' – but it seems that most people when they are confronted with the plant see something altogether more obscene. Over the centuries botanists have stared at this floral Rorschach test and have likened the appearance of its reproductive structures to our own and the plant has earned itself a lewd lexicon of local names. 'Men's and Women's', 'Adam and Eve', 'cows and bulls' - names which have all given rise to its most commonly known title, 'Lords and Ladies'. I wonder how many people use this name not knowing that they have been lured in by the plant's vulgar charms? There are plenty of other 'colourful' titles for this plant too – some not befitting a classy publication such as this parish magazine (although I wonder if 'Willy Lily' gets past the editor?)

I'm just proud that I haven't been perverted by this plant. I've always referred to it as cuckoo pint – a wonderful evocative name, recalling the proud, lustful cry of the cuckoo and pint which means, well, I'm not sure. Strangely I've always pronounced it as 'pint' to rhyme with 'squint' not pint as in 'of Harveys'. I wonder why? Ah, here it is: "Pint: An abbreviation of the Old English vulgar slang word *pintle* meaning....." Oh crikey!

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## JULY GARDEN NOTES

After an extremely dry March and April and start of May, thundery showers and a few weather fronts brought much needed rain to our gardens, reviving flagging plants. Not so welcome were the strong winds in early June, bashing things about, ripping leaves and twigs off trees and shrubs. and snapping off lupins, foxgloves and other plants "top heavy" with their flowers and seeds. Warm weather has encouraged aphids (in our case blackfly) to proliferate, so keep an eye out for them, and treat as organically as possible (e.g. soft soap for aphids, concentrated garlic extract for caterpillars). Weeds too need keeping at bay so as not to swamp small plants, vegetables included.

Beans are climbing well but if strong winds are forecast, make sure canes or supports are secure, as the whole crop may go horizontal. The same applies to sweet peas and annuals climbing up fences or trellis. Tie in new growth on climbers and prune Wisteria, tying in new growth where you want to extend the framework, and cutting back the new whippy shoots to 1cm from the old wood. Early flowering Clematis and honeysuckles you haven't tackled (and in need of a trim) can still be done this month.

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

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

In the vegetable garden, keep hoeing off the weeds, plant out any remaining leek and brassica seedlings, sow swede and turnips early on in the month. Harvest shallots and garlic once their "tops" / leaves have turned brown. Dig all first early potatoes if you haven't already, and second earlies too by the end of the month, particularly if blight appears.

Ants have enjoyed the dry spring and can be a nuisance in gardens, although they do little harm. Only where they remove soil from around plant roots do they need controlling - or under paving slabs.

For those asking kind neighbours to look after their plants whilst they go away, remember to make life as easy as possible by putting pots together and having a hose pipe long enough to reach them all for watering!

*Lindsay Shurvell*

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## PARISH NOTES

**The Roll of Honour** – Private Tom Card and Private Jack M. Ansell have been home on leave after having been wounded, and we have been pleased to see Colonel Berly home on short leave from the Front, and also Mr. Fred Caffyn, a Chief Officer of one of the British India boats, who has been doing very strenuous work since the outbreak of war in transporting troops and stores, and recently had a terrible experience in the Mediterranean.

Our sympathies are with Mr. and Mrs. Attewell and family in their sorrow at the death of Charles K. K. Tinder, who was killed at the Front last month. He had lived with them from his earliest days and was quite one of the family.

**The Great Anniversary** – The third Anniversary of the Outbreak of this Great War will again be observed as a day of special intercessions on behalf of our Country, and our Forces on Sea and on Land. This year it falls on a Saturday, but we hope that in spite of that very many will be able to come to one or more of the services. We wonder how far it would be possible to close all places of business at 7 p.m. that evening? The offerings throughout the day will be given to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers. The services will be as follows:-

8 a.m. – Celebration of Holy Communion, with Memorial for those who have fallen in the War. 10.30 a.m. – Morning Prayer and Intercessions. Noon – **The Peace Bell**. Prayers for Victory and Peace. 4.30 p.m. – Evensong and Intercessions. 7.30 p.m. – Service of Intercession with Sermon.

**Guild of Perseverance** – This Guild has been formed by several of the boys who were recently Confirmed, and it is very much hoped that many other Confirmed members of the Church will also join. The object of the Guild is for the honour and glory of God, to help members to do their duty and encourage them to help others also. On joining, they promise

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with God's help to keep the rule of life, which is to say their prayers, read their Bible, attend Church once every Sunday and Holy Communion regularly. The Guild Service is held on the Friday before the first Sunday in the month in Church at 8.15.

**National Baby Week, July 1st-7th** – We hope all our readers will carefully and thoughtfully read the statements in the paper enclosed with the Magazine this month. You can help, not only in the ways suggested on the paper, but also by coming to the Baby Show and Fete at Cuckfield Park on July 6th, at 2.30, and by bringing someone with you; if you are a mother, by coming to the meetings of the Children's Welfare Association at the Church Room, which are held monthly, and bringing others with you ; by doing all you can to help the Cuckfield Crèche.

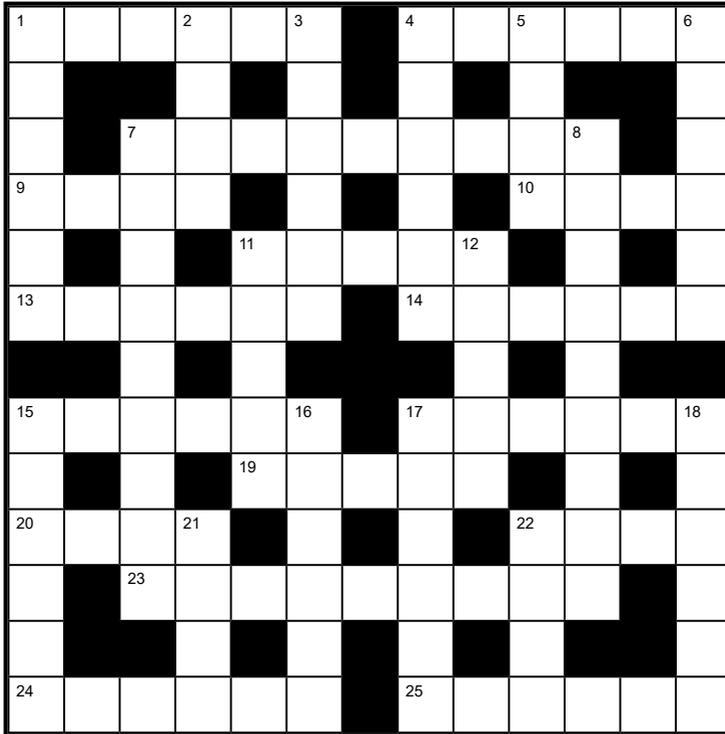
Special sermons will be preached at the Parish Church and the Mission Churches on Sunday, July 1st.

Lady Glanusk has promised to open the Baby Show and give away the Prizes.

Other Competitions (with prizes):- A Pram Parade (the best turned-out perambulator with baby). The best "Make-shift" Garment for Children. The best 2lb. War Loaf, made of not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of war flour, with any other substitute. The best Essay by School Children on: "If Mother were away all day how would I feed and take care of Baby?"

A Band will perform during the afternoon, and a War Tea will be provided at a charge of 3d. per person.

# July Crossword



## ACROSS

1. ANGELIC BABY (6)
4. CLERIC (6)
7. ABRAHAM WAS ONE (9)
9. SICKNESSES (4)
10. HEALTHY (4)
11. RELIGIOUS BOOK (5)
13. THRICE (6)
14. MAGIC FORMULA (6)
15. HELP (6)
17. SHORE BIRD (6)
19. THREW AT (5)
20. CLIMBING PLANT (4)
22. UNKIND (4)
23. FORM OF CHANT (9)
24. WRITTEN WORK (6)
25. INUIT (6)

## DOWN

1. MESSIAH (6)
2. NARROW INLETS (4)
3. GOLF TERM (6)
4. GEMS (6)
5. MEASUREMENT (4)
6. GETS THINNER (6)
7. ANOTHER 23 ACROSS (9)
8. GHOSTLY TIME (9)
11. MAKE HOLY (5)
12. OLD GARMENT (5)
15. WAITING SEASON (6)
16. PARTS OF THE BODY (6)
17. SAINT (6)
18. MUSICAL INSTRUCTION (6)
21. GOD OF LOVE (4)
22. GOSPEL (4)

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# What's on Around Cuckfield...

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**Mid Sussex  
Alzheimers Support  
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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 July  
Ansty Garden Club**

Annual Summer Supper  
Ansty Garden Club meets in the Village Hall at  
7.45pm on the last Wednesday of the month with  
a varied programme of events including speakers,  
outings, plant sales etc. Members' subscription is  
£8 per year. Visitors are charged £2 per evening  
visit. Refreshments and raffle at small cost. New  
members always welcome. For more details contact  
Chairperson : Derry Bailleaux or  
Secretary: Amanda Hulejczuk 01273970183

## ANSWERS TO JULY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:**

1.CHERUB 4.PRIEST 7.PATRIARCH 9.ILLS 10.HALE 11.BIBLE 13.TRIPLR 14.SPELLS  
15.ASSIST 17.GODWIT 19.SHIED 20.VINE 22.MEAN 23.GREGORIAN 24.THESIS  
25.ESKIMO

**DOWN:**

1.CHRIST 2.RIAS 3.BIRDIE 4.PEARLS 5.INCH 6.TAPERS 7.PLAINSONG  
8.HALLOWEEN 11.BLESS 12.EPHOD 15.ADVENT 16.THIGHS 17.GEORGE  
18.TENUTO 21.EROS 22.MARK

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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 7.30 for 7.45-9pm. (There are no practices during August)
<b>Holy Trinity Mens Group</b>	19 July – Meal at The Whyte Harte 8pm For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
<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>18 July 10am in the Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.</i>
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Friday 14 July – Quiet Day with East Blatchington MU. Travel by cars: leave 9.15am for 10am, finish 3pm return by 4pm Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
<b>Little Ones Church Service</b>	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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<b>Royal British Legion</b> <i>(Women's Section)</i>	26 July – Lunch Out Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield
<b>Cuckfield Crafts and Market</b>	For information or to book contact Beverley Smith 01444 440274 or Jane Ravell 01444 451454
<b>Cuckfield Local Market</b>	9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield. (Monthly)
<b>Cuckfield Evening Flower Club</b>	4 July – Evening visit to Sue's garden 14 July – Christian Payne "All the Time in the World"
<b>Cuckfield Ladies Group</b>	Tuesday 4 July 6pm Cuckfield Village Stroll to the Wheatsheaf for 7pm meal Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.
<b>Solo Tea</b>	On Sunday 16 July . Tickets (free) are available from the church office
<b>Cuckfield Evening WI</b>	18 July Cathy Symonds – Craft Evening Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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### **HOLY BAPTISM**

Oliver William COTTER  
Harriet Ivy BOHANNA  
Océane Amelia WARDROP

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Queenie Margaret Irene ALLANSON      Aged 89  
Gladys Edith TINGLEY                      Aged 87

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# July 2017 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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## **SUNDAY 2 JULY – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-end*  
*Matthew 10: 40-end*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*Romans 6: 12-end; Matthew 10: 40-end*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*1 Samuel 28: 3-19; Luke 17: 20-end*

## **SUNDAY 9 JULY – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a;*  
*Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

## **SUNDAY 16 JULY – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8: 1-11;*  
*Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
*2 Samuel 7: 18-end; Luke 19: 41-20:8*

## **SUNDAY 23 JULY – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25;*  
*Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*1 Kings 2: 10-13, 3: 16-end; Acts 4: 1-22*

## **SUNDAY 30 JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Holy Communion  
*1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-39;*  
*Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*1 Kings 6: 11-14, 23-end; Acts 12: 1-17*

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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
Xplorers	action for 11 to 13 year olds.

*except for 1st Sunday of each month when all join the Family Service  
and during the school summer holidays.*

for details of weekday youth activities see regular events

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