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Do you not see, beloved, how boundless God's blessings are?

Dear friends,

In this strange new world we find ourselves exploring, people have found new blessings. Many will have enjoyed watching the wonder of awakening nature as Spring and Summer unfold before their eyes. There has been the chance to stop and think, and even to read, although Bishop Martin admitted at a Rural Deans' meeting I attended via Zoom recently that he hadn't yet managed to do the latter yet – I was glad to hear that, because the same is true of me. There are so many books on the shelves I really do want to explore!

At the same time, we know that there are frustrations and great anxieties, together with many people experiencing vastly different situations; the rise in mental ill-health, the unfolding crisis of unattended health issues quite apart from the pandemic itself. Even if we ourselves are coping reasonably well, we will, I am sure, all wonder *how*, *when* or *if* there will be any return to what we regarded as normal life just a few short months ago.

These anxieties are all justified, yet I always remember the words of a parishioner in Willingdon who used to say of people she knew who were suffering crises within their lives, 'If only they could count their blessings.' It sounds a rather 'pat' or even trite saying yet actually points to the heart of understanding our Faith.

We enter the long Season of Trinity on the first Sunday in June, and this period affords us the opportunity to reflect on God, whose might, power and majesty is revealed within our humanity through self-giving Love on the Cross. This in turn leads us to experience the life-giving fire of the Holy Spirit. Our Trinitarian lives draw us to know that we are never alone but journeyed with every step of the way with a profound love beyond our imagining.

Boundless blessings, indeed.
With my love and best wishes,

Michael (Vicar)

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Things as they are It looks as if we might see some possibility in opening our beloved church sometime in July according to the latest news. However, it seems that this is unlikely to involve public acts of worship to begin with. Even when these do recommence, they will undoubtedly be very restricted in nature. We all long for the normality we knew until just a few months ago. However, realistically we - as a community of Faith - must continue to explore new ways of worship and outreach as we have done over the past months (and indeed as the Church has done since the first Pentecost!). Please don't be daunted. In many ways, we will, I hope, have been heartened at the opportunities arising out of necessity.

Giving and Finance Please remember those charities we have supported regularly as a church in your giving. In most cases, this will involve donating online, although some folk will be more comfortable sending money. I know that however you give, it will be gratefully received. You know that during my time as Vicar, I have always gently highlighted giving to Holy Trinity as a blessing which enables our outreach to prosper. We are fortunate to have many regular givers. However, please remember that if it was your custom to give in the plate, this opportunity has now ceased. Last year I believe that plate collections totalled over £10,000. If this was your mode of giving rather than the Parish Giving Scheme, please use the online giving link on the church website if you can. We have just changed to the provider 'Give a little' having moved away from 'JustGiving.' Information on both the Parish Giving Scheme and 'Give a little' are listed under '**Giving**' at www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/giving/

Zooming in Faith (continued!) We are exceptionally fortunate to be able to continue our worship online – something which will now become the norm even when we resume services in church. The kindness of people enabling those perhaps less adept at technology to be with us is lovely. At the same time, we know that there are several regular worshippers who are unable to join. This is, of course, a sorrow. Please remember that I am always at the end of the phone if you want a chat (07595-415143) and Gill is at the end of an email (as it were!). I have tried to keep in contact via the phone with several people, but if I have not caught up with you, please do know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. It is my custom to remember the parish community, concentrating on a page of the Electoral Roll day by day and holding you in prayer. Please pray for me and our continued mission in living and revealing our faith in Jesus Christ.

Opportunities As I said previously, we are finding new ways to explore aspects of our worship. The fact that people can join online has allowed us to welcome several guest preachers. My good friend, **The Rev Karen Young (Vicar of Heckmondwike and Liverside)** preached at our first online Choral Evensong, and this coming Sunday, I am thrilled that **The Bishop of Dover (The Very Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin)** is preaching. Bishop Rose is a great friend of Father Stephen and Eileen Caple, members of our congregation, and we are grateful that they asked if she would 'visit' Sussex online! On Pentecost we have the **Acting Archdeacon for our area, Canon Julia Peatty**, with us. These are real positives in terms of our community, and we will be grateful to all of them for sharing in our worship.

THE HOLY TRINITY IN IMAGERY – *an impossible task?*

Can or should we try to depict the profound mystery of the Godhead within art? Various artists have sought to do this for many centuries. Here are a few examples, together with a short reflection on my part.



Some may remember that Bishop Martin chose this painting by **El Greco** (**Domenikos Theotokopoulos - 1541-1614**) as part of a Diocesan Lent Course several years ago. It is, of course, very much in the style of the age, although El Greco gives it his own twist – the figure of God the Father wearing an eastern mitre being one! It is a luminous imagining of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, complete with angels regarding the figure of Jesus with sorrowing wonder. It has a certain kind of beauty, yet does it capture the divine mystery?

In the centre of **Munich** is the **Asamkirche** – the only church to survive the bombing which flattened the city towards the end of the Second World War. It is small building (22x8m.) yet a virtuosic display of baroque art by the brothers, sculptor **Egid Quirin Asam**, and painter **Cosmas Damian Asam** as their private church. Built between 1733 and 1746, it seeks to draw the worshipper into the presence of God through dizzying and exuberant sculpture, stucco and painting. All merge to create a unified and breath-taking experience, and you just have to go with it. Remember, too, that a vicar I once worked with felt that my love of the baroque and rococo was a definite flaw in my character! However, at the top of the two storied reredos above the altar is another depiction of the Trinity.

It is wonderful what you can achieve with plaster! Here, however, is perhaps a more western approach to El Greco's. God the Father in a papal tiara speaks of the Counter-Reformation and a binding of Roman Catholic theology to institution. It is wonderful in its way, but does it convey the essence of the fulness of Trinitarian life?



When we think of the Trinity, we should not think primarily of ‘two blokes and a bird,’ as someone once quipped! Although Jesus is revealed within our humanity, the Trinity is best understood as a constantly flowing equality of love, known to us within our Creation, within our humanity and within ourselves. Yes, Jesus taught us to calli God ‘Abba – Father.’ This is our privilege, but our understanding must stretch even further. Perhaps this understanding is more adequately displayed in the final image.



Andrei Rublev, the greatest Russian Icon painter created his ‘*Trinity*’ - also known as ‘*The hospitality of Abraham,*’ (based on the account of Abraham and Sarah feeding three mysterious figures in *Genesis 18*) - in 1411 or slightly later, and the imagery, as with the title, represents ambiguity. The three figures are

identical in all but colour of clothing; the wings touch showing unity, and the side of the table facing us is left open for us to join in this divine meal. Although I appreciate the other two as works of art, perhaps Rublev draws us to a more profound understanding of the mystery of the God of utter love made known to us in an equality of relationship.

Perhaps it is just best to admit that humanity is not capable of imaging the mystery of the Trinity other than in limited human imagery. Our journey as people of faith leads us to seek to draw near of this unity of love, understanding that the Holy Trinity has a place prepared for us at the table – the divine banquet of everlasting joy and felicity.

Michael

THE PARISH MAGAZINE Copy Date

While we are not currently able to distribute the hard copy edition of the magazine, the online edition is available free of charge, to read on-line or to download as a PDF, from the following link on the church website, from within the 'welcome' tab on the home page:

<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/welcome/parish-magazine/>

Because we are not physically printing, collating and distributing the parish magazine, we are able to move the copy date for the online edition later in the month. As a result:

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ZOOM VISITORS

*One of the delights of Zoom is the visitors we have been able to welcome from around the globe, from South Africa, from Germany, or farther afield, and who are able to join the services with their family and friends here in Cuckfield. No visitor has been more regular, though, than **Joanna Sanders**, James Sanders mother, from **Balsham, Cambridgeshire in the Diocese of Ely**. We are learning much about the hyperactivity of weeding all the way round their church in times of Corona Virus! Joana writes for us:*

I am enormously grateful to the team from Holy Trinity, Cuckfield who have set up the Zoom link which James gave me. I have been following Fr Michael's services since the Friday before Palm Sunday. I zoom in each Sunday (and especially like it when I see James and Emma on the screen), and most Wednesdays and Fridays. It has been particularly helpful to have these services whilst our Churches are locked.

I find Fr Michael so friendly and cheerful – I shall always remember him saying 'My Dear Friends'. Our Rector or the Team do a service each Sunday but, for some reason, it is not the Eucharist. Our Benefice has six parishes and seven medieval churches.

Life in Cambridgeshire is very quiet, and it is difficult to realise that there are many people who are fearful and anxious in the present situation in our world.

However, my warmer weather project was to weed right round the base of Balsham Church, which is large (*see photo*), and which took in excess of 30 hours, on my hands and knees, and strange to say I did actually quite enjoy it – a challenge now completed.



A ***cold/wet weather project*** saw me sewing up (knitting some of them) 4 blankets, each of 48 six inch squares, and then edged in blanket stitch (*see photo*).



A more general project is to try and read a book a week, and also say Morning Prayer each day, which sometimes turns into Afternoon Prayer! Also, there is the garden to do and keeping in touch with friends.

James has been especially good at ringing me up nearly every day BUT I much miss his visits here and he tends to bring Emma too. They often go racing at Newmarket and then I have the best dog in the world according to Emma. I am still living in the house into which William and I moved in late 1967, so before James was born!

Kind regards
Joanna

FSW MAY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

It feels hardly any time since my last update to you, but already a month has gone by as we continue to operate under lockdown. The restrictions on movement and contact have of course affected our work over the last few weeks, but our practitioners have been finding new ways of supporting parents and using the food delivery slots as a time to catch up from a distance with their families and offer as much help as they can. With the impact of furlough or job losses starting to really hit home, the upcoming weeks will be crucial, and we are doing our best to keep up with all developments so that we can give our families the most up to date advice.

Our wonderful supportive community has continued to be extremely generous. We have been able to keep our food bank stocked thanks to the generosity of a local building firm, but our immediate priority is to make sure that we can continue to pay the salaries of our practitioners so that they can keep doing their amazing work. Our big events programme would have provided a significant amount of these funds, but with everything cancelled we are now facing a challenge to bring in enough money. But we are optimistic that the hard work of our staff and the dedication of our supporters and funders will keep us afloat until times become easier for everybody.

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Thank you to everybody who has contacted us by phone, email or post with words of encouragement, prayers and financial support. We are so very grateful to you all for your kindness during these unprecedented times.

April's work in numbers

- 173 (socially distanced) visits to families supporting 41 grandparents, 357 parents and 410 children
- 21 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype, etc.) with other agencies
- 252 food deliveries made

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing
<https://www.justgiving.com/chichesterdiocesan>

Breaking News: Bishop Martin has directly appealed for help for FSW as their food levels have continued to dwindle, and with the **Mothers' Union** of the Diocese, is launching a network of MU depots across the diocese to diversify the sources for supplies, beyond the normal and by now sometimes disrupted supply lines. In Cuckfield, we are fortunate in having Jane Coan in direct contact with the FSW Deanery Worker, so if you do feel able to put aside provisions of any kind, contact Jane who will make arrangements to come and make a socially-distanced collection from you, for immediate onward transmission to the FSW Worker and her families. This will save having to go to Horsham where the nearest MU depot is otherwise found.



Cuckfield Museum may be closed for the moment but why not pay a virtual visit to our website www.cuckfieldmuseum.org to enjoy looking at images of our collection and find out more about the history of the village.

The Museum's new Facebook page ***Around Old Cuckfield***, linked to our website, is proving very popular. People often want to know more about the images we select from our archives, and long-standing Cuckfield residents are able to provide very welcome extra information.

The Museum is compiling an archive to record this time of lock down in the village. If you have any photographs or documents that encapsulate the strange times we are living through, please forward to info@cuckfieldmuseum.org

In the meantime, a few photos from our photographic archive which are proving popular on our Facebook page which might interest readers ...

For instance, the happy Askew wedding party, we think around 1905, hastening from the church to the garden at ***Askews' Joiners and Undertakers*** in Church St, now *King's House*, where the Emersons who gave us the photo now live, together with the pictures of the reception, with a small boy looking down from what was the coffin shop (building still there), are all interesting because they are quite informal for the time.







The photo outside *Diamond House* below shows the singing baker, Sam Willett, who was well known as a Sussex folk singer. He suffered from dwarfism though this didn't seem to hold him back in his baking or singing careers.



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Mark Parker was browsing the *Screen Archive South East* when he came across the following link which he shares with us: <http://screenarchive.brighton.ac.uk/detail/9918/>

The film newsreel from 1947 shows a Scout and Guide Parade at Cuckfield and a Guide Parade Inspection at Haywards Heath.

In the beautifully-shot opening sequences, Guides and Scouts parade down the High Street, through the lych-gate and into in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield. There are some wonderful pictures of the Old School, snippets of the Church, the top of Church Platt and what was then the school playground (now car park), together with some views of the clergy and the High Street. Senior members of the Guiding movement greet the Rover Scouts and Guiding groups, which include the Uckfield and Haywards Heath Boy Scouts and Cubs, followed by three companies of Guides from Haywards Heath.

The later sequence shows a parade of Guides in Haywards Heath (St Wilfrid's Church) and the inspection of the various companies. Outside the Church, the troops and companies are greeted by several senior Guiding and Scouting leaders and dignitaries, followed by portrait views of individual Guides and other members of the public, ending with a brief portrait shot of two older women wearing fur hats and coats standing in the street.

Slow newsreel for lock down days ...



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MIDDAY MUSIC - KEEPING LIVE MUSIC GOING DURING LOCKDOWN!

Faced with the challenge of an impending lock down in early March, and with lunchtime concerts in Cuckfield and with *Ensemble Reza* (the group I manage) being cancelled, my first instinct was to work out how to keep the music going! I thought that during a lockdown music might be even more important than ever, helping us to find a calm and relaxing space in what could be a very stressful time.

With the help from local sponsors (Tim French and *It's Magic, Savills* and the *Orchards Shopping Centre*) I set up a concert series with *Ensemble Reza* called ***Midday Music - the Tuesday Series***. The concerts have now been running for 8 weeks. We are running the concerts from our musicians' homes (fortunately we have several husband and wife duos and some exceptionally talented children who have also been involved).

We are filming live to our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp-fenf137J_J4rCM620tqw

and during the concert I interact with our audience via the comments section. You simply need to subscribe to our Channel to be able to comment.

We have been amazed at the success of these concerts. In 8 weeks we have had over 8.5k viewings on our YouTube channel from all over the world including Australia, France, Russia and closer to home from Scotland to Cornwall! We are also working with *West Sussex Music* who are sending a link to over 260 schools in West Sussex to our concert series each week. Potentially reaching over 80,000 children.

The feedback has also been fantastic and this week I was contacted by the Head of Music at *Oathall Community College*, who told me she was cycling to her mother's house each week and watching the concert with her mum through the living room window and they were joined by her sister in Australia via FaceTime.

Here is some other feedback I've received:

Touched to the core!!! and dancing we were!! thank you x 1000

For us old ones isolating it was a joy and very heartening. It's going to be a very different and strange time for us all but moments like this morning are going to be so precious. Thank you all. Encore!

I have never really listened to classical music in the past, but I am really enjoying these concerts. thank you

The best thing to have come out of lockdown!

Lovely way to spend a Tuesday lunchtime. Thank you all. Well done with the improved sound.

The best 45 minutes of the week. Thank you all so much

That was absolutely amazing! What beautiful playing!

We are now calling for people to help! If we reach 1,000 subscribers on our YouTube channel we could record the concerts on our mobile phones which would help with the sound quality. Please can you forward our link to all your friends and family and ask them to subscribe:

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We need our appeal to go viral (excuse the pun!). While virtual concerts are not the same as performing live in the concert hall, this series has however helped us to stay in touch with our audience and friends and has provided some relief during this dreadful time.

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Hannah Carter



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In Memoriam: Robert Norris

One of the consequences of the current emergency is the inability to mark the passing of lives in the usual way. The whole parish was saddened to hear of the death of Robert Norris, a good friend to us all, and a loyal servant of the church. We are delighted to publish the following on behalf of David and Caroline.

We are saddened to let you know that Dad passed away peacefully on Sunday April 19th. He was resident at Ashton House at the time, having moved in earlier this year. Caroline and I were able to see him on the Saturday, for which we are very thankful.

For those of you we have already spoken with, thank you for all the kind words and support. It has been a real comfort to Caroline and I, and my family to think of all the close friends that Dad had in his life.

Sadly, given the current Global situation with COVID-19 we are unable to host and invite you all to attend the funeral as we would like, but we wanted to still share the details with everyone. Also, as a few people asked about sending flowers, but instead we would ask that, if you wish to, please make a donation to Dad's beloved Bluebell Railway, which you can do here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/RobertNorris9>

Robert's funeral was at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium on Friday, May 1st and the family hope to be able to have a Celebration of his life in the future.

In Memoriam: John Willis Humphries ***2nd March 1934-11th March 2020***

Last month we published Claire Humphries tribute to her father, John Humphries, and when Paul Johnson read the obituary of his old friend he was prompted to share a personal reflection.

In my early years as a singer, sometime in the late 70's, I was privileged enough to sing with, in one of the many outlets he was singing with at the time, *The Coda Singers*, based in Coulsdon. John Humphries had an absolutely golden baritone voice. At the time, I was largely singing counter-tenor - a voice I said good-bye to a long time ago - but offered my somewhat poorer voice to the bass/baritone line. Whilst I was there, our musical director, a lovely man called Jim Mathers, died suddenly, and tragically young, early 40's I believe, with a heart attack. It fell to me to take over the reins at *The Coda Singers*, ill-prepared, and feeling woefully inadequate.

John and I took part in many concerts, the most special for me being a performance of *The Crucifixion* by **Stainer** in Tunbridge Wells (in the church of *King Charles the Martyr*). I was out-front, John took the baritone solos. It was one of those performances I will never forget. The Holy Spirit took over. At the end of the performance, one of the singers actually came to tell me that she had become a Christian as a result of that evening. It was specifically the 'God so loved the world' section. Somehow, I know that John's performance that day was a factor in a quite remarkable event.

The reason I am telling you all this, is that it was John who kept me at *The Coda Singers* for the 18 months I was directing the choir. It was he who told me that I was 'doing it', and could 'do it' when I felt I couldn't! John was one of the many who turned my choral tastes from a cathedral singer (a musical vegetarian!), to someone who actually started to appreciate

the likes of **Gilbert and Sullivan**, and the rest of the somewhat eclectic repertoire of that particular choir. It was a paradox that, as their director I was supposed to be teaching them; what actually happened was that they taught me so much about the wider world of choral music. John was a big part of that, a real encourager.

I was delighted when I found that John had followed me to Sussex and moved to Bolney. I occasionally met him in Haywards Heath when he was around. His complete passion for **Hurlstone's** music wore me down in the end, and I bought a CD! He wasn't wrong - it's good stuff. I remember him telling me of his battle with *Classic FM* to get **Hurlstone** played! To his frustration, they were unresponsive.

I last met him about 18 months ago, and we shared a coffee together in Greggs. He was an occasional visitor to Holy Trinity for Evensong, and it was always good to see him.

I will miss John.....a lot! He was quite special.

Paul Johnson



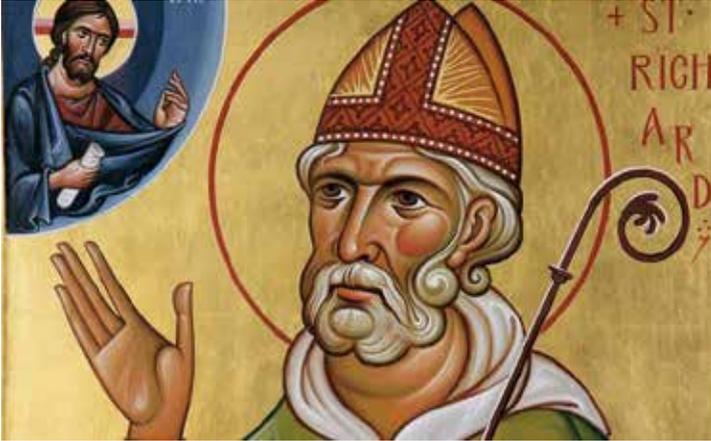
IN MEMORIUM

Audrey Maureen Selby	Aged 89
Anne Rosemary Atkinson	Aged 62
Robert Norris	Aged 73
John Ernest Humphrey	Aged 98
Graham Harold Fleet	Aged 72
Doreen Estelle Webster	Aged 93
Ian Nicolson	Aged 67
Jean Alice Smith	Aged 97
William Paul Llewhellin	Aged 74
Viola Edith Mary Muddle	Aged 90

St Richard of Chichester

Wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly

Feast Day 16th June



St Richard of Chichester, our Diocesan bishop of the 13th century, began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235, he returned to Oxford and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved: he was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to the wayward, and extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine.

He was also a brilliant legislator of the Diocese. He banned any forms of payment by the laity for the administration of the sacraments, decreed that the Mass should always be celebrated with dignity, the clergy to be chaste, in residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and to know by heart the *Hail Mary* as well as the *Lord's Prayer* and *Creed*.

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Bishop Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3rd April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is often represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass.



The Shrine of St Richard in Chichester Cathedral

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester:

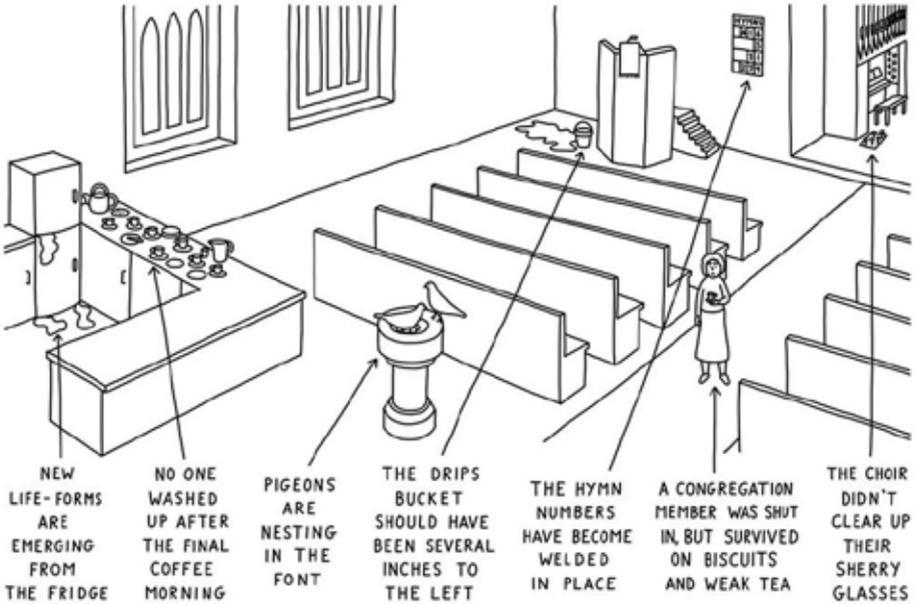
Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Often I try
To analyse the quality
Of its silences. Is this where God hides
From my searching ? I have stopped to listen,
After the few people have gone,
To the air recomposing itself
For vigil. It has waited like this
Since the stones grouped themselves about it.
These are the hard ribs
Of a body that our prayers have failed
To animate. Shadows advance
From their corners to take possession
Of places the light held
For an hour. The bats resume
Their business. The uneasiness of the pews
Ceases. There is no other sound
In the darkness but the sound of a man
Breathing, testing his faith
On emptiness, nailing his questions
One by one to an untenanted cross.

Inside Church by R.S.Thomas

DISCOVERIES

MADE UPON RETURNING TO THE CHURCH BUILDING



REED WARBLERS AND SEDGE WARBLERS *I BLESS THE RAINS DOWN IN AFRICA*



It's amazing how a song can transport you someplace else. I can't hear *Africa* by American soft-rockers Toto without drifting back 35 years to a school disco in Plymouth. Right now, I'm sitting by a Sussex reedbed listening to two songs simultaneously pouring from deep in the reeds. These songs also take me back to my childhood and Saturday mornings spent birdwatching beside similar reedbeds in South Devon.

These summer singers are two small brown birds; the Reed Warbler and the Sedge Warbler and their songs make me feel strangely nostalgic for a place I have never been; Ghana, where these warblers will have spent the winter before returning to

Sussex each spring. Reed Warblers are rather plain whereas Sedge Warblers sport a streaky back and stripy head with a heavy 'eyebrow' that fixes them with a permanently intense expression. But these identification features aren't important because you'll rarely see these secretive birds. But, boy, will you hear them! Because when they start singing they just can't stop.

The Reed Warbler's song is a loud, repetitive stuttering chatter of jumbled phrases that just just doesn't just doesn't seem to just just just just doesn't just doesn't seem to seem to go anywhere. It sounds like one of those warehouse-sized 1950's computers churning out data. The Sedge Warbler's song is similar but much more energetic and erratic with added harsh 'churrrs' and whistles giving the overall impression that it urgently needs a straightjacket and heavy medication.

These complex songs have a simple message; 'Hey ladies, my territory is so rich in insects that I don't have to spend much time hunting for my food; I can waste my time just singing'. It's the loudest, longest, craziest song that will seduce a feathered female. Sedge Warblers raise their family in a no-thrills nest low in vegetation, but the Reed Warbler weaves an incredible deep hammock lashed together with spider silk between the stiff stems of the tall reeds. The whole cradle will rock as the reeds bow in the breeze.

In August, after raising their families, their warbler thoughts drift back to Africa where drums echo and wild dogs cry out in the night. The warblers will gorge themselves with aphids and, with a fat belly full of fuel, take off from Sussex and head over Iberia, North Africa and the wide Sahara to Ghana; a 3000 mile journey.

I always imagine a Ghanaian naturalist pausing momentarily each autumn to observe these returning visitors. Do his thoughts drift to the Sussex riverside where they spent the summer? When the rains return to Africa in the spring they will summon the insect food that will again power their tiny warbler wings back to England to add to my Sussex summer soundtrack.

Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

JUNE GARDEN NOTES

After a very dry April, with the exception of the last 3 days, and a dry first half of May, we could do with some steady rain, so do keep watering any shrubs and herbaceous plants you have put into the ground these last 2 months. Water generously and infrequently rather than a little and often, as the latter encourages surface roots to proliferate which are more prone to dry out. One benefit of dry weather and some chilly nights is that the grass has not grown so prolifically. Roses and later flowering clematis should also be kept watered in dry spells to minimise mildew.

We can normally say no frosts after 9th May in most parts of Sussex, but not this year. The temperature dropped below zero in the early hours of 12th May, no doubt damaging potato tops and a few other tender plants.

Climbers, especially clematis, sweet peas and honeysuckles will need tying in, and unwanted growth trimmed off. Early flowering clematis - montana, alpina, macropetala and cirrhosa types have given a good display; likewise, the azaleas and rhododendrons, where lack of moisture has not stressed them. Early Clematis can be pruned when the flowers are over to keep growth under control if they are rampant and in need of a 'haircut' (like most of us with lockdown!).

Spring flowering shrubs may be pruned, e.g., Forsythia, Spirea, Deutzia, Osmanthus, Mahonia and Camellias. Daffodils/narcissi foliage in grass will have gone brown, so it may all be strimmed and the vegetation raked off.

Pull up forget-me-nots, and deadhead Astartias, early Aconitum, Aquilegias, Alliums and the white Camassia if you wish to limit their proliferation.

In the vegetable garden second sowings of carrots, beetroot and spinach may be made and late plantings of vegetables like leeks, courgettes, sweetcorn, kale and purple sprouting broccoli to keep the kitchen happy in autumn and winter. Tomatoes and cucumbers need regular attention, side shoots removed on indeterminate types, tied up and fed. Bush types will still benefit from a small stake, e.g., Red Alert, unless they are in a basket, e.g., Tumbler, Tumbling Tom

Check fruit cage netting for holes as the strawberry, currant and raspberry season starts and for grey squirrels who will chew through netting to reach ripening fruit.

Watch out for pests notably aphids of various kinds - green, grey and black which proliferate in the warmth on young tender shoots, rose buds, lupin flowers as well as in the greenhouse on fuchsias, pelargoniums and petunias. Also, watch for bright red lily beetles that are usually mating when you want to squash them. You have to be quick with your squishing/squashing, as they drop down into the foliage at the slightest movement. It's the larvae that chew away merrily causing most damage, and, since they wrap themselves in their own excrement for protection, squashing them is a messy business.

Bedding plants for tubs, baskets or borders have been hard to purchase with the Virus situation but with Garden Centres opening up, you may now be able to buy some. Keep feeding and deadheading hanging baskets plants and patio plants, giving them adequate water, not just a splash with the hose pipe.

Enjoy your gardens and the beautiful countryside around us in these difficult times.

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- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
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 - 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

(Answers on page 43)

June 2020 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 7 JUNE – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end;
Matthew 28: 16-20
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
- 11.00am Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 13: 11-end; Matthew 28: 16-20
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Isaiah 6: 1-8; John 16: 5-15

SUNDAY 14 JUNE – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8;
Matthew 9: 35-10: 8
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 21 JUNE – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11;
Matthew 10: 24-39
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
1 Samuel 24: 1-17; Luke 14: 12-24

SUNDAY 28 JUNE – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

CROSSWORD ANSWERS FOR JUNE 2020

Across

- 1 Care
- 3 Paradise
- 8 Null
- 9 Profaned
- 11 Legalistic
- 14 Closed
- 15 Stores
- 17 Missionary
- 20 Covenant
- 21 Thai
- 22 Trade-off
- 23 Eden

Down

- 1 Conflict
- 2 Religion
- 4 Arrest
- 5 Affliction
- 6 Iona
- 7 Eddy
- 10 Allegiance
- 12 Preached
- 13 Assyrian
- 16 A son of
- 18 Scot
- 19 DVLA

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