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My dear friends,

At the heart of our commemorations for Remembrance Sunday (8th November) and Armistice Day on November 11th - the 97th Anniversary of the end of the Great War - are moments of silence. These corporate moments are made up of individual silences which draw into our hearts differing emotions for each person who keeps them. The silence of a child will, for instance, bring about very different thoughts from that of a mature person.

It struck me when reading a passage from Matthew's Gospel recently (**Matthew 9**: **14-26**) that it was one surrounded with noise, but that within that hubbub, there are moments of silence - perhaps even profound silence. These moments of silence might not necessarily be of absolute silence within the situations described for us, but nevertheless, for pools of stillness within the situations described.

The reading comes from an account where Jesus is having a discussion with the disciples of John. The silence of listening on their part (and there is an intenseness to that idea of a group of people listening, I always think). This is brought to an end by the arrival of Jairus - (we know his name from other Gospel accounts). His daughter is dead and yet he has faith that Jesus can raise her. Just imagine his internal reasoning and emotion together with his silent dash through the busy and noisy streets to find the Lord.

We are then plunged into hubbub as the whole crowd follow Jesus towards the house where the girl is. A woman in the crowd moves forward and touches his clothing. The account tells that 'she said within herself', that if she touched his garment, she would be healed. This woman has suffered for years, and just imagine the silence of suffering that she has undergone through her illness. We will all have been in situations where we silently ponder profound situations either in regard to ourselves or those close to us. There will have been that moment of silence between Jesus and the woman - what a moment! The one through whom all things came into being turns those eyes of compassion towards her - her faith has made her whole.

They arrive at Jairus's home. In Matthew's account, the girl is dead, and all of the Jewish rituals of death of that time are taking place. There is considerable noise from musicians to the family and professional mourners ululating. Jesus calls for calm - the girl is not dead but sleeping. More noise - this time of derision and unbelief. Jesus has the crowd sent out. There is quiet - stillness - silence......and the girl is raised.

The remembrance of silence within our faith is important - from the Spirit brooding over the face of the deep in creation, the sheer silence that Elijah experiences as God passes by, to the silence of the tomb of our beloved Saviour - a unity with our mortality. So too is it a blessing for us in our lives - the silences of November remembrance offer opportunities to meet with God.

'Listen in silence because if your heart is full of other things you cannot hear the voice of God. But when you have heard the voice of God in the stillness of your heart, then your heart is full of God.' *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

With love and blessings, Michael

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU Sincere thanks to all for your kindness following the death of my father. I am most grateful for your messages, cards and prayers. As someone remarked to me, it is curious realising that you are now an orphan - albeit a mature one! However, the care for my father at the community hospital in St Ives was exceptional, and his end peaceful - a great blessing.

HARVEST Although Harvest was at the end of September (now some time ago!), I would thank sincerely the flower team who enhanced the beauty of our church with spectacular flower arrangements, Hilary and the team who organised the Barn Dance and Harvest Supper, and Andrew (our new organist) and the choir who led us in our Harvest Praise. Thanks too, to all who gave so generously to our Harvest Gifts for FSW - it was great to experience my first Cuckfield Harvest!

ENDRE KORMOS We hosted Endre, our placement student from the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield for just over two weeks. He described it as a truly formative time, experiencing as he did, the fullness of life in our parish. It was certainly a busy time, starting with a diocesan readers' conference on the first Saturday, attending all five services I either took or was involved in on the Sunday.....and then a pretty full-on time thereafter! There were some firsts, including taking a school assembly, and participating in various aspects of ministry with me. It was a delight to have his company at daily worship, as well as his cheerful help in our youth ministry. Many thanks too to all who entertained him during the placement.

Please do keep both Endre and Kata (who we were also delighted to meet) in your prayers as he moves towards ordination.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1ST NOVEMBER This lovely celebration of the saints of God (including you and me!) falls on a Sunday this year. We shall be exploring what it means to be a saint at our Family Eucharist at 9.45, and also at our other regular morning services at 8 & 11. Please also support our **Choral Evensong** for All Saints' Day at 6.00pm.

ALL SOULS DAY This ancient festival follows All Saints Day on **Monday 2nd November**, and there will be a **Requiem Eucharist** at **11.00**. If you would like loved ones remembered by name at this service, you will find a sign-up list at the back of church. Alternatively, please let Gill know.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY Our services take place on Remembrance Sunday at the following times: 9.00 Parish Eucharist (with hymns) 10.45 Parish Remembrance Service (starting at the War Memorial) and Evening Communion at 6.00pm. There will also be a short service on Wednesday 11th November at 10.55 at the War Memorial in the churchyard, when as well as commemorating Armistice Day I shall also hope to remember those from our parish who died in 1915.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE Our annual service for those who have suffered bereavement (particularly inviting those who have lost family or friends during the past year) will take place on **Sunday 15th November** at **2.30** followed by tea in the Old School. All are welcome to this opportunity to remember those who have touched our lives but who we see no longer, giving thanks that they are now enfolded in God's love.

WEBSITE If you have not yet visited our renewed website, do have a look! Ian Walden and Brian Cutler have worked tremendously hard to produce a new format which is really super. The old site was lovely and had served the parish well, but technology has moved on so quickly it was becoming difficult to manage. We hope that you like the 'new look.' - <u>www.holytrinitycuckfield.org</u>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

COULD YOU COOK AN EXTRA MEAL OCCASIONALLY? PLEASE READ ON.

From time to time we have people in our church family who find it difficult to cook a meal. This can be for a variety of reasons: they have just come out of hospital, they have broken an arm, they are ill, they are having treatment.

We would like to put together a list of people who would be happy to cook an extra portion should someone need it. If you could do this please call Hilary Turner-King on 400087 or email <u>kingsc@o2.co.uk</u>

If you know of anyone who needs this support, or indeed if you find yourself in a position where this would be helpful, please do not hesitate to call Hilary (400087) or Nicky Lawrence (473753)

Thank you.

SAMARA'S AID I am writing this before the result of the winter clothing appeal for the Middle East has completely taken over the tower (!) or been packed, but I would like to thank all those involved in suggesting and organising it. You will remember my 'pushing' leaflets and publicity at Harvest, and it was amazing to see people's response. It promises to engage the whole community into direct contact with the church - what a blessing, both for us but (most importantly) primarily for all those who will receive our aid. Please do continue to pray for those many millions of displaced people in the Middle East and throughout the world.



Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening, Into that house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house where shall be no darkness or dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity in the habitations of your glory and dominion, world without end. *John Donne, 1572-1631. Dean of St Paul's in the reign of James I*

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DECEMBER CHURCH MAGAZINE – HELP needed in the morning on Wednesday, 25th November

- We can do with a maximum of 12 people working at a time but not necessarily the same folk all the time!
- Please try and come to help with the mammoth task of circulating EVERY HOUSE in the village even half an hour is a help.

Let Eileen Macdougall (451815) know how long you can give – and when. Newcomers to the Parish will be welcome – it's a good way to get to know more people!



12 MONTHS MATERNITY COVER HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

8-10 HOURS PER WEEK TO ASSIST ANOTHER YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER IN POST – OCT. 2015 TO SEPT. 2016

THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE WORK IS ON THE FRIDAY EVENING CLUBS DURING TERM TIME FOR SCHOOL YEARS 5+

THERE COULD ALSO BE SOME DAYTIME/WEEKDAY SESSIONS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

THE MINIMUM AGE FOR APPLICANTS IS 18 AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN A YOUTH CLUB OR VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISTAION WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE, BUT IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED IN A FRIENDLY WORKING ENVIRONMENT PROVIDING GOOD SUPPORT FROM AN ENERGETIC VOLUNTEER TEAM WITH A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORK.

THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND BE AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE – THE POST IS SUBJECT TO A DBS (PREVIOUSLY CRB) CHECK

SALARY ACCORDING TO AGE AND EXPERIENCE/ANY QUALIFICATION

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE CONTACT

RODMONTAGUE ON 01444410453 OR AT condurrow@btinternet.com

THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CUCKFIELD CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Are you over 65 and a resident of Cuckfield? YES?

Then you are INVITED to a Christmas Lunch and Party on Friday 4th December at 12.30pm in The Queen's Hall

If you would like to take advantage of this amazing offer OR know someone who would.....CONTACT Sarah on 01444 457475 or e-mail <u>sarahgg@sky.com</u>

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£50,000

To date, our Christmas Tree Festival has donated £49,574 to charity so we are certain to break through the £50,000 barrier next month.

Our partner Charity this year is *Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice* and full details about this charity's marvellous work appear on page 11. In the meantime if you wish to learn more please visit our website www.cuckfieldctf.org.uk choosing the "Charity" page for a direct link to their own website.

We are totally grateful to and reliant upon the amazing band of volunteers who have agreed to help us again this year but if you have not yet put your name forward and wish to take part at any time please do not hesitate to use the website contact to volunteer or to telephone 01444 412790.

The dates and times of the Festival are:

Friday 11 th December	11:30 – 7:30pm
Saturday 12 th December	11:30 – 6:30pm
Sunday 13 th December	11:30 – 5pm

and we hope that you will be able to visit with friends and family. Admission is still only £4 and children under 16 are free of charge. The Carol Service on the Sunday will start at 6pm.

The CTF Planning Group

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015

Our partner Charity this year is the *Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice* and Jayne Todd, their Community Fundraiser, writes

"Chestnut Tree House is the only children's hospice in East and West Sussex and cares for over 300 children and young adults from 0 -19 years of age with progressive life-limiting and life shortening conditions from across Sussex and South East Hampshire. We are currently caring for approximately 5 families in the Cuckfield and immediate surrounding area.

"It currently costs over £3.5m each year to provide all the care services provided by Chestnut Tree House, both in families own homes and in the community. Families are never charged for their care and less than 7p in every pound is funded by the government, so we rely heavily on the generosity, help and support of the people of Sussex.

"The services we offer include:

- Assessment, advice and information for children and young adults with life limiting or life threatening conditions 24 hours per day.
- Specialist short breaks, emergency and end of life care provided at Chestnut Tree House, and in families' own homes, 24 hours per day.
- Support for the entire family following diagnosis through the whole disease process by the multidisciplinary team at Chestnut Tree House
- Bereavement support, currently for over 120 families
- Support and advice on the transition from paediatric palliative care services to adult services

"At Chestnut Tree House our goal is to provide the best quality of life for children, young people and their families, and to offer a total package of practical, social and spiritual support throughout each child's life, however short it may be. None of this would be possible without the support of the people of Sussex, people like you. Together, we can be there for the families who need us, for the good days, the bad days and the last days."

> Chestnut Tree House Dover Lane Arundel West ,Sussex BN18 9PX

Follow us on Twitter <u>@ChestnutSussex</u> and <u>@JayneTodd1</u> Find us on Facebook <u>facebook.co.uk/chestnut-tree-house</u>

ANDREW WHITE APPEALS –

"PLEASE HELP THE FORGOTTEN REFUGEES OF IRAQ"

Dear Friends,

Many kind-hearted people have donated money and prayers to help the refugees making the perilous journey from the Middle East to Europe. However, we must not forget about the thousands of refugees and internally displaced people who are trying to rebuild their lives in the Middle East.

I would like to share with you two stories from Jordan regarding refugees we are helping there:

On Wednesday 6th August, Kareem and his three daughters fled their home in Mosul. ISIS wanted to kill them for being Christian. They walked out into the desert with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Today, thanks to your generous donations, FRRME has been able to give Kareem and his family a new life in Jordan.

'Z', a toddler, is another victim of this war. She still has nightmares about the horrors she has seen. She cuts herself often and has tried to kill herself more times than her parents can count.

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FRRME is working on the ground in Iraq and Jordan to help refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) rebuild their shattered lives. As I always say, it is important to pray for relief, but it is also important to pay for relief.

FRRME recently set up the EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR IRAQI REFUGEES and the response so far has been amazing. We raised £12,000 in the first week. However, our target is £250,000 by Christmas. If we are to help feed, clothe and provide medicine to the hundreds of Iraqi refugee families in our care during the winter months, we must continue to support them however we can.

On our Donate page <u>www.FRRME.org</u>, you can make a one-off donation via PayPal, or set up a monthly standing order. Whichever way you decide to help, it will make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support. Our brothers and sisters, particularly the children, desperately need our help. We are working at the front line of one of the biggest disasters in human history - the decimation of the Iraqi Christians - but with God's grace and your charity we can help them.

> Blessings, Grace and Peace, Andrew

(in the email from which the above was edited there were pictures of Kareem's daughters and of the little girl toddler This ittem is an edited and abridged amalgamation of two email newsletters received at th end of September from Canon Andrew White in Jordan. Editor.)

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Tuesdays 1.10pm–2pm 3rd November - David Alexander Piano 10th November - English Piano Trio 17th November - Jonathan Vaughn Organ

EVENING CONCERTS

Saturday 7th November @ 7.30pm *THE CHICHESTER SINGERS: Requiem – William Godfree, Mass in C minor – Mozart*

Thursday 26th November @ 7.30pm CONCERT BY MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

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SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2015 7.30 p.m THE DOLPHIN CENTRE HAYWARDS HEATH

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Tickets £14 (concessions £12) available from Carousel Music, Dolphin Centre Box Office and Michael Kershaw 01825 791241.

The Church of St Andrew & St Mary the Virgin, Fletching

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm

The Fletching Singers

conducted by Nick Milner-Gulland present an

ADVENT CONCERT

The programme will include Messe de Minuit by Marc- Antoine de Charpentier and other Christmas works for choir, orchestra and soloists

The four soloists will be accompanied by a small chamber orchestra There will also be carols for choir and audience, followed by mulled wine and mince pies Net proceeds from this concert will be donated to charity Tickets (£12) available from 01825 712462, or at the door, or from a choir member, or online from <u>www.fletchingsingers.co.uk</u>

HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER @ 7.45 PM ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH

Ugne Tiskute (viola) and Alexandra Vaduva (piano)

Tickets: £12 non-members, with reductions for concessions and members. Further information from Christine Colbourne: HH 456227 or www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk

YOU CREATED YET ANOTHER STIR !

The **World's BIGGEST Coffee Morning** has become an annual event in the Old School, raising vitally needed funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Once again it was held on the last Friday in September and made an amazing £535 – a record amount for our event. This does not include GIFT AID which significantly increased the sum that has been sent to Macmillan.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who joined us that morning and to a few who didn't but still made a generous contribution. Thank you.

Sue & Brian Cutler, Evonne Gubbin, Gerry Larner, David & Margaret Reed, and Paul Goldfinch

QUIK NOTES

OUR CHRISTMAS (DECEMBER) MAGAZINE - YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED BY **MONDAY NOVEMBER 9th LATEST PLEASE!** AND BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A JANUARY ISSUE DO REMEMBER TO INCLUDE ANY INFO REF. JANUARY ACTIVITIES. **THANKYOU!**

CAKES & QUESTIONS. "What IS A GOOD DEATH?" is our starter question at 8.0 pm on Thursday 5TH NOVEMBER in the Old School. All are welcome – join in the discussion, bring a question or be a listener. And enjoy the cakes. For more info. contact Jonathan Berry on 4559866

"THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY" by Ian Everest, historian. TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2.30 pm In the Council Chamber, The Queens Hall, Cuckfield.

Ian's mother was one of 80,000 Land Girls during WW2 and his talk includes some of her personal memories and a history of the role of women on Sussex farms during two world wars. . *As usual, anyone wishing to book please ring Mike Nicholson on* 457448.

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THE 4TH CUCKFIELD CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR is to be held in the Old School, Church Street, Cuckfield on Saturday 21st November 2015 between 10am and 2.30pm. Over 40 stalls selling home produced cupcakes, knitted items, handbags, scarves, jewellery, candles, greetings cards, Christmas decorations, home-ware, photo prints books and many more gift ideas. Homemade soup, cakes, tea and coffee will be available throughout the day at very reasonable prices for visitors and stallholders. Why not call in for coffee, lunch or tea and find the solution to your annual problem of what to give your favourite Auntie.

ROOM AT THE INN? Small charity HOST is seeking friendly people who would like to learn more about other countries and cultures and share their home life with adult international students at UK universities.

Young adults from many countries would love to have a short homely break and discover the real life of this country. Visits can be for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter their age, or how far they live from a university. To find out more, or to be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit <u>www.hostuk.</u> <u>org</u> or call 020 7739 6292.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT here at Holy Trinity on Friday 6th **November, 1-2pm.** Soup served from 12.30pm. The Herschel String Quartet will be making a return visit and their programme includes Haydn's 'Sunrise' quartet and Prokofiev's Quartet No.1. This will be a great concert – do come and join us! Free with retiring collection towards the church's Restoration & Maintenance Fund.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TWINEHAM - *500TH ANNIVERSARY*

St Peter's Church is one of the earliest brick built churches in Sussex, built during the 16th Century, local tradition gives this as 1516 during the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1547). Next year during the week of St Peter & St Pauls Day (29 June 2016) St Peter's Church will celebrate 500 years with services and events planned to commemorate this wonderful occasion.

A Book of Memories will be produced by the Parochial Church Council and we are appealing to anyone who has now, or in the past, any connection with St Peter's Church to share their memories, and photographs. We hope to gather memories from people married at St Peter's (and perhaps their family and other wedding guests), those whose children were baptised here, the many with connections with Twineham CEP School who will have attended schools services in the Church, bell ringers who have visited our tower, relatives or friends of people at rest in our beautiful Churchyard, and anyone who has enjoyed visiting our historic building.

Please help us to celebrate by sharing YOUR memories and photos! Please send your written memory to Mrs Jo Worsley, Twineham Place Farm, Twineham Lane, Twineham, West Sussex RH17 5NP or via email jo.worsley@btinternet.com

We would be grateful if you would include a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your photographs.







Despite repeated APPEALS for assistance for – a paid Part Time Youth Support Worker, 12 month Maternity Cover **AND Adult Helpers** We still find ourselves in a perilous position as Half Term <u>approaches</u>. The ability to continue with the After School Club at Warden Park and the Friday Night Youth Clubs is **now** at risk.

PLEASE CONTACT Rod (<u>condurrow@btinternet.com</u>; 410453) or Marlene at <u>inspire_youth@hotmail.com</u> Or on 07544 839013 if you can help

In the meanwhile:

The Full After School Club resumed at Warden Park welcoming some new members, with a good number of others continuing (some now in their third year with us and it is lovely to see how they have developed).

The first week's theme was "PILGRIMAGE" centred around the Eid al-Adha Festival and the need for Muslims to travel on pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life; we also explored the connections between Judaism, Christianity and Islam derived through Abraham. Further we thought about other "journeys" in life.

However we commenced proceedings with a "Celebrity" Picture Quiz - whilst making introductions and renewing acquaintances – this demonstrated a good awareness of Politics, pop culture and the Rugby World Cup !

Following a brief outline of the theme aided by some question and answer prompts we split into two teams and enjoyed a Hangman Quiz in which the girls were narrowly defeated by the boys. In conclusion "Continuous" Cricket enabled some steam to be let off and Nathan showed off his excellent skills on his first experience of batting one handed, with the "wrong" hand and using the back of the bat.

Week two featured WORLD HEART DAY and a great deal of information was displayed and shown with an initial Word Challenge, through a short quiz about key facts of Cardiovascular disease, supplemented by a team discussion and group sharing encompassing - foods and additives to avoid, foods to include in a balanced diet, the benefits of exercise and a positive attitude, and activities to shun (smoking) or limit (TV and computer games).

Three volunteers then had their pulses taken before and after exercise to consolidate some points with a brief recital of some "official" guidance about forgiveness and reducing anxiety; concluding with a prayer to endorse good habits and about guarding our hearts with good relationships and keeping healthy.

A vigorous game of "bean ball chase" needed a tie break round to separate two of the three teams, followed by a less energetic session of "sitting volleyball with the girls prevailing in a close contest.

On FRIDAY nights the first get together of Youth Clubs focused upon celebrating the Queen's long reign with Crown shaped biscuit making and Queen inspired crafts; otherwise the younger group were split into four "Squads" – St. George, St David, St, Patrick and St Andrew and spent a short time getting to know one another, hearing about the term's programme and putting forward ideas for the name of the Tuck Shop (now run by a team of Young Leaders); with their views sought upon other aspects of activity.

Week two involved several fitness challenges, and in the Squad time some questions were examined on specific "fitness facts". Significant prowess was demonstrated in the "gym" style exercises, and a certain "grace" displayed in the Yoga by some participants. Terry led the older group in a specific discussion time of their choice later in the evening. Week three majored upon Face Painting which was enthusiastically embraced by many, so much so that Georgia and Lauren became engrossed in supporting Lisa with this. Some nail painting also occurred, and Rosemary oversaw a new "Puzzle Corner".

In the second part of the evening Rod Introduced the older members to "Continuous Cricket" and this then led onto French Cricket, concluding with some "wind down" music.

Lisa was thanked for all her efforts to date and wished all the very best for the forthcoming "event" with Marlene leading a small presentation to mark the occasion.

Rod Montague.

FROM 'THE CUCKFIELD MAGAZINE' NOVEMBER 1915

CASUALTIES OF THE WAR. – It is with great regret that we have to record that four more names are to be added to the list of those Cuckfield men who have laid down their lives in this terrible war in defence of their country. The names of the gallant dead are:- *Able Seaman Harry Smith*, of H.M.S. Glory, who died of enteric fever after having been at the Dardanelles; *Private Nathan Upton*, of the 8th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, *Private E. Williams*, of the 3rd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, and *LanceCorporal W. Bowley*, of the 9th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, all three of whom fell in the great battle which began on September 25th. No very definite information has as yet been received with regard to the death of *W. Bowley*, but we fear that there is not much hope of his safety. We wish to express our sincere sympathy with the friends and relations of those who have fallen.

News has been received that *Private Tom Batchelor and Private Fred Simmonds* are prisoners in the hands of the Germans, and this will surely lend point and earnestness 'to our prayers for those who are "prisoners and in captivity." Mr. and Mrs. Henley, of Ansty Lane, are in anxiety about their son Ernest, of whom they have had no news for over a month, and no official information has been received about Able Seaman J. Card, though a letter to him has been returned marked "killed." We can only hope that the suspense of those who are in such great anxiety may soon be relieved by some good news. Captain Stuart K. Reid, Sergeant S. H. Knight and Privates H. A. Barnett and W. Nye are in hospital but we are glad to say they are making good progress.

The fact that Bulgaria has now joined our enemies greatly increases the sphere of warlike operations and adds to the magnitude of the task which is before us, but it does not weaken our determination to bring this great and terrible war to a satisfactory conclusion.

THE HARVEST FESTIVALS - At the Parrish Church we had the help of the Rev. A. F. G. Wardell, who is now on his way back to India to resume his duties as a Government Chaplain, and we wish him a safe and pleasant voyage. The collections at the Parish Church amounted to £24 17s. 8d., which was very satisfactory, and this will be divided between the Royal Sussex Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. At the Mission Churches the offerings will be given to the Cottage Hospital at Haywards Heath. In all cases the services were very hearty and reverent and reflected great credit on the Organists and Choirs.

FRUIT FOR THE GRAND FLEET – Thanks to the generosity of our friends we were able to send a consignment of nearly 6 cwt. of apples, potatoes and other vegetable produce for the men of the Grand Fleet, and handsome contributions have also been sent from Ansty and Brook Street.

The Vicar has received a letter from the Secretary of the Vegetable Products Committee asking him to convey to all concerned the fullest expression of their most grateful appreciation, and he adds these words, which are worthy of our consideration: – "The comfort and welfare of the men of the Fleet should be one of the first considerations of everyone in this country. The debt which we all owe to these splendid men is known to us all, but perhaps not quite realised as fully as it might be. Apart from our indebtedness for the great work they have done in preserving us from the dreadful experiences of our neighbours on the Continent, the health and fitness of the men of the Fleet is of the greatest importance, for it is obviously necessary for



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them to be in the very best of health and spirits whenever they are called upon.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH – We wish to acknowledge, with very many thanks, the gift to the Church of a beautifully-worked green stole, the work and gift of Mrs. Ream, We should like also to acknowledge the kind loan to the Church for an indefinite period, by Mrs. B. Y. Bevan, of an American organ, which we shall find very useful.

THE WINDOW CURTAINS: – It is certainly a matter for great gratification that the Churchwardens have been able to put curtains over the Church windows, so that we may continue to have our services as usual, and at the same time set an example of loyal obedience to the police regulations according to the Defence of the Realm Act.

It was thought that the curtains would be a disfigurement, but this is far from the fact, and many people are inclined to think that they are an improvement. About 125 yards of material were used, and the total cost was £12 9s. 1d. We also express our sincere thanks to Miss Baggs, who very kindly cut out all the curtains and made the curtains for the east window and four of those in the nave, and to the other ladies who made the remainder. We may say that the Bishop has expressed his warm approval of what we have done.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE. – Our readers will be interested to hear that we propose to make certain changes in the Parish Magazine which we hope will increase its usefulness and enlarge the circulation and at the same time make it a paying concern. One change will be the insertion of advertisements, for which two or three pages will be set apart. The charge for these will be moderate and we hope that we may have the support of our friends. Mr. Browne, the Parish Clerk, has kindly consented to take the matter in hand.

THE REV. J. H. LAYTON. – We have just heard from Mr. Layton that he hopes to take up his residence in Cuckfield in the second week in November. We shall be very glad of his help and we can assure him that he will have a very kindly welcome.

NOVEMBER GARDEN NOTES

"Clear November skies are rare, As like as not fierce storms arrive, But still the garden is not bare Chrysanthemums the rain survive !

November has to be my least favourite month because the daylight hours are really short and therefore so is gardening time, especially when coupled with damp, grey weather when the sun fails to make an appearance for several days. No wonder hedgehogs hibernate, swallows have long since flown to warmer climes and birdsong is subdued. Strong winds, as the poem suggests, cause the leaves to fall more rapidly leaving carpets of often soggy cold debris for the gardener to clear up.Thick waterproof gloves are a necessity if you suffer from poor circulation.

Autumn is late as I write with Nerines flowers not yet open, Sedum still going strong, also Aster frikartii, Fuchsias, Escallonia (second flowering), Gauras, Rudbekia Goldsturm and hardy cyclamen a beautiful carpet of pink and white. Some summer bedding hasn't petered out yet - begonias, impatiens, verbenas and geraniums still giving colour. Autumn colour has not yet reached it's peak.

Village/communal bonfires are great for getting rid of garden rubbish but try to compost leaves you've raked up along with stems of sweetcorn, asparagus, squashes and other plants cleared or cut down.

On the pruning list are Calluna heathers, Escallonias, Hebes, roses when flowers have gone over and reducing by half Buddleias if you haven't got around to them yet. Fig trees, vines, autumn raspberries and other bush fruit if you didn't tackle them earlier also need to be pruned.

Gloom apart, November is a great month for getting stuck into project work before Christmas festivities divert. Clear perennial weeds, lift and divide or throw out large congested clumps of perennials, move plants, plant new hedging, fruit trees and bush fruit-bare root plants. Maintenance jobs include cleaning off mowers properly when you reckon to have cut for the last



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time this year, washing greenhouses, clearing leaves and moss from gutters and drains, scrubbing patios and paths (jet wash or use a cleaner-Jeyes fluid and Armillatox are still approved for patio cleaning but for use on plants and soil.)

Keep a check on bulbs being forced for Christmas - paperwhites, hyacinths, amaryllis, and move into cooler place if advancing too fast and vice versa (always a juggling act). Keep moist but not over wet. Indoor cyclamen will last best if kept on a cool windowsill west or north facing and not near a radiator. Water from the base standing the pot in a saucer and dispose of excess water.

Lindsay Shurvell, Chilling Street Nurseries, Sharpthorne.



CELEBRATING THE NATURAL WORLD by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I was lucky enough to spend a few weeks in Canada this summer and while travelling between Vancouver Island and Jasper National Park we had an overnight stop in a small town called Brackendale. Following a very nice meal, we took an evening stroll along the River Squamish and came across an area of elaborate interpretive boards proudly proclaiming 'Brackendale, Eagle Capital of the World'.

From November through to February, bald eagles gather in large numbers along the river to feed on the salmon carcasses brought down from the spawning grounds once they have laid their eggs, so very much part of the natural recycling processes of the ecosystem there. A record count of 3,796 eagles was noted in 1994. What so impressed me about this was the real local pride that the community felt in that they hosted this great natural event and it was celebrated every year, recognising the importance that their town played in the life cycle of this majestic bird.

The interpretation boards were superb in conveying the natural history of the eagle and the link between them and the salmon, also about the threats and efforts needed to conserve them but also the historical and cultural links to the local community, particularly highlighting the importance that bald eagles play in First Nations American culture. A festival is held every year to herald the arrival of the birds and it attracts thousands of visitors to the town providing an economic boost in the cold winter months.

Without wishing to appear like Michael Palin, I experienced a similar feeling a few years ago when travelling in California and came across Pacific Grove, 'The Butterfly Town of the USA'. Here monarch butterflies on their journey south descend on the town in their millions and, as with Brackendale, it is a cause of great celebration, a pride in the fact that these wonderful butterflies have chosen our town to rest in. They also had brilliant interpretation throughout the town, events are held, again it attracts visitors and the monarch is the symbol of the town, images are everywhere and the whole community is aware of the important role they play in the amazing life cycle of this butterfly.

Just one other example of this connection that communities have with their wildlife is in Hornborgasjon in Sweden. Here, every year in spring, they hold the Festival of the Dancing Cranes to celebrate the return of thousands of common cranes to their breeding grounds and where they perform their exquisite mating dances to great numbers of admirers.

These are all heartening examples where communities understand local wildlife and celebrate the importance and the role they play in the natural world. It would be wonderful to think that some towns and villages here in Sussex could embrace the variety of wildlife that surrounds us. Individually, many of us cherish the return of the swallows each year or our superb bluebell woods but it would be so good to collectively acclaim the wildlife with which we share our little patch of the planet.

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ACROSS:

- 1. BISHOP WEARS ONE (5)
- 4. STIPEND FROM A CATHEDRAL (7)
- 8. CHURCH SCREEN (7)
- 9. SERVICES (5)
- 10. COOK (4)
- 11. THROW (3)
- 12. CAPTAIN HOOK'S MATE (4)
- 15. SPIRITUAL PART OF A PERSON (4)
- 16. SERVICE (4)
- 18. LOAD (4)
- 19. CUTTER (3)
- 20. RELIGIOUS GROUP (5)
- 24. RELIGIOUS BOOK (5)
- 25. ACTUALLY (2,5)
- 26. SAVES (7)
- 27. STREAMS (5)

DOWN:

- 1. JESUS WAS ONE (7,6)
- 2. NUMBER (5)
- 3. WATER CURRENT (4)
- 4. CLERGYMAN (6)
- 5. OT PROPHET (4)
- 6. BURIES (7)
- 7. EXEMPTIONS FROM OBLIGATIONS (13)
- 13. TOTAL (3)
- 14. PUNCH (3)
- 15. URGED A HORSE ON (7)
- 17. MASS LEAVING (6)
- 21. DO VERY WELL (5)
- 22. ONE TIME (4)
- 23. DISTANCE (4)

(Answers on page 42)

SERMON BY ENDRE KORMOS BASED ON MARK 9: 30-37

Back in the days when I worked with drug addicts I once knew a social worker who suffered a massive breakdown, and he told me a story that has remained with me ever since. He said that he was once in Ukraine, where we used to work in a local slum, and one day as he was going shopping, after he parked his car in front of a local supermarket, he met a half-naked gypsy beggar boy. As they often do, the 5-year-old little boy rushed up to him and started pulling at his shirt, nagging him to buy him a bread roll in the supermarket so that he could eat something that day. So he patiently took the boy by the hand, sat down with him on the pavement, and took 15 minutes to explain to him that he cannot buy him the bread roll, because he is interested in solving "the big picture". He is here to change systems. Then finally the 5-year-old boy pretended to understand and wandered off confused, and still hungry. My friend then walked into the supermarket, bought whatever he was there for, sat back in the car and drove home.

And that was the end of the story. There is no final twist or witty ending to resolve the awkwardness. I am not sure if it actually happened, or if he intended the story as a sort of parable — but I remember upon hearing it I felt like the gravest sin had been committed.

When in today's Gospel Jesus presents a little child to the apostles, he is not giving us a model of angelic innocence or unquestioning loyalty and faith. It is our response that he is after, whether we welcome the socially insignificant, the neglected, the pitiable, the non-persons. "Whoever welcomes such as these", the Saviour says, "will welcome me". And to further reinforce the point, Jesus sets this nameless servant child among the apostles.

As concerned as I am about getting the "big picture" right, I am sometimes afraid that we tend to make Christianity into a political ideology. And it would be perhaps easier and more convenient to simply create a sort of political system out of this scene, in which Jesus is reaching out once again to the "fringes of society", as we like to say. Yet here we are, with Jesus embracing a small, nameless child, seemingly as part of his teaching about his death and resurrection. The scene somehow doesn't even seem to fit in the larger context.

Yet it is exactly the cross and resurrection through which Jesus chooses to equate himself with a little child. Jesus, emptying himself on the cross loses everything: status, dignity, identity, and ultimately, gives up his Spirit, and dies. Jesus descends into the ultimate depths of human experience. Yet it is through the cross that the resurrection happens, it is by becoming cursed, despised, the one that people averted their eyes from, that death has been destroyed, hell harrowed, and the serpent's head was trampled down. And as a consequence, whatever depths we may find ourselves in, it is already filled with His glorious resurrection.

Yet we easily forget what calling the Crucified One our Lord demands of us. The fisherman, the tax-collector, the former nobodies are now arguing about who is the greatest among them. Isn't it absurd?

One of my favourite novels ever is Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment". There's this wonderful scene in it where Marmeladov, the alcoholic government clerk, gives a long, long speech, "a conversation of decency", as he puts it. He talks about how his drinking habit has caused the total downfall of his family, how his beloved daughter had to resort to prostitution to keep the family going, and how he would drink away even the pennies that she made. The story goes on and on and on, until the bystanders in the pub it is set in are getting bored of it, and start teasing him. And then the following erupts out of Marmeladov, fallen titular councillor of St. Petersburg:

"When He has finished [judging] everyone, then He will say unto us, too, 'You, too, come forth!' He will say. 'Come forth, my drunk ones, my weak ones, my shameless ones!' And we will all come forth, without being ashamed, and stand there. And He will say, 'Swine you are! Of the image of the beast and of his seal; but come, you, too!' And the wise and the reasonable will say unto Him, 'Lord, why do you receive such as these?' And He will say, 'I receive them, my wise and reasonable ones, forasmuch as not one of them considered himself worthy of this thing . . .' And He will stretch out His arms to us, and we will fall at His feet . . . and weep . . . and understand everything! Then we will understand everything! . . . and everyone will understand . . . Lord, Thy kingdom come!"

Dostoevsky sets Marmeladov among the respectable and the wise, and shuts their mouths. In that St. Petersburg pub, it is the despised, almost sub-human Marmeladov who is the shining beacon of the mercy of Jesus, and we, the readers are transfixed by the utter beauty of the grace of God.

It is very, very clever what Dostoevsky does here. Reading the long speech we become completely immersed in the drama. Have you ever experienced that sacred moment when you paid undivided attention to someone or something? That moment when you got so lost in a book, or a crossword - or in a colouring sheet in the youth club, as it happened to me last week - that time seemed to stop? It's an absolutely amazing process of the soul. Simone Weil, the French mystic explains about this, that in giving our undivided attention, "the soul empties itself of all its own contents in order to receive into itself the being it is looking at, just as he is, in all his truth." Giving our attention is the root of prayer and worship.

We are changed, we are filled by the one we gaze upon. It is like looking upon the bronze serpent in the wilderness. Salvation and healing came through looking, through making room in ourselves for the presence of God. And so it follows that our worship is inseparable from how we treat others. The way we receive the insignificant and forgotten will be the same way we receive Jesus, the Eternal Word, the incarnate wisdom of God. In receiving Jesus, under the guise of bread and wine, or in the guise of another person, we receive all that St. James describes to be the marks of Divine Wisdom: God's purity, peace, gentleness, and all the other fruits of the Spirit. In fixing our gaze on the Crucified one, and through giving our attention to the nameless and unimportant, we are emptying our souls to make room for God's Spirit, the comforter, the author of life, to whom be he glory, to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, unto ages and ages.

This sermon of Endre's is included in the magazine at Michael's request.

What's on Around Cuckfield...

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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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Choir	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30–8.45pm. (There are no practices during August)
InSpire Youth Club	Friday evenings (term time only) in the Old School (South Door). Years 5-7 from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Year 8 and above from 8.00 - 9.30pm £1 subs, activities, games, friendship and much more.
Holy Trinity Mens Group	18 November - Games For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
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Prayer Group	18 November 10am in The Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.
Mothers' Union	Tuesday 10 November – "What the Lord's Prayer means to me". Group Discussion 10am in the Committee Room the Old School Saturday 28 November – 8.30am Advent Breakfast and Service of Light Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
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Cuckfield Crafts and Market	For information or to book contact Beverley Smith 01444 440274 or Jane Ravell 01444 451454
Cuckfield Local Market	9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield
Cuckfield Evening Flower Club	13 November – 'Floral Imagination' Jean Plaskett
Cuckfield Ladies Group	Tuesday 3 November 8pm – 'Poetry and Poets of the First World War and their cemeteries' by Sally Williams. Venue Crofton Cottage, Broad Street, Cuckfield Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.
Solo Lunch	The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 1 November. Tickets are available from the church office. Cost £5.
Cuckfield Evening WI	17 November – 'Shoreham Fort, Past & Future' Gary Baines Meetings take place at 8pm in the Old School.

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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS

8.00am	Holy Communion
	Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a;
	John 11: 32-44
9.45am	Family Service
11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional Language

Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

6.00pm Evening Prayer Isaiah 65: 17-end; Hebrews 11: 32-12:2

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00am	Holy Communion
	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Hebrews 9: 24-end;
	Mark 1: 14-20

- 9.45am Service of Remembrance
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion As 9.45am
9.45am	Parish Communion Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 <i>;</i> <i>Mark 13: 1-8</i>
6.00pm	Evening Prayer Daniel 3: 13-end; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING

8.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
	As 9.45am
9 45am	Parish Communion

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

6.00pm Evening Prayer Daniel Chap 5; John 6: 1-15

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion As 9.45am
9.45am	Parish Communion Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end; Luke 21: 25-36
6.00pm	Advent Carols

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

SUNDAY SERVICES & MAJOR FESTIVALS FOR THE MONTH

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WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning	Prayer
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Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 9.00am Holy Communion

Friday 11.00am Holy Communion, BCP

Saturday 9.00 Morning Prayer

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