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My dear friends,

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.'

These words from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (2: 5) start a powerful passage about the self-giving of Jesus together with his exultation 'so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.'

This wonderful passage takes us from the cross and leads us to the heart of who we are called to be as people of faith. Modern scholarship has likened it to a creedal hymn structure, and some think that Paul used an existing piece of writing. However, this somewhat detracts from the fact that what it does powerfully is to remind us how we are to relate to humanity – our faith is relational - Paul calls us to have *the same mind as Christ* in our life journeying.

Paul also writes, 'live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel.' Does this seem impossible? We are all flawed, and so much seems awry within the world that sometimes we might just struggle to see God in the places of darkness, bitterness and heartbreak. And yet, these are precisely the places where God IS present – the journey which Jesus travelled shows us the identification of God with humanity's struggles and sorrows. What lies beyond, of course, is the light of Resurrection – new life found in Jesus Christ- which transforms our understanding of not just such struggles, but also points to our each being signs of the best news in the world.

Later this month we will again be collecting for Samara's Aid. You will remember that we collected last October hoping to send 100 banana boxes out to the refugee camps surrounding Syria. We actually sent **240** boxes and people from the village also gave in the region of £1,000 towards the cost of transport. Over 100,000 refugees were clothed for the winter by Samara's Aid, some of which was our Cuckfield offering. What a blessing!

This time we are hoping to send care packs and you will see details on the website and on handbills and posters. If you can help with items on the list or with a money offering, you will help to transform people's lives, and you will truly have *the same mind as Jesus Christ* – an Eastertide gift of love to our broken world.

With love,
Michael

SAMARA'S AID

We are hoping to supply Pregnant and Post Natal Care Packs and Family Care Packs. Please don't be daunted by the list, but if you are able to supply any items or pack a whole banana box (Sainsbury's has them!), or make a donation, this will be a blessing to people who have lost everything. **Bring any items to the church from Sunday 17th April** and leave in the tower area. **Packing will be carried out on Saturday/Sunday 23rd/24th April.**

Pregnant and Post-Natal Packs:

Sponge, Soap bars x 4 (no liquids) Toothbrushes x 5, Toothpastes, Maternity/sanitary pads X 4 packs, Comb or hairbrush, Pack of knickers (new) NOTHING BLUE, Loose fitting pyjamas (full length) NOTHING BLUE, Loose fitting track suit bottoms NOTHING BLUE, Long sleeved T shirt NOTHING BLUE. Breast pads, Large box of washing powder (2.8kg), Hairbands (hair ties), Pack baby vests NOTHING BLUE, Pack baby sleepsuits (all in one) NOTHING BLUE, Muslins x 1 pack, Pack nappies (newborn size), Baby wipes x 4, packs Nappy sacks x 1, pack Blanket (adult size, can be hand knitted) – you can include a photo of yourself

Optional items:

Nursing bra (generic size), Sewing kit, Toiletry bag, Warm baby clothes NOTHING BLUE, Slippers or slipper socks NOTHING BLUE FOR CULTURAL REASONS.

Family Pack:

Large towel, medium towel, Soap bars x 6 (no liquids), toothbrushes x 8 (adult), 1 toddler size and one baby size, toothpaste x 5 large, 1 small, deodorant (roll on only), body puffs/scrunchies X2, sanitary towels X 10 packs (approx 18 per pack), comb, hairbrush, washing powder – large box (approx. 2.6/2.8kg), Vaseline (or equivalent) x 1 large or 2 med., blanket (adult size), women's underwear X 1 pack, men's underwear X 1 pack, children's underwear X 4 packs (various sizes), colouring books X 4, felt tip pens X 1 pack, Tupperware box (medium/large), deck of playing cards X 2 (if available)

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Thanks to all who participated in the various events and liturgies leading up to Easter Day. Although I am writing this sometime in advance, I know that we will experience many blessings through the contribution of many within our church community, from young to not-so-young. Involvement comes at many levels, but whatever you feel capable of, we are blest by your contribution and greatly appreciate it.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting together with the Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will take place on **Sunday 17th April** after the 9.45 Eucharist. The APCM is an important part of annual church life and it would be encouraging to see a goodly number attending.

Electoral Roll May I also encourage those who attend worship regularly to join the electoral roll if not already on it. This is a strictly confidential list of those who are members of our community and greatly helps in the pastoral work of the parish. Belonging to the roll enables you to vote at the APCM and influence the mission of the church. There are no strings attached – you don't have to pay! You will find forms at the back of the church.

The qualifications are as follows:

You are baptized and aged 16 or over, a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and resident in the parish and have attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months; or that you are a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare yourself to be a member of the Church of England and have attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Ascension Day falls on 5th May this year, and this is an advanced reminder that there will be a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm as well as the 9.00am Eucharist.

Confirmation We will be running Confirmation classes leading up to the Deanery Confirmation on 10th November. I know that this is some way off, but I just wanted to alert you to the classes which will take place in the autumn. Confirmation is a great way to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and take your full place in the life and worship of the church. Anyone may be confirmed who has been baptized, if they are old enough to answer responsibly for themselves – there is no upper age limit! At Holy Trinity we also prepare young people for Holy Communion (*Welcome to the Lord's Table*) before Confirmation - something we shall be doing soon. If you are interested in Confirmation, please do speak to me or give your name and details to Gill in the Church Office (456461)

A Parish Pilgrimage

On **Monday 12th September** we have hired a coach for a visit to Canterbury Cathedral. Leaving Cuckfield at 8.00am. We have coffee and biscuits booked in the Cathedral Refectory on our arrival followed by our own celebration of the Eucharist in the crypt at 12 noon. There will then be the opportunity to have lunch in the city and the great bonus of exploring the cathedral at leisure (without having to pay!) or the city shops before leaving at 4.00pm to return to Cuckfield. The inclusive cost is £20. I am grateful to the Mothers' Union for organising this, and hope that we will be able to hold up the life of our parish in prayer at the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion as well as having a great time. Please do join us. There will be a sign-up sheet nearer the time or you can let Gill know in the Church Office.

Fifty Mayors for Fifty Years*sounds like the title of a musical!*

Many will know that the Independent State of Cuckfield celebrates its golden jubilee this year, and 50 candidates have been requested for the post of Mayor. I have put my name into the hat, as it were! Please do support me if you feel able – all to a good cause.

A PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

O God,
Strengthen us in the work which we have undertaken;
give us wisdom, perseverance, faith and zeal,
and in your own time and according to your pleasure,
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*Lord Shaftesbury
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QUIK NOTES

COPY DATE for the **May** magazine is **MONDAY 4th April**

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM TALKS: Thursday 14 April @ 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, The Queen's Hall. "Temperance Tales from Sussex & Surrey", an illustrated talk by author Ros Black featuring a forgotten aspect of social history.

Ros will introduce us to Lady Henry Somerset and to Duxhurst, her farm colony for inebriate women, just north of where Gatwick now lies and also bring us some surprising stories from our own area.

BURGESS HILL CHORAL SOCIETY: In our Spring Concert this year we are performing Haydn's *Creation* under the musical direction of Michael Stefan Wood, BEM, on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m., at St Andrew's Church, Junction Road, Burgess Hill. *The Creation*, generally acknowledged to be Haydn's masterpiece, depicts and celebrates each of the seven days of creation.

Admission £13 and free for accompanied under-16s. Tickets available from members of BHCS, Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point, or telephone 07702 318335, or at the door. For further information, visit www.burgesshillchoralsociety.org.uk.

THE SECOND SPRING CRAFT FAIR is to be held in the Old School on Saturday 9th April, 10.00 am - 2.30 pm. There will be over 40 stalls selling home produce, knitted times, handbags, scarves, jewellery, candles, greeting cards, homemade soaps, home wares, books and plenty of gift ideas. *Admission is free and do call in for morning coffee, lunch or tea.*

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15th-21st May 2016

The story of the Good Samaritan is a well-known story to all of us but at its heart is a message relevant for all times, "Who is my neighbour?" This is the question the challenging teacher of the law asked Jesus and this is the question the parable challenges us to ask ourselves.

The Samaritan is a foreigner and yet he reached out in love and compassion when he saw a man from another country, in dire need. He saw him unable to help himself and he acted with love. "His heart was filled with pity". He didn't go away and think about it; he didn't talk about it; he took immediate action.

Christian Aid is actively working to show love to some of the world's poorest people and in so doing is transforming the lives of people worldwide, people like Feroza. She lives on one of the low lying islands on the Brahmaputra river in Bangladesh. Her home has been washed away by floods seven times. Living in constant fear of the next flood, she and her three children would wonder if the next flood would be the one from which they would never recover. A home safety package from Christian Aid helped Feroza raise her home on an earth plinth giving her a safe place to grow food and keep livestock without worrying it would be washed away. Christian Aid gave them practical help and a future.

Last year Christian Aid raised over £11 million. That's a lot of lives transformed. Over half the money raised came from house to house collections. Here in Cuckfield an incredible £1,176 of the £3,000 sent to Christian Aid last year was raised from house to house collections. If you feel called to join the work of Cuckfield's, "Red Team" and collect in a street near you, please get in touch. The more streets we can cover, the more of our neighbours in need we can help.

John 3 v16-19 "our love must not just be words or mere talk but something active and genuine."

This Christian Aid Week let us do as Jesus commanded, "love your neighbour as yourself."

*Hilary Turner-King (400087 kingsc@o2.co.uk)
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PARISH NOTES

OUR EASTER COMMUNION – I feel that it is hardly necessary to remind you of the rule of our Church, that we should all make our Communion on Easter Day. We should be anxious to do so, not merely because of this rule, but because we realise how great a privilege and duty it is to come. Moreover, we have so much to be thankful for. First and foremost are the spiritual mercies, which we should never forget, but there are temporal mercies as well. We ought to be very thankful for the measure of success granted to our arms on land and sea and for the splendid courage and endurance shown by our Sailors and Soldiers, and also that our country has been spared the horrors of invasion, with the accompanying destruction, desolation and death, as has been the case in Belgium, Serbia and a large part of France.

Our Easter Communion should be a time of Special Intercession. We should pray for our King and all who are in authority under him, for the Commanders of our forces, for our men of all ranks who are on active service and those who are preparing to go, for the sick, the wounded and the dying, and for the many thousands who are in anxiety and sorrow because of this war.

ON EASTER DAY there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 6.00, 7.00 and 8.00 a.m., and after Morning Prayer, and I earnestly hope you will be able to come to one of these services. On the evening of Wednesday in Holy Week we shall have our usual Service of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers at 7.00 p.m., and at the same time, a short service of preparation for our Easter Communion.

EASTER VESTRY MEETING – The annual meeting for the election of Churchwardens for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business connected with the Church, will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, April 26th, at 7.30 p.m. The attendance of all adult parishioners is earnestly requested.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE –

The Bishop has asked that the following paragraph may be inserted, "In accordance with the wish of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York a great effort will be made in October and November to bring to the people of England the message of repentance and hope which the War ought to give us. Preparation for this Mission has begun under the direction of a Central Council of 70 persons appointed by the Archbishops. A Diocesan Council has been appointed by the Bishop of each Diocese for the purpose of stimulating and directing local interest in every parish."

ROLL OF HONOUR –

Two more names have to be added to the list of Cuckfield men who have died to defend us. On Sunday, March 12th, **Private George Eric Stevens**, 20th Royal Fusiliers, was killed in action, and on Tuesday, March 14th, **Private G. W. Vickers**, Motor Transport, A.S.C., died in a hospital in France of pneumonia. We wish to express our sincere sympathy with their parents and other relations in their sorrow. We are sorry to hear that **Harry Mitchell** has been seriously wounded and has had his left hand amputated. **John Henry Stevens**, who recently joined the Royal Marine Artillery, has also been dangerously ill in hospital at Haslar RN Base.

No news has yet been received of **A. B. Joseph Card**, R. N. Division (Nelson Batt.), who has been missing since last July, or of **Lieutenant A. W. Hockett**, **Ernest Henley** and **Harry Bourne**, who have also been missing for a long time and much anxiety and suspense. Very little news has been received of **Fred. Simmonds** and **Tom Batchelor**, now prisoners of war in Germany. We have heard with regret of the death of **Gunner Fred. James Mitchell**, R.G.A., originally of Cuckfield and was working here when he joined up.

CONGRATULATION –

We wish to congratulate **Corporal Michael Anscombe** (Sussex Pioneers) on promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Several Cuckfield men have been home from the Front recently for a few days' leave, and among them, we have been glad to welcome Private J. Vickers, and Lance-Corporal Arthur John Ballard (7th Sussex) and Gunner William Hards (R.H.A.), who seem to be fairly well in spite of their terrible experiences.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY – “It is hoped in mid-April to open a Crèche or Day Nursery for Children in Richmond Villa. Mothers who go out to work will be able to leave their children there. For a charge of 4d. a day they will be properly fed and cared for. There will be a sleeping room for the babies to be put to rest and a play room for older children. Dinner and tea will be provided. There is now a great opening for women's work on the land, especially in haymaking and harvest times, and it is hoped that now there will be a place where they may leave their children with the assurance that they will be well cared for, many will avail themselves of the opportunity of doing their part to help their country. (*contributed*)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – Notice papers will be distributed throughout the parish giving full details of the Holy Week and Easter Services.

THE PREBENDAL STALL OF THORNEY – On March 19th the Vicar was collated by the Bishop in his Private Chapel to the Prebendal Stall of Thorney in Chichester Cathedral, and at Evensong he was duly installed by the Dean. The appointment is purely honorary, but carries with it a stall in the Cathedral with the title of Canon or Prebendary and a place in the great Chapter, and also the privilege of Preaching once a year in the Cathedral.

CHURCH INSURANCE – In compliance with the wish of many members of the congregation the Churchwardens have taken out a Policy of Insurance on the Church and its Furniture and Fittings with regard to damage by hostile aircraft. The annual premium is £16 2s. 6d. - a serious drain on the resources of the Churchwardens, who will be very glad to receive any contributions towards this payment.



MINIONS, PANCAKES, BULLFROGS AND MORE MINIONS... AND A TARANTULA!

It's been a fun filled few weeks at the Youth Club....Minion movies, pancake tossing and some very strange and exotic creatures have all made an appearance at the Old School on a Friday night.

Shrove Tuesday was a prompt for the young people making and decorating their own pancakes with Youth Support Worker Shelley on hand to ensure the pancakes landed on the plates and did not get stuck to the ceiling! The evening was a great success and everyone enjoyed their homemade fare!

This was combined with an "Alcohol Awareness" presentation from Sammy at MSDC for the older group and Young Leaders. The special "drunken" goggles made a very good point.

The Minions put in two appearances firstly with 6 short films starring these little yellow guys and then the whole club watched Despicable Me 2. Everyone enjoyed the movie and even sang along to the songs, the half price Nachos that accompanied for International Tortilla day were a hit too!

One of the best guests we have had at inSpire has to be Steve Bridger from Animazing! Steve came to the club on Friday 4th March with 12 of his "friends" including a Giant Rabbit, an Albino Hedgehog, a Bullfrog, several Cockroaches and a Tarantula! Screams were heard right across Cuckfield when Steve brought the Tarantula (second largest of the species) and the snake out to meet the young people, although many of them did pose for pictures with the snake draped around their neck! Steve was informative, interactive and interesting and he was really good at capturing the young people's attention. We were most impressed and will book him again next year!

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Beryl has continued to provide some great activities from week to week including lovely Mother's Day and Valentine's cards. Philip has focused on some specific activities for the older group enabling the burning off of their considerable energy.

Spring term will conclude firstly with an Inflatables fun night which should be a hit with the young people (and us older ones) – SUMO wrestling included and we will finish the short term with a disco/party night!

Shelley Ward

Cake & Questions



Our next Cake and Questions is on
April 7th, 8.00 p.m. in the Old School.

The starter question will be:
Is God almighty?

All are welcome. Some people come regularly, others less often or only once, perhaps when they are attracted by a particular question.

We each have our own tentative answers to these kinds of question and they often differ. They may change as we go through life. The conversation is always free ranging and interesting. We share wonder, joy, doubt and laughter, secure in the understanding that what we say will remain in the room.

We don't arrive at THE answer but as we learn from one another we aim to grow in love – to be transformed by the renewing of our minds as St Paul put it - while we enjoy exceptionally good cake.

Jonathan Berry

ONLY IN ME

Only in Me does the world have meaning,
Only out of Me does the world take form,
Only because of Me does the world go forward.
I am the law on which the movement of the stars,
the growth of living cells are founded.
I am the love which is the law's fulfilling.
I am assurance, I am peace, I am oneness,
I am the law that you can live by,
I am the love that you can cling to.
I am your assurance,
I am your peace,
I am one with you.
I am.
Though you have failed to find Me, I do not fail you.
Though your faith in Me is unsure,
My faith in you never wavers,
Because I know you, because I love you,
Beloved, I am there.
Author unknown

UPDATE FROM CANON ANDREW WHITE

Israel / Jordan / USA

It has been a busy month, with trips to Israel, Jordan and the United States. In Israel I presented my dear friend, Rabbi Michael Melchior, with a statue of Jerusalem in acknowledgment of all he has done to bring reconciliation to that city. As many of you will know, Rabbi Melchior was co-recipient of this year's FRRME Peace Prize, along with Dr Sarah Ahmed, our very own Director of Operations in the Middle East.

In Jordan I hosted Lord Hylton, FRRME's illustrious Patron. He and I were honoured to meet with Archbishop Mar Severios of the Syriac Orthodox Church and Abouna Emmanuel who lives in Jordan. We spoke about many issues but primarily about how we can best support our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Thanks to your generous donations, FRRME

is looking after 500 Christian Iraqi refugee families in Jordan. However, many are still suffering at the hands of sectarian violence. May their plight not be forgotten.

After a productive trip to the Middle East, I set off for America where I was due to speak at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville. On my way there I was stopped under terrorism legislation and detained at the O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. After many hours I was given a temporary visa and allowed to travel inside the US. It just goes to show how suspicious American security agencies are of Iraqis and those of us who still visit that beautiful but divided country.

At the NRB Convention in Nashville last week I spoke to a packed audience about the Christian genocide in Iraq. Our people there have lost everything - they have no food, no healthcare, no shelter, no education, other than that which we can provide. A few days after giving this speech I was shocked to hear that the White House is still refusing to acknowledge the persecution of Christians in Iraq as 'genocide' - something about not meeting "a very specific legal determination". While the White House continues to debate the subject, please consider making a donation to The Emergency Appeal for Iraqi Refugees.

This week, FRRME's Director of Operations in the Middle East, Dr Sarah Ahmed, provided course materials for over 1,000 school children in Erbil. Education is such an important (but largely ignored) aspect of the humanitarian crisis in Iraq and we are doing everything we can to ensure that internally displaced Iraqi children continue their education.

Dr Sarah Ahmed in Erbil writes:

Our team on the ground in Jordan is doing an excellent job providing for the 500 Iraqi refugee families in our care there. This week they gave out 320 food packages and paid rent for 50 refugee families. We are also continuing to provide education for the children at our school in Marka.

This week The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, informed me via letter that York St John University has nominated me for an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of my “outstanding work on behalf of the church; notably during [my] nine years in Baghdad as Vicar of St George’s Church, and latterly as President and Chief Executive of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. I am delighted to accept this honorary degree, which will be presented to me in a ceremony at York Minster in November.

Grace and Peace

Canon Andrew White



The Changing World of the Blackcap *By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust*

Some of you may have been lucky enough to have been visited by a small greyish bird about the size of a robin with a prominent black cap, taking advantage of the food you provide in your garden. This is the appropriately named blackcap, though the females may not agree as they have brown caps, and the reason you may have seen one is because of what you are doing, feeding birds in winter.

Blackcaps are a migratory species, coming to Northern Europe to breed in the summer and then returning to Southern Europe or Africa to spend the winter in warmer climes where they can feed, as they are essentially insectivores. But the last 50 years, because of the huge increase in the development and usage of commercial wild bird food and the changing climate to warmer winters has seen a continuous increase in the number of blackcaps reported throughout the year, particularly in gardens.



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easy to assume that these wintering blackcaps are the breeding birds that have just decided to stay over, why take that long hazardous journey south when there is enough food available here and it seems to be a lot warmer than it used to be, but research has shown that this is not necessarily the case. Analysis of data collected by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) shows that the blackcaps recorded in the UK during the winter months have likely come from Central Europe, mainly from Germany and Austria, while our own breeding birds still head south at the end of summer.

By analysing BTO Garden Birdwatch data and ringing recovery records over a number of years, it is not surprising that the majority of records come from the southern half of the UK where winters are milder and were more frequent where supplementary food was provided. Where there have been particularly warmer periods in winter there were fewer sightings of blackcaps illustrating that they still have a preference for more natural food when it is available.

There is also increasing evidence that these little birds as well as changing their migratory habits they are changing genetically as well. Blackcaps wintering in Britain have relatively narrower and longer beaks to those that winter in Spain, suggesting that they are becoming more generalist feeders. As these changes can continue to evolve it is possible that eventually they may split into separate species.

These changes have been initiated through actions by us, directly by providing supplementary food during the winter months and then indirectly through our actions that are having an effect on the climate. Most of our birds that migrate to the UK are insectivores so they have to make the long journey south to survive. If they had enough food to survive here in the winter they wouldn't need to leave but genetically they are pre-disposed to eat insects, but this new research shows that we, through our actions, may be speeding up the evolutionary process and who knows, other species may follow in the wake of the blackcap.

APRIL GARDEN NOTES

As I write early March a cold spell has arrived, snow/sleet flurries with a bitter wind which had dried the ground up quite nicely but more rain and snow has made it squelchy again.

Overall still a mild winter which necessitated mowing the grass when conditions allowed before March. Camellias are looking great with the general absence of air frosts and many narcissi blooming beautifully.

New hedges and shrubs you may wish to plant should be in the ground before the end of the month in order to get their roots down and well established in case of a hot summer (“dream on” do I hear some say?). Also move any deciduous shrubs you may wish to reposition before they leaf out, digging them out with a big root ball to minimise root disturbance. If you need to move evergreen shrubs such as Rhododendrons do it after flowering when their moisture demand is less but ensure they are kept watered in dry weather (autumn is therefore best but sometimes it’s not so convenient). Mulch flower and shrub borders you may not have done yet. It really helps keep moisture in, weeds down and gives the plants some nutrients too. April is also a good month for turfing or seeding of lawns.

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

Direct sow hardy annuals (e.g., Larkspur, Californian poppy / Eschscholtzia, Nigella, Clarkia, and Godetia), but not tender ones unless you have a greenhouse in which to start them off.

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Feed daffodils as soon as the flowers fade but before the leaves go over by scattering grow more or fish, blood and bone meal over the clumps - and pray for rain to water it in! Don't be tempted to cut off bulb foliage until it has died down almost completely as the nutrients return to the bulbs. If preferred tie up (where you only have a few clumps!)

April is ideal for sowing tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, chilies, aubergines and basil as well as brassicas, leeks, lettuce and other annuals: antirrhinums, petunias, marigolds, alyssum, lobelia i.e. all the "bedding/basket" plants you may prefer to sow yourself. Veggies like courgettes and the squash family, sweetcorn and runner and French beans should be sown under protection then hardened off early May before planting out. Prick out seedlings in trays before they get overcrowded and try to sow more thinly next time to minimise root damage and disturbance. Don't overwater keeping trays/pots on the dry side to avoid damping off especially when the weather is overcast. This also encourages stronger, sturdy growth. Remember when pricking out most seedlings notably tomatoes, brassicas and squashes, bury all of the stem below the first (cotyledon) leaves to avoid 'legginess'. Ventilate greenhouses well on sunny days and use cloches or fleece on early veg to speed up growth/maturity, e.g., lettuce potatoes, strawberries

Direct sow successive plantings of carrots, beetroot, radish, broad beans, spinach, also red onions, salads and plant second early and main crop potatoes.

Lindsay Shurvell

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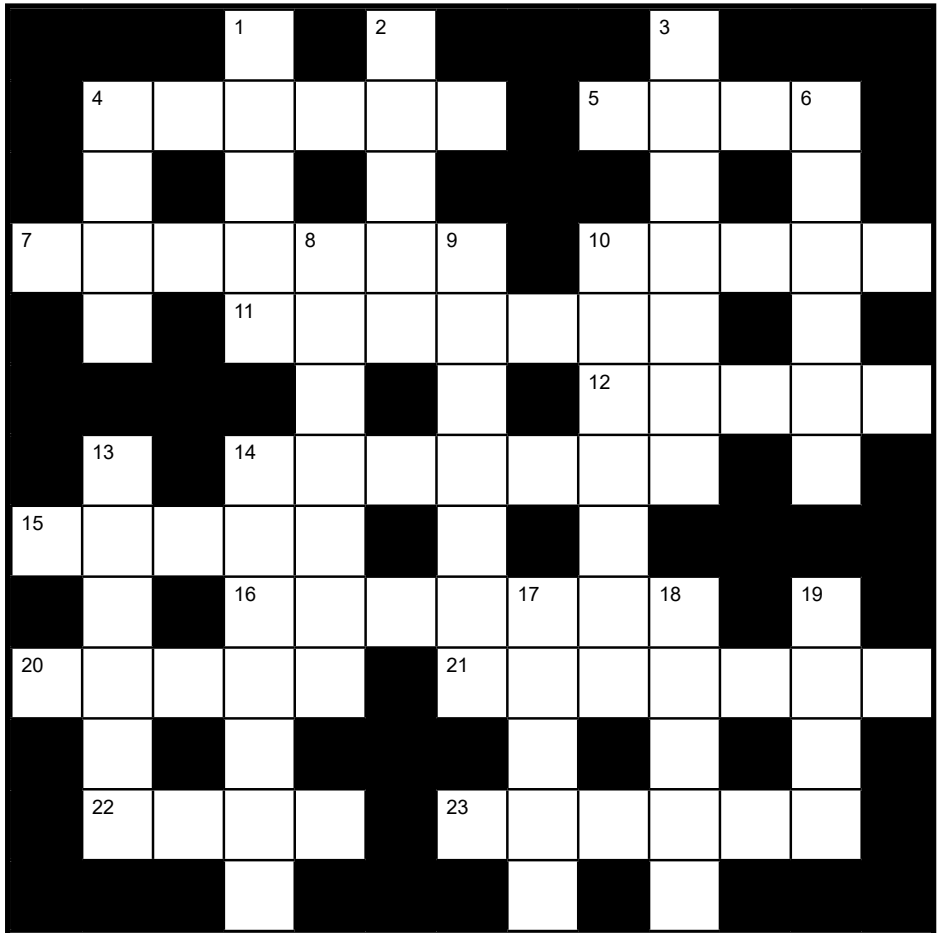
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April Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

4. CHURCH OFFICERS (6)
5. FIT (4)
7. MAKER (7)
10. SPACE (5)
11. APPLICABLE (7)
12. TYPES (5)
14. USED AGAINST MOTHS (7)
15. BEAT (5)
16. PRIESTS (7)
20. THREE WHEELER (5)
21. PART OF A CHURCH (7)
22. PART OF THE FOOT (4)
23. BIBLICAL ROAD (6)

CLUES DOWN:

1. OLD INDIAN COINS (5)
2. JOIN (5)
3. HELPER (7)
4. TEND (4)
6. HAPPENINGS (6)
8. LIABLE TO DUTY (7)
9. THOSE WHO TEAR (7)
10. MAKE (7)
13. RELIGIOUS BUILDING (6)
14. SHELLFISH (7)
17. THINGS (5)
18. PART OF A FLOWER (5)
19. AND (4)

(Answers on page 36)

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ACROSS: 4.CANONS 5.ABLE 7.CREATOR
10.ETHER 11.SALIENT 12.FONTS 14.CAMPHOR
15.THROB 16.CLERICS 20.TRIKE 21.STEEPLE
22.HEEL 23.EMMAUS

DOWN: 1.ANNAS 2.ENROL 3.ABETTOR 4.CARE
6.EVENTS 8.TAXABLE 9.RIPPERS 10.ENFORCE
13.CHURCH 14.COCKLES 17.ITEMS 18.SEPAL
19.PLUS

Regular Events

Bellringers

Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.

Choir

Choir practice Friday evenings 7.00–8.15pm. (There are no practices during August)

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Mothers' Union

Monday 4 April – 2.30pm District Lady Day Service at holy Trinity.

Tuesday 12 April 7.30pm “Travels in India” - Hilary Turner-King

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Little Ones Church Service

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Cuckfield Evening Flower Club

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 5 April 2.30pm – Weather permitting, meet at Ann Ball's, walk to Elvira Cafe for tea and cake (for those not wanting to walk, meet at the Cafe at 3pm). Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 10 April
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SUNDAY 3 APRIL – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8;
John 20: 19-end*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-end
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 3: 8-15; Galatians 4: 1-5

SUNDAY 10 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Communion
*Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-end
John 21: 1-19*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 17 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Communion
*Acts 9: 36-end; Revelation 7: 9-end;
John 10: 22-30*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Isaiah 63: 7-14; Luke 24: 36-49

SUNDAY 24 APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Communion
*Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6;
John 13: 31-35*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Isaiah 52: 7-10; Mark 1: 1-15

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Wednesday	10.15am 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

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