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Dear Friends,

This year the month of May is punctuated by two major festivals. The first of these is Pentecost, often known as the birthday of the Church. It is that, of course, but to contemplate the action of the Holy Spirit must never be to confine God's grace revealed in this way to just a time and place event. Yes, it is in some ways the 'kick-start' to the Church which enables the disciples to rush into that crowded street when the Holy Spirit descends on them during that first PENTECOST. Yet the Holy Spirit is central to creation itself; it is also the dynamic force which we pray directs the Church. In this sense, the Church should not be regarded as just another institution, but imbued with God's driving force. So we as Christians have an understanding that it is the Spirit which directly links us to God through Jesus Christ.

The second great festival is TRINITY SUNDAY - the opportunity to contemplate the mystery and breadth of God's love revealed in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In fact, as a feast day it is relatively late in terms of Church history, and an English archbishop important in its promotion. Thomas Becket was consecrated on the Sunday after Whitsun (Pentecost) in 1162 and instituted a yearly remembrance of this in honour of the Trinity. Eventually this spread to the whole Western Church!

Trinity Sunday is often known as the 'graveyard' of many a sermon, sometimes justly! However, I think that it does give us pause to just seek to 'catch up' with the wonder of this breadth of love of which I have spoken. Truly, there can no adequate human understanding of such love. All we can do is seek to be caught up in the vision of God's glory; to be formed within it and long for our ultimate incorporation into it. The great (and sadly short-lived) Catholic theologian Catherine LaCugna talks of the doctrine of the Trinity (a specifically Christian way of speaking about God) as a summarisation of what it means to participate in the life of God through Jesus Christ, in the Spirit.

At the risk of ending up in the 'graveyard' myself, our Trinitarian faith is more an **affirming** of the desire of God to reveal love in its fullest in drawing humanity and creation itself into deepest possible communion. From this flows **our** own desire to respond to that love. The contemplation of the Trinity should enable us to live lives in which this communion floods every aspect of our own interaction with creation in the widest sense.

I am sure that many will know Andrei Rublev's great icon of the Trinity, painted in the early 1400s. Abraham's divine visitors (Genesis 18: 1-8) - their wings touching in tender interaction - are portrayed around a table as a visible expression of this drawing into the Divine Love. The side of the table facing us is open, and Father, Son and Holy Spirit long for us to participate ever more deeply in this **agape** - this love feast - of which the Eucharist is the foretaste.

With love and prayers,
Michael

EASTER. Sincere thanks to all who participated in our shared journey through Holy Week and Easter. We started that journey on Palm Sunday with a palm procession down Church Street and around the south side of the church before entering the church through the west door and this set the scene for the rest of the week. The performance of Stainer's devotion, 'The Crucifixion' that evening was much appreciated by all those present and I am grateful to Andrew Wilson and those who sang in the choir. Keeping the Triduum - the three great days - with a lovely Service of Light (complete with a party and sparklers!). We reached Easter Day and rejoiced in the Resurrection of Our Lord in a beautifully decorated church. Many thanks to our great flower arrangers, musicians, ringers, sidespeople et al!

VISITING PREACHERS. We have two visiting preachers at our 9.45 Eucharist during May. On **Sunday 8th May** Canon Geoff Daintree will be with us to remind us about Christian Aid Week (15th- 21st May). Geoff worships at St Mary's Willingdon, having previously been vicar of St John's, Meads, Eastbourne. However, he now works for Christian Aid as their church advocacy advisor and his sermons are always thought-provoking and relevant.

TRINITY SUNDAY (22ND MAY). On our patronal festival, the preacher will be Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Vicar, St John's Angell Town, Brixton. Rosemarie is the Public Policy Advisor to the Bishop of Southwark, Chair of Affirming Catholicism and a member of the General Synod. As if that were not enough, Rosemarie is also a single mum and describes her journey thus: *"Born in Barbados, I have travelled many routes to arrive as an urban parish priest in London, starting out as a historian of the Caribbean, Africa & black Britain, then moving on first to Africa and then home to the Caribbean to work as a development sociologist; then all change in a move to London to work as a senior medical sociologist and ethno-cultural mental health research scientist, and through community activism and church engagement, somehow finding the path from academia to becoming a parish priest and mother of one. Nothing was lost on the journey."*

Now I find myself very engaged in church development locally and nationally, still dealing with issues of justice and equity for women and minority ethnic people in church and outside. There's still a long road to travel... wellies on and marching forward.... "

So, two people who will enrich our Christian journey through the month of May. It would be great to see a good number at both services.

ASCENSION DAY, There will be a Sung Eucharist on **Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm** to celebrate the Lord's Ascension. This was a lovely occasion last year, so please do come if you are able to. There will be some refreshments after the service to celebrate!

TRINITY SUNDAY - 22ND MAY, As you see above, **Our patronal festival** falls on 22nd May. After the 9.45 there will be a **Bring and Share Lunch** in the Old School. A sign-up list will appear in the north porch at some stage and you may even find yourself approached! Please do come if you can. It would be great to see as many of the church family together as possible.

FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN, We shall be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with an array of flowers in the church on the Trinity weekend with different arrangements illustrating different decades of Her Majesty's life. The church will be open **Saturday 21st May (10am-4.00pm) and Sunday 22nd May (11.30pm-5.30pm)** In addition, tea/coffee & cake (£3.00) will be served in The Old School on Saturday: 6.10am-12pm & 2-4pm. Entrance to the church is free although we would welcome donations towards church funds. Please do help us to make this widely known.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. As already mentioned, this takes place 15th – 21st May. We had a great cake baking jamboree last year, and, with an amazing street collection, raised a super amount of money for this important charity. This year in addition to the street collection we are holding a sharing of talents event at a simple lunch on Pentecost Sunday (15th May) If you think that you have a talent you could share, please write it, together with your name and contact details, and put it in a box at the back of church. You will find other details elsewhere. Young and old, there is no age restriction to sharing your gifts!

SAMARA'S AID. Obviously, I am writing this some time in advance of the result of our appeal to support this charity which does wonderful work in the refugee camps in and surrounding Syria. However, may we thank you in advance. Next month we will share the news of how the appeal fared.

ADVANCED NOTICE A date for your diaries – Bishop Mark will be presiding and preaching at our 9.45am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 19th June. Again, please do spread the word. I hope for a good number in church.

THE ROOF. You will have noticed that there is some restriction on entering the grassed area immediately adjacent to the north nave. During a heavy storm we lost several stones from the roof. At present, investigations are being made as to the general condition of this north face. I keep catching sight in the vestry of the plaque commemorating the ‘rehealing’ of the church roof (plus the tower and the porch roof) in the 1920s at a cost of just over £2,000! Our church is one of the largest in the county roofed entirely with Horsham stone. We will obviously have to wait to see what is required, particularly as we had already hoped to tackle worn areas of stonework, mostly on the tower. Our beautiful church will always require careful maintenance due to its antiquity and exposed site.

THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS. I would like to thank the Friends of Holy Trinity for the restoration of the processional cross which was looking rather tired. I believe that this was originally presented to mark the incumbency of Canon Cooper (Vicar 1888-1909). The silversmith who restored it remembered working on it in the past (although not as far back as 1909!)

OUR NEW HYMNBOOKS. You will have noticed that we have now gone red on the hymnbook front – nothing to do with politics! The old hymnbook really had reached the end of practical use, and after deliberation the PCC decided to adopt the new Ancient & Modern 2013 book. It has a much larger range of modern hymnody and also better ‘reworkings’ of many old favourites than the old book. The major cost of the new book has been covered by two gifts ‘in memoriam,’ for which we are most grateful.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table As I wrote last month, a number of our young people are preparing for their First Holy Communion in July. Please hold them in your prayers. Also, don’t forget that we will be holding a confirmation course in the Autumn – a great opportunity for those who are not confirmed at present to affirm their faith.

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Moving in all things, root of all creative being,
Cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,
Effacing guilt, anointing sounds,
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Hildegard of Bingen C12

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SOMETHING TO PONDER

Our task is to make the transition from a society that has a disruptive influence on the earth to one that will have a benign presence here.

We make this transition by experiencing creation with a sense of wonder and delight rather than as a commodity for our personal benefit.

Fr Charles Brandt on "Wonder."

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Free Lunchtime Concerts

Tuesdays 1.10pm–2pm

24th May **Pegnitz Choir** Choral
31st May NO CONCERT - FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
7th June **Alexander Panfilov** Piano
14th June **Mediterranea Trio** Violin, Cello, Piano
21st June **Laura Erel** Organ

Bring your sandwiches. Coffee provided.

Retiring Collection.

Feel free to come and go as you wish.

FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER 2016

Free Lunchtime concerts

Mondays 1.10pm-2pm

27th June **Victor Ryabchikov** Piano
4th July **Young-Choon Park** Piano
11th July **Reiko Fujisawa** Piano

Bring your sandwiches.

Feel free to come and go as you wish.

Retiring collection in aid of the

Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust.

LIFE IS ...about shared burden-bearing, the web of mutual exchange. The final word to describe what it means to be human is 'Community'

The late Michael Mayne, formerly Dean of Westminster Abbey in 'Learning to Dance'

STEWARDSHIP & FUND RAISING

Thank you very much for Maintaining a Stir last year. This is an update following the Parish letter and article in the 2015 Christmas magazine. We had a very good Christmas at Holy Trinity. The Christmas Tree Festival generated a record income of £11,2518.19 with approximately 3,500 visitors, and services and other events were also well attended. The financial results for 2015 were good as can be seen in the recently published church accounts and the diocesan loan has now been reduced to £50k.

As always there is much going on both at Holy Trinity and within the Cuckfield community, many of which have nothing to do with fund raising for Holy Trinity. The following is our working diary for 2016, with national and international events in bold. Please let us know if you are planning any events so we can try to avoid clashes.

April 24 th	Samara's Aid Appeal
May 2 nd	Cuckoo Fair
May 22 nd	Flower Festival - (Trinity Patronal Festival)
June 12th	Queens 90th Birthday
July	Friends - Summer Party, Cuckfield Park
Aug	The Olympics
Sept 24 th	Choral Workshop "The Nelson Mass"
Sept 30 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Oct 1 st	Barn Dance
Oct mid	Mayors Election & Procession
Oct 30 th	Friends - London Welsh Choir
Nov 5 th	Bonfire Party
Nov 12 th	Old School Christmas Fayre
Dec	Advent Breakfast, Christmas Tree Festival, Nativity, Carol Services

Please also remember our lunchtime concerts on the first Friday of most months.

The face of future stewardship renewal campaigns is likely to change in the future, moving away from the Advent time frame and the pudding stirring metaphor, and perhaps with a new team guiding the work.

Remember you can financially support Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield in a number of ways:

1. If you are already part of the Planned Giving Scheme, either by direct Debit, Standing Order or by using envelopes, please review your regular payment in the knowledge that the Church needs to increase its monthly income by 25% to not only to repay its debt by 2017 but also to meet our increasing costs and enable us to consider other areas of work that we are currently unable to afford.
2. If you are still using Envelopes or paying by Standing Order to make your regular gift to the church please join the Parish Giving Scheme. The great advantage of this is that our administration costs are considerably reduced and any Gift Aid is added to your payment each month before it reaches us.
3. If you are not part of The Planned Giving Scheme please consider joining and ask Orlando Milford or Gerry Larner for an application form. Regular giving helps us manage our cash flow.
4. If you are able to make a one-off gift to the Church, please consider doing so now, even if you have been kind enough to do this before.
5. Please think about organising and running fundraising events for the Church. Some of these can raise many £'000s. Smaller scale activities are equally important.
6. Consider leaving the Church a legacy in your will. Legacies are a valuable way of contributing to the Church's financial well-being and supporting its mission well into the future. Leaflets are available in Church.

Clive Simmonds
Stewardship & Fundraising Committee Chair

QUIK NOTES

JUNE MAGAZINE – Please make a note that items intended for JUNE issue will be needed by **Tuesday May 6th** – please. (Tues. because of the Bank Hol. on the Monday, but contributions are welcome any time up to 6th!) Thankyou. Ed.

CAKE & QUESTIONS is an informal session for conversation about life and faith. It is usually monthly on the first Thursday but please check the online calendar before turning up. Each month's starter question is chosen beforehand by the group and published in advance. If you would like to suggest a question do get in touch. It doesn't matter whether you have ever been to a session, but if there is a subject you would like to join others in conversation about do get in touch. This is an open group and all points of view are welcomed. Jonathan Berry (HH455986)

THE NEXT LUNCHTIME CONCERT in HOLY TRINITY is on FRIDAY 8TH MAY, when Fiona Fawcett celebrates her 90th Birthday, sharing with us some of her favourite pieces for the piano, including works by Schubert, Schumann and Chopin. Soup will be served from 12.30 and the concert of 1 hour approx. commences at 1pm. The concert is free but donations are welcome.

'THE HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SUSSEX'. A talk by Andrew Symonds for Cuckfield Museum on **Thurs 12th May at 8pm at The Baptist Church**, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield. For more information, ring Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448.

CUCKFIELD ROYAL OBSERVER POST OPEN WEEKENDS In 1962 an underground bunker was built near Cuckfield churchyard as part of the Royal Observer Corps Post. It formed part of the Cold War early warning system and stayed in place until 1991 when the Post was closed. Mark Russell and Ed Combes have restored the bunker to how it would have looked at closure. The first open weekend this year is in June: on Saturday June 4th 11-5 and Sunday June 5th, 10 – 1pm.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY

- LOVE EVERY NEIGHBOUR -

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY

In Marcus Borg's book, "The Heart of Christianity", he poses an interesting question: "What would life be like on earth if God were king and the rulers of the world were not?" I have no doubt He would make sure there were systems in place to help those who could not help themselves: He would ensure no one would ever starve; no one would be homeless; those who were marginalized and on the fringes of society would be made to feel they belonged; no one would feel lonely. Everyone could live their life with purpose and dignity, in a world free from worry and sorrow.

An ideal world? Perhaps. But one that would be possible if everyone bought into it. We should buy into it; it's what we pray in the prayer Jesus gave us, "Thy kingdom come, they will be done on *earth*, as it is in heaven."

Christian Aid works globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. Christian Aid provides urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, not only tackling the effects of poverty but its root causes as well empowering people to take control of their lives.

Jesus gave us a clear message, "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Mat 22:39) And he told us how to do it: : "Feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked, help the ill, visit those in prison."(Mat 25:35-37). His message was clear : "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mat 22:39)

The life of many people round the world is marked by daily anguish; a constant worry about providing enough food for the family; of anxiety about illness with no medical facilities; of a sense of hopelessness and no way out; of children suffering.

People like Morsheda whose life is a constant battle. Living with her four children on a low-lying island on the Brahmaputra river, floods are a terrifying part of her everyday life. The single room, corrugated-iron shack they live in has been flooded four times. One year they had less than an hour to flee for safety as huge waves crashed against their house. Hastily she made a raft from a banana tree

and put her youngest child in a cooking pot. "Everything was shaking because of the wind. I saw the river right in front of my eyes. My children were so scared. My sister was holding them very tightly and we were panicking because our neighbour's child was washed away."

Each year the floods threaten to sweep away the little she has. Without livestock and a safe place to tend animals and grow crops, the only income Morsheda has is from doing hard manual labour for as little as 74p a day. But her life doesn't have to be like this. Morsheda's neighbour, Feroza has been helped by Christian Aid to create an earth plinth 8 ft above water level which has given her a safe place to rebuild her house, enabled her to buy a goat, ducks, chickens, vegetable seeds and a composting wormery; all safely out of the reach of future floods. Not only this but she has since turned her original investment into assets worth ten times the original amount. Day by day her income and her confidence increase. "What I have received from Christian Aid has changed my life. I never dreamed of it. I think it is a blessing." She is now even saving money to move to the mainland where a brighter future awaits.

Thanks to our response, the lives of our neighbours, like Feroza and Morsheda are being transformed. This is what loving our neighbour looks like.

There are a number of ways you can support the work of Christian Aid this Christian Aid Week:

- Pray for the work of Christian Aid and its overseas partners.
- Return the prayer card (more at the back of the church)
- Come along to our soup and cheese lunch on Sunday, 15th May 12 noon and at the same time learn a new skill! (see inset)
- Give what you can via the Christian Aid envelope to help women like Morsheda. Remember a little goes a long way in a developing country. Return your envelope via the giving plate or the church office. If you can, please Gift Aid your donation. Last year Cuckfield raised nearly £3,000 and of that £465 was claimed through Gift Aid. That's a lot of lives transformed!!
- Maybe this Christian Aid week think about going without something you like in order to stand alongside poor people, like Morsheda and her family who are deprived of even the things they need.
- Join the Red Team in our house to house collection in Cuckfield. Last year, those pacing the streets raised an incredible £1, 176. If you would like to help cover even more roads by delivering and collecting envelopes, please let Hilary know.

Christian Aid works with over 600 partner organisations in forty-five different countries around the world offering direct support in a variety of ways.

In the past year it

- has given humanitarian assistance to refugees in Europe (Over 12 million people inside Syria are reliant on lifesaving aid. Over 4 million Syrian refugees have been living in often dire conditions in neighbouring countries for more than four years now).
- has continued to offer long term support to rebuild lives wrecked by natural disasters such as after the Tsunami of 2004
- has responded quickly to emergencies. eg. quality tarpaulins, tool kits for shelter repair, transitional shelters and hygiene kits for those devastated by the Nepal Earthquakes
- provided medical assistance such as in Sierra Leone to fight the Ebola epidemic

Alongside practical help, Christian Aid continues to campaign for a better world:

- fighting for climate change
- putting pressure on governments to end the tax avoidance of multinational companies
- working for the rights of women, challenging cultural barriers that keep them poor.

Above all, Christian Aid believes in life before death..... “Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth”

God works through us to make a difference. Let us pray that we are the difference we want to see.

*Thank you
Hilary Turner-King (Christian Aid rep)*

For more information on the work of Christian Aid take a look at:

- The Christian Aid display at the back of the church
- The Christian Aid magazines
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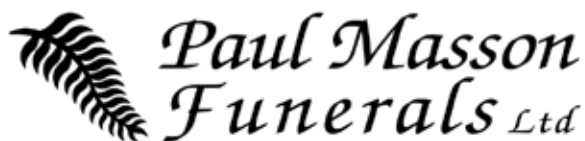
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NEWS FROM ANDREW WHITE

I am in Israel. The Israelis are not one people, they are not even particularly religious as people. The Israelis are both Jews and Arabs and I love them both. And despite what people say, on the whole they love and respect each other.

Since ISIS swept through the plains of Nineveh in the summer of 2014, the genocide of Christians in Iraq has escalated. Despite the Obama Administration's recent acknowledgement of this fact, the response from the international community has been muted. Indeed, the abandonment of the Iraqi Christian community represents a sad decline in The West's empathy for persecuted minorities.

The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East continues to work on the front line. We are currently sheltering 500 Christian Iraqi refugee families in Jordan. Most of these people have fled ISIS, who decree that all Christians living in its territory convert to its version of Islam, pay a tax (known as a Jizya), or be killed. Unsurprisingly, many of Iraq's Christians have fled their homeland, with many of them now living lives of privation in neighbouring Arab countries, clinging to the hope that things might one day get better.

As well as our Iraqi refugees in Jordan, we continue to support the medical clinic at St George's in Baghdad, and provide a food relief programme through the church. We are also providing emergency relief to thousands of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Northern Iraq. The people there have lost everything - their homes, their possessions, and in many cases, their loved ones. Those who are considered "fortunate" live in disused military trailers or tents provided by the UNHCR. Food is scarce and provided for by a dwindling number of international NGOs, of which FRRME is one.

Given the enormous scale of the emergency we are facing, I am writing to you, our much-valued supporters, to ask for a donation. Every act of generosity you make is greatly valued by those we are helping. Your donations will fund food voucher programmes, vital medical care, schooling for the children,

and emergency shelter. Donations will also be used to fund our international school of reconciliation in Jerusalem this year, which will introduce a new generation of peace makers to the power and methods of interfaith dialogue.

We must face up to the reality of the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The persecution of the church in the Middle East is a daily reality but your support makes all the difference. As I often say, we must pray for peace, but we must also pay for peace. Through our shared love of the body of Christ, please partner with us this Easter. To make a donation please go on our website, www.frrme.org.uk Thank you.

Grace and Peace,

*Andrew White
Emeritus Vicar of Baghdad*

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.



Iraqi IDP children at the Um Alnoor School in
Ankawa, Northern Iraq

The texts and traditions of Christianity give voice to our souls,
so that we may support each other in our quests of compassion.

Love is the measure of what is worth following,
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From A Creed for Christians by Jim Burklo

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FRIDAY NIGHT CLUBS NEED YOU OTHERWISE???

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUBS - The Spring term concluded firstly in the penultimate session with an “Inflatables Night” comprising a Bouncy Castle and, as an alternative, SUMO WRESTLING and the final session was “Party Time”.

The Sumo Wrestling involved individuals “suing up”, with appropriate bulky padded costume and protective headgear, in pairs for a couple of “bouts”; the suits or costume were one size so some smaller people almost vanished inside them (!) The wrestling comprised more “bounce” than “tussle”, but proved very popular with a flow of combatants. The Bouncy Castle almost filled the room where it was located and had plenty of “visitors” to burn off some energy.

For the last session there was a selection of food available for consumption and some lively music organised by the Young Leaders – Beryl also provided some innovative ideas in the craft room for the creation of Easter Gifts which attracted good interest.

Looking ahead in preliminary planning for the Summer Term it has become clear that the need for **ADULT SUPPORT could reach a CRITICAL situation.**

Marlene and Shelley are doing an excellent job in devising meetings with the assistance of the Young Leaders and a small Adult Support team. **HOWEVER** in the Summer months some of the Adult Volunteers have other commitments and are not available on a regular basis.

Further the ages of this dedicated team (late 60s and 70s (!)) mean that some “succession” planning is called for apart from filling some gaps in the next few weeks with further **ADULT SUPPORT urgently needed.**

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WARDEN PARK'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB continued on Wednesdays with Marlene leading a session on some different foods, always a popular theme (!); Rod leading another time on Disability awareness – highlighting how different people in the public arena made light of differing handicaps, a disability rights quiz drew out information regarding discrimination, then followed a sign language (finger spelling) exercise in pairs concluding with football played with a variety of “handicaps”. For another session Jonathan lead on “Salt Awareness” starting with a picture quiz and word search, looking at the history of salt and its uses – and a variety of contributions on the theme and salty “stories”.

The final meeting for the term comprised the usual games and food/drink combination. The games including – “On my Hot Air balloon trip I would take....” The items put forward being judged as acceptable or not (only items spelt with two letters the same was the concept) – it took some time for this to be worked out. In a similar vein drawing an imaginary “masterpiece” produced some interesting solutions before “Glove Racing” gave some relief from brain exercise and good hilarity. The concluding item was “Balloon Stomping” before we said our good byes for the term.

Planning for the Summer term has brought forward the following for the programme – Sunday observance or cultural/social changes; National Doughnut week; the “Brexit” (or not) referendum; Pentecost; “Towel Day” (yes, really); Queen’s Birthday; National Kissing (Greeting) week; Druids – Solstice and National Insect week. Watch this space as they say !

PLEASE DO GIVE SOME THOUGHT AS TO HOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP SUPPORT our Youth Support Workers in their part-time role in reaching out to the young people in our Community. They cannot do it on their own.

Rod Montague – April 2016

A SWARM OF BEES IN MAY
IS WORTH A LOAD OF HAY;

A SWARM OF BEES IN JUNE
IS WORTH A SILVER SPOON;

A SWARM OF BEES IN JULY
IS NOT WORTH A FLY.

From 'Nursery Rhyme lyrics, origins and history' on web

GARDEN NOTES FOR MAY

As I write we have had a fair few April showers with hail, thunder and lightning but air temperatures are still on the cool side for this time of year so the grass is not growing away madly. A few bluebells are beginning to bloom so the woodlands will probably be at their best end of April beginning of May.

May is often “manic” if you have a veg. garden with all the jobs that need to be done. Sow runner and French beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, squashes all of which can safely be planted out with other frost tender plants (e.g. bedding plants) the third week of May. Hanging baskets may be hung up a week or so earlier being off the ground and often sheltered by buildings. Plant up tubs/ pots and cover fences and trellis with annual climbers like Cobea scandens, Ipomea, Mina (Ipomea) lobata, Rhodochiton, Eccremocarpus scaber, Asarina antirrhinum and even the humble and edible nasturtium - though watch for caterpillars (they are the cabbage butterfly family).

Plant out brassicas, leeks, lettuce and sow more carrots, beetroot and spinach. Maincrop potatoes should be in the ground by May and the first earlies showing signs of emerging.

In the greenhouse, when tomato and cucumber plants are established, remove side shoots (unless they are bush varieties). Don't feed until the first truss has set, as too much fertiliser/ nutrients encourages lots of leaf at the expense of flower and fruit formation. Once set however, feed well and regularly with a well balanced NPK fertiliser (e.g. Tomorite or maxicrop / seaweed based ones).

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Lawns can still be treated for weeds in early May but granular treatments need watering in if there's no rain after 3-4 days to avoid scorch (always read manufacturers instructions!) Asparagus growers will be cutting (and eating) spears regularly by May but watch for asparagus beetle and pick off swiftly. Keep a vigilant eye out for other pests and diseases - aphids on roses, sweet peas, broad beans, lupins etc and treat as organically as possible.

Tie in climbers as they grow (e.g. clematis, honeysuckle and sweet peas). Some biennials flower this month notably sweet williams, honesty and hollyhocks. You can either save seed from them for sowing June/July in trays, or let them self sow and move the plants if in the wrong place. Large leaved houseplants that may look a little dusty may be put outside on a warm rainy day to have a good wash down...if moveable without breaking your back ! Do not leave them outside in bright sunlight as this can easily scorch their leaves. Pot on any houseplants whose roots are bursting the boundaries of their pots. Tease out any really tangled roots or cut them off if that is difficult. Root pruning in summer will do little harm.

Enjoy Sussex in May.

Lindsay Shurvell, Chilling Street Nurseries, Sharpthorne



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OVER PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR COMMON BIRDS

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Some of you may have nestboxes in your garden and hopefully by the time you read this they are buzzing with activity, blue tits or great tits frantically ferrying mouthfuls of juicy caterpillars to the mouths of the ever-hungry chicks. It's great to watch this for two weeks or so before the chicks fledge and then they emerge into their new world, in a good year this can be up to a dozen or so, and then the parents can relax, job done for another year. Your garden has provided a habitat and conditions where these wonderful little birds can thrive.

But is it right to provide these facilities on a nature reserve? An interesting debate has been going on at Woods Mill nature reserve, Henfield over the last few years as to whether providing a number of nestboxes for blue and great tits, plus winter feeding, has produced an artificially high number of these two species. Undoubtedly, when we have done surveys of the populations here they have come out as very dense and have on occasions been questioned when we have submitted them to the British Trust for Ornithology for being unusually high.

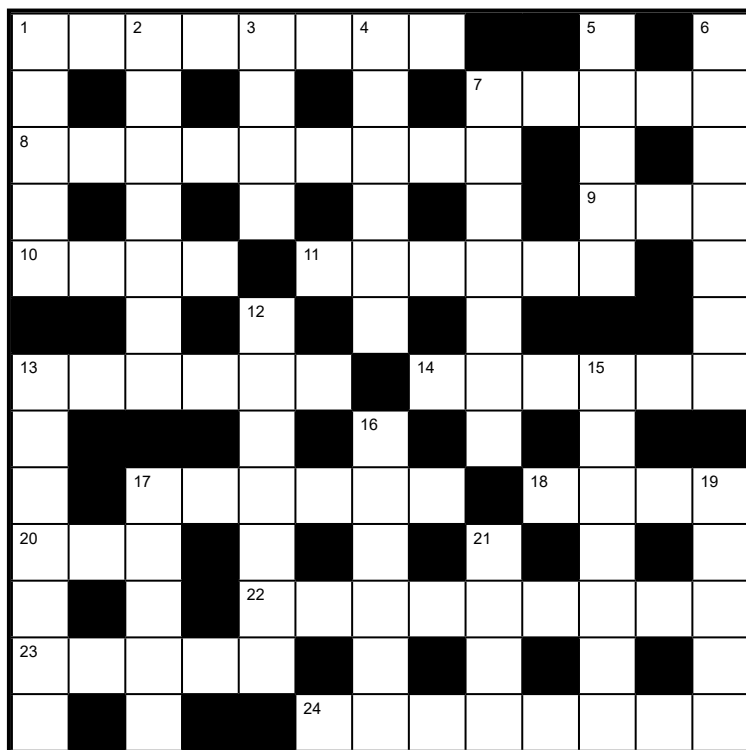
Since we set up the nestbox scheme blue tit and great tit numbers have continually risen, but in that time we have lost both willow tit and more recently marsh tit while coal tit sightings have declined. It is thought that that the blue and great tits are more aggressive and will out compete the other species for nesting sites and also for food put out for them in winter. Undoubtedly there are other reasons why the populations of the scarcer tits have declined and there is no science yet to prove the theory of competing, and it does show that blue and great tits are better at adapting to a changing environment.

But it is not just the scarcer tits that these high populations might affect. One of the advantages of being a resident here is that you get into your breeding cycle early and are well into the swing of it before the summer migrants arrive. So while the visitors are still getting established, the blue and great tits are feasting on all the emergent insects, particularly caterpillars, therefore by the time the migrant chicks are ready to be fed, the food source has been depleted. Again, nothing proven and there are many other causes for general declining summer migrant numbers, especially in south east England.

I'm not for a minute suggesting that you stop feeding or remove nestboxes from your garden, they are really important for these birds. In the bigger picture, there are other factors that are the major causes of population declines, but at places like Woods Mill it may be that we, in fact we already have, scale down the nesting provision to help more of those species that are struggling to cope in an ever shrinking suitable environment.

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May Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

1. A VERSE SUNG BEFORE OR AFTER A CANTICLE (8)
7. HOLD RESPONSIBLE (5)
8. RELATING TO RELIGIOUS MATTERS (9)
9. BIRD (3)
10. BAD (4)
11. STOP (6)
13. IN ANY CASE (6)
14. GIVEN BACK (6)
17. OF AN ANCIENT RACE (6)
18. BOAST (4)
20. TIME (3)
22. BIRTHPLACE OF JESUS (9)
23. SHAM (5)
24. SEND (8)

CLUES DOWN:

1. PASSAGE IN CHURCH (5)
2. THREE IN ONE (7)
3. BUCKET (4)
4. OF SIGHT (6)
5. CHRISTMAS SONG (5)
6. ANSWERED (7)
7. DARKER (7)
12. GENTLE SONG (7)
13. TRY (7)
15. FATHER OF ISRAEL (7)
16. NUN (6)
17. REPEATED MELODY (5)
19. AN ENTIRE RANGE (5)
21. TART (4)

(Answers on page 36)

FROM THE CUCKFIELD MAGAZINE MAY 1916

PARISH NOTES

THE EASTER FESTIVAL.-We can look back upon the Easter Festival with feelings of satisfaction and great thankfulness. There were very good congregations at all the services and there were altogether 443 Communicants. The services were reverent and hearty, the musical parts being rendered in a manner which reflected great credit on the Organist and the Choir.

Our hearty thanks are due to the kind friends who sent such a profusion of lovely flowers, and to the ladies who so kindly and effectively decorated the Church. A word of thanks is also certainly due to the children, who brought a large number of bunches of primroses, which were very useful.

At Ansty there was a Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., at which there were 35 Communicants, and there were 14 Communicants at Brook Street at 6 a.m.

THE EASTER OFFERING at the Parish Church, together with the contributions from Ansty and Brook Street, amounted to no less than £105 ls. 4d. This was a magnificent and most generous gift, and the Vicar wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his very sincere thanks to his parishioners for their great generosity, and to assure them that he highly appreciates the gift, not only because of the great monetary value of it but also because of the goodwill and kind feeling which prompted it.

THE EASTER VESTRY was held at the Church Room on Wednesday, April 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and passed off very well, though we wish that there had been a larger attendance of members of the congregation. An account of the proceedings has appeared in the local press, but we may state that the Churchwardens' accounts showed a balance in hand of a little over £ 20, which was quite satisfactory, considering the fact that there have been some heavy expenses during the past year, and it reflects great credit on our Chancellor of the Exchequer.

THE CRECHE.-We are asked to remind our readers that a Crèche or Day Nursery for Children has just been opened at Richmond Villa, Whiteman's Green, where mothers can leave their children for the day, from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m., on payment of 4d. for one child, 6d. for two, and 8d. for three. The children are well and kindly cared for, and this charge includes breakfast, dinner and tea. We feel sure that in these days, when there is such a demand for women's work, this nursery will be a great boon to mothers who wish to go out to work and to be sure that their little ones are happy and well cared for. The Nursery, which will well repay a visit, is open for inspection on Wednesdays and Fridays, between 2 and 5 p.m.

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ACROSS: 1.ANTIPHON 7.BLAZE 8.SPIRITUAL 9.OWL 10.EVIL 11.CANCEL
13.ANYWAY 14.REPAID 17.CELTIC 18.BRAG 20.ERA 22.BETHLEHEM
23.PHONY 24.TRANSMIT

DOWN: 1.AISLE 2.TRINITY 3.PAIL 4.OCULAR 5.CAROL 6.REPLIED 7.BLACKER
12.WALLABY 13.ATTEMPT 15.ABRAHAM 16.SISTER 17.CANON 19.GAMUT
21.FLAN

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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Prayer Group	<i>17 May 10am in The Lady Chapel</i> <i>Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.</i>
Mothers' Union	Tuesday 10 May at 10am "Refugee Tales – A Modern Pilgrimage" Christina Fitzsimons Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
Little Ones Church Service	Come for a story, some songs and a prayer. All welcome. Please contact Catherine Snashall for more details 01444 454712 or 07775932823. Please note the April Little Ones will be on Tuesday 12 th April at 11am

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Cuckfield Evening Flower Club 13 May – Angie Hyde "Songs from the Wood"

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 3 May 8pm – Games Evening at Gill
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Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 8 May Tickets
are available from the church office. Cost £5.

Cuckfield Evening WI 17 May - Resolutions
Meetings take place at 8pm in the Old School.



HOLY BAPTISM

Jasper Jude YOUNG

IN MEMORIAM

Christine Muriel DOW	Aged 90
Ethel Primrose WARD	Aged 100
Eleanor Florence KIER	Aged 91

May 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 1 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5
John 5: 1-9
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5; John 5: 1-9
- 6.00pm Evensong
Isaiah 40: 27-end; John 12: 20-26

SUNDAY 8 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end;
John 17: 20-end
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 15 MAY – PENTECOST

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 14-17;
John 14: 8-17
- 6.00pm Evensong
Exodus 33: 7-20; 2 Corinthians 3: 4-end

SUNDAY 22 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15
- 6.00pm Evensong
Exodus 3: 1-15; John 3: 1-17

SUNDAY 29 MAY – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43; Galatians 1: 1-12;
Luke 7: 1-10
- 6.00pm Evensong
Genesis 4: 1-16; Mark 3: 7-19

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

SUNDAY SERVICES & MAJOR FESTIVALS FOR THE MONTH (SEE INSIDE)

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
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

FOR CHILDREN - IN THE OLD SCHOOL – SUNDAYS

Noah's Arkages	0 to 3
Children's Churchages	3 to 10
Pathfinders	action for 11 to 13 year olds.

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

for details of weekday youth activities see regular events

**NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME
COME AND SEE!**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE IN THE OLD SCHOOL
AFTER 9.45 SERVICES**

Michael Maine, Vicar