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My dear friends,

TOLLE, LEGE

St Augustine of Hippo, one of the great foundational Christian theologian whose writings profoundly influenced Western Philosophy made the observation in his spiritual auto-biography '*Confessions*' of his great friend St Ambrose, that when he read, he did so silently. 'When he read,' said Augustine, 'his eyes scanned the page and his heart sought out the meaning, but his voice was silent and his tongue was still....when we came to visit him, we found him reading like this in silence, for he never read aloud.' This was extraordinary to Augustine because the custom in ancient times was generally to only read aloud. There are few previous records of silent reading although Plutarch records that Alexander the Great read a letter in silence from his mother in the fourth century BC to the great bewilderment of his soldiers!

However, silent reading brought about the conversion of Augustine himself. Plagued with indecision in whether to turn to Christ, he flung himself under a fig tree in tears after reading aloud in his summer garden with his friend Alypius. There he heard the voices of little children in an adjoining garden singing a song with the refrain *tolle, lege* – 'take up and read.' He ran back to Alypius and picked the book they had been studying – a book of Paul's epistles. In silence, he read the first section his eyes fell on: Romans 13 – 'Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light - put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh.' Thunderstruck, coming to the end of the sentence, the 'light of trust,' flooded his heart, and the 'darkness of doubt' was dispelled.

In this very different age, the Bible is no less relevant. Day by day throughout the world the words of Holy Scripture lead thousands of people to turn to and follow Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. It is the bedrock of our Faith's journey, a record of the way in which God has made the Divine Love known over thousands of years of human history. As I have said before, even in the most difficult passages we are led to seek out the gold of God's Love.

A question: Is the Bible part of your daily spiritual diet? If it isn't, may I encourage you to make it so? The Diocese of Chichester has designated this

year as 'The Year of the Bible,' and is encouraging people to engage more readily with Holy Scripture. In truth, *every* year should be a year of the Bible, but encouragement from the diocese is nevertheless welcome! There will be several opportunities to enrich understanding of journeying with the Bible, including this year's Lent course and a Day with Bishop Richard (details of which follow). One of the most wonderful parts of my own spiritual journey has been the chance to enrich my life through Bible study. I know that many lead very busy lives, but even ten or fifteen minutes a day will help you to grow in the knowledge of God's great love to you in relationship with you through Jesus Christ.

Tolle, lege!
With love,

Michael

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Christmas First, a huge thank you to all who participated in enriching our celebration of Christmas at Holy Trinity. We were greatly blessed by the attendance of so many people. The Christmas Tree Festival started this off in grand fashion, raising a record amount of over £13,000, a substantial amount of which has been presented to our partner charity this year- Parkinson's UK. We will all wish to express our thanks to the committee who have worked so assiduously to bring about this wonderful result. The various other events and services provided much joy to the large number of those who came.

Youth Work I know that many have been saddened by the decision of the PCC to close the Friday night Youth Club in the Old School. This was a very difficult decision, and one not taken lightly. It has caused us all much pain. One of the reasons was the realization that in spite of repeatedly publishing the need, our pool of consistently available committed adult volunteers was insufficient to provide the safest environment needed for such work. Our resources are finite and although we are proud of what we have achieved within the Youth Club, we felt that we should use our resources to focus more on the increasing number of young people and families attending church. This does not mean that we are trying to draw back from the community. Far from it! We are wholeheartedly committed to serving and engaging effectively within the parish in the fullest manner possible. Sometimes this means looking anew at what we seek to achieve and occasionally making painful decisions. The group set up to explore our future work have many ideas and suggestions for new engagement and challenges, and I am most grateful for their continuing work on this front. If you feel that you have something to suggest to them, please contact Jonathan Berry, the convenor. Please hold this vital area of church life in your prayers.

Year of The Bible As you will see from my letter, the diocese has designated this year as the Year of the Bible. Our deanery is hosting the opportunity to hear Bishop Richard as follows:

An Exploration of the Bible with Bishop Richard Jackson at The Ascension Church, Vale Road, Haywards Heath – February 11th – 10.30-3.00pm (bring your own lunch – tea and coffee available). Session 1: The Bible – an overview. Session 2: What about the smiting?! Session 3: It's all about interpretation (is there ever a right answer?). There is no charge and you are welcome to attend as much of the day as you wish. I have it on good authority that Bishop Richard's approach is very insightful and good fun also! Do come if you can.

Lent 2017 Just to give notice that Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year (last year it seemed to follow directly on from Epiphany!). There will be the chance to engage in the Diocesan Lent Course '**Hear the Word of the Lord,**' specifically about the Bible, and promising to be very helpful and insightful. Details of when and where the sessions will be held will be made known nearer the time.

Signs of Prayer At the last PCC meeting we discussed various ideas which had been in people's minds for some time (some for a very long time!) about ways that people can engage within the church building prayerfully. Virtually every major church and cathedral one visits has a place where there is the opportunity to light a candle, and for younger people this is a very meaningful action. I have met several bereaved people myself coming out of the church, sorry that they hadn't been able to do so. The PCC voted unanimously to provide this facility at Holy Trinity. We hope that in the fullness of time we may have a custom-made candle stand and matching prayer-tree – they will be moveable within the building so that we are not tied when events take place that require different use of spaces. Currently people requesting prayer must clamber over a pew in a dark corner of the Lady Chapel – I believe that we can do better than that!

Richard Jenkinson We extend a very warm welcome to our new Organist and Director of Music, Richard Jenkinson. Richard is a distinguished musician, a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, who directs several choirs in Sussex and Kent, and we are delighted that he has become part of our church team. He has great experience as a concert and recital organist, with appearances at many major venues in the UK, plus concert tours in Europe, and broadcasts. And as a choir trainer, Richard happily works with all ages and abilities, from novice to professional and he comes with the highest praise from his referees. Richard – Welcome!

Jazz Concert Advanced notice that **the Ardingly College Jazz Band** are giving a free concert in the church on **Friday 10th March at 7.30pm**. Please do make this widely known – it should be a really good evening!



Letter for Parish Magazines for February

Dear Friends

Contemporary culture is shy of words like discipline. It smacks of judgmentalism, and who are we to sit in judgement on anyone? However, discipline and self-denial have always been part of Christian discipleship. The need for personal change is rooted in our understanding that who we are is not entirely God's creative work. We are gloriously made in the image of God, but we also recognise that the image is marred by sin. This is a reality for all of us, not just President Assad and ISIS terrorists.

Perhaps it would be better to replace the word discipline with training. We understand how athletes need to train in order to perform at their best, and we too, if Christ's likeness is to be formed in us, need to train spiritually. For an Olympic athlete, the prize makes the sacrifice worthwhile. For Christians, the prize is becoming more like Jesus and therefore being better able to represent him to a broken and hurting world.

Lent has traditionally been a time when we deny ourselves things we enjoy in order to walk with Christ in his sufferings, albeit not to the same intensity! More recently, we have been encouraged to take up something new in our spiritual journey. In this Diocesan Year of The Bible Lent would be a great time to turn off the telly or Facebook, get up a bit earlier and use the recovered time to start reading the Bible more systematically.

Athletes have to change their diet if they are to be equipped for the task. The Bible is the Christian's spiritual diet. How much better to have our minds formed by that than the depressing (and sometimes even corrupting) fare regularly served by contemporary media.

Best wishes
+Richard Lewes

Rt. Rev. Richard Jackson
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- have the best interests of the school in mind;
- be enthusiastic about the work of the school;

The day-to-day management of a school is the responsibility of the head teacher and staff. Governors help guide the school in the direction it is taking in strategic matters such as the curriculum, finance, discipline, and the appointment of staff. As a governor, you would need to:

- attend meetings of the full governing body – usually 5 or 6 a year;
- attend meetings of the sub-committees of which you are a member – we have a Finance Committee, a Premises Committee, and the Staffing, Curriculum and Spirituality Committee. There are 2 meetings of each per term. There are also smaller committees, such as Admissions and Pay, which meet less frequently;
- read reports and background papers before meetings;
- visit and support the school.

Foundation Governors have an absolute majority over all other governors and, as a Church of England Aided school, we have additional responsibilities for the governing body. The life

of the school is developed around an explicit commitment to Christian values and ethos and the learning environment reflects the C.E. foundation.

Individual governors have no power or responsibility. It is only the full governing body which has legal duties and powers and all governors share in that corporate responsibility. Our aim is to be a well-balanced group of people who effectively support the head teacher and staff to drive the school forward. Each governor contributes their own skills and experience; and at present we should particularly value a governor with skills in data analysis, and experience of an educational or social services background.

Training is available to help you get the best out of the role and other governors are always very helpful. Our work is very varied and never boring!

Please contact Janice Peek or David Thunder for more information.

Janice Peek - Chair of Governors



CORO NUOVO CONCERT AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CUCKFIELD

On Sunday afternoon, 19th March, 2017, at 2.30 p.m., The Friends of Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield are delighted to announce they will be welcoming back Coro Nuovo who will be giving a concert in the church entitled "Gloria".

This popular Sussex-based choir of around 40 advanced singers from top choirs, and their Music Director Andrew Rees, will be performing a concert of magical music including A Welsh Celebration composed by Jeffrey Howard. Also, featuring in the concert, will be Hannah Corcoran, saxophonist, who is the Coro Nuovo bursary winner for 2016.

Tickets priced at £12.00 each are available from fohtcc@btinternet.com, Wealden Stores and Pepperbox in Cuckfield, and from coronuovo.org.uk

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity's 14th Christmas Tree Festival was a resounding success, raising £13,171-00. The trees were even more magnificent than last year and many visitors were first time callers at our annual event. All were impressed with the wonderful atmosphere augmented by a plethora of talented local musicians. The funds will be shared between the Church and the Mid Sussex Branch of Parkinson's UK. Once more the Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the 2016 Festival so magical.

MARTIN T KING'S SPEECH TO HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD CONGREGATION SUNDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2016

Could I start by thanking the Christmas Tree Planning Group for including us in their thoughts together with sponsors and all the volunteers for their time and resource. It's very humbling and inspires us to continue the good work.

Welcome to Parkinson's World - tell me I won't and I'll show you I will. And, that's the struggle people with Parkinson's confront every minute of every day. It never lets up and, sadly for many, steals their hope ... and, let's face it, we all need hope.

It takes Olympian determination just to pick up a glass of water ...

Pulling on trousers takes so long it feels like a life sentence ...

As one travels from independence to dependency, each day mobility, dexterity, essentially anything to do with one's muscles, including speech, are compromised. In some cases, this builds to the point where one can be unable to move any limbs at all.

One finds oneself managing paralysis and rigidity with a diamond sharp mind that hear, know and understand everything ... and yet our bodies are still racked with painful cramps and disability.

So, one prayer I have is "Please take time to listen. Take time to allow us to communicate. We have a story to tell also."

When you are ready, reach out and you will find Parkinson's UK here in Mid Sussex and nationally, ready to help and walk beside you on your journey, across uncharted healthcare seas.

The National Office is the umbrella organisation. hey deal with

information production (a leaflet a day keeps the consultant at bay). They provide Welfare teams and Advocacy. We are currently campaigning for proper and available treatment for continuous care and we are having input into the Loneliness Commission, lobbying Parliament.

As you would expect, Parkinson's UK continue a massive drive in searching for a cure. This is the big picture, pursued alongside other Neuro Charities, institutions and pharmaceutical companies, etc.

People with disabilities deserve to be able to travel without fear or apprehension; they already have a higher propensity towards depression and issues around self-image, isolation and mental health.

Parkinson's UK Mid Sussex Branch does not receive any funding other than that which we generate ourselves. That is why the Christmas Tree Team is so important to the success of the self-help community.

Parkinson's UK here in Mid Sussex is the shop window, especially structured to drawdown information and manage the massive workload that increasing numbers of newly diagnosed members, their families and carers create. We have a membership of approximately 250.

We do a lot more than just disseminate information. We develop support with a strong sense of purpose and a spirit of camaraderie. Our activities support our well-being. Hydrotherapy, commonly called Aqua Fit, gives us 2 days of extra mobility. Fit for Life exercise classes keep us active, and Speech and Language groups give us insight into speech techniques. Our choir improves our speech, relaxes us and, it is said, can add 3 years to one's life (it's probably at the wrong end ...). We have recently started ballet-oriented dance classes – they are great for improving balance.

We have meetings for carers and those who have been bereaved so they can share experiences and continue friendship, in a supportive environment. We are here to support those in anyway affected by Parkinson's and to try and keep Parkinson's in its place! Not forgetting the young who also need support in affected households ... we need to address these children with other agencies where needed. That's why we are so grateful to you all for organising this fantastic event.



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FSW UPDATE

The New Year starts with a fresher look for FSW thanks to Lloyds Community Foundation.

Thank you to all Parishes who fundraised for FSW at Christmas. The children FSW supports enjoyed wonderful parties and pantomime trips organised by our Family Workers and supported by their local Deanery Committees. Festive hampers were delivered to families and they were supplied with turkeys kindly donated by Bridger's Farm of Hurstpierpoint.

Thank you to all who have given so far as part of our **WINTER FUEL APPEAL**. Your donations do make a difference: for example, one of our workers in December was able to support a family in need who had no electricity, no heating and were without benefits due to a change in personal circumstances. Our Worker was able to visit and offer the financial support needed to get them through.

Dates for your diary in 2017:

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GREAT NEWS: THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE PARISH, THE PCC HAS BEEN ABLE TO REINSTATE THE MISSION AND CHARITIES' BUDGET

For many of us, it was a source of great sadness that whilst repaying the loans during the past few years for the reordering project, there was not money available for us as a church to give to those in great need. We had opportunities, as individuals, to give through various initiatives to charities such as FSW, Samara's Aid, Christian Aid - and indeed we gave generously to all of these. However, it is good news that we can now as a church consider giving regularly once again.

The Mission and Charities Committee met in November to discuss which charities we would support. There are guidelines laid down by the PCC as to how any money can be distributed. Monies are to be distributed 2/3 to Christian charities; (50% overseas, 50% UK); and 1/3 to charities or organisations that emphasise the good neighbourly commandment of Christianity.

The Committee agreed that an over-arching theme would be taken each year based on Jesus' commands in Matthew 25 v 35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me". In the wake of the refugee crisis, the committee has decided this year to distribute money to charities which support displaced and homeless people.

The Committee considered a number of charities and after discussion decided that the £5,000 allocated by the PCC be distributed evenly amongst the following charities:

Overseas:

- Samara's Aid supporting refugees in Syria and the Middle East;
- Vision Rescue educating street children in Mumbai;
- School in Harare set up by a Brother at Mirfield College.

UK and Local:

- FSW working with families to rebuild lives after crisis;
- Stonepillow supporting homeless people in Chichester, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton;
- Voices in Exile, Brighton, enabling, accompanying and supporting Asylum Seekers and refugees.

Throughout the year, we will put articles in the Parish Magazine outlining further the work of these charities and there will also be displays in church. We also hope there will be ways we can support these charities practically as well as financially. We'll keep you posted!

Hilary Turner-King and the MishCom Committee

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Christmas and New Year at St George's Church in Baghdad

Despite the spectre of violence that hangs over Iraq, the congregation at St George's Church in Baghdad was able to celebrate Christmas and New Year in relative peace. St George's remains very much in our prayers and we continue to fully fund the health clinic there. Additionally, the American branch of the Foundation provides monthly funding for food relief.

In his Boxing Day address, Pope Francis paid tribute to Iraq's persecuted and dwindling Christian community, commenting that "there are more Christian martyrs now than in the Church's early days". While this is certainly the case, it was heartening to see the children at St George's singing in praise of Yeshua and enjoying themselves. Father Christmas even made an appearance!

Helping the persecuted in Northern Iraq

In Northern Iraq, we continue to provide for thousands of internally displaced people. Through our partnerships with the Syrian Orthodox and Armenian Churches, we are feeding 5,500 Christian families every month. We are also providing food and water to tens of thousands of IDPs, many of them Muslim, across 17 displacement camps. This includes Khazir Camp on the outskirts of Mosul, Islamic State's *de facto* capital in Iraq.

Continuing our work in the Hashemite Kingdom

We are continuing our work in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, providing hundreds of Iraqi Christian refugee families with heaters and blankets, as well as money for rented accommodation and food. While we are no longer funding the school in Marka or the clinic in Sweifieh, we will continue to provide for the most vulnerable through our church partners.

We are currently working with 4 churches in Jordan, including the Nazarene Church, Syrian Orthodox Church, and Greek Catholic Church. Together we are feeding 3,000 Iraqi Christians every month. The Hashemite Kingdom remains one of the safest places in the Middle East for persecuted Christians.

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At our November meeting, we spent time in discussion and reflection about MU's initiative on action against gender based violence, something which is common in every country of the world. Violence against women and girls is often rooted in unequal power relations between men and women and this can be manifested as a means of control, not just physical violence. Sadly, domestic violence and controlling abuse of women is common and there are many instances where children in the

family are involved as well - either as victims themselves, or witnesses to adult violence and controlling behaviour. The abuse is often repeated but the victims feel unable to speak out.

What can be done about these things is a big question. We read and discussed an excellent prayer and reflection produced by Mother's Union about all forms of gender-based violence in this and other countries, and for women who are trafficked as domestic and sex workers, asking that women's voices may be heard and listened to in all peace and reconciliation work.

The following prayer is taken from that reflection, and I feel this best sums up where we are and what we ask:

Lord Jesus, we pray for all to follow your example of treating women with equality and respect.

We pray for all who live in fear of violence and despair that life will ever change. Bring to an end their suffering and restore their sense of worth.

We pray for those who perpetrate abuse with no sense of guilt or shame. Bring to justice their actions and change their inner hearts.

We pray against regimes that endorse violence against women. Shatter their evil influence, initiate a rule of decency.

Loving Lord, we pray for a better world where justice and peace may flourish.

Heather Hollis

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FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE – JANUARY, 1917

Parish Notes

The New Year – The year which has just come to a close has been for many in Cuckfield a time of sorrow, and to all of us it has been a time of anxiety and strain. We have, however, much for which we may well be very thankful, especially when we consider that we are nearly half through the fourth year of this terrible war. We look forward to the brighter days which we hope are before us, and we must pray that before this year comes to an end we may have attained to that righteous and lasting peace which we all so much desire. It will be indeed a happy day for us all when the bells ring out for Peace, though we fear that for many it will be a sad reminder of the great loss which they have had to bear. Meanwhile we must hold on with a grim and stern determination to see it through, though it will entail still further sacrifices and lay upon our country a burden which will be very heavy.

The Roll of Honour

We deeply regret to have to add another name to the long list of the Cuckfield men who have given their lives for their King and Country. On December 8th, **Private Joseph William Markwick** was wounded in action and he died the same evening, the cause of death being multiple gunshot wounds. He passed away in his sleep and so his end was peaceful, and he was laid to rest in the Tincourt military cemetery. He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Markwick, of Gravelye Cottage. As a lad – and he was not much more than that when he died – he worked at Borde Hill, and he was in the 4th Sussex when the war broke out. After a time, he was transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and then to the Royal West Kents. He went to the front in 1916, and he was wounded on August 5th, 1917. Having made a good recovery, he re-joined his unit and was soon called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. He was a lad well-liked by all who knew him, and we offer our sincere sympathy to his father and mother and to other members of his family in their sorrow. We have also heard with regret the news of the death of **Gunner Woodhams**, whose wife has recently made her home in Cuckfield.

Some little time ago the news was received that **Private Trayton Anscombe**, 12th Royal Sussex, was wounded in action, and we are glad to hear that he is making good progress towards recovery.

It has been a great pleasure to welcome **Private Leslie Askew, Mr. L. Riches**, and many other Cuckfield men home on leave for Christmas.

Congratulations – There were two khaki weddings in December and we wish to offer our hearty congratulations and good wishes to Private and Mrs. A. H. Hole and to Private and Mrs. Albert Henley.

Gifts for the Sailors – Mrs. O'Brien wishes to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following articles sent in response to the appeal in the November Magazine: 5 woollen scarves, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of mittens, 1 chest protector, 2 jerseys, 1 waistcoat, 1 Prayer Book and 1 Testament. These have been sent by Mrs. O'Brien to Miss Agnes Weston, at Portsmouth.

The Christmas Festival – We can look back upon the Christmas of 1917 with feelings of great thankfulness. The weather was very kind to us, the congregations were large and the services were bright and hearty. The number of communicants was a large increase on that of last year, for there were no less than 349, including 59 at 6 a.m., in spite of the darkness, 96 at 7 a.m., 94 at 8 a.m., and 100 at noon, and the offerings were very generous. We are under a great debt of gratitude to those who sent such lovely white flowers and also evergreens for the decoration of the Church, and a special word of thanks is due to the ladies and to Mr. Hunt, the head gardener at Moonhill Place, who at a time when all are so busy, very kindly did the work of decorating the Church, and did it so well.

Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving – In accordance with the wish of the King, January 6th, the first Sunday of the year, will be observed throughout the country as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving. A special service, which will be attended by the Volunteers and the Chairman and members of the Urban District Council and other public bodies, will be held in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m.

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The Liberation of Jerusalem from Turkish misrule and oppression, which has lasted for four centuries, was an event of worldwide interest and considerable importance, and we can be proud of the fact that some of our Cuckfield men were in **General Allenby's** victorious army. The event was celebrated by the **ringing of the Church bells** on the day that our troops took possession of the city, and by a **Te Deum** of thanksgiving on the following Sunday.

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE – FEBRUARY, 1917

Parish Notes

In Memoriam – The beginning of the New Year was marked by the burial of two men who were well known and respected in Cuckfield. **Dr Edgar Byass** had a medical practice in Cuckfield, in which he succeeded his father and which he held for many years, and he has left behind him a long record of faithful and conscientious service, well and kindly done. **Mr Edward Anscombe** was for a long period of time a builder in the town, and he carried out the duties of Postmaster until his advancing years compelled him to resign. He was also for many years a faithful Church officer as a Sidesman of the Parish Church, and in his younger days he was a Volunteer, being one of the first to join when the movement was started, and he was a noted rifle shot and an expert cricketer.

The Day of National Intercession – We are very thankful that the day was so well observed in Cuckfield. The attendance at all the services was good, and we believe that on no other occasion since the Memorial Service for Queen Victoria has the Church been so crowded as it was in the afternoon. The service was most impressive and was marked by the great reverence shewn by all who were present.

The Roll of Honour – We are very pleased to record the fact that the **Military Cross** has been awarded to **Captain Montagu Trevor Turner**, Royal Sussex Regiment, and we heartily congratulate him and also his mother on his distinction. **Lance-Corporal Harry Murrell**, Royal Fusiliers, whose parents live in Brook Street, has been commended for distinguished bravery in the field on December 6th, and

Corporal A. C. Knight (Hanlye) and **Corporal W. Bennett** (Brainsmead) have both been promoted to Sergeant. **Captain James K. McConnel**, D.S.O., 20th Hussars, who is now acting as Brigade Major to an Infantry Division, has been slightly wounded, but we are glad to hear that he is going on all right. **Mr. Franklin Young**, son of Mrs. Young, of The Studio, is to be congratulated on his promotion to 1st Air Mechanic in the R.F.C., a promotion which is all the more meritorious considering his youth. We have been very pleased to welcome many of our Cuckfield men home on leave during the past month, including **Lance-Corporal Albert J. Avery, A.S.C., Private Edward Hayward, Private W. H. Ede, A.S.C., Sapper George Apps, R.E., and Gunner Frank Cleaver, R.F.A. Captain Ralph Stephenson Clarke**, who was very severely wounded during the fighting in Palestine, has been home on sick leave, and we are glad to see that he is making good progress towards recovery. We are sorry to say that Mrs. Hooker has had a time of anxiety with regard to her husband, **Private E. J. Hooker**, M.T., A.S.C., who is now in Salonica. He had an attack of dysentery some time ago, and then when he was convalescent he caught malaria. He was on the sick list for four months altogether, but he is now back at work again.

The Sunday School – The attendance at the Sunday School has been, on the whole, satisfactory during the past year, though we could wish that many more would come, especially as we have such a good staff of teachers. Prizes have recently been awarded to the following children, who have made the necessary number of marks: – **Winifred Card, Grace Henley, May Redwood, Ivy Newnham, Adelaide Twiner, Millie Webb, Connie Webb, Mary Stevens, Sybil Etherton, Winnie Tidey, Daisy Keep, Neville Stenning, Richard Pennifold, Rupert Willsman, Jas. Towner, Frank Towner and Stanley Rhodes**, and in the Infants' School prizes have been given to **Albert Morgan, Lily Jeal and Mildred Tidey**. At Brook Street prizes have also been awarded to **Ralph Sayers, Leslie Pratt, Fred. Pratt, May Everest and Joan Pratt**.

Lantern Lecture – On Thursday, February 21st, Mr. Herrington will give two lantern lectures in the Church Room – at 3.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. The subject will be **The War in the Air** ... a small charge will be made for admission – 6d. in the afternoon and 3d. in the evening – and any balance will be given to the V.A.D. Hospital, Cuckfield.

Gifts for the Sailors – Mrs. O'Brien has received from Miss Weston, Royal Sailors' Rest, Portsmouth, a letter of thanks for the parcel which was recently sent, and the following extract will probably interest our readers: – 'The parcel of mufflers and clothes which you have sent kindly through Canon Wilson's appeal for presents, for the men will be most useful. Will you accept and convey my warmest thanks to each who has so lovingly contributed. You will all be glad to know the waistcoats and jerseys are in great demand. The weather is most severe, and the men are filled with gratitude for such warm garments. Then the shipwrecked men are thankful for anything. They come in, poor fellows, all their belongings gone to the bottom. We are able to dispose of all kinds of men's clothing in this way.'

A Bath Chair – The Vicar wishes to acknowledge, with many thanks, the gift by Mr. E. A. Mitchell of a bath chair for parish purposes, which is almost new, and which was the property of the late Mr. Edward Anscombe. The Vicar has now two bath chairs under his care, and he will be pleased to lend them free of charge to any parishioners who may need them. If they are not required by any of the parishioners he will be pleased to lend them to visitors, who will, however, be asked to make a slight contribution to the Sick and Poor Fund.

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FEBRUARY GARDEN NOTES

Happy New Year and as 2017 begins there are no signs snow as yet just a few sharp frosts and plenty of grey misty days in the past 4 weeks. The heady scents of Daphnes, Sarcococcas, Winter sweet (*Chimonanthus*) and *Lonicera fragrantissima* are wonderful additions to any garden in February. Don't be surprised at seeing a few bumble bees merrily collecting nectar on these as one species the "buff- tailed bumble bee" (*Bombus terrestris* ... what a brilliant name!) is active all through the winter when it's not freezing or blowing a gale. They are also important in the pollination of early flowering fruit trees.

Make the most of dry winter weather even if the skies are grey and temperatures not many degrees above freezing.

Bulbs are popping up rapidly, heralding spring so where they are in mixed borders ensure you have cleared dead growth from herbaceous plants and pruned back evergreen shrubs such as *Euonymus* and *Hebes* which may have encroached upon them. Whilst it's too late to plant spring bulbs, snowdrops are one bulb best planted "in the green", i.e., with leaves intact just after they have finished flowering. Pot-grown ones or a section of a large clump a friend may be happy to divide and give to you guarantee the best results. You may also like to fill in gaps or add extra colour and interest with summer ones which will be available, such as *Alliums* (there are many species), *Galtonia*, *Gladioli*, *Nerines*, *Rhodohypoxis*, *Tritelia*, *Camassia* and *Crinum powelli*.

Jobs when the air temperature is above freezing include pruning apples and pears, cutting down autumn raspberries, tidying up strawberry beds, if you didn't tackle it in the autumn; mulching flower borders and vegetable gardens. Buy seed potatoes and chit them. Clean out water butts and greenhouse/house gutters, clean greenhouse glass and tidy up/wash pots and seed trays you may want to use this season.

Milder springs may mean cutting grass before March so make sure you have your mower or mowers (and other garden machinery) serviced before the first cut but remember to start on a high setting. Spring lawn treatments can begin in March

but always read the manufacturer's directions as to dosage and weather conditions.

Sort out seeds, chucking out old packets (lettuce seed loses viability in 2-3 years), checking the mice - or worse - haven't chewed through packets of peas, courgettes and sweetcorn. Plant out broad beans and autumn sown sweet peas and at the end of February (if the ground is not frozen) and erect netting, canes or whatever supports you usually use.

Prune winter flowering Jasmine and winter heathers after flowers have faded; also, *Viburnum bodnantense*, *Viburnum tinus*, Mahonias, Cotoneasters and pyracantha as needed when the birds have stripped the berries. With large clumps of heathers, a pair of shears or hedge cutter does a good job!

Lindsay Shurvell



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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

MICHAEL BLENCOWE - THE SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Sussex is beginning to bloom and, in the absence of pollinating insects, hazel, one of our first flowering plants, is depending on a February breeze to deliver its Valentine's message. You'll all know male hazel flowers. They're the catkins, those droopy 'lambs' tails' which cast their sulphur clouds of dusty love into the countryside. These clouds are made of a multitude of lonely pollen grains, each cruising on the wind hoping to find the female hazel flower. Look closely on the branches and you'll see her desperately trying to grab a grain with her bright pink tentacle tassels.

This windswept romance has occurred ever since the end of the last Ice Age when our defrosting land was a botanical blank canvas. There were rich pickings for any plant that ventured way out west and hazel was one of the first pioneers. In an empty landscape, under open skies, it established its vast nutty empire, becoming our most abundant tree species. But therein lies the problem. Hazel's just not very good at being a tree. It doesn't grow very tall. So, when the big boys started muscling into Britain, its claim to the canopy crown ended. Giant oaks blocked the sun and banished hazel to the shadows – an understory underdog.

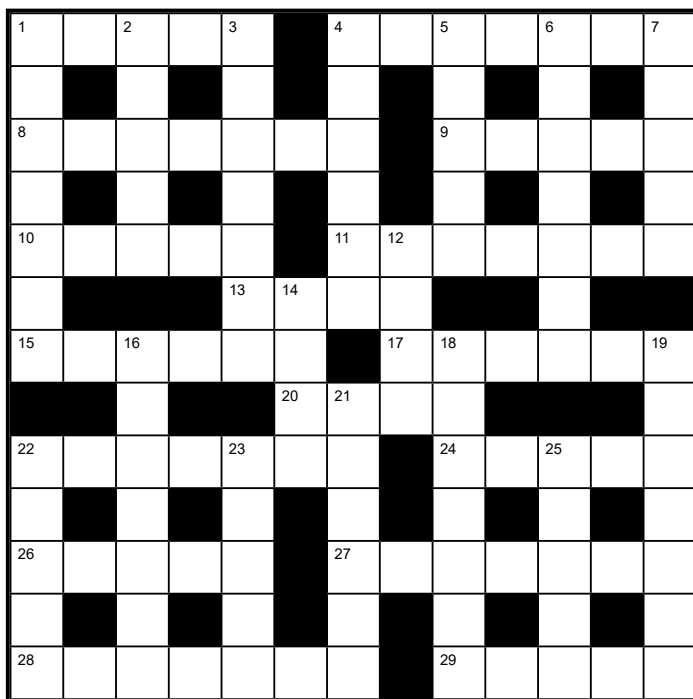
And there, Gollum-like, hazel waited, until we showed up. Mesolithic man, foraging around for food, acquired a taste for hazelnuts. If you've ever witnessed me poking around with a spoon in the bottom of a Nutella jar it's clear that this love of hazelnuts, and our table manners, have changed little in the last 10,000 years. Hazelnuts were a vital protein source for our ancestors and each nut is individually packaged in a little container for easy storage.

But hazel took care of us in other ways too. It has a magical power of regeneration. Whatever doesn't kill it just makes it stronger. Hack down a hazel and, like the Hydra, it'll bounce back mob-handed, sending up an army of new shoots. Cutting hazel and allowing it to regrow (the art of coppicing) gave us a crop of strong, flexible poles. Coppiced poles have a multitude of uses: firewood, fences, fishing rods, shepherd's crooks, walking sticks, water diviners and magic wands. Hazel poles were the wattle in the 'wattle and daub' that held together our early homes. Hazel helped us build Britain.

And it built a Britain full of burly men with axes who marched into the wild woods and cut down those big oaks. And as our woodlands were cleared hazel rose again and regained its place in our developing countryside. Perhaps we were part of its comeback plan all along?

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February Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

1. SOIL (5)
4. PART OF A CHURCH (7)
8. FRUIT (7)
9. RUGBY MOVE (5)
10. COME FORTH (5)
11. MOUNTAIN (7)
13. RIVER (4)
15. METAMORPHIC ROCK (6)
17. ANIMALS (6)
20. PAUSE (4)
22. WIDEN (7)
24. COMFORTS (5)
26. RUN AWAY (5)
27. FORGIVE SINS (7)
28. BECOMES BLACKER (7)
29. AIRED (5)

CLUES DOWN:

1. FOLLOWING (7)
2. ANGRERS (5)
3. ----- ABOVE (7) expression
4. SMALL CHURCH (6)
5. CHURCH PASSAGE (5)
6. STONE WALL PROJECTION
7. BOUNDARY (5)
12. FACE COVERING (4)
14. SURROUNDED BY WATER (4)
16. TRIP IN UNSPOILED REGION (6)
18. VENERATED (7)
19. HUNG (7)
21. UPSETS (5)
22. TAKEN IN THE EUCHARIST (5)
23. CHEMICAL COMPOUND (5)
25. SALINE (5)

(Answers on page 41)

WHAT'S ON AT THE CATHEDRAL



CONCERTS

Saturday 4th February 7.00 pm: *Nos Miseri Homines* - eight outstanding professional singers perform music for Candlemas by candlelight, including Parry songs of Farewell and Holst *Nunc Dimittis*;

Tuesday 7th February 1.10 pm: Lunchtime Concert: Pavlos Carvalho (*cello*) and Warren Mailley-Smith (*piano*)

Tuesday 14th February 1.10 pm: Lunchtime Concert: Peter King (*organ*)

Tuesday 21st February 1.10 pm: Lunchtime Concert: Portsmouth Grammar School

Thursday 23rd February 7.30 pm: Concert: The Sixteen: Bach *Magnificat*

Tuesday 28th February 1.10pm: Lunchtime Concert: Natalia Williams-Wandoch (*piano*)

LECTURES AND TALKS

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February 9.00am – 10.00 am Friends' 'Book at Breakfast' meeting with the Cathedral Chancellor: '*How to Read the Bible (without switching off your brain)*' by Simon J Taylor. At 4 Canon Lane.

Monday 13th February 6.30pm '*Church Schools and British Values in a Secular Society*'. A Chichester theological society lecture by Dr Bob Bowie, Director of the national Institute for Christian Education Research, Canterbury Christ Church University. In the Cathedral nave. Free entry and all are welcome.

Wednesday 15th February 12.30pm Friends' 'Food for thought' Lunch and talk '*Fur in the Family - a filial history of the London fur trade*' by the Very Revd Nicholas Frayling, Dean emeritus. In Vicars' Hall.



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What's on Around Cuckfield...

**Mid Sussex
Alzheimers Support
Group Carer's
Monthly Meetings**

1st Monday of the month from 7 to 9pm.
Held at "Age Concern" (adjacent to Clair Hall), Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath.
For further details contact The Alzheimers Society on 01403 750485 or 01403 213017 (Monday to Friday)

**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.

Ansty Village Hall

CARD & TABLE GAMES. The third Thursday of the month at Ansty Village Hall, from 2 – 4 including tea and cake £2. Not a serious card school – much laughter. Tel 413061

**Wednesday
22 February**

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

**Tuesday 7 March
2017 New England
Wood Trust**

The Annual Public Meeting will be held in Cuckfield in the Council Chamber of the Queen's Hall promptly at 8.15p.m. This is an opportunity for the people of Cuckfield to meet the Trustees and to hear the Chairman's report on the management of the wood. All welcome. Enquiries 01444 457844

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Regular Events

Bellringers	Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.
Choir	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.15–8.15pm. (There are no practices during August)
Holy Trinity Mens Group	16 February - Skittles For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
Home Groups	<i>Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm</i> call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481 Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time). David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
Prayer Group	21 February 10am in the Lady Chapel Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.
Mothers' Union	14 February TBA 10am in Committee Room, The Old School Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
Little Ones Church Service	First Tuesday of the month at 11am. Come for a story, some songs and a prayer. All welcome. Please contact Catherine Snashall for more details 01444 454712 or 07775932823.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

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Regular Events (continued)

Royal British Legion 22 February 'Further Travel Delights' Evelyn Stenning
(Women's Section) Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield

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 12 February – Margaret Williams 'Aqua Flora'

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 7 February 3pm. Talk by Christina Fitzsimmons about Detainees at Gatwick (Venue TBA)
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 11 February
Tickets are be available from the church office Cost £5.

Cuckfield Evening WI 21 February - "Egyptian Ladies" Carol Andrews
Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane



HOLY BAPTISM

Amber Florence HUMPHREY
Maddox Charlie HODGSON
Arabella Caroline Frances FIRMIN

HOLY MATRIMONY

Michael Keith THOMPSON & Valerie Joan FABB

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Margaret CLIFTON	Aged 89
Albert AVERY	Aged 86
Mary RUSSELL	Aged 83

February 2016 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY – FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Isaiah 58: 1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12;
Matthew 5: 13-20*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20
- 6.00pm Evensong
Amos 2: 4-end; Ephesians 4: 17-end

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY – THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-end, 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9;
Matthew 5: 21-37*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Genesis 1: 1-2:3; Romans 8: 18-25;
Matthew 6: 25-end*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Revelation Chap. 4

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Exodus 24: 12-end; 2 Peter 1: 16-end;
Matthew 17: 1-9*
- 6.00pm Evensong
Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-10; Matthew 17: 9-23

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	10.30am 5.00pm	Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	11.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
Saturday	8.45am	Morning Prayer

FOR CHILDREN - IN THE OLD SCHOOL – SUNDAYS

Noah's Ark	ages 0 to 3
Children's Church	ages 3 to 10
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