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**MAY 2017**

My dear friends,

Have you ever basked in the afterglow of an event? Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. This period leads us on a journey of growth in understanding the wonder of the Resurrection Life which Jesus opens to the whole of humanity through his own Resurrection. Contemplating this is part of the Christian's DNA – the very building blocks of our lives as followers of Jesus of Nazareth – the Christ.

Sometimes the journey of faith is not easy, and can be a rocky road or a barren desert. There is nothing wrong with this! We are human, yet our Faith teaches us that ultimately the Divine Love of God dwells within and travels with us every inch of the way in the face of Jesus Christ.

One of the set of readings used during this season is the Song of Solomon. In the original Hebrew (and perhaps composed about 1000BC) the Song is composed of lyrical poems and may have originally intended to be sung. At first reading, a person will be surprised at the nature of the work, a series of love poems – secular (God is never mentioned, although the 'flame' mentioned (8:6) is sometimes taken as God's presence), erotic and passionate in nature.

Yet this extraordinary imagery has enriched Christianity - part of our scripture since the earliest formation of the canon. Our Faith has taken the Song as allegorical and approached it in many ways through the centuries. The figure of the bridegroom or male lover is seen as representing Christ, whilst the female voice represents the individual believer's soul. It can also represent the relationship between Christ and the Church. Many Christian mystics such as Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, Bernard of Clairvaux and Gregory of Nyssa have found great inspiration in the work, using its evocative power, and celebrating a mystical divine-human union rather than human erotic love.

Continuing to rejoice in the Resurrection Life we are drawn into, John of the Cross uses the imagery of the Song of Songs to inspire his beautiful poem, 'The Living Flame of Love,' the last verse of which says:

**How gently and lovingly  
you wake in my heart,  
where in secret you dwell alone;  
and in your sweet breathing,  
filled with good and glory,  
how tenderly you swell my heart with love.**

A very happy (continuing) Eastertide,  
With love,

Michael

## **FROM THE VICAR'S DESK**

**Thank you** to all who made our celebration of Holy Week and Easter so beautiful. The choir, caterers, readers, bell ringers, flower arrangers – all have helped us to enter into the Easter story and enriched our experience of growing in faith.

I am also grateful to Jonathan Berry, Ros Thunder, Clive Simmonds and Shirley Rawlins who helped lead the Lent Course. This was attended by a good number of parishioners. Clive has suggested that it would be good to continue the opportunity of study for those who wish - details to follow.

**Joseph and his Technicoloured Dreamcoat** Wow! What an amazing show we experienced when the members of Sunday's Cool performed for us shortly before Passiontide. Not only do we possess talented children on the acting side, but also as singers. It really was a fantastic experience. We all know how much hard work the children will have put into preparing, but we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Hilary, Sarah, Jo, Helen and Nicky, together with all who helped in the production of props and costumes, lighting and sound – the whole was so professional. When and what will the next performance be?!

**Mothers' Union** All (mothers, fathers, singles, uncoupled (something to do with Gwyneth Paltrow!) – really, anyone!) are welcome to this month's Mothers' Union Meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10am** in the Committee Room in the Old School when the Rev. Jo Elliot will speak about Hospital Chaplaincy. Jo has exercised a great ministry at the Princess Royal and the Sussex County Hospitals, and it will be a very informative session. Do support it.

**Another Musical Treat** As I mentioned last month, the **Brighton Chamber Choir** will be singing at Evensong on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.00pm**, followed by refreshments and a short recital under the direction of their Conductor Jane Money. Please do support this – I think that it will be a most lovely occasion. Any donations will be in aid of the church.



**Christian Aid Week runs from 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May.**

More details will be found in the magazine.

## **FURTHER DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Pentecost** This great festival falls on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, when services will take place at the normal times: **8.00am Holy Communion, 9.45 Family Eucharist, 11.00 Sung Communion BCP and Evensong at 6.00pm**. Please join us for a **Church Family Picnic at Mill Hall Farm** (by kind invitation of Jonathan and Kate Berry) following the morning services. It is suggested that if you drive, then please park at the Whitemans Green Carpark. Bring enough food for your group and a little more if you are able! If it rains, we will either consume the food in the church or Old School!

**Trinity Sunday** Our Patronal Festival falls on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, and our special preacher at the **9.45** will be the **Very Rev. Nicholas Frayling**, former Dean of Chichester Cathedral. The evening service at **6.00pm** will be **Hymns and Pimms II** – come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy fellowship over a refreshing summer drink!

## AN EASTERTIDE REFLECTION ON LIVING IN GOD'S ETERNAL LIGHT



The smallest thing by the influence of eternity is made infinite and eternal. We pass through a standing continent or region of ages, that are already before us, glorious and perfect while we come to them. Like people in a ship we pass forward, the shores and marks seeming to go backward, though we move and they stand still. We are not with them in our progressive motion, but prevent the swiftness of our course, and are present with them in our understandings. Like the sun we dart our rays before us, and occupy those spaces with light and contemplation which we move towards, but possess not with our bodies. And seeing all things in the light of Divine knowledge, eternally serving God, rejoice unspeakable in that service, and enjoy it all.

*Thomas Traherne (1636- 1674), Centuries of Meditations*

### THE PARISH MAGAZINE

For the foreseeable future, we shall be operating with a rota of duty editors taking it in turn to edit the magazine, covering for each other's absences.

To help with this, we have introduced a new email address:

**duty-editor@holytrinitycuckfield.org**

Mail to this address will forward to whoever is the editor for the month, and we would encourage all our contributors to start using this address, please, as the quickest and easiest way to reach the editor of the month. Replies to you will come from the real person who is on duty, however!

We hope this will work seamlessly for us all and, in the meantime, copy date for the **June edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY**.

*The Editorial Team*



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Everyone should have a safe place to call home**

Christian Aid Week started 70 years ago in response to the refugee crisis in Europe following the Second World War. Since that time Christian Aid has campaigned tirelessly for the rights of displaced people and today is no different. This year, the focus of Christian Aid Week will be on its work supporting refugees; people with no place to call home. As you read this, 65 million people across the world have fled their homes because of disasters and conflict. It is a humanitarian tragedy of our time.

Do you feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem? Do you feel you would like to do something to help families with little hope of a better future? If so, then join our wonderful team of street collectors during Christian Aid Week and know that because of the time you give, and through the generosity of the people of Cuckfield, many lives will be transformed. The more streets we are able to cover in the Cuckfield, the more refugees Christian Aid will be able to help. Let us walk together to change lives.

Please call Hilary Turner-King for more details on 01444 400087 for more information

**"Christian Aid has been there for refugees since 1945"**

*Put this date in your diary: To round off Christian Aid Week,*

### **"The Big Church Sleep In"**

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Dear Friends,

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Thy Kingdom Come has become the title and focus of a worldwide wave of prayer during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25th May - 4th June, this year). Every one of us is invited to join in this wave of prayer that more people may come to know, love and follow Jesus - and so become joyful fellow-workers in building up God’s Kingdom.

There are countless ways to join in this worldwide wave of prayer, as churches, as families or groups, or quietly as individuals. Last year, many churches hosted day-long events embracing many different kinds of corporate and individual prayer. I was privileged to share in several. This year a website has been launched: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). I urge you to visit it if you can and to discover how you can best be a part of this wave of prayer, whether or not your church is hosting a special event.

With thanks for our partnership in prayer,

+Mark  
Bishop of Horsham

# SUNDAY'S COOL UPDATE

So....what's been happening at Sunday's Cool since Christmas? Well, rather a lot!

January saw us all having a great time at our, "Christmas party!!" Games in the children's different groups, fabulous food and an entertainer all added up to a fun afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

Our older children have continued to explore the story of Joseph and have worked really hard since January to put on a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." What a wonderful time of fun and growing together, from learning the songs and the dances to a prop-and-scenery-making day with pizza lunch. A party of thirty-two (children and their parents) went to see a production of the show at the G Live in Guildford in January. Rehearsals hit a new level after this; everyone thoroughly inspired by what they had seen! It has to be said though, that the Sunday's Cool performance on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April rivalled the Guildford one in every single way, with each member of the cast giving 110%! A well-deserved standing ovation reflected the truly amazing performance that everyone had experienced. Many congratulations to all our young people who gave so much pleasure to a packed church. A staggering £877 was given in donations. The children have decided that they want the money raised to go to the East Africa Famine Appeal.

Showing our love and concern for those less fortunate than us, we continue to collect to help families in Kabubbu, Uganda via the Quicken Trust Charity. Money put in the ark in the entrance porch each week buys much needed mattresses, mosquito nets and blankets for families in the village.

What next? You'll have to wait till the next update at the end of the Summer Term to find out!

*Hilary Turner-King*

# LITTLE ONES



Welcome to Little Ones! We are a group who meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The group is for pre-school age children, babies and their carers. We meet at 11.00am in the vestry behind the organ for 30 minutes for songs, stories and a chat. We are also joined by a wonderful team of students from Warden Park Academy who are part of a kindness committee team at the school.

Little Ones starts with a welcome followed by singing happy birthday to those who have had or have got a birthday in that and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. In the last few months we wished one of leaders a very happy significant birthday and two of our little ones had their first birthday.

A story is then told by Alison who is helped by Fluffy the cat. Alison either chooses a story from the bible or a story with a message such as being kind to one each other and learning to listen. Each story encourages the children to be involved and join in with the actions.

After that, we sing some songs and play action games. In recent months the children have enjoyed getting to know the song Jesus Love is very wonderful". Finally we all say a prayer before we sit down to have a chat and a well-deserved drink and biscuit provided by our team from Warden Park.

For further details about Little Ones please contact Catherine on 07775 983283.

At the March meeting of the Mothers' Union, David and Andra from Dementia Friends came to tell us about the work of that group, which is an Alzheimer's Society Initiative. There are about three hundred Dementia Alliances in England, and all of these groups welcome volunteers to give support to people with dementia and their families. Both Andra and David had had a husband or wife who suffered from Alzheimers, and consequently they spoke with genuine experience and compassion. There are many types of dementia, and research is going on to discover what causes the brain cells to die. Everyone with dementia is different, and younger people also who have family and work responsibilities can be affected too. Alzheimers is the most common form of dementia.

Dementia Friends is about turning understanding into action. We were asked what comes into our minds when we think of dementia? Almost everyone had some experience or knew someone with Alzheimers, and we talked about common features such as forgetfulness and confusion, the inability to organise or do simple tasks which we all take for granted – such as the sequence and actions needed to make a cup of tea. Memories of the past become clearer than what is happening day to day, social skills can become lost, and these restrict opportunities for going out or going away. It is common to lose perception of safety and danger, and hence a carer can become needed at all times.

Andra and David emphasised that a key message of Dementia Friends is that it is possible to live well with dementia, but this has to depend so much on the resources of the family, or often the wife or husband as the lone carer. It needs to be understood that the progression of the disease is usually downwards, but the carer's skills and energy remain the same, or possibly decline, and consequently there can come a time when the dementia needs become too demanding for the carer to cope indefinitely. Families can reach a difficult time when it is recognised that more or different care is needed for the one who lives with dementia.

Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance was set up in 2016, and they produce a helpful leaflet giving a timetable of various groups and meetings, and further information is available from Haywards Heath Town Council on 01444 455694. For our members it was an interesting and thought provoking meeting with Andra and David, and we were grateful for their time, information and sharing of experience.

*Heather Hollis*

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# MISSION GIVING UPDATE

## *FAMILY SUPPORT WORK, CHARITY NO. 285337*

Family Support Work is one of the three charities in Sussex that we support as a church from our Mission and Charities' budget, and here is a little bit more about what goes on behind the FSW food box in the porch.

The charity was founded in 1890 to support vulnerable children and their families in times of crisis and need arising from unemployment, poor quality housing, mental health issues, learning or disability difficulties, abuse in the home or inability to afford food and clothing. The food box in the porch is generously filled, week after week, with non-perishable food stuffs and good quality clothing, which are distributed by our deanery worker Caroline, who currently sees twenty families in our area. The families supported include offenders, asylum seekers and refugees, substance abusers, minority ethnic groups, and children and young people at risk.

Over 100 families are supported each year, involving about 300 children, with one-to-one care to help resolve the family difficulties and rebuild the life of the family.

Community-based work is focussed mainly on deprived coastal areas and isolated rural areas in Sussex. In Hastings the worker has a thriving cooking club which helps families cook everyday food from basic principles and then join in the lunch with their young children.

Our deanery committee fund-raises to support Caroline, with various church events such as beetle drives, quizzes and murder-mystery suppers. The main event of the year is the Spring Supper with entertainment in March which has been so well supported by our congregation over many years.

There are yellow gift aid envelopes for donations in the porch and a visit to the website ([familysupportwork.org](http://familysupportwork.org)) will supply further information.

Our deanery representatives from Holy Trinity are Ros Thunder and Helen Sparkes.

*Ros Longfield and the MishCom Committee.*

## FSW NEWS – AN UPDATE ON OUR WORK



We welcome our new Play worker Monika to the team; she is helping to run After School Clubs in East Sussex. During the February half term, FSW's Play Team ran Family Activity days in Mid Sussex and West Sussex, and a group of families from East Sussex enjoyed a day trip to Blackberry Farm.

FSW intensively supports children and families through difficult times in their lives, whether they are facing poverty, ill health, disability, bereavement, family break- up or domestic abuse. We have 8 Family Support Workers, a Play Team of 4, and many wonderful volunteers who help families and who fundraise for FSW. We continue to cover urban, rural and coastal areas across the Diocese.

A story from one of our Workers illustrates the impact our work makes on families we support.

Single parent Sophie had been struggling with mental health difficulties since the breakup of her marriage and a job loss. She had low self-esteem, mild agoraphobia and had become dependent on prescription medication. She and her son Daniel were very isolated. Daniel also had communication difficulties and was receiving support from a specialist service.

After a few months of working with the family, Sophie started to trust me. With much encouragement, the family came on a supported break with FSW and this was a turning point for them. Normally reclusive, joining a large group of people was daunting. However, with support, they coped well, participating in all the activities and Daniel even made a friend. They had become reliant on each other for emotional support, so I felt it was vital they engaged with other people for their overall wellbeing.

Soon afterwards Sophie and Daniel participated in group activities I was running in their area and began to make connections with the other families.

After a year of working intensively with them, Sophie started to look for work and eventually found a job. This was transformational for the family in terms of mental wellbeing and financial security. After a lot of patience and nurturing they really have turned a corner and a measure of their success is that they no longer need to see me so much!

If you or a family you know of are in need of support, our contact details are below. Please mention this publication when contacting us.

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I am sure many of you will have noticed and appreciated the six kneelers which follow the curve of the altar rail. They provide comfort for worship as well as combining artistry with theology. I wonder, have you made the links which unite the textile decoration and the original building? This article explains and celebrates, as well as thanking, those who worked hard towards the achievement (despite their modesty).



The story began as part of the church refurbishment plan and, as with many aspects of Holy Trinity Church life, these kneelers were a team effort.

The original measurements were taken by Colin Sewell-Rutter, and Pat Montague co-ordinated the project. The company Jacksons of Hebden Bridge provided the materials, and from photos of the church, ideas were transferred on to canvas ready for 1000's of cross stitches and as many woman hours. The team of willing stitchers comprised Sue Cutler, Liz Graydon, Sue Hibling, Ros Longfield, Daphne Stuart, Ros Thunder and Josie Wright, and Helen Puxley who did the upholstery.

The bright sunlight through the East window inspired the rich blue background and choice of other colours. The words 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity (Reginald Heber 1826) are boldly stitched in capital letters on the edges facing the congregation. The Holy Trinity 'logo,' echoed in the trefoil window and chairbacks, appears in the centre of the four straight kneelers.



Each corner kneeler has the fleur de lys in its centre and a scroll pattern on front and back edges –all of which can be seen in the chancel tiles.



There is an intended order to the layout and reading the symbols as they appear from left to right we see: the Alpha and Omega, the Lamb of God, symbols for the apostles Matthew and Mark (man and lion), the paten with communion wafer, the corn, the grapes and the chalice, symbols for the apostles Luke and John (ox and eagle), the baptismal/pilgrim shell and the dove. All the images can be found somewhere in the church - many appearing in the stained glass windows. Happy hunting!

Many sincere thanks to everyone involved. With good stewardship from us all, these kneelers will survive many of us.

*Joyce Sewell-Rutter*

## **CAN YOU HELP TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO OUR VILLAGE EVENT?**

Work is already underway towards the fifteenth Christmas Tree Festival due to be staged in Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Over the years the organising committee has evolved and fluctuated in size. The first Committee comprised six people, all members of the Pastoral Committee, a sub group of the Parochial Church Council.

Our aim has always been to reach out to the whole community in Cuckfield. At that first festival, back in 2002, I remember chatting to several villagers who were amazed that the church was still active. They had been fooled by the ugly fibreglass security covering over the beautiful stained glass, into thinking the church must have been boarded up.

As part of a lengthy restoration project the Church has possibly never been such a beautiful building. Its Grade 1 listing is thoroughly deserved, but it can only remain at the heart of the wider community if we all “do our bit”.

Over the years the Christmas Tree Festival has raised a lot of money for the upkeep of the church building and even more for a variety of charities. Cuckfield has a proud history of raising money for good causes as the rotten voting for our Mayor each year adequately demonstrates.

We, on the Christmas Tree Festival Organising Committee, feel that it is important to allow the Festival to grow and mature. Only two of the original committee members still serve and they are nearly fifteen years older than when they began!

We have a Committee meeting about once a month from February to December. We all have duties throughout the year from liaising with the tree growers to making sure our equipment is fit for purpose, legal and safe. On the week before the Festival and for clearing away afterwards we are all on hand to “do our bit”, taking delivery of the trees, welcoming decorators, maintaining a friendly atmosphere during the

Festival and giving the church a final sweep when that last tree has left the building.

Along the way we have some serious discussions and a lot of fun. If you feel you can offer your time and skills to the Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival either by volunteering over the weekend or joining our Committee please contact Sue Towns (01444 412393) or Michael Maine via the Church Office (01444 456461) and leave a message with Gill.



## **MUSEUM TALKS – MAY & JUNE 2017**

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To book a place, please ring Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448 or email [events@cuckfieldmuseum.org](mailto:events@cuckfieldmuseum.org). Tickets £5 or £3 for members.

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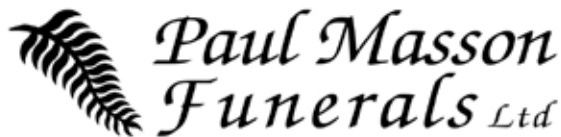
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As a registered charity we operate within the framework set out by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (our charity number is 1133576). As a registered charity, your donations also qualify for Gift Aid. In 2016, we raised an additional £108,511 in Gift Aid from the donations made to us. This money equates to an extra 650 emergency food packages per month.



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# FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE MAY 1917

## PARISH NOTES

**The Easter Festival** – We can again look back to Easter with feelings of great thankfulness, though it is the third time that we have kept it in the midst of this terrific war which has brought anxiety and grief to so many hundreds of thousands of homes. The total number of Communicants during the day was 398, less than last year. The services throughout the day were, however, very well attended and they were very hearty.

**Fire in the Church** - We may well be thankful for the preservation of our beautiful Church and Spire from the danger which threatened them on the evening of Easter Day. It was providential that the fire was discovered before it had taken serious hold of the woodwork, so that it was possible to extinguish it with comparative ease. There is no doubt that if it had spread it would have been practically impossible to extinguish it at all, and we may well tremble to think of what the results would have been. We are thankful for the promptitude and presence of mind shewn by the Clerk, Mr. Browne, and for the energetic and efficient action taken by Mr. W. E. Mitchell, the Sidesmen and (named) others. The Service on the evening of Low Sunday was a fitting conclusion to our Easter Festival, being an expression of thanksgiving for the preservation of the Church, for the great successes gained by our brave troops on the Western Front and in Palestine, and for the Message of Easter.

**The Easter Offering**, including the contributions from the Mission Churches, amounted to no less than £131 13s. 4d., and the Vicar wishes to express his most sincere thanks to all his friends for this splendid gift, and his great appreciation of the kindness and generosity which has been shown to him ever since he came to Cuckfield.

**The Easter Vestry Meeting** was held on Friday in Easter Week and there was a very fair attendance of members of the congregation. As a full account of the meeting has appeared in the public Press. we need not say more than that the Churchwardens' accounts shewed a slight deficit, though we must not forget that during the year very generous contributions

have been made to Societies which are carrying on religious and philanthropic work, and to different War Appeals. We are glad to say that Mr. B. Y. Bevan again accepted the nomination of the Vicar to act as his Warden, and Mr. W. E. Mitchell, to whom the parish is greatly indebted for many years of loyal and good work, was again chosen to represent the parish.. The Vicar also asked that someone should be appointed to audit the accounts of the Sick and Poor Fund and the various Clubs connected with the Church and Schools, and Mr. E. M. Preston has kindly consented to act in this capacity.

**The Roll of Honour** – We wish to express our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Tom Henley, of Ansty; after many months of anxious and weary suspense she has received the official notification of the death of her husband, **Private T. Henley**, Royal Sussex Regiment. It is presumed that he was killed in action on 30th June, 1916. It is also with great regret that we have to record that Second Lieutenant **R. S. L. Worsley**, of the Royal Flying Corps, has been missing since the 13th April. Owing to the recent severe fighting in the various fronts, casualty lists have been very heavy, and among the wounded are four Cuckfield men: Sergeant Fred Beard, Rifleman J. Bransden, Private F. H. Botting and Private J. W. Stoner. We wish them all a speedy recovery. There has naturally been great anxiety with regard to the safety of others from Cuckfield, but, thankfully, reassuring news has been received.

**The National Society** – Sunday, May 6th, is the anniversary of the Accession of King George V., and the special Psalms, Lessons and Prayers appointed for the day will be used.

**Rogationtide Service** –On the evening of Tuesday in Rogation Week, May 15th, we propose to have a procession from the Church and an Open-air Service, which will be held on the open space near the allotments adjoining London Lane. The procession will leave the Church at 6.30 p.m. and we hope that many members of the congregation will join in it. Surely there has never been a time when we have seen how clearly we are dependent upon the goodness of God..

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**Whitsuntide Services** – On Whit-Sunday there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer. The other services will be as usual, and the Collections throughout the day will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

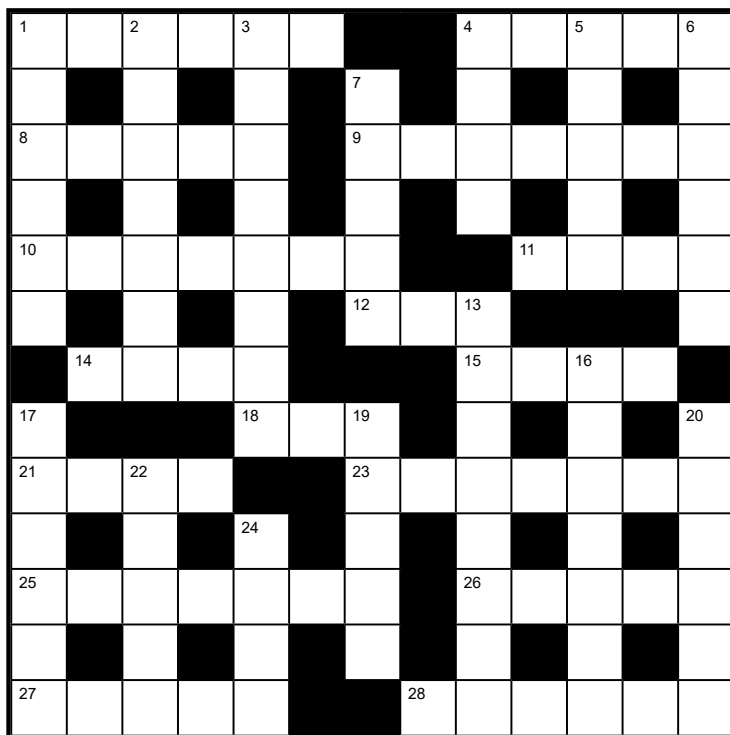
**Cookery Lectures and Demonstrations** – We are asked to invite particular attention to the three lectures and practical demonstrations in the Parish Room, on May 17th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on May 18th at 2 p.m. The subject of the demonstrations, which will be given by Mrs. Anderson, from the National Food Economy League, will be "The Food Rations and their Substitutes and how to cook them." Leaflets and cooking hand books will be sale at cost price.

**Music in the Navy** – The Chaplain of one of our first-class battleships writes that they very much want a gramophone and records. Please send along your contribution as soon as you can to the Rev. J. H. Layton, The Clergy House.

**Spring Cleaning** – The Church will be closed on Monday, May 21st, and during the remainder of the week for the usual spring cleaning, and the weekday services will accordingly be suspended.

**Lent Self-Denial Purses** – The number of the Purses which have been returned at the Parish Church and the two Mission Churches is altogether 39, viz., 22 for the Missions to Seamen and 17 for the Missions to Deep Sea Fishermen. The total amount received is £6 4s. 6½d; not as much as was received last year, but all things considered it is very satisfactory.

# May Crossword



## ACROSS

1. SENIOR DIOCESE PERSON (6)
4. PILES OF HAY (5)
8. CHALLENGED (5)
9. PRIVATEER (7)
10. LOCK KEEPER (7)
11. KNOCK OUT (4)
12. UNIT OF ENERGY (3)
14. GELATINE EXTRACT (4)
15. LARGE CRUCIFIX (4)
18. WILD OX (3)
21. ARM BONE (4)
23. SISTER OF FIRST ROMAN EMPEROR (7)
25. CLERGY CAP (7)
26. PREMIER (5)
27. CEDE (5)
28. GRIPPERS (6)

## DOWN

1. GOD IN BUDDHISM (6)
2. ASSISTING THE PRIEST (7)
3. ROUTINE (8)
4. LIGHTLY COOKED (4)
5. MONOTONOUS UTTERING (5)
6. PLACE OF DEVOTION (6)
7. SMALL ANGLE (5)
13. THANKFUL
16. REVERSE SIDE (7)
17. HOLY SAFE (6)
19. MOSLEM BIBLE (5)
20. FORM OF PLAINCHANT (6)
22. OF ANCIENT NORWAY (5)
24. BREEDING ANIMAL (4)

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# What's on Around Cuckfield...

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## ANSWERS TO MAY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:**

1.BISHOP 4.RICKS 8.DARED 9.CORSAIR 10.HAIRNET 11.STUN 12.ERG  
14.AGAR 15.ROOD 18.YAK 21.ULNA 23.OCTAVIA 25.BIRETTA 26.FIRST  
27.YIELD 28.PLIERS

**DOWN:**

1.BUDDHA 2.SERVING 3.ORDINARY 4.RARE 5.CHANT 6.SHURINE 7.ACUTE  
13.GRATEFUL 16.OBVERSE 17.AUMBRY 19.KORAN 20.CANTUS 22.NORSE  
24.STUD

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# Regular Events

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<b>Bellringers</b>	Friday evenings 7.45–9.15pm.
<b>Choir</b>	Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30 for 7.45-9pm. (There are no practices during August)
<b>Holy Trinity Mens Group</b>	Saturday 6 May 2pm Cuckfield Cricket Club 1 <sup>st</sup> 11 (bring your own chairs) Wednesday 17 May 8pm Darts at the Whyte Harte For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
<b>Home Groups</b>	<i>Alternate Thursday Evenings (2 groups), 8pm</i> call Clive & Isobel Simmonds 01444 454481 <b>Tuesday, 8.00pm (in term time).</b> David and Ros Thunder, Wayfarers, South Street, Tel. 417103.
<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>16 May 10am in the Lady Chapel</b> <b>Tel. Margaret Walker 454272.</b>
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Tuesday 9 May Revd. Jo Elliott – Hospital Chaplaincy. 10Am in The Old School, Committee Room Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
<b>Little Ones Church Service</b>	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.

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# Regular Events (continued)

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## Royal British Legion (Women's Section)

24 May – Sarah Oldridge on Marianne North “A Remarkable Victorian Painter”

Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield

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## Cuckfield Crafts and Market

For information or to book contact Beverley Smith 01444 440274 or Jane Ravell 01444 451454

## Cuckfield Local Market

9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield

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## Cuckfield Evening Flower Club

12 May – Withypitts Dahlias – Richard  
Open meeting £4 including refreshments

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## Cuckfield Ladies Group

Tuesday 9 May – Visit to London Temple Gardens  
Please contact Jan Bryan (414891) for more details.

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## Solo Lunch

The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 14 May. Tickets are available from the church office Cost £5.

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## Cuckfield Evening WI

16 May - Resolutions

Meetings from September take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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## HOLY BAPTISM

Edward Charles THOMAS

Etienne Jake HOLLAMBY-WEST

## IN MEMORIAM

Andrew John PONSFORD      Aged 70

Leigh McKAY      Aged 41

Rosemary BAXTER      Aged 81

Elizabeth SHARP      Aged 95

Michael JOSLING      Aged 77

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# May 2017 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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## **SUNDAY 7 MAY – EASTER 4**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Acts 2: 42-end; 1 Peter 2: 19-end;  
John 10: 1-10*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*1 Peter 2: 19-end; John 10: 1-10*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Ezra 3: 1-13; Ephesians 2: 11-end*

## **SUNDAY 14 MAY – EASTER 5**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 7: 55-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10;  
John 14: 1-14*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

## **SUNDAY 21 MAY – EASTER 6**

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end;  
John 14: 15-21*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*Zechariah 8: 1-13; Revelation 21: 22-22: 5*

## **THURSDAY 25 MAY – ASCENSION**

- 8.00pm Sung Eucharist  
*Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-end;  
Luke 24: 44-end*

## **SUNDAY 28 MAY – EASTER 7**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11;  
John 17: 1-11*
- 6.00pm Evensong  
*2 Samuel 23: 1-5; Ephesians 1: 15-end*

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# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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## **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