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# MARCH MAGAZINE 2018

My dear friends,

Do you have a place which you love visiting – a place which lifts your spirit like no other? Perhaps it is a particular town or city, an art gallery, a view, or even a tea shop! A place which is very dear to me is Die Wies in the Bavarian Highlands. Imagine a beautiful backdrop of mountains and forests, and in the foreground a pretty white and pink painted church with a large pantile roof church standing amongst meadows full of cattle complete with cowbells. It really is like that! Around it are a few houses including one where delicious Wies doughnuts may be bought freshly made in the summer.

The church itself is so plain on the outside that nothing prepares you for the interior – a great octagonal nave, mostly white and gold, with light flooding in through great clear windows. Overhead is a magnificent painted ceiling illustrating (using imagery from the Bible) healing, forgiveness and the fullness of grace; vivid colour, rainbows, the gate of heaven, the mercy seat, and saints and angels are all represented in breath-taking technicolour.

The church came about when a local farmer's wife asked the monks at a nearby monastery to allow her to have a statue of the scourged Jesus. It had been made by one of them for a Good Friday precession, but people didn't care for it and it was relegated to an attic. The farmer's wife took it back to the farm and built a little chapel for it. Then it is said to have shed tears! Very soon it became a place of pilgrimage, eventually leading to the building of the Wieskirche to house it. One of the two brothers who designed it became so attached to it that he built a house right next to the church (the Zimmermann Haus).

The statue of the scourged Christ still stands over the high altar, and the church (as well as attracting over a million tourists a year) remains

a place of pilgrimage – you can almost feel prayer in the air. The reason I am drawn to Die Wies is that it represents, within its different elements, from that poor statue to the frescoed ceiling and sense of movement, the way in which through the self-giving of Christ we are all drawn to know that we are part of the Divine picture. We sometimes reach Easter without remembering the Good Friday cost to Jesus.

You will find details within the magazine about the various services taking place during Holy Week. The various liturgies have been part of the tradition of the church for many centuries and also have a power to draw us in. The important thing to remember is that Liturgy is not just a show put on for the benefit of the clergy. Indeed, the word ‘Liturgy’ means ‘The Work of the People.’ We, all of us, as the people of God, are called to be caught up and to enter into the story of Jesus. May this be our experience as we enter this season, knowing that, in the words of Charles Wesley, that, through Jesus, our journey is ‘the cross, the grave, the skies,’ – and true resurrection Joy.

With love,  
Michael

## **FROM THE VICAR’S DESK**

**HOLY WEEK** gives all Christians the opportunity to deepen their understanding of God revealed through the self-offering love of Jesus Christ. From Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday we welcome the Rev. Clive Woodward as our guest preacher. Clive was formerly chaplain of the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, and is always an engaging preacher. I know that he is looking forward to joining us.

### **PALM SUNDAY (25<sup>th</sup> March)**

8.00 as normal. The **9.45** will feature a procession with our palm crosses, for which the children will join us. We will start from the Old School courtyard in Church Street, weather permitting! This procession gives us an insight into the excitement of the crowd who accompanied Jesus into Jerusalem, crying

‘Hosanna to the Son of David.’ If processing is difficult for you, please do sit in the church, and you will hear us coming and so still feel part of it until we reach the church for the rest of the service. We also hear the Passion read in its entirety, this year from Mark’s Gospel.

### **6.00pm - The Cross of Christ - a devotion for congregation and choir**

We are led through word and music to journey with the Lord. Please do support this act of worship enriched by our choir.

### **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week**

There will **Holy Communion each day @ 6.00pm** with a short address at each.

*Also on Tuesday - The Chrism Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome to this service at which the clergy renew their vows.* Please note that the final session of the Lent Course will take place on Wednesday at 8.00pm - the only session for this particular one

**Preacher for the Three Great Days (The Triduum)** As I mentioned in last month’s magazine, the Rev Clive Woodward will be preaching on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Clive was formerly the chaplain at the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, and now together with his wife Merriel (who was ordained with me), is licensed to St Mary’s Willingdon. I know that people will greatly appreciate Clive’s sermons.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (29<sup>th</sup> March)**

**8.00pm Sung Eucharist of the Lord’s Supper** with stripping of the altars and silent watch until 10.00pm. This service starts with a sense of joy as the Gloria is sung for the only time during Lent as we give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion. The tone of the service then changes as we contemplate Christ’s journey to Gethsemane and the cross. At the end of the service the Sacrament (consecrated bread and wine) is taken to the Lady Chapel which becomes the Garden of Gethsemane for us. Please do try stay for a while in the quiet of the church – it can be a profoundly moving time of contemplation.

### **GOOD FRIDAY (30<sup>th</sup> March)**

**10.00 - Family Service** (followed by hot cross buns!)

**12 noon The Devotion** – led by the Rev. Clive Woodward.

**2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday** - using Common Worship’s rediscovery

of ancient liturgical practice. The service consists of a Service of the Word, Proclamation of the Cross, The Solemn Prayers and Holy Communion (using the sacrament reserved on Maundy Thursday).

### **HOLY SATURDAY** (31<sup>st</sup> March) (*Easter Eve*)

**8.00pm - The Easter Vigil, First Eucharist of Easter and Resurrection Party** Last year we had a super number of people for The Service of Light. We light our candles from the great Paschal Candle – itself lit from a fire. The journey of our salvation is heard in the proclamation of the Exsultet and through lessons. We have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows before Communion is celebrated with joy. The service will be followed by our RESURRECTION PARTY.

### **EASTER DAY** (April 1<sup>st</sup>) *The Day of Resurrection!*

Services at the normal times: **8.00- Holy Communion, 9.45- Sung Eucharist and 6.00pm Evensong.**

**Confirmation** Bishop Mark will be joining us on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.45** for our Family Eucharist and I hope that we will have a number of confirmation candidates for that occasion. Confirmation is the opportunity to publicly declare your faith in Jesus Christ, the bishop confirming this with the laying on of hands. This Sacrament is one of the great markers of our faith, and I do invite those not yet confirmed to consider making this commitment to Jesus. The preparation sessions will run every Sundays after the 9.45 from Trinity Sunday - May 27<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> June. If you are unable to attend all of the sessions, please don't worry – we will make sure that you are prepared! Please give you name to Gill in the Church Office: [htcuckfield.churchoffice@talktalk.net](mailto:htcuckfield.churchoffice@talktalk.net) or 01444 456461

**Baptism Party** on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>: We are inviting baptism families (but not just over the past year) to a Celebration in church at 2.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Old School afterwards. All are welcome.

**The Bells** We are fortunate indeed that we hear the bells ringing Sunday by Sunday at Holy Trinity – a call to worship, as well as a sign of commitment from our great team of ringers. They are always keen to welcome new people who might like to learn the art of ringing, so if you fancy excellent exercise, there is a super opportunity for you!

I was approached some time ago by The Ancient Society of College Youths – an international ringing society. They are marking the centenary of the death of members of their society during the First World War by ringing a peal near as near to that date as they can. The Society plan to ring a peal at Cuckfield on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.00am** in memory of **Ernest Attwater** – a Cuckfield man about whom I append a little information below. Just to say that a peal hasn't been rung at Cuckfield for many years, and it will last for about three hours – fortunately our bells are not overbearingly loud! I am grateful to our ringers for welcoming The Ancient Society, and to members of that society for honouring the memory of a Cuckfield man.

**Second Lieutenant Ernest Attwater** Ernest was born in Church Street, Cuckfield in 1888, the son of Alfred and Frances Attwater. His father was a whitesmith. Ernest was a member of the church choir as well as a ringer, and was a popular keen footballer and cricketer. He left his position as a ground bowler at the Sussex County Cricket Club to join up just after the outbreak of war, joining the 58<sup>th</sup> Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). His brave work as a machine gunner (seeing action at Ypres, Loos and the Somme) earned him the recommendation for a commission. He was killed in action on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918 at the age of 29, leaving a young widow and infant son, and his name appears on all three village memorials.

**Lunchtime Concert** The March Lunchtime Recital is being performed by **Ashley Beauchamp - Piano and Rebecca Leggatt - Mezzo Soprano** on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 1.00pm**. It will be great to welcome Ashley back to his home church, as well as Rebecca – a versatile and very talented singer. For our April recital (April 6<sup>th</sup>) we welcome the young harpist, Alex Rider. Alex is a great communicator and we are in for a super treat. Our Lunchtime Recitals are free, with refreshments available from 12.30.

**Memorial Charity Concert** I am sure that some people will remember the Jellings family, who formerly lived in Cuckfield. Tony and his wife recently lost their youngest daughter Juliet to a neurological disease called Niemann Pick, a condition which resulted in her spending the last twenty years of her life in a care home where she was looked after on a 24/7 basis.

Over the years, the family have raised money for research into this disease. Following Juliet's death, two fine musicians who had previously performed in

aid of The Niemann Pick Disease group (UK) have offered to perform in Juliet's memory. On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Guy Johnston - Cello** (Young BBC Musician of the Year 2000) **and Tom Poster – Piano** (Winner of the keyboard category of the BBC Musician of the Year 2000) are performing a programme of Rachmaninov, Smyth and Grieg at **St George's Church Kemptown, Brighton on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm**. Tickets (£17 & £12 concessions) are obtainable at the Brighton Dome Box Office – Tel: 01273 709709). I'm sure that tickets can be obtained at the door also.

**Some Future Notices!** On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Bishop Richard is coming to Holy Trinity at 7.00pm as part of his ride around Sussex during the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative – He has prepared a short service for those who can attend. I hope we may have a good number there to encourage both him....and ourselves!

Our Parish Pilgrimage this year will be to **St Alban's Abbey on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Do put it in your diary.

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## 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 **April edition** of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH**.

*The Editorial Team*



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*The Outreach Committee*

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# SOUND THE TRUMPET



The Friends of Holy Trinity Church are hosting a concert in the church on Sunday afternoon 11th March 2018 at 2.30pm. The concert will feature the internationally acclaimed trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins, accompanied on the organ by Ian le Grice.



Crispian Steele-Perkins, who trained at the Guildhall School of Music in London, became a member of English National Opera, The Royal Philharmonic and the English Chamber Orchestra. He has been described by Virtuoso Magazine as “the world’s leading exponent of the Baroque trumpet,” and particularly when heard in duet with great singers such as Kiri Te Kanawa, Emma Kirkby and Bryn Terfel. He has participated in numerous TV and film scores, and his solo recordings extend from Handel to Glen Miller. He features regularly as a concert soloist at The Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, New York’s Carnegie Hall and Boston’s Symphony Hall.



Ian le Grice’s musical career embraces all aspects of organ playing including recitals, concert performances and accompanying church services. For 30 years he was assistant organist at Temple Church in London and has held teaching posts at the Royal College of Music and Trinity College of Music. In 2003 he played the organ for the world premiere

of John Tavener's "Veil of the Temple" conducted by Stephen Layton. Since 2005 Ian le Grice has collaborated with Crispian Steele-Perkins in presenting recitals for audiences in informal settings.

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## **GOD DOES NOT LOVE US BECAUSE WE ARE GOOD**

"God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good." I read that recently in an email from Richard Rohr. Who is Richard Rohr? A Franciscan priest living in New Mexico, USA. Why an email to me? Because I am one of many thousands worldwide on his mailing list. Richard Rohr's daily emails give me a thought for the day each morning.

That might ring alarm bells - an American religious media person with a worldwide following? What is his agenda? Is he the leader of a sect?

Rohr unfolds scripture in a way which has been widely re-emerging in recent times. He says "We're trying to be more honest with the Scriptures which are *inspired by God, as understood by humans*." He speaks consistently of a loving God to be found in everything and everyone. In the Old

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Testament, Israel discovered God to be merciful, gracious, faithful, forgiving, and forever steadfast in love. In the New Testament Jesus embodied those characteristics.

Some earlier readings of the Bible seem to emphasise strongly that Jesus “died for our sins” - either to pay a debt to the devil or to pay a debt to God - though sometimes I have to say that didn’t seem entirely sensible or credible to me. Rohr’s emphasis on God’s love, in common with many contemporary writers, is both liberating and challenging. God’s love is not the result of a transaction. It is freely given without exception and can be found in ourselves and everyone else. Rohr has not made up this re-emerging view. He emphasises that it has a long history. He refers to many early sources including Jesus, St Paul, the desert fathers, Meister Eckhart, John Duns Scotus, John of the Cross – to name only a few. For Rohr, the Christian life is much more about what people *do*, rather than what they *believe*. It seems that Jesus thought that too! Have you noticed that Jesus doesn’t say much about what to believe - but he does offer a lot of invitations to live in a different way?

In the same tradition, think of the prayer attributed to St Francis, “Make me a channel of your peace.” Also consider the prayer of St Richard of Chichester, “Dear Lord – of thee three things I pray: may I know thee more clearly, love the more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.” Rohr’s message is consistent and full of God’s transforming love in the same tradition and with contemporary relevance. Why not give his emails a try for the rest of this Lent? Go to **[cac.org](http://cac.org)** to sign up – or try one of his books, available to borrow at the back of the church.

*Jonathan Berry*

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# MARCH GARDEN NOTES

“A peck of dust is worth a King’s ransom”

March is often ushered in by strong easterly or northerly winds, which dry up the ground favourably, so are not to be despised. The expression “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb” is for the same reason. A vegetable gardener needs a friable soil to rake into a good seed bed, so a mild wet month is not so welcome.

Vegetable growers may plant onion sets, carrots, beetroot, peas, broad beans, radish, parsnips and, under protection (glass, window sill, polytunnel) seeds of brassicas (cabbage, etc.), tomatoes, sweet peppers and aubergines. It’s too early for courgettes and the other members of the tender squash family; likewise french & runner beans, and sweetcorn, which are best left till early May.

Cuttings of fuchsias, pelargoniums, Dianthus and chrysanthemums may also be taken, preferably with bottom heat, so a propagator with soil warming cable is ideal. Cropping-wise veg gardeners may be enjoying leeks, purple sprouting broccoli, spring heading cauliflower, spring cabbage and kale as well as stored onions, swedes and turnips.

Repot houseplants which have outgrown their pots, carefully removing the old pot and cutting back a few old roots, re-potting into fresh compost and into the next size pot (not several sizes larger).

Shrubs that flower on the current year’s growth should be pruned now, to give the new shoots a long growing season, e.g. Buddleia davidii cultivars, deciduous Ceanothus, Fuchsias, Hydrangea paniculata, and Spirea japonica. Also Cornus alba and stolonifera should be pruned to produce colourful winter stems.

Prune hybrid tea, floribunda and miniature roses, which all flower on wood of the current year’s growth.

Mow when conditions allow, setting the blade high to begin with, and begin re-cutting lawn edges where they have got damaged by winter work.

Lift and divide any congested clumps of herbaceous plants, chucking out the old middle section and replanting the newer outer parts before their growth really gets under way.

Bulb foliage may look a little unsightly for a while, but don't cut it off until it's died down as the nutrients in the leaves go into the bulb for next year's flower.

Enjoy the many flowering shrubs such as Camellias, Cornus mas, Hazels (*Corylus avellana*), Daphnes, Lonicera fragrantissima, Magnolias, Prunus cerasifera (Cherry plum), Prunus incisa (Fuji cherry), and spring heathers - Erica carnea and Erica darlyensis.

*Lindsay Shurvell*



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## **BROWN HARES: MARCH MADNESS**

***BY MICHAEL BLENCOWE OF THE SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST***

I once had a girlfriend in the big city and found myself attending swanky dinner parties around East London. During one such soiree a guest, desperate to impress, boasted that for next week's meal he would be cooking a hare. I was outraged and I asked if anyone at the table had actually seen a hare in the wild. My question was met with blank stares. I'd like to think that I then launched into an impassioned rant about the untamed magnificence of the hare and society's disconnection with nature before heroically storming out. In reality there was cheesecake for dessert so I wearily sighed and quietly finished the main course. But I knew two things; hares don't belong at Shoreditch dinner parties and neither did I; I never returned. I still maintain that if you've witnessed the reckless energy of a hare cavorting in a Sussex sunrise then the very idea of eating one is, well, madness.



While the fields are still bare March is the best time to observe hares. On paper a hare could easily be dismissed as a big rabbit but they're different beasts altogether; it's all in the way they move. A hare possesses powerful hind legs; a pair of pistons that can send them rocketing towards the horizon at over 40mph.

Hares are mostly nocturnal. They don't burrow underground like rabbits but instead spend their days hidden in a shallow scrape (a form). Young hares (leverets) are born in separate forms and attentive mother hares return to secretly suckle them undercover of dusk.

In spring amorous male hares approach females in the hope of finding a mate but chatting up a hare is a risky business. Potential sexual partners can suddenly transform into sparring partners when uninterested female hares rise up and strike a blow for equality by punching the males in the face. The frenzied 'boxing matches' that ensue are such a striking spectacle that they have given us the phrase 'as mad as a March hare'.

Yet who are we to be questioning the hare's mental stability? Us level-headed humans used to believe that sprinting hares can start fires; eating hare brains made you sleep better and witches could transform into hares and only be killed with silver bullets. Hares have been closely associated with Pagan springtime fertility rituals and the goddess Eostre and they still play a role in our Easter celebrations (albeit watered down, chocolate covered and transformed into the Easter Bunny). Their prominence in the English countryside has also diminished. Numbers have declined due to changes in farming practices, especially the removal of hedgerows. It's been a long, cold winter. As spring returns the Sussex countryside will be exploding in a crazy celebration of life. Get out there, find yourself a hare and experience the madness.

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***Some of the medical team at St George's***

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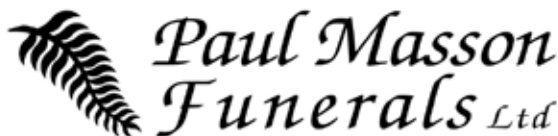


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The medical clinic is one of our keystone projects. It is one of the few examples of people of different faiths in Iraq working together. At present, the monthly running costs are over £15,000 but our project-specific income for the clinic is around £8,000. That means we are short by £7,000 a month. If you would like to support the clinic, please see the donate options at the bottom of this update.

There is a very real risk of attack by terrorists who want to drive Christians from Iraq but let me tell you something which may surprise you... Father Faiz, one of the very few Christian Ministers left in the city, is respected across religious and ethnic divisions in Baghdad and is welcomed with warmth and indeed love. He has even been recognised by the Iraqi government for his work to advance reconciliation and human rights. He is a peacemaker and a bridge builder.

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***The congregation at St George's***

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If you, your church or a trust you know can support our work at St George's please help us with a donation today. You would be an instrument to fulfil the words of Jesus in Matthew 7 verses 9-12. May the Lord bless you.

*Mike Simpson, CEO*

*Written from Amman, Jordan where we support over 5,000 Christian Iraqi Refugees, 6th February 2018.*

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### **PARISH NEWS**

**In Memoriam** – By the death of Mr. R. A. Bevan, which took place on Monday, February 18th, Cuckfield has lost a good and true friend, who may be described as having been in many ways the father of the parish. He was one who loved his fellow men, and any cause or project which was for the good of Cuckfield and the welfare of its people was sure of his hearty and generous support. His sound judgement and ripe experience were always at the service of others, and it was to Mr. Bevan that men turned almost instinctively for help, which was always given when he was satisfied of the need and the justice of the case. A man of just and upright life, an earnest and humble-minded Christian gentleman, kindly in disposition and generous in action, he has left behind him a record of a long life well spent and good work well done, and he will be remembered with respect and even veneration by all who knew him. Meanwhile we wish to offer to Miss Bevan, who nursed her father with unwearied love and devotion throughout his long illness, and to the other members of the family, our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.

**The Roll of Honour** – We are thankful to say that we have had no casualties among our Cuckfield men during the past month. Details have been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. Selby, of Brook Street, with regard to the death of their son, Lance-Corporal Percy Selby, who was killed in action on October 4th. The Officer in command of his Company writes: "He was shot in the head and died at once, just as he was about to jump into the German front line trench. He was in charge of a Lewis gun team. He was a jolly fine fellow, all his friends miss him very much and speak so

well of him in the show. His cheery presence was a great help to team men." Mr. and Mrs. Selby may well be proud of their son, who so bravely gave his life to defend us.

We must congratulate 2nd-Lieut. S. H. Knight on his providential escape from death when the ship in which he was returning was torpedoed and sunk. We are thankful to know that he is safe and sound, though all his new kit, and several parcels for Cuckfield men serving in Palestine, are now at the bottom of the sea.

We have been very pleased to welcome several of our men lately home on leave and we were glad to see them so well and cheerful. Lieutenant Stanley Wood and his brother, Lieutenant Douglas Wood, have been home on sick leave, and we are very glad to hear that they are making a good recovery from the severe wounds which they received while fighting on the Western Front.

We have been very pleased also to welcome home Sergeant Arthur T. Murrell, A.V.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Murrell. He went to the Front in August, 1914, and so was one of that gallant army known now as "The Old Contemptibles." He took part in the retreat from Mons and in the battle of the Marne. On January 30th, 1918, he was married, at Kildare, to Miss Annie Byrne, who is now living in Cuckfield. He has the hearty congratulations of his friends on his marriage, and their good wishes that he and his bride may have every happiness and blessing in their married life.

We are also glad to hear that Percy Vickers has been promoted 1st Air Mechanic, R.F.C.

**The Rev. J. H. Layton** – We are very sorry to hear from Mr. Layton that he will not be able to return to work for about another three months, but we are thankful to have the help of the Rev. E. H. Blake, whose ministrations are much appreciated.

**Holy Week and Easter Services** – The Vicar hopes to be able to send out to everyone who is interested a notice paper of the Holy Week and Easter Services, but in case he is unable to do so he would like to give notice that among other services there will be a service with an address for the members of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday in Holy Week (March 27th), at 3.15 p.m. On Good Friday the Litany will be said, with a short address, at 8 a.m. The Three Hours' Service will be conducted by the Rev. R. H. C. Mertens, and in the evening, at 7 p.m., the cantata "Olivet to Calvary" will be sung by the Choir. On Easter day there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer, and at the close of Evensong the Hallelujah Chorus will be sung as a great act of thanksgiving.

**Vestry Meeting** – As a preliminary notice we may say that the annual Vestry Meeting, for the election of Church Wardens and the transaction of other business connected with the Church, will be held in the Parish Room on Friday, April 12th, at 6.30 p.m. At the close of the proceedings a meeting of Sidesmen will be held to elect two of their number as their representatives on the Ruridecanal Council.

**The Girls' Friendly Society** – Mrs. Wilson and the members of the Cuckfield Branch of the G.F.S. are to be congratulated on the success of their social evening on January 31st. The Parish Room was filled with their friends,

and the proceedings, which were thoroughly enjoyable, went with a hearty swing from beginning to end: On the following Wednesday a special service was held, at which eleven new members were admitted. It is very satisfactory to record that there are now 38 members of the Branch and several others waiting to be admitted. On Wednesday, March 6th, a lecture on the Imperial Work of the G.F.S. will be given in the Parish Room, at 5.30 p.m., by Miss Mary S. Stretch, Representative of Melbourne Diocese, Australia. Mrs. Wilson and the members will be pleased to see any who may be interested.

**The Diocesan Synod** – The meeting of the Diocesan Synod was held at Hove Town Hall on Monday, January 28th, when there was a large attendance of members. Cuckfield was represented by the Vicar and also Mr. Bevan, Dr. McConnel and Mr. Preston Mr. W. E. Mitchell being unfortunately unable to be present. A full report of the proceedings, which ere of considerable interest, has appeared in the newspapers, and I need refer only to the great protest, which was passed unanimously, against the proposed “Matrimonial Causes Bill.”

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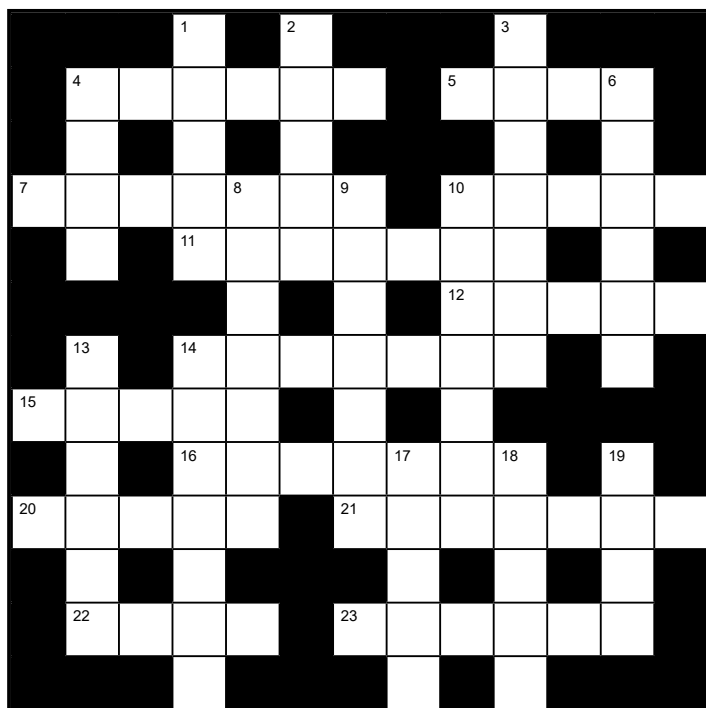
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# March Crossword



## ACROSS

4. COFFIN (6)
5. GRATING (4)
7. VACATION (7)
10. LITTLE PERSON (5)
11. SPANISH DIALECT (7)
12. DUG FOR (5)
14. WRITHE WITH PAIN OVER (7)
15. LAND BELONGING TO PARISH CHURCH (5)
16. PRESSING (7)
20. BECOMES STALE (5)
21. BIRD OF PREY (7)
22. PLACE (4)
23. EX PRIME MINISTER (6)

## DOWN

1. JELLY (5)
2. CONCEIVED (5)
3. JUNIOR GIRL GUIDE (7)
4. WATER BIRD (4)
6. FUNERAL SONGS (6)
8. WEAPONS (7)
9. SIGN OF FATIGUE (7)
10. SMALL PLUMS (7)
13. WIPES OUT (6)
14. TALENT (7)
17. ORDER OF ARCHITECTURE (5)
18. SPIRIT (5)
19. BIRD (4)

(Answers on page 36)



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# Regular Events

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<b>Bellringers</b>	Thursday 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>Choir Club</b> for children and young people from age 7 - 8 upwards. In the Old School 6.30 (doors open 6.15) - 8pm on Fridays. <i>(Not during Half Term and school hols.)</i>
<b>Holy Trinity Mens Group</b>	March no Meeting because of Lent Course 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>Tuesday 20 March 10am in the Lady Chapel</b> <b>Tel. Pam Sagar 01444 414409</b>
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Tuesday 13 March 10am - "Family Support Work" Caroline Steer, Social Worker at Pam Sagar's 2, Leyton Lea, Cuckfield Sunday 18 March 2.30pm – Baptism Party in the Tudor Hall, The Old School 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.

## ANSWERS TO MARCH CROSSWORD

### ACROSS:

4.CASKET 5.GRID 7.HOLIDAY 10.DWARF 11.CATALAN 12.MINED 14.AGONISE  
15.GLEBE 16.IRONING 20.PALLS 21.GOSHAWK 22.SITE 23.WILSON

### DOWN:

1.ASPIC 2.BEGAT 3.BROWNIE 4.COOT 6.DIRGES 8.DAGGERS 9.YAWNING  
10.DAMSONS 13.CLEARs 14.ABILITY 17.IONIC 18.GHOST 19.SWAN

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# Regular Events (continued)

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<b>Royal British Legion</b> (Women's Section)	<i>Wednesday 28 March – 'A Boyhood Dream' David Spear</i> <i>Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield</i>
<b>Cuckfield Crafts and Market</b>	For information or to book contact Beverley Smith 01444 440274 or Jane Ravell 01444 451454
<b>Cuckfield Local Market</b>	9.30am to 12.30pm. Food Market at The Talbot, High Street, Cuckfield. (Monthly)
<b>Cuckfield Evening Flower Club</b>	Friday 9 March - AGM
<b>Cuckfield Ladies Group</b>	Tuesday March 3pm – Sally's talk "Singapore to Southampton" at Sally Williams For more details please contact Jan Bryan 414891
<b>Solo Lunch</b>	The next Solo Lunch will be on 11 March. Tickets £6 available from the Church office.
<b>Cuckfield Evening WI</b>	Tuesday 20 March - "Women in Medicine" Carol Andrews Meetings take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane

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## HOLY BAPTISM

Oscar James WEAVERS  
Jessica Rose INSTRELL  
Millie-Jo Jean INSTRELL

## IN MEMORIAM

Christopher Allen BARTLETT	Aged 72
Robert Arthur Edward TIDMARSH	Aged 93
Michael Henry KNIGHT	Aged 80

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## March 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

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### SUNDAY 4 MARCH – LENT 3

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25;  
John 2: 13-22*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Exodus 5: 1-6: 1; Philemon 3: 4b-14*

### SUNDAY 11 MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY LENT 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Exodus 2: 1-10; Colossians 3: 12-17;  
Luke 2: 33-35*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

### SUNDAY 18 MARCH – LENT 5

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 5-10;  
John 12: 20-33*
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
*Exodus 7: 8-24; Romans 5: 12-end*

### SUNDAY 25 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)  
*As 9.45am*
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist  
*Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philemon 2: 5-11  
Mark 14: 1-15: to end*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong  
*Isaiah 5: 1-7; Mark 12: 1-12*

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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	Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake
	5.00pm	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
Xplorers	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