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MAGAZINE – MAY 2018

Dear Friends,

**See how Spring opens with disabling cold,
And hunting winds and the long-lying snow.
Is it a wonder if the buds are slow?
Or whence is strength to make the leaf unfold?**

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Well it certainly has been an unusually cold Spring, even if our snowfall was relatively modest. Nevertheless, it was an interesting experience when we had a great freeze for a few days and areas of the parish, including much of the upper part of Cuckfield, were without water. We forget just how vulnerable we are to the vagaries of Mother Nature. I was fortunate that, although my water pressure was very low at one point, I merely had no heating for a few days (or today, in fact)!

In this we are reminded just how fortunate we are (particularly in the West) with services 'on tap.' Although there have been huge strides in access to water throughout the world, for many hundreds of millions this is still not the case, and even where water is readily available, it is polluted. In most countries where water is collected, it is women and girls who must perform this often back-breaking work. Only in Mongolia is it boys' and men's work. Yet people in our country went into melt-down when they found that Kentucky Fried Chicken shops were unable to open because of distribution problems! It is a strange old world.

I am looking into my garden as I write, and the camellias have at last started to bloom, late 'tis true, but adding beauty and colour to life within my vision. It may be a late Spring this year, but this is a reminder - together with our experiences during the cold weather - just how much we have to be grateful for. So, too, are we reminded of our connectedness to the

rest of the world. Christian Aid Week falls during the month. There is also the opportunity to give to Samara's Aid. Please help those less fortunate than ourselves.

With love,
Michael



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Easter Thanks May I sincerely thank all who worked so hard to make our journey through Holy Week and Easter such a spiritually uplifting experience. Richard and our choir, together with Michele and the band, led us musically, and enriched our worship. The Revd Clive Woodward took us on a journey through his thoughtful preaching, including the devotion on the *Seven Last Words from the Cross* on Good Friday, which I know was much appreciated by those present. Our flower team decorated the church most beautifully for Easter Day itself when it was great to see the church full to bursting at the 9.45 for our Family Eucharist. To those who led worship or participated in any way, including our hardworking sides-people and servers – thank you all so much.

Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity May is enriched by three major festivals which we celebrate with great joy:

- **ASCENSION DAY - Thursday May 10th Sung Eucharist at 7.30 p.m.** with a celebration afterwards;
- **PENTECOST - Sunday 20th May** - we will be holding our **Baptism Celebration at 2.30 p.m.** followed by tea to which all are welcome. There will also be a **Choral Evensong at 6.00 p.m.;**
- **TRINITY SUNDAY - 27th May** - our Patronal Festival - we welcome the Archdeacon of Horsham, the **Ven. Fiona Windsor**, as guest preacher at the **9.45**, with further celebration as we sing God's praises during **Hymns and Pimm's at 6.00 p.m.**

Please do support these various services and make them widely known.

Tree of Light By the time you read this magazine, our Tree of Light will be placed in the church. It has been moving to see the number of people lighting candles since we introduced a candle stand into the church last year. One can enter the church most days to find candles alight – a sign of prayer. A kind parishioner has sponsored a lovely candle stand in the shape of a tree, over which Jonathan Berry has undertaken immense pains in liaising with the metal worker and your vicar! In addition, the Ruddock family have most generously met the cost of an icon of Christ for the tree, 'written' by one of England's finest icon painters, Helen McIldowie-Jenkins. The icon is a copy of the Deësis in the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, a mosaic dating from the late 1200s – so created around the time Holy Trinity, Cuckfield was being built in its current form. We hope to dedicate the icon on Trinity Sunday. Both are worthy of our beautiful church and I hope will prove great aids to prayer.

Christian Aid Week (13th-19th May) A reminder of the dates for this important week in the calendar. We shall be running a church breakfast at **8.45 a.m. on Sunday, 20th May** in the Tudor Hall, in addition to our regular street collection. More details inside!

Samara's Aid For the month of April and until the 20th May, the Outreach Committee of Holy Trinity are asking for NEW items to fill bags for children in the war-torn areas of the Middle East. There is a list of the items in the church porch. Please kindly print your name next to any of these which you are able to buy and then leave the items in the marked box in the church tower. Thank you very much – your gift will mean so much.

For more information contact Ros Longfield: phone number 457585.

Altar Frontals We recently sought advice from the diocesan expert on textiles because I was concerned at the condition and storage of the altar frontals for the high altar. There are two double sided ones (green/white and red/purple). In addition is what we call the 'best white' - a highly embroidered frontal given by a parishioner in memory of her son who died during the Boer War - a venerable piece of work restored about 35 years ago. The frontal chest sits behind the radiator, which is itself behind the high altar, and it is a great struggle to retrieve or place the frontals because they currently have long linen falls which cover the top of the altar to keep them in place. The lack of suitable storage has led to a deterioration, particularly of the best white, and it was suggested that it would be impractical to restore it without incurring great expense. My suggested solution is to fix this particular frontal permanently to a wooden frame which means that it could at least receive proper care and storage. Of the other two, the green/white frontal is poor, and the green in particular is worn out and a replacement made at some stage. The red/purple is serviceable, and it is our intention to change the method of hanging it, both on the altar and within the chest. If you are interested in assisting with this work, please speak to the wardens.

Works As you will have noticed, a faculty has been applied for regarding the installation of glass doors to the south porch, to which the Friends of Holy Trinity have donated a substantial sum of money and for which we are most grateful. The doors will commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. At the same time, the porch will be restored through a grant from the Kempe Society – the porch was rebuilt by Charles Eamer Kempe in the 1880s - so a nice link with that society in a church which contains much work by this artist. We are also carrying out works on the steps to the north-east door into the vestry. These have become very uneven and there have been several incidences of people almost falling, and hopefully this will be carried out before the autumn.

Organ Recitals Assuming I can get my tired old fingers around the notes (!), I am giving an organ recital at *St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton (Ann Street)* on **Thursday 22nd May at 1.10 p.m.**, as part of the Brighton Festival Fringe. I am also playing in a joint recital at *All Saints' Hove (The Drive/Eaton Road)* on **Thursday 31st May at 1.00 p.m.**, to celebrate the restoration of the organ following water damage. As some will know, I was Organist and Director of Music at All Saints for thirty years, and the organ is one of the most magnificent instruments of its period in the country. *Both recitals are free.*

A Summer Placement We are being joined in the summer by **Ben Scott**, on placement with us from the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Ben will be with us for a month from about the 22nd June. During that time, he will be staying at the Vicarage, but I hope that we will be able to do as we did with Endre Kormos in 2015, seek people to feed him during his stay. Kate Berry may be having a word with you!

Our Summer Placement Student – Ben Scott

Ben writes of himself:

I am from Polesworth in North Warwickshire and did a degree in history and travel and tourism management prior to two years as a pastoral assistant at St Alban's Cathedral before beginning at Mirfield this September. I have quite a breadth and depth of experience within the Church. Back home at Polesworth (rural ex-mining village) I was effectively the Parish Administrator for a time, covering the Vicar's sabbatical, serving on the standing committee, and covering a wide range of liturgical and pastoral tasks. These included preparing people for baptism, dealing with occasional offices, leading healing services, Quiet Abbey, children's ministry (including Messy Abbey) and youth projects.

When moving to university, alongside the experience of the chaplaincy, I became involved with a group of churches (which were very diverse inner-city parishes) where I again supported the priest in fulfilling the pastoral and liturgical ministry of the parish.

I spent two university summers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham where once again I was involved across a whole liturgical breadth as well as providing pastoral care to clergy and ministering to the local school. Finally, I served as a pastoral assistant at St Alban's Cathedral: I was involved as sub-deacon and deacon at Abbey Eucharists, reading, intercessions, officiating at Morning and Evening Prayer, together with leading primary school services. I also preached, led worship at the local nursing home, and offered pastoral care to its residents and to elderly members of our congregations (including taking home communion to the sick and housebound).

During my time at the Abbey I also co-led all the cathedral youth and children's events, including the running of the toddler group, after-school club, and our two youth groups (for ages 8-12, and 12-16). What I am hoping to gain from my experience at Cuckfield is an insight into Mission and Evangelism in a Sacramental tradition. I am looking forward to spending time with you in Cuckfield.

A POEM FOR TRINITY

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Malcolm Guite (Sounding the Seasons – Canterbury Press)





Albrecht Durer – 1511

Durer was perhaps the greatest of all engravers, and give us a medieval vision of the indefinable mystery at the heart of our Faith – The Trinity – Three Persons in One God

A REFLECTION ON CURRENT MATTERS

There has been much press coverage of late regarding anti-Semitism, both within political parties at home, at large, and within several other European countries. I admit to finding this shocking in the extreme. The disgrace of Holocaust denial which seems to be increasingly rearing its ugly head must be countered in the strongest possible terms by all who value

democracy and respect for ‘the other.’ Following the Second World War, the Church, particularly in Europe, had a great deal to face up to about its attitudes to Jewish people over many hundreds of years - centuries which had seen dreadful persecution involving hideous lies over blood-libel and the like. This brought about a profound shift in theology, particularly marked within the Roman Catholic Church following the Second Vatican Council.

One of the documents produced was *Nostra Aetate – In our time*. It contains this statement about the Jewish Faith – and it is always worth remember that Judaism is the Mother Faith of Christianity:

- With a grateful heart, the Church of Christ acknowledges that, according to God’s saving design, the beginnings of her faith and her election were already among the patriarchs, Moses, and the prophets. She professes that all who believe in Christ - Abraham’s sons according to faith - were included in the same patriarch’s call, likewise that her salvation is mystically foreshadowed by the chosen people’s exodus from the land of bondage. The Church, therefore, cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament from the people with whom God in His ineffable mercy concluded the Ancient Covenant. Nor can she forget that she feeds upon the root of that cultivated olive tree into which the wild shoots of the Gentiles have been grafted (*cf.* Rom. 11, 17–24). Indeed, the Church believes that by His cross Christ our Peace reconciled the Jews and Gentiles, making both one (*cf.* Eph. 2, 14, 16).

Nostra Aetate says the following of Islam:

- The Church regards Muslims with esteem: they adore the one God, living and enduring, the all-powerful Creator of heaven and earth who has spoken to people; they strive to obey wholeheartedly His inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham did, to whose faith they happily link their own.

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We must acknowledge that the situation between Israelis and Palestinians is an unhappy one which seems to be utterly intractable. The heightened tensions regarding the anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel are currently much in the news, not helped by the unhappy language of Benjamin Netanyahu on one side and shadowy groups like Hamas on the other. Yet despite this, we should never forget that Israel is a democracy - yes, one forged in blood, but a democracy nevertheless. Neither should we forget that its foundation was brought about because of the murder of 6 million innocent women, men and children within our own continent. Hamas is a terrorist organisation out for its own ends, including the destruction of Israel and the ejection of any remaining Christians from the Holy Land. The plight and future of the Palestinians is something we should always hold within our thoughts and prayers whilst always seeking an adequate political solution. So too should be our desire to fight against anti-Semitism within our own society.

I fear that you will feel that I have laboured over this matter, but it seems to me to be one of the most pressing (and depressing) signs of an increasingly intolerant attitude to difference within certain areas of society. As Christians, we are called to recognise that all people are reconciled through Jesus Christ's self-giving love. Scapegoating is abhorrent.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem
Michael

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

COPY DATE

Copy date for the **JUNE** edition of the magazine is no later than **MONDAY 7th May**.

Please email contributions in **WORD** format to:
duty-editor@holytrinitycuckfield.org



Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May 2018

The focus of Christian Aid this year
Rebuilding Homes in Haiti

Hit by the devastating earthquake of 2010, Haiti was then struck again by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and seven years on from the earthquake, an estimated 38,000 people are still displaced. A shocking number of Haitians live in precarious homes; people like Marcel and his three teenage daughters who lost everything in Hurricane Matthew. One year on and they are forced to live in a 2x2m concrete block. They are survivors and they are fighters, but they are unlikely to survive another storm without help.

Christian Aid's partner organisation, KORAL, could help, as it helped Vilia who lost her mother and her home in the earthquake. She was forced to move to the south of the country but with seven children to look after, life was a huge struggle. KORAL built Vilia a new home, strong enough to stand up to natural disasters. When Hurricane Matthew raged, Vilia's house provided a safe shelter for 54 of her neighbours! Many homes in the area were completely destroyed. There are many families, like Marcel's, who need a safe home in which to live and Christian Aid is there to help.

Prosperity Raymond of Christian Aid, Haiti, says, "We are all connected. We are all human beings. We are all sons and daughters of God. We are one." ***So, how can we, blessed to live here in Cuckfield, help our brothers and sisters in Haiti this Christian Aid Week?***

Please support Christian Aid Week in any way you can:

- Pray for all in Haiti struggling to rebuild their lives. Pray for the work of Christian Aid and its partner organisations as they give support to do this.

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MAP OF CUCKFIELD AREA

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- Take an 11 day devotional, “God’s Kingdom is Stronger Than Storms,” from the back of the church for a journey of daily prayer and reflection. Feel connected with thousands of others across the country, taking the same journey each day.
- Volunteer to give a little time during Christian Aid Week. There are lots of different things you can do. Give Hilary a ring and find out how your time can directly help those in Haiti. (400087)
 - One way would be to **join the Red Team** in its house-to-house collection. Every year this team raises an incredible £1,000 for Christian Aid Week
 - **The more streets we can cover, the more people can be helped.**
- Return your Christian Aid envelope either to the Church Office, or by putting it in the giving plate at services , or leave in the donations box at the back of the church.
- **Come and join us at the Big Brekkie**, a big church family breakfast **8.45 a.m., Sunday, 20th May, in the Tudor Hall.** Perfect if you are at the 8.00 a.m. service or heading for the 9.45 a.m. Donations to Christian Aid Week Appeal. A great way to start the day!

Whatever you do, however small, know that it makes a huge difference to the lives of those who have so little. Thank you.

Hilary Turner-King

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others,
Open my ears so that I may hear their cries,
Open my heart so that they may not be without succour.
Open my eyes and ears so that I may, this coming day,
Be able to do some work of peace for you.

Amen

Alan Paton - abridged

Join the Red Team! We have a great team who walk in solidarity with those Christian Aid are supporting. Last year this team raised an incredible £1,025.49 by posting and collecting envelopes to homes in Cuckfield. The more streets we cover, the more people like Marcel Christian Aid is able to help and it’s a great way to witness our faith (phone Hilary 400087 for more information).



THE BIG BREKKIE!

8.45am Sunday, 20th May

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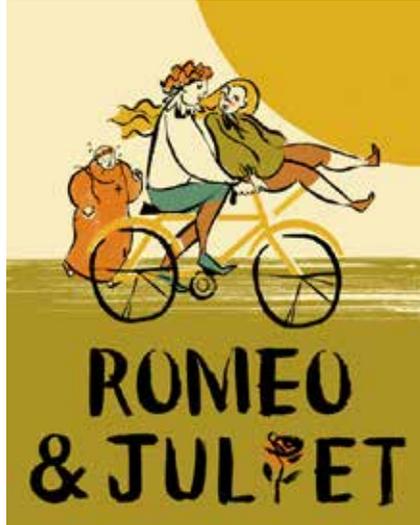
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Tickets are £15 each (children under 16 are £5) and £18 on the day.

Tickets are available from Pepperbox in Cuckfield, Carousel Music in Haywards Heath and from FOHTCC@btinternet.com. Wet weather plans have been made.

There will be a cash bar, raffle and free parking.



May 5th and till the end of August:

Reasons to be Cheerful, the Museum's Spring exhibition, celebrates a Royal birth and wedding and features some exquisite antique wedding dresses on loan – some of the colours may be surprising! Amongst the mementos of childhood, **Horsham Museum** has lent a fine C17th oak cradle and the **Brighton Toy and Model Museum**, a rare coral teether from the C17th.

Thursday 24th May, 8.00 p.m., the Council Chamber:

Sussex Literary Landscapes, a talk by Geoffrey Mead. Geoffrey looks at the way the county has been uniquely recorded over the past 1,000 years in literature, travel writing, poetry and official documents, illustrated by contemporary and historic images from sources as varied as Graham Greene, Daniel Defoe and the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. To book a place, please ring Mike Nicholson on 01444 457448.

We've now added Cuckfield artist *Don Cranefield's charming colour prints* to our shop shelves:

The various village scenes are priced at £10 each and his panoramic drawings of some of our streets at £20. All are wrapped, mounted and ready for framing. The museum will keep 25% of the sale price, so we are hoping they will prove popular with both local residents and with visitors who would like a souvenir of Cuckfield. Do have a look at them when you are next in.

Opening hours: Wed, Thurs and Fri 10.00-12.30 p.m. and Sat 10.00-3.00 p.m.

More information from www.cuckfieldmuseum.org

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18th January 2018

Dear Sue

I am writing on behalf of Chailey Heritage Foundation to thank you so very much for choosing us as your chosen charity for the Cuckfield Christmas Tree festival and for presenting us with a cheque for £7,037.44. We were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of the visitors and the fantastic amount raised.

We have sent a separate letter of thanks to the League of Friends at PRH for their kind donation of £20. We also received £565.73 in donations from the visitors at the festival making a total of £7,603.17 which is amazing and will make such a difference to the lives of the young people we care for.

Thank you for making my colleagues Joan and Jenny so welcome at the festival and at the church for the cheque presentation. Please find a link to our website below regarding the success of the festival <https://www.chf.org.uk/christmastreefestival.html>

All donations will go towards our D.R.E.A.M Centre appeal to build a modern and accessible indoor activity space where children and young people with complex disabilities and health needs can participate in a mixture of arts and physical activities.

We would love to have the opportunity to keep you updated about our work and the impact donations like these have on the lives of children and young people with complex disabilities. If you would like to receive news about our appeals, events and ways to donate, please visit www.chf.org.uk/keepintouch or contact the fundraising office by email to fundraising@chf.org.uk or telephone on 01825 724752.

Thank you again for your support, it means so much to us all.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Sally-Anne Murray
Development Director



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Paul Goldfinch – Chair, Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival Planning Group (01444-882649)



This May we are organising an appeal for NEW items for children's 'Smiley' bags to send to the Middle East. The sign-up list is in the church porch, and the items may be left in the Samara's box in the church tower. Alternatively, there are jolly bags and a list from which to fill the items. The contact number is 01444-457585 for any queries. Thank you!

Ros Longfield - The Outreach Committee



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Kate and Jonathan Berry are opening Mill Hall Farm on behalf of The National Gardens Scheme for the first time on June 10th from 12 until 5pm. Refreshments and plant sales will go towards the Roof and stonework projects. Offers of cake to sell would be very welcome.

When Kate joined Jonathan in 2010 she fell in love not only with Jonathan but also with the stunning view down the garden towards the ancient oaks and woodland beyond. Together they have created a new garden hoping to enhance what was already there, including a pond with the occasional kingfisher visiting, many new trees, shrubs and other plants and by opening up a longer and wider landscape. Jonathan still has his sheep though only 8 now. They are not allowed in the garden!

Do come and enjoy the garden in June. Parking will be in the Whitemans Green car park with a few disabled spaces near the house. £5 entry, children free.



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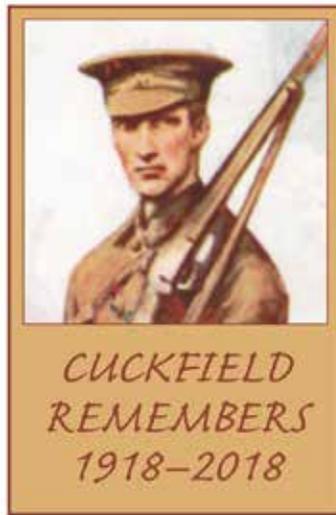
The Mothers' Union meeting in March was held at Pam and Ken Sagar's house in Leyton Lea. Our topic was based on **Family Social Work (FSW)** and Caroline, a FSW Family Support Practitioner working in Chichester Diocese, came to speak about her work. Family Support is sponsored by the Diocese, and this is the focus for the distribution of the food items and goods which people contribute week by week to the FSW box in the church porch.

As we are aware, many families are supported by Social Services, but Family Support Work give additional help and support to families experiencing a difficult time in their lives, whether through low income and poverty, mental or physical ill health, or disability, a family break-up, bereavement, domestic abuse, or school non-attendance or exclusion. They aim to help children and parents/carers to cope with the difficulties and resolve the immediate problems, to develop confidence and resilience, and improve family relationships. FSW will work closely with schools to keep a child in mainstream education and help him or her to do well.

Family Support Work also has a playwork team who will visit the home to provide structured play and craftwork activities appropriate to a child's age to encourage development through a difficult time in their lives. Toys, games and sets of Lego are particularly appreciated, and these are often donated though the Toy Services held on a particular Sunday in December.

FSW was originally established by a group of Chichester church women but is now an independent charity working closely with the Diocese and other local organisations to help all kinds of families, of all faiths and none.

Heather Hollis



On 3rd August, 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk and gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, 'The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'.

Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four very long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of that war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, a chain of beacons will be lit throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7.00 p.m. on November 11th - Armistice Day - a century after the guns fell silent. Those beacons will also act as a tribute to the huge number of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort – keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing in the harvest and ensuring that the nation did not starve.

Among other national plans, a memorial service is being prepared with the theme of uniting all four home nations, and UK Government funding is supporting the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit 1,400 ringers - the number who were lost in 1914-18 - so that

church and other bells can ring out as they did in 1918 to mark the end of the War. Additionally, the annual ceremony at the Cenotaph will conclude with an expanded march-past.

As many readers of **CUCKFIELD LIFE** will have learned, a lot of additional activity is planned to ensure that we, as a community, play a very full part in the national commemoration and full details will be published in forthcoming editions of this magazine.

Please look out for the emblem above [that we have adopted for the occasion] for news and, in the meantime, if you have anything that you would like to contribute by way of help, ideas, information, family history, please email Alyona on cuckfieldremembers@hotmail.com

FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE MAY 1918 PARISH NOTES

The Roll of Honour – The past month has been a time of strain and anxiety for us all. The great battle for the Channel ports is being fought with furious intensity, but we have every reason to be proud of the heroic courage, wonderful endurance, and bulldog tenacity of our troops. Our losses have been very heavy, but those of the enemy have been far more severe, and though we have had to give ground our front is still unbroken, and we are holding the enemy. Let us then thank God and take courage. One thing which we must avoid now is allowing ourselves to get ‘rattled’, to use an American expression. We must keep level-headed in our times of anxiety, with a proper sense of the proportions and unbounded confidence in the ultimate victory of ourselves and our Allies.

It is, however, with sincere regret that we record the death of **Private Ambrose Henley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Henley, of Merrifields, who was killed in action at St. Quentin on March 23rd, and also of **Private Cecil John Howe**, whose father was for many years Master of the Workhouse, who was killed on March 21st. We offer our sincere sympathy to the parents and friends of these brave soldiers.

The news was received at the end of March that **Private W. J. Stoner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stoner, has been severely wounded, but we are glad to say he is now making good progress towards recovery, as also are the other Cuckfield men who have been wounded, with the exception of **Franklin Young**, whose condition, we are sorry to hear, is still very grave.

There is great anxiety in many homes in Cuckfield now, and we sympathise sincerely with those who are in suspense, waiting for news. We are thankful that in several cases reassuring news has been received, and we hope, that very soon the anxiety of others may be allayed, but we regret to state that **Jack Bates** and **Thomas Henry Dance** have been officially reported as missing, and **Corporal Amos Turner** and **Sidney Ede** are prisoners of war in Germany, and **Private Henry Knapp** has been wounded.

We have been glad to welcome home on leave several of our Cuckfield men, including **Colonel A. H. Berly**, **Commander O'Brien**, **Stoker P. O. Morgan**, **Stoker A. Clark**, **Private Botting**, **Private A. Henley** and **Lance-Corporal H. Murrell**.

The Vestry Meeting – A full report of the Vestry Meeting has appeared in *The Mid-Sussex Times*, and so we need not do more than express the gratitude which we all feel to the Church Wardens, the Church Officers and all the Church Workers for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Church. We are also very grateful to Mr. S. Knight for his generous gift to the Church of the large stone above the Vestry door.

Church Matters

Rogationtide – The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday, which is to be observed as a day of prayer for God's blessing on the crops and on the fruits of the earth. It is a good thing for us at all times to remember our dependence on God and to ask His blessing on our work, but it is a blessing which we are learning to value more and more every day, and we see how absolutely necessary it is that our food supply should be maintained in order that we may attain to victory in this terrible war. There will be special prayers at all the Services on Sunday and also special Psalms and Lessons. The three following days are also to be observed as Rogation Days. On Monday, May 6th, Evensong will be at 5.30, and at 7 p.m. there

will be an open-air Service at Borde Hill. By the kind permission of Colonel Clarke, it will be held in the Azalea Ring, where it was held last year, and it is hoped that many of the residents in that part of the parish will be able to be present. On Tuesday evening, at 7.00 p.m., there will be a similar Service in the open space at the entrance to the allotment gardens near London Lane. There will not, however, be a procession on either evening. Forms of service will be provided. On Wednesday there will be special intercessions at Matins at 10.30 a.m. Evensong will be at 6.30 p.m. and will be followed by the usual Service of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers and Airmen.

On Rogation Sunday the collections at the Parish Church at all the services will be given to the Missions to Seamen, and the preacher at Matins will be the Rev. Eardley W. Michell, M.A., Vicar of Bolney, the local Hon. Organizing Secretary of the Society.

Memorial Service – A Memorial Service for those who have fallen in the war, and specially for the Cuckfield men and some closely connected with the Parish who have recently given their lives to defend us, will be held at Evensong on Sunday, May 5th, at 6.30 p.m. We hope that a large number of people will be able to be present to do honour to the memory of our dead soldiers.

The names of the men whom we shall then commemorate are:
FRED. C. ANSCOMBE, ERNEST ATTWATER (2nd Lieut.), WILFRID F. FISHER (2nd Lieut.), GEORGE FRANKS, LEONARD FUNNELL, AMBROSE HENLEY, CECIL JOHN HOWE, JOSEPH MARKWICK, JOHN LAMBERT ROBERTS (Lieut.), JAMES ROWLAND, PERCY H. SELBY, LAWRENCE UPTON.

Ascension Day – On Ascension Day, which falls this year on May 9th, there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m., 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m., but there will not be a Celebration at 5.00 a.m. There will be a Children's Service at 9.00 a.m., Morning Prayer will be said at 10.30 a.m., and there will be Choral Evensong and Sermon at 7.00 p.m. The offerings throughout the day will be given to St. John's Foundation School, Leatherhead, for the Sons of Poor Clergy.

Spring Cleaning – The Church will be closed on Monday, May 13th, and during the remainder of the week for the usual spring cleaning, and the weekday services will be accordingly suspended.

Whitsuntide Services – On Whitsun Eve there will be Choral Evensong at 7 p.m., and 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, and also on Whit Monday and Tuesday, will be given to the S.P.G. On Whit Monday there will be a Celebration at 11 a.m. and on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

MAY GARDEN NOTES

Wise gardeners never trust May weather! Mild summery spells can be followed by chilly north easterly winds and frosts until the last week of May in some areas, although it does vary where exactly you are in Sussex. So don't be tempted to plant-out tender bedding plants and vegetables until the 20th May (our location). I say that because the season is late anyway this year, magnolias (campbelli, kobus and soulangiana) normally in bloom mid-March, and are only just showing colour the second week of April. Bluebells are a carpet of green leaves only as I type, so they will be at their peak in May along with Rhododendrons, azaleas, Pieris and tulips. Hanging baskets may be hung up a week earlier than 20th May, being off the ground and often sheltered by buildings.

May is one of the busiest months if you are a veg gardener, with sowing, planting-out and weeding; also prune plums, cherries and gages as the sap rises, causing the cuts to heal quickly minimising disease entry. There are rewards of rhubarb, asparagus and early salad to harvest if you have grown them. Semi-woody perennials like Penstemons, Salvias, Fuchsias, Santolinas and lavender as well as early-flowering Camellias may be pruned where they need shaping. Hebes have taken a battering

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BRUSH



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with the cold, snowy weather in January, with many leaves dropping off and some shoots dying. It is best to wait for signs of new shoots, then prune back as far as is needed. If no, or very few, shoots appear, then dig the plant out. Some penstemons aren't looking great either and will need the same treatment.

Tie-in climbers as they grow (e.g., clematis, honeysuckle and sweet peas); sow or buy to plant-out runner and French beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, squashes and brassicas, leeks, and lettuce. Plant any potatoes still 'chitting' (developing shoots) that you haven't yet put in the ground. Herbs like parsley, basil and chives are usually more prolific and live longer in proper soil in the garden than in compost in a small pot, but chives will produce seed heads in May or June, being of the *Allium* family. Cut them down to 1 inch and they will regenerate with non-flowering shoots suitable for cooking. Coriander, dill and chervil also goes to seed in the summer especially if it's hot, so these are best sown or planted late March and September. Hardy biennials like foxgloves, sweet Williams and Canterbury bells may be sown directly in the ground, if slugs are not too much of a problem, or in trays for transplanting later.

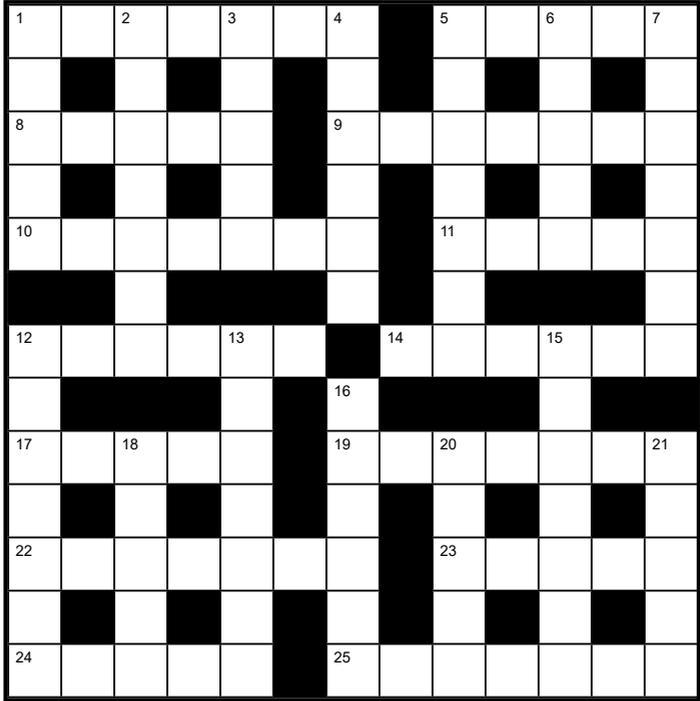
In the greenhouse when tomato and cucumber plants are established, remove side shoots (unless they are bush varieties) and keep an eye out for aphids and whitefly. Support aubergines and peppers, too.

Lawns can continue to be treated for moss and weeds, bare patches re-sown, and edges repaired as required with turf - if you'd rather not wait for grass seed to germinate.

Enjoy the light evenings and hope for warm weather!

Lindsay Shurvell

May Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

- 1. PUTS TOGETHER AGAIN (7)
- 5. LABOURERS(5)
- 8. SYNTHETIC MATERIAL (5)
- 9. ROUNDED (7)
- 10. STRIDER (anagram)(7)
- 11. VERY SMALL AMOUNTS (5)
- 12. HAPPY (6)
- 14. SACRED SONGS (6)
- 17. DIG (5)
- 19. SWEET SMELLNG SMOKE (7)
- 22. TURNS INSIDE OUT (7)
- 23. PART OF HORSE TACK (5)
- 24. AROMATIC GUM (5)
- 25. PASSES BY (7)

CLUES DOWN:

- 1. STEPS ON A LADDER(5)
- 2. AMUSEMENT (7)
- 3. WITHIN (5)
- 4. WITHDRAW(6)
- 5. WARDS OFF (7)
- 6. LITTLE BIRD (5)
- 7. CRUEL PERSONS (7)
- 12. RELIGION (7)
- 13. DIG UP (7)
- 15. EDIBLE SEEDS (7)
- 16. PAPER HANKY (6)
- 18. PRISE (5)
- 20. COURT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (5)
- 21. FREES (5)

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Dormer email: Marie.dormer@cuckfield.gov.uk

Cuckfield Local Market

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

**Cuckfield Evening
Flower Club**

11 May – 'Through the Ages' Gaenor Circus
Venue Haywards Heath Methodist Church 7.30
for 7.45pm

Cuckfield Ladies Group

Tuesday 1 or 8 May Visit to Colwood house,
Warninglid (tba). There will be a fee as it opens for
Charity. For more details please contact Jan Bryan
414891

Solo Lunch

The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 13 May.
Tickets £6 available from the Church office.

**Cuckfield
Evening WI**

Tuesday 16 May – Resolutions
Meetings take place at 7.30pm at the Cuckfield
Baptist Church, Polestub Lane



HOLY BAPTISM

Harper Rose LEWRY

IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Kathleen HAYNES

Aged 87

Thomas William KING

Aged 75

Barry Leonard CUMNER

Aged 79

May 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 6 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Acts 10: 44-end; 1 John 5: 1-6;
John 15: 9-17*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Song of Solomon 4: 16-5:2; 8: 6-7; Revelation 3: 14-end

THURSDAY 10 MAY – ASCENSION DAY

- 9.00am Holy Communion
*Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-end
Luke 24: 44-end*

SUNDAY 13 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5: 9-13;
John 17: 6-19*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 20 MAY – PENTECOST

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-17;
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15*
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Ezekiel 36: 22-28; Acts 2: 22-38

SUNDAY 27 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17;
John 3: 1-17*
- 6.00pm Hymns & Pimms

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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| 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

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| 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