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Dear Friends,

The corn was orient and immortal wheat, which never should be reaped, nor was ever sown. I thought it had stood from everlasting to everlasting. The dust and stones of the street were as precious as gold: the gates were at first the end of the world. The green trees when I saw them first through one of the gates transported and ravished me, their sweetness and unusual beauty made my heart to leap, and almost mad with ecstasy, they were such strange and wonderful things: The Men! O what venerable and reverend creatures did the aged seem! Immortal Cherubims! And young men glittering and sparkling Angels, and maids strange seraphic Ones of life and beauty! Boys and girls tumbling in the street, and playing, were moving jewels

Thomas Traherne – *Centuries of Meditation*

Don't think that, by starting with such a long quote, I merely seek to fill the Vicar's Letter as quickly as possible! Rather, I would encourage you to participate in Traherne's vision of looking at the world through eyes of Faith – something that should indeed make humanity seem wonderful beyond all measure. Traherne died in 1674, in his mid-30's, yet left a wealth of poetry and prose, much of which looks at the world through eyes of wonder and faith.

Now you and I know that there is a great deal wrong with society and the world at present, but what we are called to proclaim is transformation through the knowledge of God's Love for the whole of humanity and of Creation itself. This love is expressed within our humanity by Jesus Christ – the Living Word - who calls each one of us to be part of this process of continual transformation through **self-giving love**. In viewing the world in such a way, the Glory of God abides within us and breaks through into places of darkness. We, none of us, are perfect. We are always on a journey, but God's constancy abides with us every moment of every day.

Let us all seek to heed this continual call within our own lives, so that we may bring transformation to the world.

With love,
Michael



Detail for the Traherne windows in Hereford Cathedral



You are as prone to love as the sun is to shine; it being the most delightful and natural employment of the soul of humans.

Thomas Traherne

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Homecoming Sunday I admit that I got this idea from an American church! Sunday's Cool will resume on Sunday September 9th, and this gives us an opportunity to remember and pray for the richness of our parochial life at Holy Trinity. Do come to any of our regular services, and if you can't, please do say a prayer for our shared parish ministry and mission.

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on all who share in the life and work of Holy Trinity:
In the ministry of the word and sacraments,
In teaching and pastoral care,
In service to the community and those in need,
In ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.
We pray for all members of the congregation,
That in their various callings they may advance the knowledge and
witness of your love,
Shown in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Space for Grace It has been great to experience the enthusiasm for this short opportunity for silent reflection on a Biblical passage. Future sessions will take place in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays: **September 5th, 19th and October 3rd & 17th at 6.30 p.m.** - Take a short time out to allow God to enrich your life.

Ben Scott I received a very nice card from Ben, part of which I quote here:

Dear Michael,

Thank you so much for letting me share the past month with you and the parish of Holy Trinity. I had a fantastic time and learnt a great deal from both you and the parish. I really valued sharing the offices, the Eucharist and especially some of the pastoral situations. It has given me a great deal to theologially reflect upon!

The hospitality shown by your parishioners was phenomenal and I couldn't be more grateful

I am definitely a southern convert now! I have wonderful memories of my month with you and the lovely people of Holy Trinity.

Best wishes, Ben.

We enjoyed Ben's constancy and cheerfulness, and I know that you, like me, will hold him in your prayers as he continues his training at Mirfield. Thank you to all who welcomed him with such hospitality.

Church Cleaning We urgently need extra help with the regular cleaning of the church. Many will know that Val Diprose has recently broken her wrist and so is unable to carry out this work any longer. Pam McCormick has valiantly carried on with help from Jan Phillipson (usually on a Monday morning), but the whole burden should not really fall primarily on one person's shoulders. Please do consider what you may be able to do and have a word with Pam. At the same time, we are grateful for those who take care of other parts of the church cleaning.

Harvest Festival Please note that this will take place on **Sunday 30th September**, services at the normal times as we thank God for the bounty of creation. The **Barn Dance with a Bring and Share Supper** will be held on **Saturday 29th September at 5.00 p.m.** We found that this proved very popular last year, and it is suitable for families and people of any age. You can even sit the dancing out and enjoy the music from the excellent live band. Tickets from Gill: £6 (£5 concessions) or £20 family. There will be a licenced bar.

Visiting preachers On Sunday October 7th we will be welcoming **Father Nicholas Stebbing CR** when we hope to something of his work with the Zimbabwean children's charity Tairo, which we support. Father Nicholas (one of the brethren at Mirfield) started Tariro in response to the collapse of the Zimbabwean economy which left many orphans homeless and destitute. On October 14th our visiting preacher at the 9.45 will be the **Rev. Adrian Stark-Ordish**, the chaplain of Ardingly College. Adrian was formerly a forces chaplain. Finally, on Sunday 21st October we welcome the **Rev. Sarah Lenton**. Sarah writes, broadcasts, and lectures on lyric theatre for the Royal Opera House, English National Opera, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, and BBC Radio 3 and 4, and is also well known for her imaginative work with children.

September, October and November will be exceptionally busy months, one way or another. The Friends of Holy Trinity are presenting a concert on **Sunday 30th September** by the **London Welsh Rugby Club Choir** at **2:30 p.m.** You will find ticket details elsewhere, but prices for members of the Friends are £16, guests: £18, and under 16-year olds: £5. This should be a wonderful occasion and was sold out the last time the choir came. Another date to note is **Saturday October 13th** when **The Perdido Players Swing Band** will be playing at the **Queen's Hall**

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In addition, we will be approaching the commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. There will be much going on in Cuckfield in the weeks surrounding Remembrance Sunday, and details will soon be available locally soon. An excellent committee drawing people from many aspects of community life has worked hard to produce a most imaginative and thought-provoking programme.

I am – *a series of articles about the 'I am' sayings in John's Gospel*

I am the gate (10:7)

Again, we have the further revelation of Jesus, continued from the previous chapter in which he has been in dispute with the religious authorities about the healing of a blind man. Some Pharisees are puzzled by his remarks about blindness when he comments that he has come to the world as judge. This will be between those who believe in him and those who do not. This time he is the gate, but the Pharisees' puzzlement continues, and Jesus explains his uniqueness in regard to God. Jesus uses the metaphor twice. First, he is the gate by which the shepherd approaches the sheep. In strong language, Jesus condemns thieves and bandits whom the sheep did not listen to. This suggests several protagonists who might have fitted the bill at the time; from Pharisees and the priestly caste to the Teacher of Righteousness of the Qumran community (John the Gospel writer is very concerned at this breakaway expression of Judaism). At this distance of time it is probably fruitless to speculate. However, we can now perhaps apply it to those who try to twist the world to their own ends – those who cause misery to the innocent through misuse of power and the like. An alternative interpretation represents Jesus as the gate of salvation. – something popular in early patristic commentaries, although it is impossible to say if this was the original intention of the Gospel writer. It could also be an allusion to the story of Jacob's ladder (*Genesis 28:17*) – so, Jesus - the gate of heaven.

I am the good shepherd (10:11) This powerful image, which has had such resonance with Christians through the ages, was probably not a direct citation by John from the Old Testament. Whilst there is plenty of reference to God as shepherd and former leaders of the nation as bad shepherds, in John, it is the religious leaders that are false shepherds. There is also no easy link between the gate (to the sheep) and the good shepherd, and the discourse is so varied that the only unity is Christological – the high understanding John gives us of Jesus as the Living Word; for the Gospel writer, Jesus draws to himself every epithet which the picture of sheep and shepherd suggests. The Old Testament imagery of the shepherd is useful, but the unique feature in John’s picture of the shepherd is his willingness to die for the sheep – seemingly a combination of elements from the Old Testament descriptions of the shepherd and the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. Again, this discussion is met by division on the part of those listening. The Old Testament imagery of both false shepherds (*Ezekiel 34* and *Zechariah 10:4* for instance) and God himself as shepherd (also *Ezekiel 34*, *Psalms 23* and movingly in *Isaiah 40:11* amongst others) obviously overwhelms them.



*Amen amen dico vobis quia ego sum ostium ovium
Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep.
John 10; 7.*

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

September is bookended by two ancient festivals: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on September 8th and **Michaelmas – Saint Michael and All Angels** – on September 30th. The date for Michaelmas is linked to the dedication of a basilica built near Rome in the early 400s, whilst the Virgin Mary's Nativity is celebrated nine months after the Feast of her Conception on December 8th. Both are celebrated in the Kalendar of the Book of Common Prayer.

There are an interesting number of commemorations in September, including **Bishop John Coleridge Patterson**, first bishop of Melanesia who was martyred on the Solomon Islands with his companions on 20th September 1871 in mistaken retaliation for the action of slave-traders. **Lancelot Andrewes**, Bishop of Winchester during the early 1600s was one of those splendid Anglican Divines, whose writings have so enriched and inspired our tradition is remembered on September 25th. He is perhaps best remembered for a phrase from a sermon which inspired T. S. Eliot's *The Journey of the Magi* (1927) – 'A cold coming they had of it, at this time of the year; just the worst time of the year to take a journey, and specially a long journey, in.'

On 13th September we remember the life and work of **Saint John Chrysostom** – c.349- 407. John was the Patriarch of Constantinople and one of the most important early theologians. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the *Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*, and his ascetic sensibilities. The epithet *Χρυσόστομος* (*Chrysostomos*, anglicized as Chrysostom) means "golden-mouthed" in Greek and points to his celebrated eloquence. Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, exceeded only by Augustine of Hippo in the quantity of his surviving writings. He emphasised charitable giving and was concerned with the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor. John spoke against abuse of wealth and personal property. After he was made Patriarch he quickly started practicing what he preached, beginning with his new house, the Episcopal palace, which had been turned into a place of extravagant hospitality for the upper class of Constantinople and the clergy. He reformed his clergy, monastics, budgets, and even sold some precious items stored at the chancery, using the excess money to build a hospital and serve the poor. He angered the wealthy by his preaching against the misuse of money, especially while one's brother goes hungry. His severe criticism of the extravagance of the Empress Eudoxia, led to his banishment.

Here is part of his commentary on the Lord's Prayer:

Consider how Jesus Christ teaches us to be humble, by making us see that our virtue does not depend on our work alone but on grace from on high. He commands each of the faithful who prays to do so universally, for the whole world. For he did not say "thy will be done in me or in us", but "on earth", the whole earth, so that error may be banished from it, truth take root in it, all vice be destroyed on it, virtue flourish on it, and earth no longer differ from heaven.



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2 Corinthians 3: 2-6.



THE PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DATE

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THE CHATTERING CLASSES

On a recent train journey, I was reading the current edition of *History Today* with its Glossary at the back which usefully picks up and expands on the odd expression or unusual word inside. A mediaeval word caught my eye: *Godsibs*, or more fully *Godsiblings*, used as an alternative to and quite interchangeably with the more familiar *Godparents*.

Reflecting on my own Godchildren, I quite liked the idea of being their sibling, or their 'Brother in Christ', rather than their 'Parent in God': the last thing they need is yet another parental finger wagging at them, reinforcing the hierarchy, when increasingly in the current age it's a listening ear and someone to walk alongside them that they need most.

I then read on. With childbirth looming, it would often be a close friend who would be alongside the mother, a kind of half-wife or *mid-wife*, to assist in the birth. It was perhaps initially a bit unclear whether these midwives, as we now know them, just had lots of friends who then became mothers, which is how they got caught up in all these births; or whether (more likely), being good at assisting at births, they were in demand for their particular expertise.

Either way, these friends, these *mid-wives*, were frequently also appointed *Godsibs* or *Godparents* to the resulting children. What a position of privilege! They would know all the ins and outs of the parish's relationships, they could compare one family with another, and doubtless throw in some 'helpful' comments and comparisons from the side lines, as they were invariably included in family gatherings of the cousins and the uncles and the aunts.

Perhaps not surprisingly, we find that in the fulness of time *Godsib* is also the root of a less flattering word - *gossip*.

So, be warned: Godsibs are the original gossips, Godparents the original chattering classes. When you are choosing them, do choose wisely; getting it wrong really could be quite 'telling'.

David Thunder

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It's an exciting time as this growth means we will be able to support so many more families over the next year who are greatly in need of our help.

There are lots of upcoming events if anybody would like to join us – our Amberley-Arundel walk on 23rd August, Henfield Fair on 2nd September and the Great Steyning Bake Off on September 16th.

All the information about these events can be found on our website (www.familysupportwork.org) or by calling Melissa in our office on 01273-832963.



Tuesday 11th September, 8.00 pm, the Council Chamber: *Cuckfield's Historic House, 'Marshalls'*, a talk by Stephen Cockburn

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To book a place, please phone Mike Nicholson on 457448 or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

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- Why do we need bees? Produce an illustrated poster giving us one reason!

Check the website for more detail and book your tickets soon

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MOTHERS UNION

On the second Tuesday in July, 10 MU members and one or two friends met in Valerie Poxon's garden to enjoy our summer afternoon tea, organised in 'bring and share' style. It was a lovely afternoon and thankfully not too hot. Valerie had called the theme 'Three Little Maids from School': we didn't sing that, but each of us told of an incident from school days which has stayed in our minds - a happy memory, or one not so good.

It was interesting listening to and sharing those past stories, and tea was welcome when we had finished! On 14th August the Mother's Union meets at Ros Thunder's house to discuss our programme for 2019.

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Imagine a moustachioed horsefly Squadron Leader rapping his baton against a map of the human anatomy and co-ordinating the assault: “*Tabanus* and *Atylotus*, you fly in low for a bally bite behind the knees. *Haemotopata*, aim for the wrists. *Chrysops* – sneak up from the rear and go for the neck”.

Of course, vengeance isn't the real motivation for these attacks. In a darkly delicious twist it turns out that we humans each have a resource that horseflies would like to exploit. Eight pints of it in fact. In order for their eggs to develop, female horseflies require a small snack of mammalian blood.

Most horseflies target the hardened hides of horses, deer, cattle and sheep, so thin-skinned Sussex hikers are fast food for the fly. Whereas mosquitoes silently siphon our sanguine syrup with the precision of a phlebotomist, horseflies perform a tactless transfusion with their stout, dagger-like stylets. To prevent the blood clotting, she squirts in saliva (it's this alien anticoagulant which causes itching and swelling) and slurps up our body's natural resources. You've been fracked!

It's hard to love a horsefly but look your enemy in the eye and you will see one of nature's most amazing sights, a psychedelic swirl of pixelated patterns. True beauty. But this probably won't endear them to you as you're slapping, swatting and swearing on the South Downs. 2018 has been a good year for the biters and a bad year for the bitten. Horsefly larvae develop in wet conditions and the high rainfall in the spring created plenty of perfect habitat. I get bitten yet I find it hard to grumble. I get so much free pleasure from watching the natural world (not to mention all that water, food and air too). Call me a traitor but if the occasional drop of blood is the price I have to pay then I'm happy to donate to their cause. Viva la resistance!

Michael Blencowe
The Sussex Wildlife Trust

SEPTEMBER GARDEN NOTES

The two-month heatwave, with virtually no rain, came to an end over the last weekend of July (typical as school holidays began!); but August has been very pleasant though much cooler. The grass has recovered and begun growing again, as have the weeds which were kept at bay unless you watered your garden.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, sweetcorn, onions, brassicas and French beans have been good; but main crop potatoes are small and disappointing with a lack of moisture. First earlies fared better as there was still residual moisture in the ground. Shallow-rooted shrubs, like azaleas and rhododendrons, have looked very stressed and likely to shed leaves early, but nature is good at recovering, so given good winter rain they will be fine.

Some autumn colours are beginning, even mid-August, due to the dry conditions but will probably peak in September a little earlier than usual. For those with fruit, harvesting of plums, apples and pears, autumn raspberries and quinces is a rewarding job, even though fruit size is small (if you didn't water). Pumpkins, squashes, marrows and remaining potatoes should be harvested before the end of the month.

September is hedge cutting month - yew, holly, beech, privet, hawthorn, leylandii and mixed ones - since the birds have stopped nesting and there will be minimal regrowth and hedges will stay neat and tidy over the winter.

Continue with dead-heading in herbaceous borders and pruning of shrubs such as Escallonia, Spirea, Weigelia, Cornus (dogwoods), Ceanothus and others after flowering. Buddleias can be cut back by a third to a half to reduce wind damage in the autumn. Tie-in and prune climbing/rambling roses, also Jasmine, Clematis, Solanum and Honeysuckle before the autumn winds blow.

Bulbs are out now so buy and hope the ground softens considerably before planting unless you're putting them in pots and tubs. When summer bedding has died, or gone past its best, empty out the pots or tubs and refill with free compost before planting autumn/winter bedding like Primroses and pansies. Don't rush out to buy shrubs and trees; rather wait till October, unless you are prepared to water them weekly as September can be warm and dry: here's hoping, as I for one got used to the endless hot sunny weather and loved it!

Lindsay Shurvell

FROM CUCKFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE – SEPTEMBER 1918

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

To the long list of the men of Cuckfield who have given their lives for the Country we have now, we regret to say, to add four more. On July 23rd **Private H. J. Knapp**, whose parents live at 60, School House, Borde Hill, was killed in action. He had served in Egypt and Palestine and was twice wounded. His parents and friends may well be proud of his good record while they lament his loss. On August 4th the news came through that **Jack Bates**, Royal Fusiliers, died of wounds at a German dressing station on some day at the end of March or the beginning of April. The long and weary time of anxious suspense is now brought to an end and great sympathy is felt for the young widow, and also for Mr. and Mrs. Bates, who have now lost both their sons in the war. On August 8th **Sergeant A. E. Selby**, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Selby, of *Longacre*, was killed in action. He was a brave young soldier and two years ago he was awarded the Military Medal for meritorious services in carrying dispatches. His death is a great grief to his father and mother, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy. The fourth name is that of **Jesse Pelling**, Labour Battalion, who died at Woking, on August 14th of pneumonia, consequent on a chill caught when coming home on leave. He was well known as having worked for the Urban District Council and his death is much regretted by his friends.

Mrs. Davis, *Maltmans*, has been in great anxiety about her husband, **Gunner H. J. Davis**, who has been dangerously ill, suffering from dysentery, in hospital at Salonika. We are thankful to say that news has been received that he is now out of danger. We are very glad to hear that **Albert Godsmark** is safe and sound, though a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. Mrs. Ballard has, as yet, received no news, we are sorry to say, about her husband, Private Arthur J. Ballard, though she has had an unofficial report that he is a prisoner of war.

We are very glad to report that satisfactory news is being received of our men who have been wounded. **Lieutenant Stephen Knight** is making fair progress, and they quite hope that they will be able to save his arm, though he will be confined to his bed for two or three months. **Sergeant Fred Beard** and **Lance-Corporal Frank Gander** are both getting on very well, and so are also **Private Benn Newnham**, West Kent Regiment, and Private J. W. Stonet.

We have been very pleased to welcome several of our men home on leave lately, including **Lieutenant Gilbert Denman**, who is in hospital at Brighton suffering with his eyes as the result of being gassed; **Private Frank Webber**, who has seen service and hard fighting in Palestine and has now returned to the Western Front; **Sergeant Charles Webber**, who is doing good work with the Red Cross in France; **Private Leonard Rhodes**, who has been invalided home and is now in hospital at Brighton; and **Private Beesley**, who is on the Western Front. **Private F. Botting** and **Gunner Cleaver** have now been discharged from the Army, owing to wounds and illness. We hope they will soon be quite restored to health.

Mr. T. Best, *Harvest Hill*, will be glad to have the loan of photographs of any of our men who have given their lives for their country, so that copies may be taken in bromide, which will not fade, to be placed in the framed groups.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The thanksgiving for the harvest will be held, as usual, on the first Sunday in October. Posters will be issued. Contributions of flowers, fruit, etc., for the decorations will be gratefully accepted and should be sent to the Church early on the Saturday morning. The collections will be divided between the Sussex County Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The Harvest Thanksgiving at **St. John's, Ansty**, will be held on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Revd Gerald Tindal Atkinson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Burgess Hill. The Harvest Thanksgiving at **All Saints', Brook Street**, will be held on Thursday, October

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3rd, at 7.00 p.m., and the preacher will be the Revd H. E. Ward, Assistant Curate of St. Wilfrid's, Haywards Heath.

The offerings at both the Mission Churches will be given to the Haywards Heath Cottage Hospital.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF WAR

The day was well observed in Cuckfield as a day of Thanksgiving and Intercession. All the services were very well attended, especially the Special Service, when the Church was absolutely full. We are very glad that the services were so reverent and so hearty, and we are much indebted to the **Dean of Chichester** for coming in the afternoon, at some considerable inconvenience to himself, and for his vigorous and inspiring address. The offerings were, as will be seen, most generous.

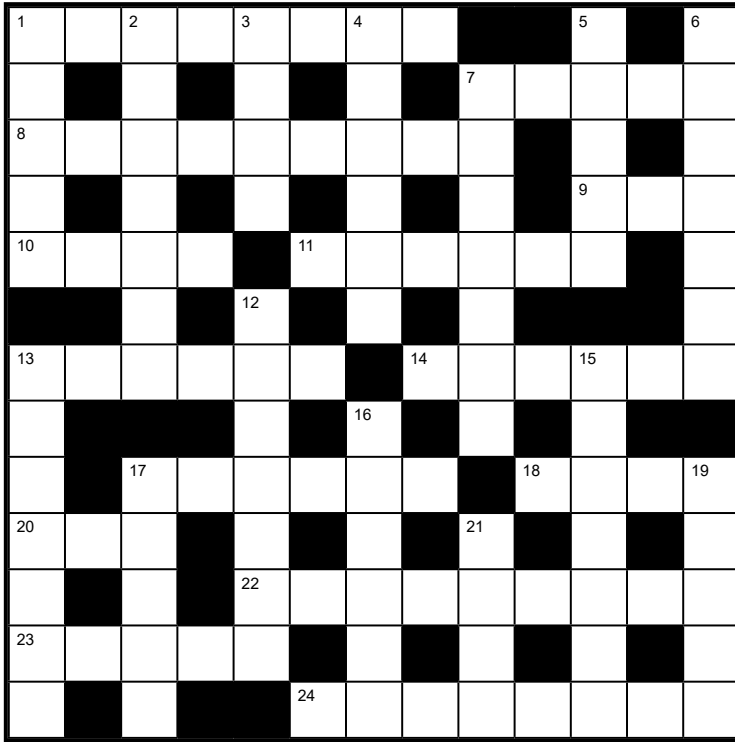
THE REV. J. H. LAYTON

It was with feelings of very deep regret that we said good-bye to Mr. Layton, who has gone for a short holiday before commencing work at East Blatchington, and we congratulate him on the generous expression of the goodwill and esteem of his friends in Cuckfield. We thank him for his valuable help during the three years that he has been here, and we wish him God speed and good health in his new work. It was a very great disappointment to him that he was unwell on his last Sunday in Cuckfield, and so was unable to take the services at Ansty and say goodbye to his friends. However, as he will not be very far away from us we shall hope to have the pleasure of often seeing him here.

NORMAL TIME

Summer time will come to an end on Michaelmas Day and then we shall return to the normal Greenwich Time. We shall, of course, have to comply again with the restrictions under the **Defence of the Realm Act** with regard to the striking of the Church clock, the ringing of the bells and the covering of the windows.

September Crossword



CLUES ACROSS:

1. RELIGIOUS GROUPS (8)
7. CHASM (5)
8. SINFUL (9)
9. NOTHING (3)
10. RIVER (4)
11. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP (6)
13. CAPITAL (6)
14. SEEKER (6)
17. BIBLICAL BOOK (6)
18. OFFERING FOR THE PRODIGAL SON (4)
20. ROLL (3)
22. PIOUS (9)
23. CHAMBERS (5)
24. VOWED (8)

CLUES DOWN:

1. CHURCH OFFICER (5)
2. STRAIGHTENS OUT (7)
3. MAKE BETTER (4)
4. BOOK IN THE BIBLE (6)
5. SUNG IN CHURCH (5)
6. BOOK OF PSALMS (7)
7. AUSTERE (7)
12. MINISTER(7)
13. OT BOOK (7)
15. ORDAINED MINISTERS (7)
16. ACCOUNTS BOOK (6)
17. HIGH PRIEST'S GARMENT (5)
19. JOINED (5)
21. MINUTE PARTICLE (4)

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Regular Events

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| Bellringers | Thursday evenings 7.45–9.15pm. |
| Choir | Choir practice Friday evenings 7.30 for 7.45-9pm. (There are no practices during August) Choir Club 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> |
| Holy Trinity Mens Group | Wednesday 19 September – Meal at the Whyte Harte For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com |
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| Prayer Group | Tuesday 18 September 10am in the Lady Chapel Tel. Pam Sagar 01444 414409 |
| Mothers' Union | Thursday 13 September 8am Pilgrimage to St. Alban's Abbey with Fr. Michael Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details |
| Little Ones Church Service | First Tuesday of the month at 11am. Come for a story, some songs and a prayer. All welcome. Please contact Catherine Snashall for more details 01444 454712 or 07775932823. |

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. CHURCHES 7. ABYSS 8. NEFARIOUS 9. NIL 10. NILE 11. QUEENS 13. NASSAU 14. FINDER 17. ESTHER 18. CALF 20.BAP 22. RIGHTEOUS 23. ROOMS 24. PROMISED

DOWN: 1. CANON 2. UNFOLDS 3. CURE EXODUS 5. HYMNS 6. PSALTER 7. ASCETIC 12. PASTORS 13. NUMBERS 15. DEACONS 16. LEDGER 17. EPHOD 19. FUSED 21 .ATOM

Regular Events (continued)

Royal British Legion (Women's Section) *Wednesday 26 September – Crosslands Nursery – Ben Cross Meetings take place at 2.30pm in The Old School, Cuckfield*

Cuckfield Crafts and Vintage Market The next Market will be on Friday 21 September 9.30am to 1pm at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield
For more details or to book a pitch contact Marie 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 Friday 14 September – Supper Evening
Venue Haywards Heath Methodist Church 7.30 for 7.45pm

Cuckfield Ladies Group Tuesday 4 September 1pm – Bring and Share Lunch at Pamela Knighton's
For more details please contact Jan Bryan 414891

Solo Lunch The next Solo Lunch will be on Sunday 9th September
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September 2018 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27;
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung holy Communion (Traditional language)
James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Exodus 12: 21-27; Matthew 4: 23-5:20

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Mark 7: 24-37*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 50: 4-9a; James 3: 1-12;
Mark 8: 27-38*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Exodus 18: 13-26; Matthew 7: 1-14

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Jeremiah 11: 18-20; James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a;
Mark 9: 30-37*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Exodus 19: 10-end; Matthew 8: 23-end

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5: 13-20;
Mark 9: 38-50*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Exodus Chap. 24; Matthew 9: 1-8

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 |

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