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Dear Friends,

A Summer Day

The dawn laughs out on orient hills
And dances with the diamond rills;
The ambrosial wind but faintly stirs
The silken, beaded gossamers;
In the wide valleys, lone and fair,
Lyrics are piped from limpid air,
And, far above, the pine trees free
Voice ancient lore of sky and sea.
Come, let us fill our hearts straightway
With hope and courage of the day.

Lucy Maud Montgomery

This might perhaps be rather ‘purple prose,’ – an early twentieth century piece perhaps beyond the pale for some, but nevertheless very evocative. L. M. Montgomery is best known as the author of *Ann of Green Gables*, together with its sequels, and she remains the most successful Canadian writer. In some ways she had a difficult life and suffered from much depression. Nevertheless, she was still able to conjure up beauty and wonder within her writing.

I don’t know if you are travelling or spending time at home, but I do hope that you will have some opportunity to just take time to observe the world around you. Indeed, as we enter this holiday season, may we **all** continue to look at the world through eyes of wonder, knowing that the creative love of God lies at the heart of all creation. As Mother Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416) observed, ‘*The greatest honour we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love.*’

Have a great month, wherever you are!

With Love,
Michael



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Cathedral Pilgrimage Do join us as we travel to **Winchester Cathedral** on **Monday 9th September**. This will be a lovely opportunity to pray for our parish, and to explore one of our great medieval cathedrals – a cradle of English Christianity and monarchy. We will travel by coach from Whitemans Green, leaving at 8.00 a.m. On arrival at the cathedral we will enjoy coffee and biscuits, celebrate a parish Eucharist at noon and then enjoy spare time to explore both cathedral and city before our journey back. It should be a great day! The cost will be £22: please contact Gill Squires (in the church office office) to book a seat.

Lunchtime Recital There will be no lunchtime recital this month, but the season will resume in September. I will be giving an **organ recital** on **Friday September 6th** at **1.00 p.m.** Entrance is free, and refreshments are available from 12.30 p.m. Please make our recital series widely known.

Feather Bench in the Churchyard On **Saturday 28th September at 2.00 p.m.** there will be a short ceremony to dedicate the 'feather bench' in the churchyard. This will be followed by tea in the Old School. There have recently been several articles in *Cuckfield Life* about the burial of still-born babies and those who died shortly after birth within our churchyard from the maternity unit at Cuckfield Hospital. This took place over a very long period. The discovery that these children rest in a beautiful place of peace has been a great blessing to those many mothers who lost their children and at the time were not told of their burial. The bench was commissioned by the parish council and a plaque will be dedicated at the same time.

Women's Section Royal British Legion On **Wednesday 25th September at 2.30 p.m.** there will be a service in church at which the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion (Cuckfield Branch) will lay up their standard. All are welcome to the service, which will be followed by refreshments in the Old School.

Deanery Synod Advanced notice for the meetings of the Deanery Synod taking place during the Autumn. Anyone is welcome to attend, and we will hear of two interesting topics, with the opportunity to ask questions of those presenting the talks. On **Wednesday 25th September** at St. Mary's Church Balcombe, **Elle Weaver, the Diocesan Mental Health and Wellbeing Facilitator**, will be talking about responses to those important subjects. On **Tuesday 19th November at The Ascension Church, Haywards Heath**, Cavan Wood (who is a Reader at All Saints Lindfield) will be speaking on *Christian Care for those with Autism*. Both talks start at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m.

Deanery News On **Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30 p.m.**, the Licensing will take place of the Rev David Murdoch as Priest in Charge of St Giles' Horsted Keynes. This ends the longest outstanding vacancy within the deanery, with which the wardens and parishioners have borne in good grace. David's current church, St Bartholomew's Orford have recently undertaken the making of a substantial sum to restore and install the 3 manual classical organ originally built for the Turner Sims Concert Hall at Southampton University. The instrument was dedicated on Easter Day. Orford Church was much used by Benjamin Britten and the first performances of *Noye's Fludde*, *Curlew River*, *The Burning Fiery Furnace* and *The Prodigal Son* took place there. Please hold David, his family and both parishes in your prayers.

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MONDAY 5th AUGUST

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From 15th-23rd June, the first Cuckfield Music Festival took place with concerts every day during the week: on some days there were two concerts. They took place, mostly in Holy Trinity Church, other concerts were held in the Talbot, Warden Park School, the Baptist Church and Cuckfield Golf Centre.

Many of the concerts were sold out and several performers were international artists. The first concert, held in Holy Trinity Church, was a performance given by the **Horsham Symphony Orchestra** with **Ensemble Reza** and all seats were sold.

On Sunday, 16th June, again the church was very well filled when we sang many of our favourite hymns. The evening was made more interesting, because Fr. Michael Maine spoke about each hymn, giving us some very interesting information. Other concerts took place on every other day during the week and they were all extremely well attended.

It was a pity that the concert planned to take place at Mill Hall Farm, with picnics, had to be transferred to the church, because it rained during the day. The concert held on Saturday, 22nd was given by **Dominic Ferris - Me and My Piano**. Dominic was taught to play the piano by Michael Maine, and he now plays everything from Chopin to Gershwin to sell out concerts. He was joined in this concert by **Jane Haughton** and **Michael Maine** and the audience enjoyed his performance so much that they stood, and many cheered at the end of the concert.

On Sunday afternoon, 23rd June, the week finished with a concert given by the *Magnificat Choir*, from Fot Cathedral in Hungary, together with the **Cuckoo Choir** from Cuckfield.

Rosemary Pardey



EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP - SUNDAY TO SATURDAY

Last month Jane Coan introduced us to something which is happening across the Church of England to enable the whole people of God to live out their discipleship confidently, wherever they find themselves, every day of the week. It is seeking to liberate and encourage lay ministry both within and outside the church community called **Setting God's People Free (SGPF)**.

This is the first of the follow on articles which will be appearing over the coming months from members of our congregation as to how they are helping to transform their frontlines and establish God's kingdom here on earth. The **2019 Year of Vocation Lent Course** had inspiring stories of people from various backgrounds living out their faith in their daily lives and a few of us also attended the Diocesan Conference on everyday discipleship back in March and felt inspired to write our stories.

Life's a bit like a three legged stool ...

As a Licensed Reader, I probably work an average of 12 hours a week on church activities, which includes time for sermon preparation as well as leading and helping in services. This role is easily recognised, especially if I am in Reader robes; but the SGPF challenges a culture that over-emphasises a distinction between sacred and secular and moves towards whole-life, all-of-life discipleship. In my other place of work, I am Chief Engineer – Operations at BAE SYSTEMS in Rochester. I have been married to Isobel for nearly 42 years and have 3 grown up children, and 3 grandchildren, most of whom live at least 5 hours away.

An experienced elderly Christian once said to me that if God wanted me to work, have a family and be involved in the church, then he also wanted me to undertake each part without sacrificing the other. In other words, I needed to be balanced, with each leg about the same length. This has helped me discern when things were getting out of kilter.

Finding time to go to church, praying, reading the Bible and participating in church based activities as well as work, family life, leisure activities or rest may seem a challenge at times, but that's what Jesus said about being a disciple. God uses us wherever we find ourselves; in our day to day activities; at home or in the workplace. I have even been asked to help lead and organise Carol Concerts where I work, and at work I wear a small Reader lapel badge which has a cross on it. Having a strong Christian Faith in the workplace has certainly helped when

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times have been difficult, such as when there are redundancies or illnesses, or when making decisions. Being able to pray about my work and for my work colleagues is always a privilege. I do this mostly as I travel to and from Rochester.

If you would like to encourage others by sharing your story please let Jane Coan know.

Clive Simmonds

THOMAS EDWIN REED COOK (1901-1950)



Tommy Cook was an English cricketer for Sussex County Cricket Club. He was also a professional footballer with Brighton & Hove Albion and Bristol Rovers, who made one appearance for England in 1925. He later became manager at Brighton.

A right-handed batsman, he played 460 first-class games for Sussex, making 20,198 runs with 32 centuries. He was prolific in the seasons of 1933 and 1934 where Sussex were runners-up.

Cook served in both world wars, suffering serious injuries in the latter when part of the South African Air Force.

For the purposes of a project I am undertaking about his life, I would like to speak to any relative or villager who can give me recollections of his life. It is a tall order, given that Tommy died in 1950, but any hints would be welcome. The Cook family once lived in South Street and ran a sweet shop in the early 1900s. Thomas is buried with his father in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Cuckfield.

Thank you for your time

Phil Dennett

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CHURCH STREET SECRETS

Church Street in Cuckfield has yielded up some fascinating secrets over the years and is now the subject of a new display case in the Museum.

The Cuckfield Cache of deliberately concealed objects is now newly displayed, on its return from temporary loan to the Ashmolean Museum. Found in 2002 under the attic floor of No 1 Church St, the cache includes shoes, a man's leather hat, a child's dress, children's building bricks, a doll's arm and several jars. The objects all date from the second half of the C 19th apart from two shoes which are earlier.



They are thought to be a type of protective magic for the house, hidden where harm might enter – in this case near the chimney breast. Harm was turned away from the people living in the house and onto the objects they had owned. At the same time, it was necessary to prevent any harmful presence putting on the clothes to impersonate the owner; so, there are only single shoes and the sleeves of the dress have been tightly bound before being put under the floor.

Evidence of this strange superstition has been found all over the British Isles, in countries where British settlers have gone and in other parts of Europe. It would seem strange that the belief was still around at the end of the C 19th but this was a country area, South Street was a humble part of the village, and life was hard for working people. Families went to church but may have observed these old protective beliefs at home.

Next door at 2A Church Street, a tricorn hat was found walled up in the 1980's during building work. Dating from the 1780's, the hat is in a fragile condition and is not always on show. We display it now, and think it may have been left by a builder as a token of good luck.



Over the road at Askews, now King's House, all types of joinery work was undertaken over many years by this family firm of Undertakers and Cabinet Makers. When Pat Gallagher took over the undertaking business, he found an old ledger dating from 1898 thrown in a skip which we now display showing just how diverse their work was.



Peelers was the old Police House and for many years housed a temporary cell for any local felon. The cell is still in existence but is now a downstairs cloakroom. We show the truncheon belonging to PC Day, the Cuckfield policeman who lived there before the First World War.

Our most recent secret is a George III penny in beautiful condition dating from 1806, found under the floor, near the eaves of a house in Church Twitten in March this year.

Our Autumn Exhibition, *Harvest Home*, will open at the beginning of September, looking at our farming past. Phillipa (452307) and Sue (454104) would be interested to see any artefacts that readers might have

To chime in with our Autumn farming theme, our next talk will be on **Thursday 3rd October at 2.30 p.m. at The Queen's Hall**, when **Ian Everest**, a very popular speaker, makes a welcome return to talk about ***A Sussex Farm during the 1950's***. Using fascinating photos and film footage, Ian shows just how tough farming life was on the South Downs in the 1950's. The war was over, but the battle was just being fought to feed the nation.

To book a place, please phone Mike Nicholson on 01444-457448 or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

**More details from www.cuckfieldmuseum.org
Opening hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10.00-12.30 p.m. and Saturday 10.00-3.00 p.m.**

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The Cuckfield Royal Observer Corps Post will open on the following dates:

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Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 10.00-1.00 p.m.



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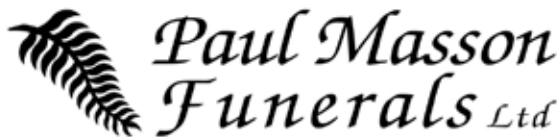
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Gates open at 2.30pm. Tickets are available from fohtcc@btinternet.com and 01444 882649 Adults £16, U16s £5 (£18 on the day). *Wet weather arrangements have been made.*

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CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Call for churches to act as safe havens in youth violence hot spots ...

Churches were encouraged to offer a place of sanctuary for young people as part of efforts to combat knife crime and serious youth violence, in a key debate held at the General Synod last month. ***The Revd Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett***, priest of St John's in Angell Town Brixton ,who preached at our Patronal Festival in Holy Trinity Cuckfield a couple of years ago, urged parishes to consider opening their doors after school hours as safe havens for young people in hot spot areas for serious violence.

She said that churches could take a range of practical measures - from providing knife amnesty bins, to training for clergy and other leaders to protect young people potentially vulnerable to 'county lines' exploitation. Dr Mallett is a prominent campaigner in combating knife crime, and also called for church leaders to be trained to support families and communities affected. She stressed the unique spiritual dimension churches can bring through prayer and pastoral support for communities affected.

Speaking ahead of the debate, Dr Mallett said: ***We must work with other organisations to find the best way to support young people in our parishes and our schools. This isn't necessarily about running youth clubs, in many cases this may simply be providing a place where they can go, relax and feel safe, especially during the period immediately after school hours when flashpoints can occur.***

Serious youth violence was one of the major issues discussed at the General Synod, the national assembly of the Church of England, when it met at York University in July.

Children with mental health issues turned away ...

Children and young people with mental health issues are being turned away from NHS services and up to 110,000 are missing out on treatment in a year, according to new figures by ***The Children's Society***.

The report, ***Finding Help – Children, Young People and Families Navigating the System***, is based on Freedom of Information responses from 26 mental health trusts across England. It estimates that up to 110,000 10-to-17-year-olds seeking help are being turned away because their problems were not deemed 'serious' enough. Worryingly, it means that due to high treatment thresholds, many young people may never have their needs addressed and are more likely to reach crisis point.

For those children with the most serious need NHS waiting times remain stubbornly high with children waiting the equivalent of a school term, an average 12 weeks (or 83 days), from referral to treatment when the current waiting time standard is four weeks. The report found that in some areas, children experiencing issues such as anxiety, depression and self-harm are having to wait much longer - up to 364 days from referral to first treatment.

The Children's Society is urging the government to make it a mandatory requirement for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to provide mental health support in every school and college in the country for children with low to moderate mental health needs, as well as support within the community through services like open access hubs and digital offers, to ensure young people are able to access support at an early stage.

Ecclesiastical Insurance launches *Parish Pixels* ...

Put your church in the picture and it could win £5,000! Budding photographers could be in with a chance of winning £5,000 as part of a new competition launched by the UK's leading

church insurer. **Parish Pixels** is a new national photography competition for Anglican Churches in England, Wales and Scotland, launched by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The insurer is calling on budding photographers to capture the essence of their church in a single snapshot. Churches will need to submit a single photograph and a one-sentence caption to accompany it. The image can be of people, places, features, artefacts or anything that highlights the uniqueness of the church or its importance to its local community.

Ecclesiastical will showcase some of the best entries on its website and social media channels. A panel of judges, which will include representatives from the regions, will select eight winners from across the UK who will each receive a prize of £1,500 for their church. Following this, the public will be given the chance to vote for their favourite image before Ecclesiastical and church representatives select an overall winner. The overall winner will receive a £5,000 prize for the church.

The competition opened in June, and churches must submit their entries by 31st October 2019. More information at: www.ecclesiastical.com/parishpixels

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GOD IN THE ARTS



He gave us eyes to see them: *The Ambassadors* by Hans Holbein

‘We can never know the secret of great art or music until we have learned to look and listen with a self-oblivious reverence.’ Those words of Evelyn Underhill remind us that when we visit an art gallery, we are tempted to cram as much as we can into the experience. But then the value of what we see can easily remain at a superficial level.

This month’s painting in the National Gallery is a famous work by Hans Holbein, *The Ambassadors* of 1533. Holbein was born in Germany, and then with the help of Erasmus gained the patronage of Henry VIII. Holbein has portrayed two young men: the one on the left wears sumptuous clothes, and the scholar on the right has become a bishop at just 25 years of age.

They are both learned men for we can see a variety of books and instruments between them. The upper table holds a celestial globe, a sundial and a quadrant to study the heavens above. On the lower table we see signs of this world – a globe,

a hymn book, lute and flutes. All are beautifully portrayed against a background of rich damask. The two ambassadors are masters of heavenly and worldly knowledge: figures of wealth, education and authority.

But we need to look more closely. One of the strings on the lute is broken, and the strange shape at the front viewed at an angle is a skull. We see signs of life, but also signs of death. And then, just visible on the top left hand side, is a crucifix. It is virtually hidden and unseen, but with the eyes of faith a sign that gives meaning to the realities of life and death that dominate the canvas. The two globes turn on their pivots, and Holbein is perhaps saying that the lives of these two men move on the pivots of growth, achievement and death. And to what end? The crucifix proclaims an eternal life and salvation for all who look and see their Lord and Saviour.

HIGH DAYS AND HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

6	The Transfiguration of our Lord
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8th August: Dominic - the saint who believed in learning

If you enjoy reading the Bible and in encouraging others to have faith in God, then Dominic is the patron saint for you. His passion for helping Christians to learn and proclaim their faith led him to found the Order of Preachers, or Black Friars, because of the black cape they wore over white habits. They are also known as the Dominicans.

Dominic was born in Castile in 1170, the youngest son of the warden of the town and nephew to the archpriest of Gumiel d'Izan. Becoming an Austin canon of Osma cathedral, Dominic spent seven years as a priest, devoted to prayer and penance. In 1201 he became sub-prior to his community.

In 1208 the Papal Legate was murdered. It sparked a crusade or 'holy war' against the Albigensian heretics. Dominic worked for reconciliation, refusing to join in the violence and massacres against them. Instead he used instruction and prayer to woo the heretics back, which led to him playing a leading role in founding Toulouse University. That became the foundation for his work in establishing the Friars Preachers at Toulouse in 1215, which occupied the last seven years of his life (three times he refused a bishopric, believing that this work was more important.)

Dominic's 'order' provided communities of sacred learning, with monks devoted to study, teaching and preaching as well as the usual prayer. Dominic believed monks should do more than just commune with God; they should proclaim God's love to others. Dominic was an excellent organiser, and soon his order spread rapidly all over Italy, Spain and France. It met an acute need in the medieval church, and in time the Black Friars became a pioneering missionary force in Asia and even (much later) the Americas.

Dominic travelled widely from 1216 until his death in 1220. His simple tomb was later embellished by Michelangelo, and his usual attributes in art are a lily and a black and white dog, which is a pun (*Domini canis*) on the name of Dominic. The dog holds a torch in its mouth as a herald of the truth.

9th August: Mary Sumner – founder of the Mothers’ Union

The Mothers’ Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector’s wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary’s father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of “faith, charm and sympathy” – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal ‘mothers’ meetings’ at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary’s later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George’s uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband’s ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

FSW UPDATE

Dear Friends,

As I write, we are looking ahead to the summer holidays, which are only a couple of weeks away. We are planning lots of activities to help ease the burden on our families that can be posed by the long school break. These include a visit to **Chichester Cathedral** and our family day at **Warnham Park** – both of which we are hoping will attract around 100 children and their families.

These trips can make the world of difference to them, as it gives them a chance to get away from their difficult home situations and spend a day simply enjoying the fun that other families take for granted.

The day-to-day work in the last month has been as busy as always and we have been receiving new referral requests almost daily. **Mental health issues** and **domestic violence** situations are currently the main drivers behind referrals, and these are complex situations that will require a lot of intensive support. Please keep our practitioners in your prayers as they try to juggle many difficult cases at once.

We would like to make a request for food and shop donations if possible – we are so grateful to those parishes that already support us regularly with donations, but at the moment stock is running very low. We are particularly in need of children's clothes and toys for our shop, and for toiletries, coffee, biscuits and tinned vegetables for the foodbank. If you are able to help with any of these then please let us know by calling us on **01273-832963**.

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June's work in numbers:

- 147 individual meetings with families supporting 11 grandparents, 146 parents and 143 children
- 43 supported meetings with other agencies
- 15 group sessions supporting 2 grandparents, 137 parents and 230 children
- 94 food deliveries made

Nikki Kerr

FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



EUROPEAN EEL - ALTERNATING CURRENTS

In August many of us migrate towards the sea, exchanging our familiar habitats for a few weeks in someplace sunnier and sandier. As we leave our county a mysterious creature, born in the dark depths of a distant ocean, is heading towards Sussex for a holiday of its own.

Let me take you 3,500 miles west to the wide ***Sargasso Sea***, an area of the North Atlantic known to superstitious seamen (and Barry Manilow fans) as ***The Bermuda Triangle***. Today the once mythical Sargasso is infamous for being the North Atlantic's waste dump where surface currents deposit our non-degradable floating flotsam. But the Sargasso still holds one last mystery. Each year millions of transparent slithers, like a blizzard of tiny polythene leaves, rise from its depths. It is almost as if the seaweed and the spirits of sunken sailors have merged with the PVC and plastic to create the *leptocephali*, the larval stage of the European Eel. These see-through seafarers

go with the flow and slowly drift across the North Atlantic on a three-year Gulf Stream cruise.

Upon reaching Britain's coastal waters their appearance changes. They are now wriggling transparent tubes with black eyes, *glass eels*. Riding the Rother, Ouse, Cuckmere, Arun and Adur, they swim upstream. In these brackish waters their bodies darken; a tidal tan. They are now *elvers*. They finally make it to their Sussex holiday homes, exchanging saltwater for freshwater in the myriad of streams and brooks that feed our county's rivers. Yellow-bellied and small-eyed, these are yellow eels and will holiday here for around 15 to 30 years.

But, as with all holidays, the day comes when you have to return home. In the depths of the eel's mind a primeval urge is awakened. The Sargasso is calling. Their bodies harden, their eyes widen, their stomachs shrivel, and yellow eels become silver eels and start their epic journey home. Nothing gets in their way. Land, traditionally an inconvenient barrier for a fish, does not stop them. On dark, wet nights the silver eels crawl out of the water, slithering snake-like across fields and back into the river system.

They will pass Rye, Shoreham, Exceat, Newhaven and Littlehampton - and head out over the great Atlantic Shelf and into darkness. Here's where the silver eels vanish. Exactly where they go and how they get there is unknown. Yet each year the Sargasso will mysteriously spawn a new cloud of transparent tourists, hell-bent on holidaying in Sussex by the Sea.

Michael Blencowe
The Sussex Wildlife Trust

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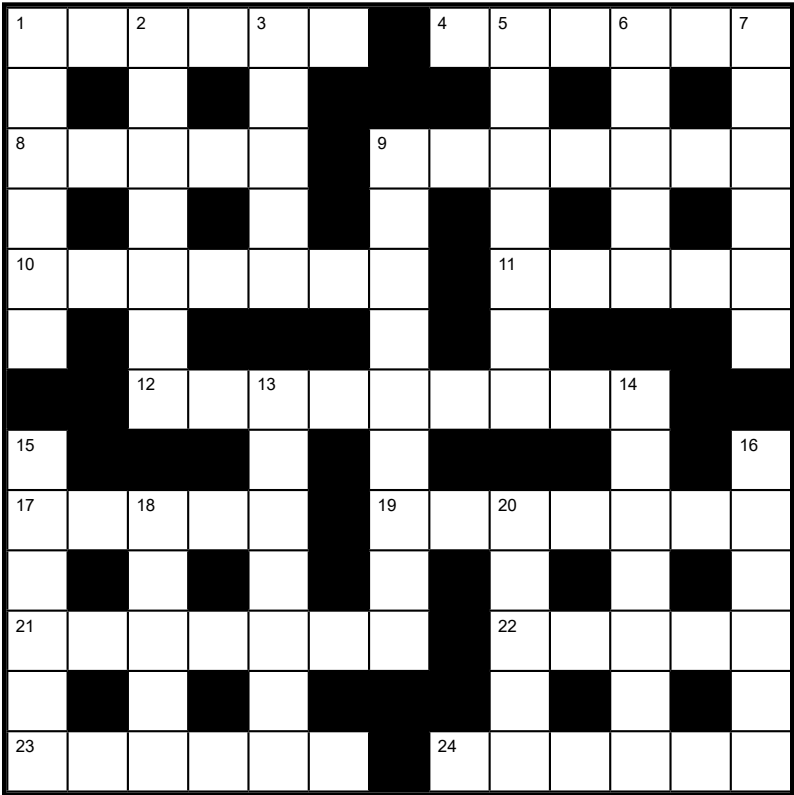
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August Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)

- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

DOWN

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

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AUGUST CROSSWORD CLUE ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

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Regular Events

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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	No Meeting in August For more information contact Clive Simmonds 01444 454481 or email: clivesimmonds@btinternet.com
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Mothers' Union	Friday 9 th August Mary Sumner Day Tuesday 14 th August 10am Planning Meeting Please contact Ros Thunder 417103 for more details
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Cuckfield Ladies Group

No Meeting in August
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SUNDAY 4 AUGUST – SEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11;
Luke 12: 13-21*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 11.00am Sung Holy Communion (Traditional language)
Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Genesis 50: 4-end; 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST – NINTH AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2;
Luke 12: 49-56*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Isaiah 28: 9-22; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST – TENTH AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 58: 9b-end; Hebrews 12: 18-end;
Luke 13: 10-17*
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
Isaiah 30: 8-21; 2 Corinthians Chap. 9

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES – NORMALLY IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	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

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