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Fresco from the former Church of the Holy Saviour in Chora, Istanbul

NOVEMBER – HERE AND NOW

My dear friends,

Many will regard the month of November as one strongly associated with saints and remembrance. Two great and ancient commemorations start the month: ***All Saints'*** and ***All Souls' Days***, followed closely by ***Remembrance Sunday*** and ***Armistice Day***.

At Holy Trinity we hold an annual ***Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration (Sunday 15th November at 4.00 p.m.)*** to which we invite those bereaved during the past year. This year the service will also be livestreamed so that we may

enable all to participate. It is always a moving service, and people usually receive a daffodil bulb to take home and plant. This, I hope, reminds them of the new life we have in Christ – a particular resonance in this strange time.

In the powerful Byzantine fresco in the former ***Chora Church, Istanbul*** (recently turned back into a mosque having been a museum for many years), Christ is seen literally *dragging* Adam and Eve out of their tombs to experience new life in him. Around his feet lie broken locks and chains – a sign of the self-imposed burdens which we ourselves create and which keep us from his Divine Love. Yet trusting in him breaks down all these bonds.

Many hymns for All Saints talk of the Heavenly Jerusalem, and this wondrous imagery is the promise of the unity we believe to be the destination of our journey's end. But the Kingdom Life – experiencing and helping to bring about the New Jerusalem - begins here and now. We are called as brothers and sister to know the abiding presence of God:

***Not throned above the skies,
Nor golden-walled afar,
But where Christ's two or three
In His name gathered are,
Be in the midst of them,
God's own Jerusalem.***

F T Palgrave 1824-1897

With my love and best wishes,
Michael (Vicar)

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Next month's magazine As many will know, we normally send the December magazine out to the whole parish. Because of the problems surrounding delivery at this time, this year it will form a supplement in our local free magazine *Cuckfield Life*.

Licencing of the Rev Michael Windridge Michael was licensed by *Bishop Martin* in a moving service at *St Mary Magdalene's, Bolney on Tuesday 13th October*. We are delighted to welcome Michael and Sabrina into our Benefice formally, and very much look forward to getting to know them further.

Bewbush Academy Appeal We have received a lovely letter from Christine Dickens, the headteacher of the Bewbush Academy, Crawley regarding their breakfast appeal:

Dear Reverend Maine,

I wish to thank you for all you and your parishioners have done to support the community of The Bewbush Academy. It is quite extraordinary the amount of donations, both food and money, that have come to us through our lovely Rebecca Anderson.

Rebecca is the Family Link Worker here at 'Bewbush' and does an extraordinary job of supporting our most needy families. Many of us came in during the summer to support the foodbank Rebecca had organised. She arranged two dates and we had approximately 50 families collecting food parcels both times. With all of the donations we have enough food to continue delivering food parcels whenever a family needs to isolate and cannot get out to the shops or is entitled to a free school meal.

A big thank you to everyone,

Christine Dickens
Headteacher

Macmillan Coffee morning We have raised over £735 including gift aid to date! A big thank you to everyone who participated in raising a fantastic sum of money in these strange times.

Harvest Many thanks to all who responded to our Harvest appeal in aid of **Family Support Work**. Although unable to have our normal church barn dance, we celebrated the harvest with a beautifully decorated church and High Altar. Thank you to all who participated in the services on that day.

Restrictions on worship None of us knows what the future few months hold, although it seems increasingly likely as I write that further local lockdowns will take place. Should churches be closed again, please know that we will still do our very best to maintain our online worship and remain grateful to our technical team for all their participation since Covid entered our lives.

Looking Ahead:

Remembrance Sunday 8th November – 9.00 Parish Eucharist (with the choir)

10.50 Remembrance Service (at the War Memorial on the south side of the churchyard). Please note that the whole service will take place in the churchyard and will be abbreviated to about 25 mins. **It is essential that people maintain social distancing, even outside.** Should the weather be inclement, the service will be further shortened. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

On **Wednesday 11th November** there will be an act of remembrance at the war memorial at 10.55.

Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration Our annual service to which we invite all those bereaved during the previous year, together with a warm welcome to any who wish to remember departed loved ones, takes place on **Sunday 15th November @ 4.00pm** in church and livestreamed. The service will be ticketed via the church website. If you are unable to access this, please contact Gill in the office (01444 456461)



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A FEW DATES IN ADVANCE:

Our **Advent Service of Light** will take place on **Saturday 28th November at 8.30am** on Zoom and we invite you to have a Zoom breakfast afterwards! Not to be missed, and a great way to start Advent. Further details to follow in our weekly newsletter.



On Advent Sunday (29th November)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.45 a.m. Family Communion. In the evening, the choir will be leading us through a very lovely **Sequence of Readings and Music for Advent *From Darkness to Light* @ 6.00 p.m.** Ticketed, this service will also be livestreamed.



Children's Toys for *Family Support Work* If you are able to give toys for needy children, please bring them to the church on **Saturday 5th December** any time between **9.30-12 noon**

Alas, owing to the pandemic, *The Christmas Tree Festival* has been postponed this year, although we hope to dress a large 'Vicar's' tree with decorations made by all of the groups who normally participate.

The **Family Nativity** will take place on **Sunday 20th December @ 9.45 a.m.** together with the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols @ 6.00 p.m.** (both ticketed and livestreamed)



FURTHER DETAILS FOR CHRISTMAS WILL FOLLOW NEXT MONTH

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

November starts with two great commemorative festivals: ***All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day***, the latter (like the first), based on a very ancient commemoration, only re-entering the Anglican Calendar in recent years. This re-evaluation and addition was as a direct consequence of the huge losses in the First World War and then the Second. We have another general commemoration on 8th November when we remember the ***Saints and Martyrs of England*** – an Anglican observance for all those who died during the Reformation era from both Roman Catholic and Protestant sides.

Among British saints we have (16th) ***Margaret, Queen of Scotland*** (d.1093), (17th) ***Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln*** (d.1200), (19th) the redoubtable ***Abbess Hilda of Whitby*** (d.680) and (20th) ***Edmund, the Martyred King of the East Angles*** (d.870).

We also remember worthies: (6th) ***William Temple***, Archbishop of Canterbury who died in 1944, (14th) ***Samuel Seabury***, the first Anglican bishop in North America (d.1796) and (25th) ***Isaac Watts***, the great hymn writer of the 17th century.

Further afield we remember (10th) ***Pope Leo the Great*** (d.461), (18th) ***Elizabeth of Hungary***, Princess of Thuringia (d.1231) and (23rd) ***Pope Clement I*** (d.c.100)

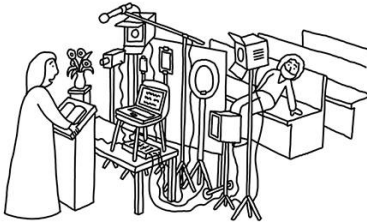
Saint Cecilia is remembered on **22nd November** and long honoured as the Patron Saint of Music, because it was written that as the musicians played at her wedding she 'sang in her heart to the Lord.' St. Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, although, as is sometimes the case, some elements of the stories recounted about her do not seem to be founded on historical fact. However, the existence of the martyr is a historical fact. It is believed that Cecilia was a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier named Maximus, suffered

martyrdom in about 230, under the Emperor Alexander Severus. One legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Cecilia was buried in the Catacomb of Callixtus, and later transferred to the Church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere (a very beautiful ancient church well-worth exploring if you are in Rome when travel restrictions allow). In 1599, Cecilia's tomb was opened and her body was found still incorrupt, seeming to be asleep. In the church there is a remarkable sculpture of her body as discovered under the high altar by Stefano Maderno and carved in the same year. It's a lovely story, although rather difficult to corroborate!

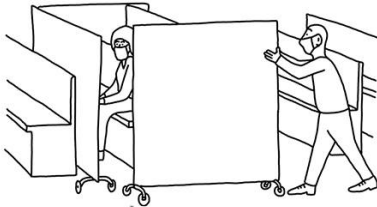


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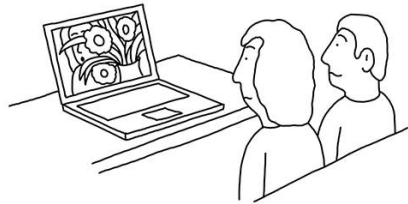


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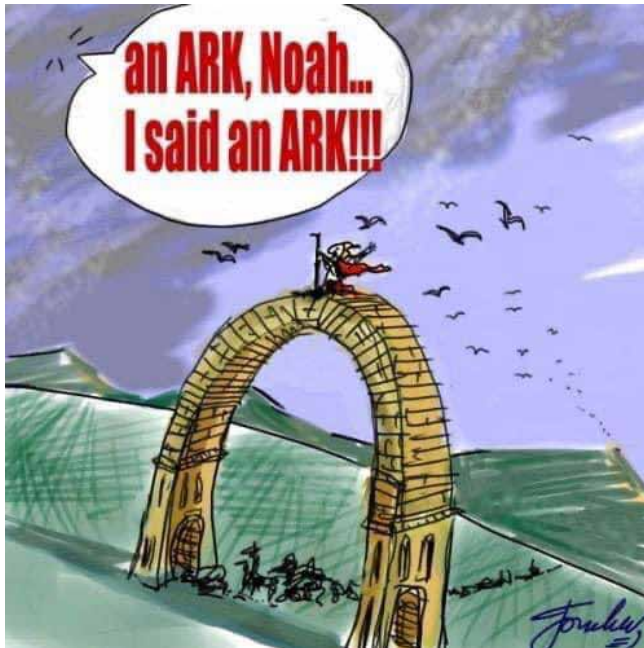


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THE PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DATE

While we are not currently able to distribute the hard copy edition of the magazine, the digital edition is available free of charge, to read on-line or to download as a PDF, from the following link on the church website, from within the 'welcome' tab on the home page:

<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/welcome/parish-magazine/>

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A limited number of hard copies of the magazine are being printed for those who might prefer to collect one from the church porch. All the while we are not physically distributing the parish magazine, we are able to move the copy date for the digital edition to later in the month. As a result:

The copy date for the **DECEMBER 2020 Magazine is now
MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER**

Please email contributions *in WORD format (no PDFs, please)* to:

duty-editor@holytrinitycuckfield.org



CUCKFIELD REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 8th November 2020

9.00 Parish Communion
(with hymns)

10.50 Parish Service of Remembrance

**at the War Memorial
in the churchyard**

Please note that this will be an abridged service outdoors. It is important that people observe social distancing and wear appropriate footwear for standing on the grass areas of the churchyard

***At the going down of the sun and in
the morning, we will remember them***

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ENSEMBLE REZA NEWS



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Many of you will be familiar with **Ensemble Reza**. We like to think of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield as our 'home' having run concerts in the Church since we started over seven years ago. Over the last seven years we have developed a busy programme of concerts (including free lunchtime events, family concerts and our popular evening concerts), education projects (working with both mainstream and special needs schools) and community work in Haywards Heath and surrounding villages ((including our popular community orchestra, which pre-Covid included over 110 players of all ages and abilities).

Like all arts organisations we found ourselves cancelling all our programmes in March. As a small charity we are agile and with the fantastic support from our community in both donations and emails we were encouraged to create a virtual programme, connecting our local community of music lovers. With initial funding from **Tim French** and **It's Magic, Savills** in Haywards Heath and a grant from the **National Lottery** through **Arts Council England** we set up our **Midday Music** programme (weekly lunchtime concerts every Tuesday), **Music Club** (like a book club) every other Wednesday evening, programme of interactive resources and backing tracks for our community orchestra, school films featuring different instruments and finally our first ticketed evening concert.

With the exception of our Music Club (which is hosted through Zoom),

everything can be watched live and replayed again on our **YouTube channel**: www.ensemblereza/youtube

In the last 6 months our virtual programmes have grown beyond the success we could have ever imagined. Our YouTube channel, has had over 24k views and 870 subscribers and we know that people not only from our local Mid Sussex but nationally and internationally are engaging in our virtual programmes. Our recent first ever ticketed event with an exclusive pre-recorded reading from **Stephen Fry** would have been a sell-out if we could have had a seated audience in the Church!

The emails of support from our audience have not stopped:

You all do such great work and your beautiful concerts enrich the emotional and aesthetic worlds of all who are fortunate enough to experience them.

Fantastic concert, the highlight of our week

I have never really listened to classical music in the past, but I am really enjoying these concerts. thank you

The best thing to have come out of lockdown!

Our virtual programmes are also providing much needed work for our core **Ensemble Reza** musicians (violins: **Lucy Jeal, Miriam Teppich, Andrew Thurgood**, violas: **Anna Cooper, Matthew Quenby** and cellists: **Pavlos Carvalho and Sarah Carvalho-Dubost**) and visiting musicians to our series. Most have reported a massive drop in freelance work and several have had to find alternative employment.

These lunchtime concerts have been very helpful for us musicians to feel valued and keep our motivation. Also, they have given us a chance to continue earning money using our skills, training and passion for performing live music.

Last week we learnt we were one of the 1,973 cultural and creative organisations in the UK to have been awarded a grant from Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund being administered by Arts Council England on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

This grant is a very welcome lifeline. With this funding we will have the opportunity to continue our existing virtual programmes and develop new

work including more evening concerts, school projects and re-building our community orchestra; combining technology in all that we do, trying to balance a digital audience with an audience in our venues.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us since March and also Holy Trinity Cuckfield for all their patience and support as we have learnt how to stream concerts from the Church. Although we have been recent recipients of funding from the **Cultural Recovery Fund**, this will only partially cover our virtual programmes and so we are very grateful for all the donations we receive.



If you would like to learn more about Ensemble Reza or donate to their virtual programme, please visit www.ensemblereza.com

Hannah Carter

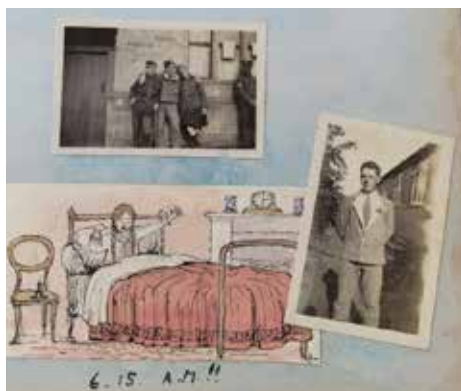


Cuckfield Museum has recently been given a remarkable scrapbook or photograph album dating from the First World War. It belonged to **Joyce Bevan**, who lived at *Woodcroft*, now the Manor House in Manor Drive, Cuckfield, who would have been 15 when the album starts. The pages record life for a wealthy family of the time, with visits to local houses like Borde Hill and holidays in Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Wight.

Most interestingly, it shows the impact of the War on the village with the arrival of the **Post Office Rifles** during the first winter of 1914/15. The soldiers were billeted in the village and we have a memorial to them in the churchyard. There is a programme for an entertainment put on in the Queen's Hall and many little drawings in the album of soldiers dancing with girls.



We know that the **Queen's Hall** became a VAD hospital during World War I and it seems that Joyce trained as a nurse. There is a lovely drawing of her sitting up in bed yawning because it is 6.15 a.m.! The War gave women of all classes opportunities to step out of their accustomed roles, and the album shows us pictures of nurses with their patients in the hospital – of great interest to the Museum.



The album also gives us information about another regiment of which we knew nothing before – the **2nd/10th Battalion Manchesters** who, from the photos in the album, were in the village for five weeks from the end of May to the

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beginning of July 1915. It is unclear whether the men were billeted here or were under canvas nearby, but there are poignant pictures of soldiers helping with haymaking and looking after horses before marching away. We know the regiment provided 300 troops to replace losses at Gallipoli. The care with which Joyce has arranged and decorated these pages shows the effect of the presence of these young men in the village, even for such a short time.



The kind donation of this extraordinary album shows us that there is still a great deal that we do not know about life in the village during the First World War. We hope readers of the Parish Magazine will enjoy looking at the images in detail on their screens and in time will come and look at the album itself when we reopen.

Phillipa Malins

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

FSW Christmas Appeal 2020



This year, as usual, we will be collecting **new** toys, games and Christmas gifts to distribute to local families in need, along with special food items for their Christmas hampers. Donations can be brought to church on **Saturday 5 December between 9.30 and 12.00** or left in the Church Tower after the Sunday morning services.

The following gift items would be particularly welcome: -

- Dolls (particularly ethnic/non-white ones)
- Cars, tractors, trucks and other vehicles
- Lego, Duplo
- Puzzles and games, including family board games
- Books, Annuals
- Toiletries – for men, women or teenagers
- Craft materials, felt pens, crayons, pens, pencil cases
- Vouchers – Boots, Superdrug, Argos, The Works, Claire's Accessories
- Wrapping paper

Please do not wrap the gifts.

Suggestions for Christmas hampers include: -

- Jam, cranberry sauce, pickles, mayonnaise
- Chocolates, confectionary
- Fancy biscuits, cakes
- Savory biscuits & snacks, Pringles
- Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, mince pies
- Boxes of crackers
- Tins of meat, fish, fruit, custard
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Fruit juice

This year has been a particularly challenging one for our families and many will be struggling to provide even the basic necessities this Christmas. Supermarket vouchers would be very welcome (maybe you have some Nectar points that you could convert to vouchers?)

If you have donations and cannot get to church, please phone Jane on **01444 617158** who will arrange collection.

HELP US TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Many thanks.



Dear Friends,

I write this just after the Harvest festival for many churches. We have been humbled by the generosity of many parishes who have continued to collect for us (both food and monetary donations). As we enter further into autumn these contributions will be put to very good use with our families.

It has been a challenging month with the return to school bringing positives and negatives for our families. There is relief that children are able to restart their education and socialise again, but the effect of lockdown has meant that some families are struggling hugely with their mental health and their finances. We are also getting new referrals regularly as teachers and other professionals recognise a need for support that has developed over the last six months.

We are trying hard to replace lost income and have a number of virtual events happening between now and Christmas. We would love to see as many people as possible join in – all the information can be found on the Events page of our website. The recent abseil at Peacehaven Cliffs was a great success with over £13,000 being raised, so thank you to everybody who supported that event.

We would normally be in a very busy period of meetings, talks and events in parishes throughout Sussex. In the absence of these we are still very conscious of all the prayer, practical and financial support being given so although we are not able to see you all in person, please know that we are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support of our work.

Last month's work in numbers

- 242 (socially distanced) visits to families and 134 phone calls supporting 49 grandparents, 318 parents and 305 children
- 28 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype etc.) with other agencies
- 265 deliveries of food and other items (such as children's activities) made

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



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Zooming through Handel's *Messiah*

Thursday December 10th 2020, 7pm for one hour via the link at

www.holytrinitycuckfield.org with Dr. Suzie Wilkins



Handel's musical masterpiece, composed in 1741, is a staple of festive concerts around the world and is so popular it has been performed every year since 1742. It is a perennial favourite with singers, audiences and, due to its unusually high bums-on-seats potential, choir treasurers alike. But what is it about this sacred oratorio, composed in a frenzied 24 days of inspiration, that has enchanted audiences for over 250 years?

In this Zoom presentation, you'll be given a whistle-stop tour through the background of the music and its creators. Learn about the naturalised British citizen, George Frederick Handel, who once fought a duel over who should play the harpsichord and started the ongoing tradition that performances of *Messiah*

raise money for charitable causes. Discover librettist and rather difficult character, the Non-Juror Charles Jennens, who soon got over his initial rather scathing disappointment with *Messiah* when he saw its instant popularity! All the history will be brought to life with numerous illustrations, photographs and clips from some wonderful recordings.

Perhaps surprisingly, *Messiah* does not relate the life and ministry of Christ – who isn't even mentioned by name until over an hour into the music – instead giving the audience a spirited sense of vast themes such as the Nativity, Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord. It chooses carefully drawn texts from both the Old and New Testaments to proclaim a message that redemption through Jesus is the fulfilment of the words of the Old Testament prophets, and arguably at times even overstretches its interpretation of the scriptures!

The use of these sacred words has been problematic for some (mostly clergy) over the years, with some big names such as John Newton speaking out against the work. This admittedly wasn't helped by Handel asking a notorious actress who been taken to court for 'carnally knowing' a man other than her husband to be a soloist at the Dublin premiere...

Others have complained about the distinctly secular style of much of Handel's music, some of which was borrowed from his own Italian duets. Despite these problems, it is undeniable that the music expresses its text with a joyful and energetic characterisation which has helped the music speak to listeners of all backgrounds for centuries. Who can't help but feel the triumph of God's majesty in the 'Hallelujah Chorus'?

So, make a cup of tea, plug in your best speakers and join us on December 10th to explore this wonderful piece. Absolutely no musical experience necessary!

Dr Suzie Wilkins

OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL

Thank you to everyone one who donated their small change and foreign coins in support of Elisabeth Dunnett's favourite charity. The total was £300.

But to enable us to have free and easy courier service for the foreign and obsolete coins, another 3 kgs is needed!

Please once more turn out the various useful pots where left over holiday money lurks and help reach the weighty 10 kgs! It may be handed in at the Church Office.

Thank you, *The Outreach Committee*



Former Organist and Choir Director at Holy Trinity Church **David Curtis-Brignell** has been awarded an MBE for services to tourism in the Queen's Birthday Honours List published on 10th October.

David was Organist and Choir Director for 12 years to 2015 and prior to that ffff for 9 years at St Wilfrid's Haywards Heath. He still plays regularly at churches across Sussex.

David recently stepped down as Deputy Chief Executive of **Visit Kent**, **Visit Herts** and **GoToPlaces** but understands that his nomination for an MBE was in recognition of the 'decades' of voluntary work he did in the industry as **Chair of Visit England's English Tourism Week** for 10 years (and prior to that **British Tourism Week** which he co-founded) and his activities with the professional organisation **The Tourism Society**. He was one of the longest serving members

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of the Board and uniquely spent two terms as the Society's Chairman. A Founder member, in the early years he edited the first members' handbook and membership list and created and edited for 6 years the journal **Tourism**. In later years he developed the annual Tourism Symposium. David was also involved in a tourism project for The Prince's Countryside Trust.

His career started in local government in Worthing and Swanage before he joined the English Tourist Board. After 9 years he moved to the commercial sector holding senior roles in international hotel companies, a tour operator and for the past 5 years the Destination Management Organisation (DMO), Visit Kent. Here he started the new DMO Visit Herts from scratch and then re-engineered the 14 year old Visit Kent to be more stakeholder focussed and introduced Corporate Members. He was instrumental in starting up the trading arm, GoToPlaces, and introduced an annual awards programme as well as winning valuable contracts outside of Kent and Hertfordshire and expanding the annual "Big Weekend" into other destinations such as Jersey and Norfolk and adapting the campaign to other users such as ferry operators. In 2018 he wrote a hotel development strategy which led to major research and an increased level of new hotels in Kent.

David says that he is definitely not retiring – he is now looking at ways of helping businesses and tourism and hospitality staff affected by this year's downturn as a result of Covid-19 and will be taking on advisory, writing and public speaking roles.

ROTARY IS HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS YOU COULD HELP TOO!

Linking up with organisations like **Family Support Work** and others, the **Rotary Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield** is getting to the heart of the problem of families in distress, especially those affected by the Covid 19 situation. The way it is doing it is by providing desperately needed financial help.

Normally the Club raises around £25,000 for causes ranging from our hospices, to supporting small local volunteer organisations, plus some well-targeted projects in under-developed countries. This year, our Darts Marathon, and all the other fun fund-raising events have had to be cancelled, although members have helped to keep some funds flowing by donating their weekly meal money to the Club's Charitable Trust

Rotary Cuckfield & Lindfield has decided to make a widespread Christmas

Appeal to enable it to support the efforts of the local organisations that are reaching the truly needy. Some people are fortunate to have their income intact, but their outgoings reduced due to Covid 19, so perhaps they could spare a little for those less fortunate.

You could help this effort by making a donation via their Virgin Money Giving page.

Please go to website <http://www.rotarycl.org> and scroll down to the 'Donate' button

While you are on the website, have a look at what the Club gets up to. If you are interested in knowing more, email a message to rccl@gmx.com



MOLE - AND I LIVE IN A HOLE

If your lawn is full of nectar-rich flowers for butterflies and bees, with a patch of long grass for grasshoppers and hedgehogs, then Mother Nature will thank you. But if you're one of those particular people who demands that their lawn is a perfectly manicured carpet, slathered in chemicals and shamelessly shaved each summer Sunday, then Mother Nature will not be happy and she'll send in her best hit man. So, while we remember, remember Guy Fawkes in November, I'm here to celebrate Britain's other infamous tunnelling terrorist – the mole.

It's hard to bond with the mole. Like 99.9% of us, I've never seen one and probably never will. They're almost a supernatural entity – the Bigfoot of the back garden. Their invisibility means my mental image of the mole has been painted by The Wind in the Willows and children's cartoons instead of real-life encounters. I'm always surprised when I see an actual photo of one and it's not wearing glasses.

Moles aren't blind. Admittedly, they'll be struggling by the second line of an eye test but there isn't much call for perfect eyesight when you spend all your life in total darkness. Instead, their pink nose is covered with 5,000 sensory organs which register touch and vibration, allowing the mole to 'see' with its

snout, a super-sense that makes them efficient hunters. Their tunnel network spreads out like an underground web and when a wiggling worm drops into it the mole's super-senses tingle, sending them scrambling through their pitch-black passageways. Worms are captured, cleaned, beheaded and stored, still wriggling, in a larder for future consumption.

The mole's front paws are like a pair of giant pink snow-shovels and come equipped with an extra thumb, a characteristic they share with the giant panda. These wide shovel-hands can move an incredible 540 times their own weight of soil in a day. That's like me moving 55.46 tonnes of mud (and before you go scrambling for your calculators, yes, I could do with losing a few pounds).

The molehills that erupt on our lawns are spoil heaps created by the construction work below. OK –they're unsightly but gardeners should be welcoming moles. When potted, molehill soil makes an excellent growing medium for seeds and seedlings, so if you're blessed with molehills - grab a trowel. Once the tunnels are completed the molehills will stop appearing and, in the long run, mole burrowing bestows untold benefits to soil aeration and quality. But for me, it's a pleasure just knowing that such an amazing animal is living, unseen, a few inches below my feet. Some people will still complain but I guess some folk will always make a mountain out of a, well, y'know.

Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust

NOVEMBER GARDEN NOTES

September was set to be completely devoid of rain until Storm Alex tracked across from the continent bringing much needed, though rather heavy, rain. 4 inches (100mm) in 4 days and unwelcome strong winds. It's been pretty wet since.

Some vulnerable trees fell (we lost a large Liquidamber which had some rot in the stem), leaves and plant debris was strewn along the sides of roads. However, the good news is the grass looks much healthier and the ground is now soft enough for planting bulbs and shrubs. November is always a variable month with either clear skies and frosts or murky, misty, damp weather.

In the veg garden take down bean poles, burn bean haulms, especially if infected with rust, likewise bin any tomato plants with blight. Stake sprouts and other vulnerable brassicas; keep harvesting leeks, swede and parsnips. Cover brassicas

with netting as pigeons will undoubtedly find your plants and peck away as winter arrives. Compost as much garden waste as you can like leaves and dead stems. Unwanted seed heads and perennials weeds are best burnt if you are able to without upsetting neighbours or taken to the amenity tip.

As winter draws in, indoor plants can bring good cheer and a welcome splash of natural colour into our homes. Non-hardy cyclamen will keep best if you remove dying and mouldy leaves and flowers to avoid botrytis infections, with the flowers twisting/ rotating the stem as low down as possible until it severs. Indoor azaleas need plenty of water but winter cactus little. Both prefer plenty of light but not the brilliant south facing window sill sort. East or west facing or a position set back from a south facing window is best. East or west facing or a position set back from a south facing window is best. Poinsettias like it warm with reasonable light. African Violets are easy to look after and even the fun looking carnivorous plants though they don't produce any colourful in the flowering department.

If you save/overwinter tender plants like salvias, pelargoniums, nemesias and some fuchsias they need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into a greenhouse or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, some may survive if partially wrapped in bubble polythene. Waterlogged or frozen pots are bad news!

For those who store vegetables and fruit, keep a check regularly for rotten/ mouldy ones. As the biblical saying goes: 'a little yeast works through a whole batch of dough. Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast' (1 Corinthians 5 v 6), i.e., one bad one can infect a whole lot of good ones!

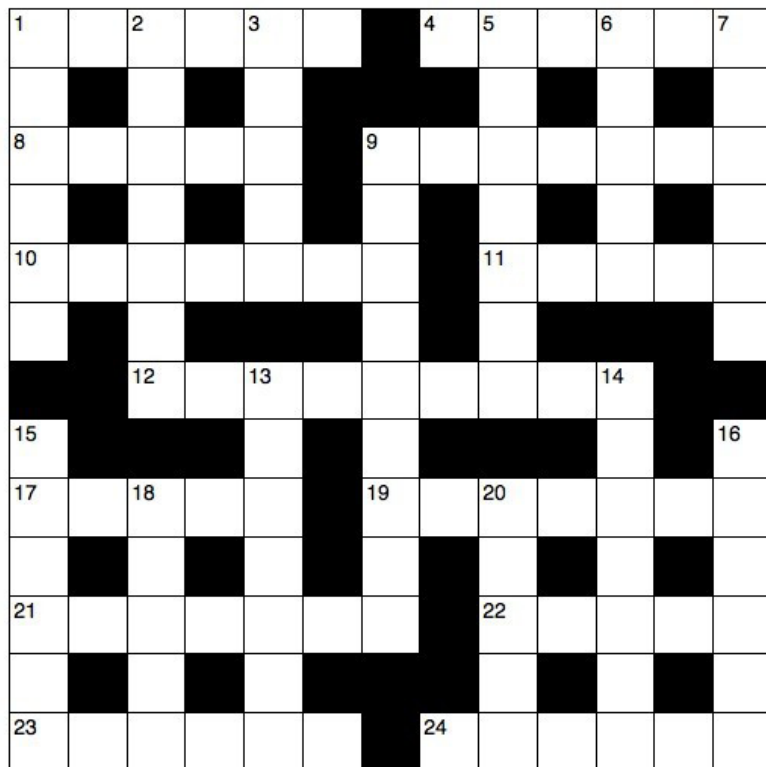
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IN MEMORIAM

Cyril William TARRY	Aged 93
Cosmo Ray VICCARI	Aged 89
Stella Barbara CHANTLER	Aged 77
Rosemary Vivien GOODERHAM	Aged 71

November Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)

- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

(Answers on page 42)

HOLY BAPTISM

Rupert Peter BOHANNA



HOLY MATRIMONY

Michael James O'CONNOR and Laura Kimberley CHESTER

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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November 2020 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

Apart from on the first Sunday of the month there are no Evensong services at present but the readings for the day are still listed for information

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS

8.00am Holy Communion

Revelation 7: 9-end; 1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

9.45am Family Eucharist (*ticketed*)

6.00pm Choral Evensong (in church)

Isaiah 65: 17-end; Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00am Parish Communion (*ticketed*)

Amos 5: 18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end;

Matthew 25: 1-13

10.50am Service of Remembrance (At the War Memorial)

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion

As 9.45am

9.45am Parish Eucharist (*ticketed*)

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;

Matthew 25: 14-30

4.00pm Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving (*ticketed*)

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING

8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

As 9.45am

9.45am Parish Eucharist (*ticketed*)

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-end;

Matthew 25: 31-end

Evensong (For information only)

2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Matthew 28: 16-end

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion

As 9.45am

9.45am Parish Eucharist (*ticketed*)

Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;

Mark 13: 24-end

Evensong (For information only)

Isaiah 1: 1-20; Matthew 21: 1-13

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8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion (Traditional Language, said)

1st Sunday

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Other Sundays

9.45 a.m. - Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) – ticketed, via the church website or the Church Office

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

6.30 p.m. - Space for Grace

Monthly

When advertised

6.00 p.m. - Evensong

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1st Sunday

9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist

Other Sundays

9.45 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

Monthly

When advertised

6.00 p.m. - Evensong

Weekdays

10.30 a.m. Wednesdays - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.00 a.m. Thursdays - Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

11.00 a.m. Fridays - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/>

Please note that after clicking on the Zoom link you will enter a 'waiting room' from where you will join the service