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## CHURCH SERVICES

#### St. Anne's East Wittering

| Sundays:               | 8:00am  | Said Eucharist (Last Sunday of the month BCP)        |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|--|
|                        | 10:00am | PARISH EUCHARIST and Sunday School                   |  |
| Tuesdays               | 7.00pm  | Said Eucharist                                       |  |
| Wednesdays & Thursdays | 10.00am | Said Eucharist                                       |  |
| Fridays                | 7.00pm  | Said Eucharist (1st Friday Compline and Benediction) |  |
| Saturdays              | 9.30am  | Said Eucharist                                       |  |
|                        |         | Morning and Evening prayer is said Tuesday to Friday |  |
|                        |         | At 9:00am and 5:30pm and Saturday at 9:00am          |  |
| Earnley                |         |  |  |
| Sundays:               | 9:00am  | Sung Eucharist                                       |  |
| ·                      | 6:00pm  | Evensong as announced                                |  |

Weddings, Holy Baptisms and Confessions on request to the Rectory See also St Anne's Website: www.stanneschurcheastwittering.btck.co.uk http://facebook.com/stanneschurcheastwittering

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# **RECTOR'S LETTER**



As we journey on our pilgrimage through Lent, some of you made personal devotions by either giving things up or endeavoring to go that little bit extra for Christ, and I hope you are succeeding in your personal commitment. Throughout the liturgical year, the Church also makes certain changes to the Mass to reflect the liturgical season. You will have seen the change in the colour of the priest's vestments, the absence of the Gloria, the sparseness of the church during Lent, and probably the most obvious, is

forgoing the use of the word 'Alleluia' (or 'bacon and eggs' as some clergy use as a substitute). As to why we give up saying this word is very difficult to answer without actually saying the word itself!

The word comes to us from Hebrew, and it means "praise Yahweh". Traditionally, it is seen as the chief term of praise of the choirs of angels, as they worship around the throne of God in Heaven. It is, therefore, a term of great joy, and our use during Mass is a way of participating in the angels' worship. It is also a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven is already established on earth, in the form of the Church, and that our participation in the Mass is a participation in Heaven.

During Lent, however, our focus had been on the Kingdom coming, not on the Kingdom having come. In the readings in the Masses for Lent and in the Liturgy, the focus has been on the spiritual journey of Old Testament Israel toward the coming of Christ, and the salvation of mankind in His death and resurrection.

We, too, have been, and indeed still are, on a spiritual journey toward the Second Coming and our future life in Heaven. In order to emphasize that journey, the Church, during Lent, removes 'the praise of Yahweh' from the Mass. We no longer sing with the choirs of angels; instead, we acknowledge our sins and practise repentance, so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshipping God as the angels do.

That day comes triumphantly on Easter Sunday—or, rather, at the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday night, when the deacon or priest chants again the 'Alleluia' before he reads the Gospel, and everyone present responds with "Alleluia". The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of "Alleluia"!

So thank you to all of you as you persevere with your Lenten observance, and I wish you all a happy Easter towards the close of the month.

With every blessing, love and prayers,



Fr Steve.

## **St. ANNE'S NEWS AND INFORMATION**

#### LENTEN THOUGHTS

"Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honoured, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast by being free of avarice. Let the feet fast by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful. Let the ear fast by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism..... May He who came to the world to save sinners strengthen us to complete the fast with humanity; have mercy on us and save us."

#### JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

## EASTER PRAYER OF THANKS

Gracious, loving Father, Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus' resurrection on that first Easter Day. Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life has meaning and purpose. When we don't understand why some things happen, When life is difficult, when we are struggling through pain and loss, Help us to know your risen presence and love in our lives. Help us to choose to trust you. Help us always to be thankful for your amazing Easter gift of life and hope. In Jesus' name,

Amen



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#### **DAPHNE KITCHING**

#### MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.



When he got to the Red Sea, Moses had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed HQ for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, startled.

"Well, no," her son admitted, "but if I told it the way the teacher did you'd just never ever believe it!"

# EDITORIAL

At the end of January, as I indicated in last month's Parish Life, there was a serious accident in our household. I was dusting (not my most favourite occupation, as many of you will know) and I picked up Emily Jane to move her away from the centre of activities, when her head suddenly flopped to one side and dropped off! Now Emily Jane is well over 100 years old and to think that she might end her life without a head horrified me. Emily Jane is a 32 inch doll of German extraction, which an old lady I used to help and generally look out for put into my care, because no-one in her family wanted her, and she needed to know someone would be looking after her when she herself passed on to happier realms. My daughter-in-law has promised to take care of her when I get to that stage myself!



But to get back to headless Emily Jane! You may recall that I had broken the news to my son Jonathan when he called from the States shortly after the accident, and, upon consulting his iPhone, which seems to have the answer to everything, he had given me a contact number in Selsey that might be able to put body and head together again. Our trip to Crete being imminent, I left it at that to follow it up on our return.....And it was then that I met Mary! What Mary doesn't know about antique dolls you could get on a pin head! If she doesn't know it she'll find out somehow, even if it means taking the doll to pieces, photographing each stage, whilst praying that she can put it together again. What a remarkable woman! She's retired now, but is still as passionate about dolls as she must have been when she first became interested in them. Suffice it to say that I was quite content to leave Emily Jane in her care – already lying dismembered on her dining room table. The diagnosis was that the elastic that kept her together was perishing – not surprising after more than 100 years!



I'm pleased to announce that Emily Jane is back home with her family of teddy and two penguins, with her dress washed and ironed and new elastic in her sleeves, a petticoat that she never had before, clean hair in two bunches tied with ribbons "like it would have been originally" (Mary's words). Mary's one regret is that she couldn't find any socks that fitted her, because her shoes are very tight. Mary hands me before I leave a small slip of paper with what she's found out about Emily Jane – her maker and number and....that she's older than we thought – born in 1892! But I've come away with a lasting memory of Mary and her dedication and passion in relation to antique

dolls and learning every bit she can about them and how they work. It's a passion that we all need and should have in our job as Christians, to learn as much about what we believe and what Jesus taught and wants us to do for him, don't you think?

We the willing led by the unknowing have done so much with so little for so long. We are now qualified to do anything with nothing. The band's OK but if I were you I'd get rid of the singer with the tyre-tread lips. BBC radio producer rejecting the Rolling Stones at a 1963 audition.

# St. ANNE'S NEWS AND INFORMATION



#### ST ANNE'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The February meeting was our New Year lunch. Again The Shore played host to, what turned out to be, virtually the whole membership of St. Anne's Fellowship Circle that hadn't been smitten by the 'dreaded lurgy'. Good food, efficient service supplied by the friendly staff and good company, what more could you ask for! The hubbub of jovial conversation seemed to take over the whole establishment and only died down when the food appeared!

The next meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> April, but before that the next Sunday Tea is on 7<sup>th</sup> April, as usual, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

**CAROLE COLMAN** 



# **TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE - UPDATE**

# Exchange

TRAIDCRAFT Gospel House, Saidpur, Prokritee, Noah's Ark and CORR jute works attend a trade fair

In February, thanks to our supporters, five of the worst affected producer groups were able to showcase their products to new buyers at a European trade show. My colleague Kate met the producers at 6am at a bustling conference centre in Frankfurt, Germany, where trades people and artisans were gathered to display their goods, and representatives from buyers across the globe were looking to make orders, build contacts and find new products. Shiran from Gospel House spoke to Kate about their hopes and plans:

"I'd like to thank all the people who have supported us – they have seen the vision and seen how it works. We are thankful Gospel House is in the hearts of so many people...we've had an order of 1500 small wooden emergency vehicles, which, although small, is still positive."



The chance to attend the fair and gain new orders also provided a lifeline to Saidpur Enterprises, who told us:

"The design team helped us set up the stand so it looks attractive to new buyers. We can see the outcomes directly – everyone who comes here has appreciated the designs and the set up. We've had a lot of interest.....the new designs of cards and printed washbags have been popular, and a few people have placed orders for samples of cards. We have had new buyers, but also been able to see existing buyers and so been able to showcase new designs to them. Showcasing products at a fair like this also means that people can change designs to suit their needs – for example, ordering products in different colours or sizes."

It's not just producer groups your donations are supporting,.....we are continuing the lifechanging work we do with some of the world's most vulnerable people - from those exploited in bonded labour in India, to disabled people working in rural Tanzania, to women scraping a living from gathering fruit in West Africa. This Easter, we'll be focusing our appeal on our ground-breaking work in Southern Senegal, which I look forward to sharing with you.

#### **ESTHER STEVENSON CEO, Traidcraft Exchange**



DOES YOUR GROUP OR **CLUB REQUIRE A PLACE** FOR MEETINGS?

St. Anne's church may be able to help.

Contact Fr. Steve 01243 672260 Or Barbara on 01243 670791

#### **HIGHER POWER?**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, ' We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a higher power. Can anyone tell me what it is?'



'Aces.'

# GOD'S WORD TRANSFORMED EDUARDO......



When you meet Eduardo, it's impossible to imagine this polite, softly-spoken church pastor could ever have been a violent, drug-taking killer, but his life was utterly transformed when he met Jesus in the pages of the Bible.

Eduardo was born into a poor family in Guatemala City. This is a violent place where murder rates, extortion and violent crime are among the worst in the world. Aged just

nine, Eduardo took drugs for the first time – and slipped into gang life. In the so-called zonas rojas, or urban slums, the drug cartels rule and hire kids like Eduardo as couriers, dealers and even killers....Eduardo tells me about a time a hit man burst into his home, raised a gun to shoot, but the weapon jammed......and he recalls another occasion when he tried to commit suicide. I can't believe it when I hear Eduardo was convicted for murder when he was a teenager and spent four years behind bars. But at the youth detention centre our team met Eduardo and everything changed.

I visited one of these centre and was shocked at the living conditions. The cells were overcrowded, packed with teenage boys with shaved heads. Guards were everywhere. I had to take off my tie and watch in case they were snatched and used as weapons. But our team comes every week to this dark place to distribute Scripture, run Bible studies and share God's love. And it's where Eduardo gave his life to Jesus.

"When no-one cared for me, Christ came and took me in," he said. "My past has been erased. I was able to know Jesus and my life was saved."

Eduardo became a 'multiplier', an inmate who lead the Bible programme from within the detention centre. When there are riots, and our teams are not able to visit, the 'multipliers' become a vital support to

new Christians. Eduardo started running church services and leading Bible studies. When he was released, Eduardo trained as a pastor and now leads a church of his own.

"I do nothing, it's God who makes those things possible," added Eduardo. "God allowed me to be alive because he has a big purpose for me."

#### STUART NOBLE, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Bible Society

PACTNEWS Petworth Area Churches Together *-working together in harmony* APRILNEWS



APRIL NEWS

Spring Lecture - Friday 5th April 6pm at St Mary's Petworth GU28 0AD

**Damian Hinds MP**, **Minister of Education**, to speak on *'Developing Character Through Education'*. The Bishop of Horsham will chair this important meeting. Please note the earlier start time of **6pm**.

All welcome, especially School Governors, Head Teachers, and Teachers.

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

# DIARY DATES

| Tuesdays  | <ul> <li>'Meet &amp; Greet' - Memorial Hall, W. Wittering 10am - 1 pm</li> <li>2nd Tuesday - Garden &amp; Wine Club - E. Wittering VH 7.30pm</li> <li>1st &amp; 3rd Tues (Sept-May) - Wittering Camera Club - Sports Pavilion,<br/>Rookwood Road, W. Wittering, 7.30pm</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Wednesdays Youth Drop In Centre, - W. Wittering Pavilion, 7.00 - 9.00pm                             |   |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays   | 4th Wednesday - St. Anne's Fellowship Circle - E. Wittering VH 2.30pm   |  |  |  |  |
| i nui suays   | <b>1st Thursday-The Thursday Group</b> - Bracklesham Barn 2.00-4.00pm   |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Thurs   | Citizens' Advice Bureau back of Health Centre 9.30-11.30am  |  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>Last Thursday - VIP (Visually Impaired) Club -</b> Medical Centre 2.30pm For more information or a lift please contact Jean Church on 670799.  |  |  |  |  |
| Fridays   | 'Tea &Chat' at the URC Church, Oakfield Avenue. 1.30 pm onward  |  |  |  |  |
| <u>April</u><br>Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                   | Lent 5<br>Palm Sunday   | 9.40am Walk of Witness starting at the Medical Centre  |  |  |  |
| Monday15 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Thurs18 <sup>th</sup> | <ul> <li>7.00 pm Healing Wholeness with laying on of hands and anointing</li> <li>10.00am Said Eucharist - 7.00pmTaize, quiet reflection &amp; meditation</li> <li>Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm Sung Eucharist foot washing &amp; stripping of</li> <li>church followed by time to watch &amp; pray until 10.30pm ending with</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Compline<br>Good Friday   | 12.00noon Stations of the Cross<br>2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy  |  |  |  |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 8.00pm<br>Easter Sunday:  | Easter Vigil Sung Eucharist<br>8.00am Said Eucharist<br>9.00am Sung Eucharist at Earnley<br>10.00am Sung Celebration Eucharist |  |  |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Easter 2  |  |  |  |  |

# FROM THE REGISTERS

| The Recently Departed:                      |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Thelma Lefevre<br>Josephine Robertson       | Don James     |  |
| "In my Father's house there are many rooms. | " John 14 v.2 |  |

## JOBS FOR THE SAINTS - St Isidore - the Internet, St Benezet - Bridges



**St. Isidore 560-636** In 1997 Pope John Paul II was petitioned by some Catholics in the digital industries for their own patron saint. Isidore of Seville they felt to be a suitable candidate. Isidore had been Bishop of Seville for 3 decades. Having died in 636, Isidore had never surfed the Web, so why him? But what he had done was to set himself the task of recording all known knowledge and by the time he died he had produced a 20 volume encyclopedia. It was written in Latin and contained all human knowledge. For 1,000 years it was

considered the tool for all those seeking knowledge and wisdom. More than a century before his birth in 560 in Cartagena, Spain, Rome had fallen to the barbarians and the Roman Empire and its achievements started to fall apart as the barbarian tribes advanced burning libraries, smashing works of art and destroying the very fabric of Roman civilisation. Isidore set himself the task of recording the essentials of Roman law and government, architecture, how to build roads and make furniture, the rudiments of medicine and agriculture and much, much more - making sure that Roman civilisation and its accomplishments would never be forgotten. He was canonised by the 8<sup>th</sup> Council of Toledo and is commemorated on the day of his death, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**St. Benezet 1163 – 1184** Outside the city of Avignon in France Benezet grazed his flock of sheep.. He was about 15 years old when he had a vision of God telling him to build a bridge for the people of the area over the River Rhone. Having no training in building anything and no money for materials, he went to the Bishop of Avignon for help, but was given short shrift. But Benezet was not one to give up and he recruited a team of volunteers, and they started collecting materials for the bridge. Legend has it that angels looked after his sheep while he was working, and that he proved the truth that he was following instructions from God, by carrying single-handed and placing in the river a huge block of stone for the foundation for one of the piers of the bridge. Such was his persistence that eventually the bishop and the local authorities came up with the funds the engineers needed to complete the work. Sadly, Benezet died six years after he started his building work aged 21 years, and before the bridge was finished. A little chapel was built on the bridge and the bishop buried him there. He was adopted as the patron saint of

Avignon, and 5 years later when the bridge was finished, he was adopted by the Guild of Bridge Builders as their patron saint too. A flood in 1669 washed away part of the bridge. Benezet's body was moved to Avignon Cathedral and later to the Church of St. Didier. The ruined bridge is still standing and Avignon is still devoted to St. Benezet. His feast day is on 14<sup>th</sup> April. CRC



CHURCH NOTICE: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Cusworth to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



If we fail to teach our children the skills they need to think clearly, they will march behind whatever guru wears the shiniest cloak. *Paul Boyer, chemistry Laureate 1997* 

# HOW TO IDENTIFY BUMBLEBEES



April is a great time of year to pay a little attention to some of the small but vitally important creatures that live all around us, but that we often take for granted – our bumblebees. At this time of year the queen bumblebees have just come out of hibernation- huge, furry zeppelins of the insect world. If you have bee-friendly flowers in your garden you will see them hungrily feeding, for they haven't had a meal for seven months.

Once they are replete, you'll see them flying low to the ground – they are hoping to find a hole that leads down to a cosy abandoned mouse nest, their favourite place to build their own nest. Bumblebees are wild creatures, cousins of the smaller, more drab honeybees that we keep in hives. Take a moment to watch them and you will soon see that there are different types - we have 26 species in the UK, and you can easily see seven different ones in any garden or park. Learn these seven and you can amaze (or annoy) your friends by pointing out the different types.

Most common is the buff-tailed bumblebee, one of the biggest, with two golden yellow stripes and a brownish tail. The white-tailed bumblebee is quite similar, but as the name suggests, the tail is white and the yellow stripes a paler, more lemony yellow. Once you have those two sorted it gets easier. Look out for the garden bumblebee, like the white-tailed, but with three yellow stripes and an enormously long tongue, half the length of its own body, that it uses to suck nectar from deep flowers that other bumblebees cannot reach. The red-tailed bumblebee is a piece of cake – velvety black with a bright red bottom. Then there is the common garden bumblebee – a drab gingery brown all over. The early bumblebee is a sweet little bumblebee, smaller than the others, with two yellow stripes and a rusty red bottom. And finally, there is the tree bumblebee, chestnut brown at the front, black in the middle with a white bottom. Unlike the

others, it likes to nest in the holes in trees, hence the name.

Take your time. There is no rush. The bees will be with us now until the end of summer. Move slowly and you can get very close to them – they are very docile and will never sting so long as you don't grab them in your hand.



DAVE GOULSON

Professor of Biology and author of A Sting in the Tale and A Buzz in the Meadow Taken from The Big Issue

## POWER OF LISTENING

Opposition to childhood vaccines is growing, and the views of the 'antivaxxers' has taken hold, according to alarming research carried out by Queen Mary University of London. I think this is, at least, in part the fault of doctors. We've arrogantly dismissed the genuine fears of people who worry about the vaccination of their children, bombarding them with statistics



instead. Professor Heidi Larson at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine – and head of its Vaccine Confidence Project – says that listening to people's concerns without interruption and talking them through, does bear fruit. Doctors need to heed her advice: we need to listen more and lecture less.

Taken from DR MAX writing in The Daily Mail, March 2 2019

# ELIJAH'S 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHARIOT



#### Jonathan Still found one of the most famous Old Testament passages brought suddenly to life.

When mortals tell of divine wonders, they must do so in earthbound pictures analogy: thunder, fire, wind and mighty terebinths stand in for the unspeakable and inexpressible. As technology developed, the chariot and its wheels came to serve this function, as in the first chapter of Ezekiel. Wheels within wheels, wings

and brazen limbs, intervening tongues of flame form a mind-blowing image as the writers struggled to express the ground of all being.

A modern comparison might be the helicopter. It too has reciprocating motion, generates noise and can inspire wonder. For those who serve in our armed forces, the helicopter is often the means by which they enter the theatre of conflict. More importantly, however, when supplies are low, when darkness is approaching, when comrades are wounded or the position seems untenable, the sound of the approaching rotors brings hope of relief and signals the start of the journey home.

I recently attended the funeral of a young marine. After the service, his six closest comrades bore his coffin from the church in the little village where he had grown up to his grave. They lowered the coffin hand over hand then stood to attention at the graveside, their ramrod forms betrayed by their silent tears. After the rifle company salutes, there was an extended silence. The wind curled the flag. I became aware of

birdsong, and what a beautiful day it was, and what a tranquil resting- place. Then, in the distance, a quiet "Bub-bub-bub-bub" began to build insistently, louder and louder, until the ground beneath our feet vibrated. Suddenly, a Chinook helicopter with its distinctive, whirring double blades burst upon us, just clearing the trees surrounding the church.



I feared we would be swept away in its draught – but, no, we stood, robes and air fluttering, as the great beast slowly drifted directly over the grave, paused and dipped its head in salute. Then it departed heavenwards, and, as the tears clouded my eyes and ran down my cheeks, I felt rising within me the words of Elisha: "My father, my father, the chariots and horseman of Israel!"

#### CANON JONATHAN STILL,

Vicar of Buckland Newton, Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone and Minterne Magna, and Rural Dean of Dorchester, writing in *The Church Times* 



Keen athletes will practise anywhere, and none were keener than three Mozambique athletes competing in the 1991 World Student games in Sheffield. They were delighted to find a nice stretch of straight road to run on which was close to their accommodation. Their practice sessions were soon brought to a halt, though, when they were arrested by police and charged with running on the M1 motorway.

# EASTER IS FOR GROWN-UPS



# Martin Bashir, the BBC's religion editor, describes his conversion to Christianity – and why religion remains relevant.

If Christmas is now a secular celebration...,then what do we make of Easter? Is Holy Week more about chocolate eggs than the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ? And since the latest British Social Attitudes Survey says that more than half (53%) of the British public now describe themselves as having 'no religion', isn't it time to consign these Christian festivals to history? Should we accept the advice offered by an advertising campaign on the side of London buses in

2008 that read, "There's probably no God – now stop worrying and enjoy your life"? These are some of the questions that I've been grappling with since I returned to the UK in 2016, after working for 12 years as a news broadcaster in New York and became the BBC's religion editor. The business of journalism demands objectivity and fairness, but there is no such thing as perfect impartiality because all of us carry our own cultural freight, and I'm no different.

My parents came to Britain from Pakistan in 1951, my father having served with the Royal Navy throughout the Second World War. They would describe themselves as liberal Muslims, firmly embracing of British culture, and did not insist upon attendance at a mosque beyond my tenth birthday. That experience piqued as early interest in theology and philosophy, and I found myself embracing the Christian faith in my late teens after attending a church in south London.

But Christians speak of their faith as a journey or pilgrimage for good reason. The experience of faith and doubt, of moral failure and repentance, of incarnating what that faith means in practice, is a daily challenge. In my experience, there is no mastery of mystery. That's a good thing because, soon after I rejoined the BBC in 2016, the corporation started a series of consultations to consider the audience's appetite for religion. It was an interesting experience, being appointed to cover a subject that was immediately up for review – one that could have resulted in the religious affairs portfolio being cut. But the results are in – and that's not how things turned out.

We heard repeatedly that our audiences are interested in moral questions, but are living in a less structured moral environment. So while previous generations may have considered the possibility of foetal screening or physician-assisted suicide through the prism of a religion, many now ask exactly the same question but without the resources of theology. Audiences are less interested in the architecture of religion and more interested in how theology and ethical beliefs shape the way we live.

Last November I went to Iceland, where not a single mother gave birth to a child with Down's syndrome after undergoing foetal screening for the condition and being given the choice of a termination. Denmark has experienced a similar outcome. We interviewed Dr.Kari Stefansson, one of the world's leading geneticists, who explained that, 40years earlier, when he was in medical school, developing a test for Down's syndrome was regarded as the Holy Grail. But now, he said, he's not only worried about 'cleansing' countries of certain genetic abnormalities, but also that foetal screening might be used to test not just for abnormalities but for talents too. What then, he asked?

# EASTER IS FOR GROWN-UPS (Cont/d....)

Again, I confess that I'm not detached from this debate. My brother, Tommy, with muscular dystrophy, whom I loved deeply, his life was taken by the disease in 1991 aged just 29. From an economic perspective, his value was limited since he never did a day's work and probably cost the state an additional  $\pounds 200,000$ , when compared with an ablebodied child. I can't imagine my life without Tommy having been part of it, and he became the motivation for so many of my best endeavours, from sport to work. But who decides on the value of a life? Interestingly, Judeo-Christian writing offers an important principle known by the ancients as 'Imago Dei'. It is the belief that each individual is made in the image of God, regardless of status, wealth, achievement or social standing. It's the principle that led William Wilberforce, a politician of deep faith, to fight against slavery in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Imago Dei has shaped countless causes over the centuries and it comes from the pages of scripture. Our worldview (or belief, if you prefer) shapes everything from how we parent our children to how we die – and religion plays a formative role in this area.

It's worth pointing out, since the BBC also provides content for the World Service, that declining religious affiliation in Britain is not shared around the globe. According to the Pew Research Centre in 2015, 84% of people affiliate with a religion worldwide and this is predicted to rise over the next few decades. The growth of the church in Africa is particularly remarkable. In 1900 Africa had around 10 million Christians out of a continental population of 107 million – around 9%. Today that figure stands at 360 million Christians out of a population of 784 million – that's 46%. And that's just one faith across one continent.

Within the UK, Christianity has become less a faith by inheritance and much more one of choice. So the tradition of church attendance has declined, but those who do affiliate with a denomination tend to be committed and active participants. Grace Davie, in her book The Sociology of Religion, says, "In Europe as well as America, a new pattern is gradually emerging: that is a shift away from an understanding of a religion as a form of obligation and towards an increasing emphasis on ...choice." This could also explain why the majority of food banks in Britain are run by churches, and why faith leaders played such an important role in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire. A religion

of choice, as opposed to inheritance, tends to produce strong disciples.

For myself, Easter Sunday will be a working day, which starts early with SUNDAY BBC1's live coverage from Rome as Pope Francis delivers what is known as 'Urbi et Orbi' – a papal address to the city and the world. We'll then switch our attention to Canterbury, where Archbishop Justin Welby will deliver his Easter message. Across all our platforms, we'll be reporting what these leaders have to say, as Christians around the world celebrate what they believe happened to Christ during that final week of his life : that he was crucified, died and was then raised from the dead.



In many ways it's not surprising that the secular world has been able to co-opt Christmas, centred as it is around the birth of a baby in a stable – the stuff of many a child's Nativity



play. But Easter is for grown-ups. The Christian faith speaks of Christ's death on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for all our sin and wrong-doing and in his resurrection, the opportunity to start again.

While I'm as keen as anyone on chocolate, it can't be the only thing we think of when it comes to Easter Sunday, can it?

Taken from The Radio Times 31<sup>st</sup> March - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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#### BOOK NEWS

April is here, heralding Spring and the great feast of Eastertide. King's Bookshop has ideal Easter books for children and a super selection of stories for

holidaying adults – relax with romance, shiver with suspense, marvel at memories.

We also stock several volumes on selfimprovement - great guides on gardening, tips on travel, cooking up a storm with tasty recipes. There is something for all ages and you never know when the information may come in handy. Recently a mother and child stopped to admire the water feature outside the shop and the child suddenly swept several books off the display table into the pond. Both mother and child beat a hasty retreat before they could be challenged. In the shop is a children's book entitled MANNERS. If that mother had taught her child the virtue of apology they would both have learned a lot about self-improvement!

Come to King's and treat yourselves this Spring!

#### JOHN HYATT

## JACK'S JOURNAL

Last month I wrote to advise all my friends in The Witterings that I was on an extended holiday and didn't know when I'd return.



#### Well, I'm back!

I took everyone by surprise; my mistress wasn't expecting me and John had to reorganize his diary to prioritise my walks. I've only been away six weeks but things can change rapidly in your absence. My first port of call was The Pet they were still Store but being refurbished; I'm sure the new owner, Nick, will make it a magnet for me and all animals in the village. The staff in St. Wilfrid's Hospice Shop gave me a great welcome and so did the congregation in St. Anne's. I've only one beef about my return: my mistress Ros says I've put on too much weight, and John is planning an exercise routine for me. Extra rations are an essential part of a holiday! I hope I shan't be too slim-line when I write my next journal entry.



Snowdrops belong to the genus *Galanthus*, and snowdrop enthusiasts are known as 'galanthophiles'. Traditionally, snowdrops were used to treat headaches and as a painkiller. Single bulbs if desirable varieties, can fetch extraordinary prices. In 2012 a Scottish-bred snowdrop with a

yellow head and yellow markings on the white petals sold on eBay for £725. Snowdrops require good drainage to thrive. If you garden on heavy clay, add grit to the soil or grow them in a raised bed. The best time to buy snowdrops is just after flowering, when the leaves are still green. Many nurseries sell them in bundles at this time – look out for snowdrops 'in the green'.



#### **MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE SEA – Seeds of Fulfilment**

•Understanding should not demystify it should increase our sense of wonder.

•A hypocritical attitude is the wrong approach for the deep truths, one is seeking insight not proof.

•The proper general goal is not happiness but fulfilment.

•The Will revealed in war is astonishing but it is nothing compared to a Will which is a calm determination that all shall be well.

•If I know something and you know the same thing there is redundancy. We need complimentary knowledge just as much as common knowledge.

•Moral condemnation can be a form of force, making people act out of fear.

•Reality is faith.

•The more meaningless the more potentially worthwhile.

•The difference between Stoic and Christian is the latter's quiet determination that suffering can be transformed.

•Our freedom arises because each of us is where he/she is and has chosen how to be there.

•The miracle only happens if you've done all you can.

•The worth of a discussion lies in the honesty with which it is pursued.

•'Sorry, mate'. There is a recognition of common humanity in the 'mate', but also the callousness of 'you're on your own and it's no business of mine'.

•True religion is whatever makes for wholeness.

•We all share aloneness.

•The aim of art is not to imitate life but to breathe the magic of life into ever fresh forms. <u>Fulfilment</u>-

•We can only seek to sense the longing which was made most fully manifest in the life of Jesus, and to develop the feeling that the truth is waiting for us to become aware of and embrace it.

•It is becoming more and more obvious how threadbare the old ideas of power and military might and ruthless competition have become.

•His ultimate message 'The Kingdom of God is upon you' and it's dual 'The Kingdom of God is within you'.

•For all practical purposes we are on our own, and that is the reality we have to live with: a single world which presents what we are to ourselves.

•Jesus does not lay upon us impossible pre-defined requirements. He does not expect that we shall reach perfection by observing a single lofty code.

•All that you are asked to do is to seek that awareness openly and to say yes to what you recognise needs to be done.

•This is a translation of 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'.

•It is specific only in saying that you are asked to face the truth of your specific circumstances.

•Prayer is not asking directly for specific things apart from articulating the fact that we have a natural human desire for them. It is the inner soul opening up to reality and being prepared to embrace the cost of that whatever it is.



#### MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE SEA – Seeds of Fulfilment

•When we are hemmed in, the work is to wait and watch; when the way ahead presents itself, we take it.

•The Bible rightly calls us stewards.

•The mature nations are still preoccupied with gaining an ever higher standard of living and an ever larger share of the world's wealth.

•Proper education and thought and political activity are necessary, but they derive their strength entirely from the real source of all worth——free choice.

•At each instant each of us is free to be or not to be the truth.

•The way to freedom is to recognise that we are presented not only with the situation but with the means of transfiguring the situation by allowing reality to enter it completely.

•Jesus saw further than any star and reached to the reality of the whole.

•Each of us needs be neither an automatic programmed creature nor a soul longing to escape from the flesh.

•The true view is that each individual is linked into the whole on the basis of equal worth, and authority arises at the point which is appropriate for the situation.

•If they take the true view, they will recognise that the critical link with reality can appear at any level.

•It is this inner spirit, this attitude to the whole, which is the critical element of each human situation.

•It is real because the belief in the meaning is grounded in reality.

•Objectivity lies in open, honest and questioning belief.

•The universal explanation is that what happens is a continuous and precise interaction between all that is, all that has been and all that can be.

•But it is no easy belief that all our wishes will come true: the belief is always subject to the conditions inherent in the particular situation.

•It means a deep reverence for the reality of every aspect of our life, and a determination to embrace even the darkest and most sordid and most tedious sides so that wholeness may fill them.

•Love is the only absolute, the only guarantee of freedom and worth.

•There always has been and always is an absolute right and wrong.

•We have to watch for the feeling within the bones that it is time to choose, and then base our choice on our inner knowledge of the right course.

•The experience of failure when we know we chose rightly is a great personal price to pay.

•The only reward we can expect is the awareness that we are saying yes when it is needed.

•The earth is being exploited more and more, until either we destroy ourselves or run out of resources.

•Ecstasy can be catastrophically divisive unless it is shared.

•Everything depends on the faith of each one of us. We are asked to make a choice in deliberate, passionate, imaginative sanity, in awareness of what love is saying to us now, in hope of the impossible miracle of transformation.

# POST FROM PRICKLINGTON PALACE

#### HIBERNATION - ONE OF NATURE'S MIRACLES

It seems timely to talk a little about hibernation as the hogs here in the palace should be rousing ready to get back to the wild and  $\P$  hopefully to reproduce.

Hedgehogs are one of the few mammals that practice hibernation and they do so in an effort to conserve energy when food availability is poor. Hibernation is a perilous business because it isn't just a matter of snoozing away the winter months. It is a process whereby a warm blooded mammal almost becomes a cold blooded one. They undergo massive physiological changes to enable this fascinating transformation.

Sleep is not an apt description, as during sleep all bodily functions remain more or less the same as they are when awake. Bodily functions remain normal, keeping the brain and other organs unconsciously active. When hedgehogs are sleeping they move and twitch and can be seen dreaming but when they are in hibernation they come to a complete standstill. To the untrained eye they appear dead. The hedgehog is cold to the touch and inactive although its spines may undulate or stand up if touched or subjected to noise. However, its brain is closed down while remaining functional.

A normal heartbeat for a hedgehog can be up to 190 beats per minute but this may drop to a barely detectable 20. Its body temperature, which is normally 35 degrees c drops to 5 degrees c and it may only take a breath every few minutes - a fall that would kill most other mammals. This amazing transformation doesn't stop there. Around 90% of the white blood cells congregate around the stomach and intestines, ready to fight invading bacteria. The blood vessels around the kidneys close to avoid excretion of urine (wasting vital fluids). The pancreas is the one organ that remains fully functional in order to secrete insulin and keep the blood sugar levels low. This phenomenal change in bodily functions enables the hedgehog to use its fat reserves to sustain it.

Ideally, two types of fat are laid down prior to hibernation: white fat, which is like a slow burn fuel, whilst brown fat is a supercharged fuel. If the hedgehog's temperature falls too low (risking it freezing) the brown fat is awakened and quickly produces heat which warms the hedgehog over a few hours, enabling it to wake and move somewhere better insulated. A hibernating hedgehog usually moves nest at least once.



It is not until November, December or January that the larger hedgehogs settle down to hibernate. It is a last resort, as an inactive mammal is a vulnerable one. Hibernation is triggered by a fall in temperature, reduced daylight hours and lack of food. It is commonly thought that hedgehogs hibernate from autumn through the winter until the spring. This is not so. Hedgehogs do not have the luxury of calendars; they react to the environment around them. They build themselves hibernacula, secure nests in which they spin

the bedding materials to make a weather resistant and well insulated shelter. They are masterpieces of natural engineering. Continued opposite.....

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Continued ......The hedgehog may rouse periodically and use a great deal of energy doing so. Some may not hibernate at all, so don't worry if you see a good sized hedgehog out and about on a winter's night. Just offer it some meaty cat food or cat biscuits, a drink of water.... and wish it well.

Hedgehogs need to have some fat reserves to survive hibernation and that is why Pricklington Palace filled up with autumn juveniles that were simply too small to survive the process. They have been kept warm until they are big enough to survive hibernation (over 600g) and then the heat is removed. Of the twelve that I have resident only three chose to hibernate. I look forward to them rousing and returning to the wild where they belong.

WARNING: If you dig up a hibernating hedgehog, try to replace it without



further disturbance, and do not warm it rapidly or it will die. Please beware when using strimmers – they cause terrible injuries. Rake around under hedgerows first if you have to, or better still leave well alone. Hedgehogs don't thrive in tidy gardens!

GILL DIXON Gill runs Pricklington Palace Hedgehog Rescue in Howden, East Yorkshire, purely voluntarily and single-handedly. Visit her website to support her work, www.facebook.com/pricklingtonpalace/

#### THE NHS NEEDS ITS MEDICAL MAVERICKS

Professor Richard Lacey, the world-renowned microbiologist, who first warned the world about the human risks of BSE (mad cow disease) – has died. As I read his obituary this week I marvelled at his bravery. He was ridiculed, vilified and lost his job after refusing to be silenced about the possibility that BSE



could be transmitted to humans. He was, however, ultimately vindicated.

The history of medicine is full of noble men and women like him who spoke out regardless of the consequences. Barry Marshall, an Australian doctor, discovered the link between a bacterial infection and the stomach ulcers. He too was laughed at and resorted to drastic measures to prove his point. He drank a vile concoction containing the bacteria (helicobacter pylori) and developed an ulcer to prove he was right. Now, prompt antibiotic treatment has made ulcers a rarity.

Sohier Elnell, a consultant gynaecologist and last year's winner of the Daily Mail Health Hero award, fought a long battle for women who had suffered the pain and trauma of vaginal mesh surgery. Miss Elnell was shunned and attacked by some colleagues for making a stand but ultimately was proved right.

My worry is that younger doctors have been so indoctrinated by a 'tick-box' culture in the NHS that there are fewer mavericks or independent thinkers – and that is a loss to us all.

Taken from DR MAX writing in the Daily Mail, March 2 2019

# EPONYMS - Part 2

**SHRAPNEL** - Henry Shrapnel was a British Army officer who in 1784 perfected the design for the exploding shell. Shrapnel thought he could make the cannon balls more deadly by filling a hollow shell with small metal balls, gunpowder and its own fuse. This would allow the shell to explode over the enemy. The army adopted Shrapnel's invention in 1803 and it was used to devastating effect at Waterloo in 1815. Shrapnel shells were used until the beginning of World War II, when they were



replaced by new highly explosive ammunition, such as the Ordnance QF 25-Pounder. But 'shrapnel' was retained to describe the exploded metal from shell casings, which still wreak havoc on the battlefield.

**DIESEL** - Rudolf Diesel was a French-German engineer who invented the diesel engine in 1893. Compared to petrol engines, his compression-ignition design required much less fuel. The fuel, also cheaper to produce, became known as 'diesel' as well. Diesel did not live to see the huge success of his invention, which after World War I became the dominant engine in ships, trucks and trains.



**NICOTINE** - Jean Nicot was a French diplomat sent to Lisbon in 1557 to negotiate a marriage between Margaret of Valois and King Sebastian I of Portugal. Although the trip was unsuccessful, he was introduced to the tobacco plant. Impressed, he sent seed samples to Catherine of Medici in France. Nicot instructed the queen how to crush the tobacco leaves into a powder which could then be sniffed to cure ailments. The habit became popular at court before spreading across France. In 1753 Swedish naturalist Carl Linnaeus immortalised Nicot by naming a genus of tobacco 'cultivars Nicotiana'. Later, in 1828 when the active ingredient in tobacco was first identified it was named nicotine.

**MACKINTOSH** - the coat was named after the man who invented the fabric, Charles Macintosh. He was a Glasgow chemist who experimented with naphtha, a by-product of coal tar, and created a paste which could be sandwiched between two layers of fabric to make a waterproof material. Waterproof coats were smelly and some melted in hot weather. But in 1843 Macintosh developed a hardened melt-proof rubber (vulcanised) by heating it at high temperature to improve the finish.

**HOOVER** - Janitor James Murray Spangler invented the first upright vacuum cleaner in 1908 to improve his asthma with more efficient cleaning but he struggled to market it to a wider public. U.S. leather goods manufacturer William Henry Hoover saw the potential and bought his patent. Offering customers a free ten-day trial proved highly effective, and by 1922 the Hoover company was the largest vacuum-cleaner manufacturer in the world, to the extent that 'Hoovering' became synonymous with vacuuming.



THE REAL MCCOY AND 149 OTHER EPONYMS by Clare Cock-Starkey

# EAST WITTERING GARDEN AND WINE CIRCLE



Cyril opened the March meeting on a cold and windy evening, forerunner of Storm Gareth. Our speaker, Andrew Gibson, had come to tell us about The Chichester Ship Canal Trust. He entitled his talk "Inspiration, Bankruptcy and Success". Chichester has no port – the Romans used Apuldram. In the 1500s Dell Quay handled 4,000 tons of cargo in a year. Portsmouth joined with the River Arun but the Navy wanted a direct route from London to Portsmouth to move 18,000 tons a year. The

overland route using oxen took far too long and in the 1600s a canal was built joining Portsmouth and London - in 1651 the Wey Navigation was opened. After the Great Fire of London in 1666 the canal became very profitable moving building material to London. The engineer, John Rennie, was consulted to build a new canal. Eventually, in 1816 a design was accepted for a canal from Portsmouth to Ford, which would necessitate the building of brick works with lime kilns and the purchase of 21 swing bridges, one of which still remains. The cost would be  $\pounds 120,000$ , and  $\pounds 50$  shares were sold to raise the amount. The stretch from Portsmouth to Chichester was opened in 1822 and the final stretch to Ford the following year, but already steamships and better road transport were competing with the canal system - it cost 22s.6d to send a ton by canal but only 10s. by sea. Its moment of fame came, you could say, when in 1828 the famous painter J. Turner, painted a landscape of the canal with the cathedral in the distance, which he donated to the nation. He also painted the Poyntz swing bridge. Between 1896 and 1898 winding up orders were issued as the canal was no longer profitable. The last commercial load was shipped in 1906. By this time the canal was in the hands of Chichester City Council, which abandoned it in 1928, leaving it to fall into disrepair.

During World War II the Admiralty used the canal basin as a tank trap, with consequent flooding. In 1956 West Sussex County Council wanted to sell the canal, but no-one seemed to know where the boundaries were. The Trust was formed in 1992. It cost  $\pm 35,000$  to repair the banks, and the annual cost to run the Trust is  $\pm 300-400,000$ . 20,000 passengers use the canal every year with



3,000 at Christmas. Members were invited to visit and take advantage of the trips which include fish and chip suppers, afternoon teas and, new for this year, pie and mash. The boats have lifts which enable wheelchair and disabled passengers to enjoy the cruises. There is also a very nice café for refreshments and a balcony for views over the canal.

In the competitions Joan came first with her narcissus, Sheila won with her trumpet daffodils and Cyril with his miniature daffodils. Each member was given a small seed potato to take home with instructions as to how to grow it, and were told to bring it back later in the year.

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> April when we will welcome back the 'Honey Man', Roy Godfrey, to tell us more about bees. Hope the weather improves and look forward to seeing everybody. Visitors are always welcome.

#### **ROSEMARIE COX**

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST 9.00AM SATURDAY 27TH APRIL



#### THE BARN (HARVESTER), BARNFIELD DRIVE, CHICHESTER PO19 7AG (Opp Homebase -Free Parking)



#### Cost £8.00 includes speaker.

This month's speaker is Martin Goldsmith who is an International speaker, teacher and missiologist,. Martin is a Jewish Christian who trained as a Russian interpreter. He and his wife Elizabeth spent ten years as missionaries in South East Asia, and were involved from the start with All Nations Christian College. With Elizabeth they then had 24 years on the staff of All Nations Christian College and also developed a wide speaking, teaching and preaching ministry both around Britain and in many countries in all continents. Martin and Elizabeth are open to invitations both in UK and overseas.

Elizabeth was born in China, was in a Japanese prison camp during the second World War, did Household Science at London University and then with Martin had ten years working with OMF, taught at All Nations Christian College and is now a Lay Minister in the Anglican church. She shares in Martin's speaking ministry. Both Elizabeth and Martin have written several books.

As always, we welcome all men irrespective of faith or none. It's an excellent opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and neighbours to join us for breakfast, fellowship and to hear this interesting and maybe life changing talk.

Cost just £8 - includes the 'Harvester recommends' or other set cooked breakfast (there are several) or waffles & eggs plus unlimited coffee/tea, unlimited cereals, toast, pancakes etc from the breakfast bar (for an extra £2 you are welcome to order the unlimited breakfast! which means you can have as many cooked items as you wish).

#### Contact Peter Sutton 07813 024 585

#### HOW THE ELDERLY CAN STAY IN THEIR HOMES

I recently visited an elderly relative who has Alzheimer's and is now quite impaired. To be honest, I was astonished that she wasn't already in a care home, given that she'd been found wandering the streets on several occasions – but that visit was a revelation.



Carers come in three times a day, but her family is also making use of the

latest digital technology to keep her in her much-loved home with some degree of independence. For example, every time she approached the front door, a sensor would activate a device and a recording of her son saying, "Mum, don't leave the house unless you're with someone else" or "Mum you've opened the door, please go back inside the house". If the door was left open too long, a neighbour would be automatically alerted. It also played recordings of her son reminding her to make a cup of tea or to go to bed, and because it was her son's voice, she listened to it. It's exactly the sort of technical innovation that's needed.

Taken from DR MAX writing in the Daily Mail, March 2 2019

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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King's Bookshop, of varied subjects and authors.

Come and browse, you may find something of interest. John can also order books. These can be found in Wittering Walkin Dean Semain's emporium Second Chance-look for the sign.

As John is the only member of staff, the 9-5 hours will not necessarily apply; please be patient.

<u>ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE -</u>

WITTERINGS & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP



TEA DANCE IN AID OF ST WILFRID'S AT EAST WITTERING VILLAGE HALL 2.30 TO 4.30 ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

Tickets are £10 which includes a cream tea and a glass of bubbly.

Please contact Jean 670799 or Sandie 670163 for tickets. Please come and join us and bring your "dancing shoes"

#### COFFEE MORNING AT RUSSELLS GARDEN CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL FROM 10AM - 11.30AM.

At our Valentine's evening in February we raised £630 for St WILFRID'S Thank you for supporting it and hope you enjoyed your evening.

Happy Easter and enjoy the Easter eggs!

# Exercise

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With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.



# HEARTSPACE

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Bracklesham Barn, 13.30-15.30 PEG LOOM WEAVING with Sue Cotton.

Come along and try peg loom weaving. It is relaxing and very easy to learn. You will be amazed how quick it is to pick up, and a great way to make something with some gorgeous yarns without having to learn knitting or crocheting. Sue Cotton will show you how to set up the wooden peg loom and weave around the pegs, then the magic happens when you lift the pegs out of the base. You can make either a long scarf, or shorter scarf and matching mitts. If you have any yarn (chunky or super chunky) you would like to use, bring it along.

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Bracklesham Barn, 13.30-15.30 MAKING WILLOW PLATTERS with Linda Mills.

Make a willow platter using assorted willow with the assistance of Linda Mills, full time basket maker and willow sculptor. It is ideal to use for biscuits, bread, hot scones or fruit. \*

#### THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Oakfield Ave, East Wittering



**Pastor** Mr John Gunning "Glen Two" Bracklesham Lane Earnley, West Sussex PO20 7JE Tel. (01243) 511121

> SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30 am Children can attend a lively Sunday School during the second half of the service.

**Holy Communion** 10 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month In the Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month *Bible based services seeking to learn more of God* 

#### Bible Study - Mondays 8pm Thursdays 10.30am

**Thursday Fellowship 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 2.15pm** Varied topics – tea and cake!

Friday Tea and Chat 2pm

Our Easter services are as follows

April 14th Palm Sunday Service at 10.30 am

April 18th Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

April 19th 10.30 am Good Friday Walk of Witness through the village ending with a service at 11 am at St Anne's

April 21st Easter Service with Bonnet Parade 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL OF THE ABOVE!

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| Priest in charge:        | Canon Tom Treherne<br>(St Richard's Chichester) 782343 |          |
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| Fridays:                 | Mass 10.00am   |          |
| Holy Days of Obligation: | 10.00am  |          |
| Sacrament of Penance:    | First Friday of the month at 9.30am                    | Ŵ        |
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| Good Friday              | 3pm Good Friday Liturgy                                | <b>U</b> |
| Holy Saturday            | 8.30pm   |          |
| Easter Sunday            | Mass 9am   | —        |
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