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REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS

Our regular services are shown below but there is also a full calendar on pages 33 – 34 which details groups and events happening throughout June - September.

	St Nicholas', Worth	St Barnabas', Pound Hill
Sun	08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, 1662) 09.45 Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)  11.30 1st and 3rd Sun of each month Nic's (all age prayer and praise)	10.00 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays Eucharist (Common Worship) 10.00 3rd Sunday of each month Informal Family Service
Mon	17.00 Evening Prayer	08.30 Morning Prayer and Eucharist 17.30 Compline at the Vicarage (4th Monday only)
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Thu	10.30 Eucharist 17.00 Evening Prayer	08.30 Morning Prayer
Fri	17.00 Evening Prayer	08.30 Morning Prayer and Eucharist
Sat	17.00 Evening Prayer	08.30 Morning Prayer and Eucharist

	Stepney's Coffee Shop Maidenbower
Fri	11.30 A time to chat over coffee and cake

	Church in the Pub
Last Fri of each month	20.00 No hymns, no creeds, no confession, just a pint down the pub with friends. In the Coaching Halt, Maidenbower. Steve says, "Don't leave me lonely!"

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FROM THE RECTOR...

I am writing this on the terrace of my parents-in-law's flat in Madrid, having just attended the Synod of the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church, one of the smallest churches of the Anglican Communion. I am a Canon of their Cathedral of the Redeemer in Madrid and it was moving to be worshipping there today, Trinity Sunday. Moving because the theme of the Trinity prompted me to reflect about "relationships" - not only the relationship of love that is a feature of the Trinity ("God is love" 1 John 4:8) but also how our relationship with Jesus draws us into that love and how that relationship links us to others.

The sense of being, and playing, a valued part in something larger than ourselves is central to our experience of community. Sitting in the cathedral this morning, my thoughts turned to what links to others I represented to people gathered there. Some in the cathedral had vivid memories of persecution suffered under General Franco, so the simple sense of solidarity that someone such as Archbishop Justin thought their church was important enough to send greetings through me as a representative meant a great deal.

That connection instantly brought to mind those suffering persecution for their faith in other parts of the world and, because I am also a Canon of All Saints' Cathedral in Cairo, I was conscious of representing a link with the Church in Egypt (and other parts of the Middle East where I have lived and where, especially in Syria, I have friends experiencing tough times). Of course, some of you reading these words were also in my prayers

and thus linked into the gathering. Particularly present in those prayers were the first individuals and families moving in to the new houses in Forge Wood this weekend - and those who will follow in the coming weeks and months. What kind of relationships will be built between us and what kind of community will be fostered as the neighbourhood becomes established? And so my thoughts about what relationships I had, or who was linked through me continued...

Perhaps you could pause for a few minutes and reflect about your relationships? You'll be surprised at how many people (and who) are linked together through you. And as you do that, it would be worth thinking about which relationships are most important to you and how best you can nurture them.

Here in Crawley we face different kinds of pressures from those encountered by the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church or Middle Eastern Christians in building and sustaining community, but they are no less real. Again, the mystery (and reality) of the Trinity points us to the centrality of "relationship" for our very being - at a deep level our happiness is influenced by getting our life in community right, on having a right relationship with God and our neighbour.

Each of us can point to challenges (work, health, money, time) that need to be overcome if the quality of our relationships is to be sustained and too often we fail, with others, frequently the younger members of the community, paying a heavy price when we do.

I view it as an important part of the Rector's role to be a catalyst and encourager of a more profound experience of our common life (communion!). This resonates both with our parish vision - to be a community growing in faith, hope and love - and aspects of the Diocesan vision launched last week. As part of fulfilling this role, over the coming weeks, I hope - in discussion with the PCC and others - to put some flesh on the bones of an idea advanced by Steve that we might facilitate in the parish a community of young adults with a commitment to formation as leaders in youth and other ministries.

We might take a lead from the Anselm community recently established at Lambeth Palace. Apart from the benefits to the young people involved, their presence, work and witness in the parish and the town could be transformational for our own experience of relationships and connections. It will be exciting to see what shape this idea takes over the summer. In the meantime, I pray that you will have the opportunity to nurture the relationships that matter to you and that through them, you will be blessed with an experience of God's love for you.

Anthony

FROM BISHOP MARK



At the end of June, Bishop Martin will ordain men and women to serve as deacons. There will be a celebratory service in the Cathedral, during which the Bishop will lay hands on each candidate, praying that the Holy Spirit will enable them to be servants of Jesus Christ in his Body, the Church.

After that, they will go out into the world and specifically into those parishes where they will serve and at the same time continue be shaped or 'formed' as servants of a church which in turn seeks to serve the world, helping it come closer to the likeness of God's Kingdom.

Parishes look forward to the arrival of new deacons who come with fresh ideas and enthusiasm as well as their individual gifts and they generally offer their new curates a very warm welcome.

The new deacons, of course, are naturally excited to begin a ministry for which they have spent two or three years preparing either at theological college or through residential courses, but this is bound to be mixed with a few nerves about the responsibility they are undertaking.

That there are any deacons to ordain each year is dependent upon the church calling people into its service.

We are an 'apostolic' church, that is to say a church which has 'sending people out' in its DNA. Jesus called people to follow him and then made 'apostles' of them by sending them out in the service of others.

It is members of the Church who observe and discern in one another those gifts which are necessary in ordained ministry and so it is members of the Church - you and me - who must help people understand that God may be calling them to ordained ministry.

Sometimes it may be in quite young people that we discern a potential ordinand, but it is often an older and more mature Christian that is able to point out what God is doing; think of the call of Samuel.

Perhaps you are that older mature Christian. Every Samuel needs an Eli.

+Mark Horsham

NEWS

FROM SISTER SHONA

Recently, I returned from three wonderful months in Kenya, where I supported orphans and a group of Lutheran Churches on the coast - a mission that I've been doing for about five years now. I visited their full-time missionary who is starting schools in the poor townships of Nairobi.

Not long after returning from Africa, I went to Kentucky to celebrate my 50th year since graduation from Georgetown College. I had a wonderful Christian education there and it was good to exchange memories and life stories with

colleagues. I was thrilled to meet to a young graduate from Chile who had had a vision of the Georgetown in ruins unless he prayed. Therefore, he has started many prayer meetings for the town and it was my mission to get behind him, share my experiences, come to the prayer meetings and support the new Christian mission in my old college town.

*The abundant love of Jesus to Worth Parishioners,
Sister Shona Langford*



FAREWELL TO MEURIG

On 12th April, we said a fond farewell to Canon Meurig Williams and thanked him for all the work he has done for us. Meurig has presided at many services in our Parish during his time as Chaplain when he was in England and was presented with a picture of St Nicholas' Church as a farewell gift.

Meurig is a Chaplain to the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and Archdeacon of North West Europe, (since 2012), and has now moved to Brussels where the Bishop is resident.



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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our new-look website is up and running. If you haven't been on it recently, (or ever), take a look at www.worthparish.org

Although it's not yet "complete" and as you would expect, it will be ever-changing due to new content. You'll find things like descriptions of our services to help potential visitors, information on upcoming events, contacts, maps and more. In the future, we hope to add galleries, audio sermons perhaps, video interviews with parishioners... who knows! Send your suggestions to magazine@worthparish.org.uk

We are also more active than ever before on Facebook so please "like" our page at www.facebook.com/WorthParish to see photos and updates about what's going on in the parish and tell your friends to do the same!

VE DAY COMMEMORATED



On May 8 1945, following news that the Second World War was over, people lit bonfires and beacons so their celebrations could continue into the night. On the 70th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) day, the Royal British Legion organized services at Crawley's Memorial Gardens, as well as a beacon-lighting ceremony in Tilgate Park. Our parish also celebrated by holding a VE Day tea at St Barnabas' on Saturday May 9th. Shirley Hillsley, Alan Quine and Stuart and Mary Sharpe were among those who wrote to tell us how enjoyable they found this event. Over chatting and good food, the 30 or so attendees discovered that Mary was the only person who remembered receiving a card, sent to all schoolchildren, from King George. Not only that, she had kept it and it is shown on page 8.

Shirley felt compelled to celebrate this tea by putting pen to paper and her poem is reproduced here:

*We're gathered here to celebrate
the memory of VE
so – welcome all this afternoon
as you enjoy your tea*

*We'll share nostalgic memories
as we "remember when" we celebrated VICTORY
and all that happened then.
At first there came the bonfires
With the crackle of friendly fire
And invitations to street parties*

Read out by the town crier.

*We sang our happy war-time songs
From London to Pwllheli
And loved the Marmite sandwiches
But our favourite treat was jelly.*

*We kept our healthy figures
Because food was still on ration
And there were lots of new-born babies
Thanks to celebratory passion!*

*You needed points to buy your bread
Then Welfare Orange Juice came
And the healthy babies grew extra tall –
things would never be the same!*

*So – do enjoy this brief recall –
our chance to "remember when"
How many years ago was it?
It was three score years and ten!*

There were tears in some eyes when Alan read out this tribute:

*Let us remember those who gave their lives at home
and abroad, whose sacrifice enables us to enjoy the
peace we have today.*

*Let us remember those who came home wounded,
physically and mentally, and the friends and family
who cared for them.*

*Let us remember those who returned to rebuild their
relationships and working lives after years of conflict
and turmoil.*

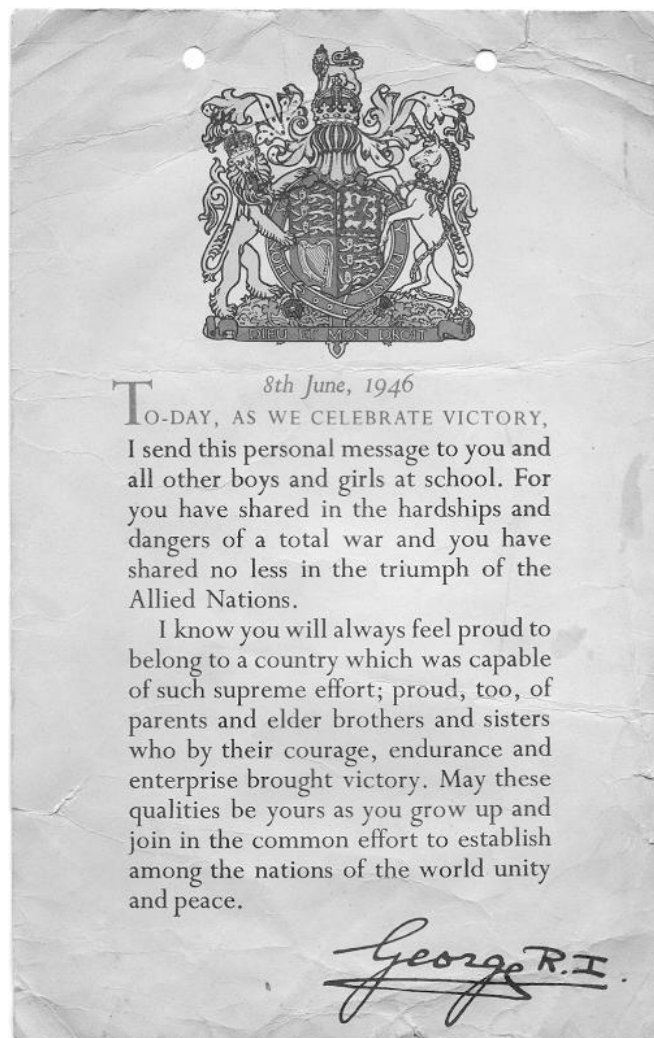
Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women of other nationalities and faiths – from commonwealth and allied countries – who fought, suffered and died during six years of war.

Let us remember those in reserved occupations and the brave people who kept us safe on the home front – the doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, those who worked in the factories and the air-raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war effort at home.

As a veteran, Alan also read this at the beacon-lighting ceremony in Tilgate. During the war, Alan served 4 years in the Royal Air Force and was trained as Wireless Operator /Air Gunner on Wellington aircraft of RAF Coastal Command, seeing a limited amount of action in the Middle East. He has also recently been recognised for his work, over 20 years, as a Borough Councillor being awarded the title of Alderman and being made a Freeman of the Borough of Crawley. Our congratulations go to him and our thanks to those who organized the lovely VE Day tea.

Shirley Hillsley and Alan Quine



PARISH FAIRS AND FETES



We are holding a Parish Fair on 4th July 11-3pm at St Barnabas' and, weather permitting, around the grounds. There will be stalls, games and fun as well as lunches, cakes and light refreshments. As we are celebrating St Barnabas's 60th anniversary we are hoping this will be the biggest and best summer fair ever. Come along, join in and make this possible!

Similarly, the St Nicholas' Fete will be held on Saturday August 22nd 12-4pm with barbecue, games, cakes, refreshments, stalls, lucky dips, raffle, face-painting, second hand books, choirs, flower displays, trips up the belfry and more. Please join us, tell your friends and neighbours, and bring the family.

If you would like to help at either of these events, email magazine@worthparish.org.uk and your message will be passed to the appropriate person.

2016 PILGRIMAGE ANNOUNCED

Following the huge success of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land last year, the next Chichester Diocesan pilgrimage has been announced. It will link Chichester with Rome on a vibrant and exciting journey of discovery to Rome and Assisi.

"One In Christ": Recovering a Shared Inheritance of Faith will be led by Bishop Martin on 9th-16th April 2016. To get a brochure, call 01992 576065 or email info@lightline.org.uk

MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINING AS CLERGY

The number of young people selected to train as future clergy in the Church of England has increased by almost two-thirds in the last 10 years. The 116 under-30s selected in 2014 is the most in any of the last 25 years, and makes up a quarter of all those selected, the Church of England has announced.

"More and more young people are hearing God's call to bring their energy and gifts to serve in the mission of the church," said the Rt Rev Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, who chairs the C of E Ministry Council. "As a Church we need this movement to deepen and grow still further."

PILLARS OF FAITH – ST BARNABAS

In the year in which we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St Barnabas' Church, Pound Hill, it was an easy choice as to who should be the Pillar of Faith in this issue of the magazine. (Although St Richard of Chichester does have a reasonable argument to be included with the launch of the Diocesan Strategy). So who was St Barnabas and does he have anything to teach us today?

All we know of Barnabas is to be found in the New Testament. A Jew, born in Cyprus and named Joseph, he sold his property and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. They gave him the name Barnabas and allowed him to live in community with them. It was Barnabas who brought Paul (who had been Saul, persecutor of Christians) to the apostles and explained how he had been converted and was preaching boldly about Jesus, when the disciples were still sceptical and afraid of him. It was in Barnabas' nature to give people a second chance.

Barnabas became the travel companion of Paul and together they undertook missionary journeys and defended Gentile converts against the Jewish converts to Christianity. They travelled together making more converts (around the years 45-47AD), and participated in the Council of Jerusalem (c 50) which debated, among other issues, the need for new male Gentile (non-Jewish) converts to Christianity to be circumcised. Barnabas and Paul successfully evangelized among the Gentiles who attended synagogues in various Hellenized cities of Anatolia.

Barnabas' story appears in the Acts of the Apostles (written by Luke, another of Paul's companions) which tells of the history of the first Christians, and Paul mentions him in some of his epistles. Tertullian (one of the first theologians) named him as the author of the Epistle to the



Hebrews, but this and other attributions are conjecture.

Although the date, place, and circumstances of his death are historically unverifiable, Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus, in 61AD. He is traditionally identified as the founder of the Cypriot Orthodox Church and his feast day is celebrated on June 11 or the nearest Sunday – this year 7th June. So that is who St Barnabas was – so has he anything to teach us today?

Barnabas means 'son of encouragement' and sure enough, he dedicated his life to encouraging Christians who were new to the faith and in dire circumstances to remain faithful and to experience the joy of the Christian Faith.

As a Church and as Christians we are still called to encourage one another through the good and the bad times. Words of encouragement said with the right heart and at the right time are

worth their weight in gold. Why are Sir Winston Churchill's speeches in the Second World War still quoted? Because they encouraged a nation, in its darkest, yet finest, hour.

An unattributed quotation states "A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success." In my last church, we had a Barnabas Team whose members each took responsibility for an aspect of the Church's work and then to encourage those doing

that aspect through prayer, support and words of encouragement. Similarly, the international charity Barnabas Fund seeks to pray for and encourage persecuted Christians across the world today. So as we remember St Barnabas, let us try to bring love and consolation to all those that we meet, just as St Barnabas did and to encourage each other in spreading the Good News of Jesus.

Steve Burston

PARISHIONER PROFILE

IAN AND JOAN PALLETT

Joan grew up variously in York, Wales and South Midlands before ending up in Lytham St Annes. Her mother was a Methodist and she was sent to an Anglican Sunday School on Sunday afternoons. Ian grew up in Cornwall, near Truro, and was brought up a Quaker. His father was a market gardener and an accomplished musician in a wide variety of styles.

Both Ian and Joan went to University College, London – "That Godless Institution in Gower Street" with Ian studying Botany and Joan, Medicine. They met in the College Ballroom Dancing Society and were married in 1966. They both sang in the choir at St Mary's, Abbey Road, Kilburn; a deliberate choice due to the choir stalls being the warmest place in the church! Ian and Joan were very involved in the over-20s group. After three years in Kilburn, they moved to Brockham, where Ian was working at Beechams Research Laboratories (now part of GSK). Then, Joan got a job as the Anaesthetic Registrar at Crawley and Redhill Hospitals (before East Surrey was built) and a house went with the job.

In 1970 they bought a house in Copthorne and attended St John's Church there until 1986. They had three children Stephen, Anthony and Cathryn who went to school in the village. Later, they all attended Reigate Grammar School, although Cathryn went to Hazelwick before going to the Sixth Form at Reigate. The whole family sang in the choir at St John's and all of them were involved, variously, in village activities such as Scouts, Guides, the Copthorne Carnival and local school life.



By the summer of 1986, the incumbent of Copthorne Church had disbanded the church choir and so, on the first Sunday in September, Joan, Ian and family filled a pew at St Nicholas' ... and were made very welcome! The children were reluctant to leave St John's but were impressed by the presence in the (all male) choir of the "leading lights" of Crawley Swimming Club, that is, Gerald Sandwell and the Oxlades.

However, the following day, the roof of St Nicholas' went up in flames!

Despite the building then being out of action for two years, the Palletts attended regularly because they were attracted by the music. After a sad Sunday at the Infant School, the St Nicholas' congregation worshipped regularly at St Barnabas'.

Just before they went back to St Nicholas', Neil Cartwright was appointed as Director of Music and requested an organ scholar. After some competitive interviews, their son, Anthony, was chosen and enjoyed this role for two years. Ian joined the choir when Anthony left to go to university. Their children have all moved away now, one to Manchester, one to Dubai and one to Harrow.

In the early 1990s, Ian was made redundant and found work in the water industry and Joan moved firstly to Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead, still as an anaesthetist, then to the pharmaceutical industry before retiring and becoming a J.P. for ten years. Ian retired later and they are both now active volunteers at Nymans.

At Worth, Joan organizes the Chancel rota with Jenny Dobson while Ian sorts out the churchyard maintenance and they both help with church cleaning, and overseeing the visitor stationery and souvenir sales and stock - all the unseen work of our Church!

In spite of living outside the Ecclesiastical Parish of Worth, they chose to remain (and we are so glad they did) because they enjoy the music and services, and because they now feel very much part of the community.

Their favourite piece of music is Widor's Toccata – played by their son, Anthony. And, you may be interested to know, Ian has grown (from seed) five amazing strelitzias (bird of paradise), which take pride of place in his porch!

Ann Phillipson

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table and in the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well-nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. The greedy think only of themselves. Remember that I will always share my spoon with you."

Sent in by Sue Perry

**"Don't worry that children never listen to you.
Worry that they are always watching you."**

Robert Fulghum

**"The only people with whom you should try to get even
are those who have helped you."**

John E. Southard

ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE

We've had another pleasing two months of talks at the St Nicholas Circle. On April 9th, Miranda Lichfield joined us for a talk about "The Society of the Little Flower"- a charity inspired by the work of St Therese of the Child of Jesus.

After a spoilt childhood, St Therese became a Carmelite Nun in 1888 at the age of 15. In the remaining 9 years of her life, she devoted herself to helping others. Her life and writings inspired many so that in 1925 she was Canonised and two years later she became the Principal Patroness of Missions.

*When I die, I will
send down a
shower of roses
from the heavens, I
will spend my
heaven by doing
good on earth.
St Therese of
Lisieux*



Her story is so appealing that her relics continue to draw crowds during a continuous tour of the world. The charity continues her work with a "shower of Roses" on those they help. Mission work includes assistance to schools in India, Kenya, Colombia and emergency appeals around the world.

On May 7th, we had a very different speaker with the welcome return of one of our regulars, Mrs Margaret Lichfield who had a new talk for us on the Art of the Poster during the First World War - "Weapons of Mass Communication". The talk gave a fascinating insight into the evolution of posters and their power for propaganda, from early over-wordy prose, which did not attract the

eye, to short snappy messages like "Your Country Needs You".

We also saw early adverts like the Oxo advert showing soldiers relaxing with clean uniforms looking across beautiful rolling green hillsides to



late war posters advertising War Bonds and showing a drawn dark faced German soldier looking pleadingly at you and wanting your support. Posters tried to show both an attractive and a grim side of war. Margaret explained the power of the

poster and the appeal to patriotism. The talk was backed up by many examples. Tea followed the talk during which time we were interrupted by several late voters keen to know if they'd come to the right polling station. We duly directed them to the right place.

On June 4th, we hold our Summer Supper Evening - do ring the Parish Office if you have not already had an invite so we can cater for the right numbers. If anyone has a raffle prize they can donate, it would be gratefully received.

The St Nicholas Circle is a group which meets once a month, on a Thursday, to listen to a variety of talks. It is open to all – to join, just turn up and pay an annual membership of £2. Call 01293 888488 if you want to find out more.

Max Perry



BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS AND MARRIAGES

Congratulations to those little ones who were baptised since the last magazine came out:

- Georgina Rose Margo (pictured)
- Saulius Lukosiunas (pictured)
- Ronja Tongyou Grant
- Ollie George Carling
- Louie Hayden Arnott
- Elliott Peter Creasey
- Seth Walter Tullett
- Frankie Rose Smith
- Jessica Charlotte Robbins
- Sophia Isabella Bateman
- Maxwell Patrick William Grimshaw
- Thomas Ian Grimshaw
- Lisa-Marie Grimshaw
- Daniella Clare Anketell
- Imogen Lily Patmore-Monk
- Phoebe Joanne Burns
- Charlie Pejda



And congratulations also to Mark Chappell, Caroline Mackenzie, Shirley Siddon and Sam Hord who were among those confirmed on May 3rd, in a moving service at Worth Abbey (pictured right with Bishop Mark)

Finally, much love and congratulations to those who have married in our parish recently:

- Ben Prince and Sophie Jones
- Tom Branch and Antonia Verbeeten
- Christopher Welch and Aimee Souter



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MOTHERS' UNION

What have the Mothers' Union been up to?

Most of you will have seen the invitation for everyone to join us for a special evening and service to celebrate our national patron Saint, George. It was a lovely evening with delicious homemade English desserts but a bit lacking in visitors, so perhaps you need to know more about us so you feel you can come along to some of our other "specials". We are very friendly and welcome everyone.

The main aim of the Mothers' Union is to promote Christian family life and with this in mind we, as an organisation, work worldwide to love, support, teach and pray for all. As a branch in our Parish we do our best and our bit. We help and support our clergy at Baptisms and at the Baptism preparation evenings, we have a prayer chain, where several members, physically active and not so, pray for anyone who has asked for our prayers, for whatever reason.

We raise money through coffee mornings, book and cake sales, raffles and the occasional cream tea afternoon, and this money goes towards various Mothers' Union projects in Sussex as well as national and worldwide ones. The St George's Day raffle, won by Shirley Harris, raised £46, which was increased to £50 and sent to "Away from it All" which is a Mothers Union holiday scheme for families that need a respite or holiday. They provide a caravan either at Winchelsea near Rye, or Selsey, with everything paid for other than food and travel costs. Speak to one of the committee if you would like to learn more or look for a leaflet.

We held a lovely Cream Tea at Mary Fry's home on May 16th which was very successful and well-attended. The afternoon was blessed with people from both congregations, sunshine, good humour and homemade scones—lots! This event raised £140 for the Contacts Centre in Eastbourne, which is a place where parents who are estranged from their families can meet up with their children in a safe environment and play together.

The Mothers' Union also run parenting courses to help new or distraught mums and dads learn to be good or better parents and share with other parents their concerns and pass on helpful tips.

We also have contact with the Gatwick detainees, providing Christmas presents, clothes and toys for any children.

Some Sussex branches visit prisons and run parenting courses there and in other places, there is a "tea and cake ministry" at some hospitals in the maternity units and a "shawl ministry". We support members in Africa, India and other countries worldwide. So much is happening and we, in our branch, are only a small part of it but with more members and support we could do so much more.

At the beginning of May, the Diocese of Chichester Mothers' Union held its AGM and Spring Council. Our main Speaker was Canon Fiona, the Archdeacon of Horsham, and although her title sounds stuffy, Fiona certainly is not. She spoke for over 45 minutes and could have gone on longer - she was so interesting and entertaining and a great advocate for, and a Member of, the Mothers' Union. She is the secret weapon we need to encourage others!

On Thursday 25th June we will start with a Eucharist then have a talk on the "Golden Lions Children's Trust". Then on 22nd July, we visit the two Forest Row churches followed by tea.

We hope that this information encourages you either to come along to one of our meetings at St Barnabas', support our fundraising or learn more about us and join our merry band.

'Merry Band', now that reminds me, no not of Robin Hood and his band but that – some of us from our Branch are heading to Nottingham in June with hundreds of other Mothers' Union members from all over the country and the world, to a Worldwide AGM, preceded by a service in Southwell Minster. I will update you on all of that when we get back, unless we are still dodging the arrows!

Joan Tick and Ann Phillipson

Our Mothers' Union branch meets on the last Thursday of every month, in the St Barnabas' Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm. There is a wide-ranging programme, refreshments and everyone is welcome.

VIEW FROM A PEW

Many years ago, when I first started going - somewhat irregularly - to St Nicholas' Church I was very self-conscious of any mistakes I made during the service and when they happened, I felt as though I wanted the ground to open up and swallow me. This was particularly the case with reference to the music and the hymns which have never been my strong suit.

Indeed I can now joyfully boast of being probably the only person who has managed to sing the entire first verse of the wrong hymn before realising that perhaps I was sounding even less like the rest of the congregation than usual.

Today I am far more relaxed. Why? Well, I have realised that I am among friends and anyway, most people make mistakes and don't really care about mine; also maturity and a little wisdom have taken over. My eyesight went from 20:20 to holding the hymn book at arm's length to needing large size print. Now if I were ever to forget my glasses I'd need a large size screen at the front to read from.

It is so easy to sing "Be Sure the Lord is Good" instead of "Be Sure the Lord is God"... Also there are hymns and music with particularly catchy rhythms that encourage you to enthusiastically jump into the next verse just as the organist is playing the last lines reserved for the organist - the Gloria being a case in point.

And all is not my fault. Our church has the hymn book "Ancient and Modern" or "Ancient and Not So Ancient" as I affectionately call it. It has many verses marked with an asterisk. The asterisks means maybe we won't sing this verse, perhaps because the collection will go round quickly or because the sermon has been longer than usual. It is unusual to be told of these changes, so it is not surprising that I have developed a knack of singing seamlessly from the first line of verse two to the second line of verse three.

With all these pitfalls and trip hazards, it is best to just smile and enjoy. So now when you see me smiling during a hymn you know perfection has eluded me yet again.

Max Perry

A TRIP TO TUDELEY

The Discipleship and Fellowship committee that was decided it would be a good idea to offer the parish an educational day out and All Saints' at Tudeley was chosen.

Checked the website, as you do, researched a bit, sent the enquiry email, then sat back and waited to see what would happen (well, OK, being honest, I was not sitting back and waiting, one or two other things cropped up to keep me occupied in the meantime.)

I had a reply quite quickly and Liz, the administrator at All Saints', was keen for us to go. Mmm, me wonders are they desperate or have they not heard about Worth and Pound Hill trips! I booked provisionally for 15, keeping my fingers crossed, and asked for details of venues for lunch; 3 choices were given and off I went on another investigation, settling on Broadview Tea Rooms and gardens, great for walking off lunch !

In the end, 22 plus baby Ronja were signed up and so final numbers were booked at both the church

and tea room as was a Guide to give us a talk about the Marc Chagall windows and a brief history of the church. Travel directions were issued, as was the time for departure and expected arrival and just in case, my mobile number but no one would need that, surely....

The day dawned, wet and windy - no walk in the sun later then! From various points around Pound Hill, six drivers collected our passengers and started on the hour or so drive, all smiling. Five minutes later, five cars stopped in traffic at Crawley Down...and 50 minutes later arrived at East Grinstead at a time when we should be at Tonbridge! Once through East Grinstead, the road was clear and we were on our way.

A text was received from one intrepid group wondering if they were at the wrong church as no one else was there - so the mobile phone was useful after all. It was lucky that someone had not been stuck in the traffic as they could convince the Guide we had not abandoned the visit and would



be arriving at some point. Five cars arrived late but happy to be together and extremely thrilled that our Guide was still prepared to give the talk and not rush us out; we had time to look around All Saints' and buy books, cards and take photos before moving on for lunch.

I will not repeat the history of the church or windows (see the April/May Parish Magazine for details) except to say that All Saints' has been the centre of Christian worship at Tudeley for over 1,000 years and, like St Nicholas', it was 'improved' during Victorian times! However their claim to fame has got to be the Marc Chagall windows, a sight to behold, modern but they do not detract from the beauty of the building or of it being a place of worship.

Some of the windows tell the story from the Creation to the Crucifixion and then on to Pentecost and the central window in the chancel

is the very moving memorial to Sarah d'Avigdor Goldsmid, which started off the collection. The use of light and colour are very effective and a sight to behold, so why not make the effort and visit All Saints' but not via East Grinstead if there are roadworks!

Having phoned ahead to apologise for being later than planned, we were still able to have lunch in the Broadview Tea Rooms in the grounds of Hadlow College. In fact we had a room put aside, more or less for just ourselves (they had obviously heard about us!) The weather had decided not to play fair so the anticipated walk in the gardens did not materialise but we were all happy bunnies, sorry pilgrims, when we departed for home, arriving within the hour; I knew it could be done!

Once back at Worth the sun was shining, a few hours earlier would have been good but we had had a lovely day and we were all safe - Thank you Lord, Amen.

Joan Tick

FUN AT THE BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

The Big Church Day describes itself as a celebration of everything that is good and it was certainly was. It has been running since 2009 and is now bigger than ever. 20,000 people came to this Christian Festival held over two days in the magnificent and beautiful setting of Wiston House on the South Downs. People gathered from all over the world to celebrate God together and we took nearly 40 from Worth Parish.

We enjoyed a variety of music from the latest Christian rap artists to the gentle sounds of jazz in the gardens of the main house whilst munching on a cream tea.

Kids had their faces painted, rode on fairground rides and travelled on a big tractor over the estate. We laughed, we ate, we drank, we smiled, we celebrated, we ate again and then fell asleep on the way home (apart from Liz the driver!).

The highlights for me were the lighting of the beacon on top of the downs to mark the launch of Chichester's Diocesan Strategy alongside a large flaming cross, watching us all dance to Rend Collective (a Mumford and Sons style worship group from Northern Ireland) and



seeing lots of friends, both old and new, smiling and having fun as Christians came together praising God.

Here are some thoughts from our parishioners:

We thought it was great to be among 10,000 Christians all enjoying themselves and able to "Praise the Lord" at the same time.

Stuart and Mary

We had a great day and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Sian, Will, James, Ciara and Oscar

I really was unsure whether to go - I'm so glad I did. A variety of stages had music for all tastes (I especially liked Rend Collective - they had everyone on their feet, hands in the air - an album will be in my possession soon!). Everywhere you looked there was something going on for all ages. Best of all, a chance for some "quality-time" with others from the parish and a few thousand other Christians singing, worshipping and having fun. If Steve and Liz are thinking of going next year, can you put me straight at the top of the list!!

Mark Chappell



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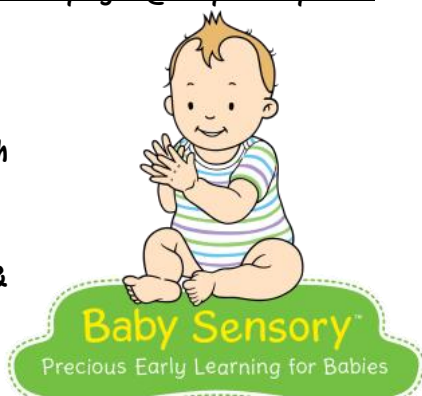
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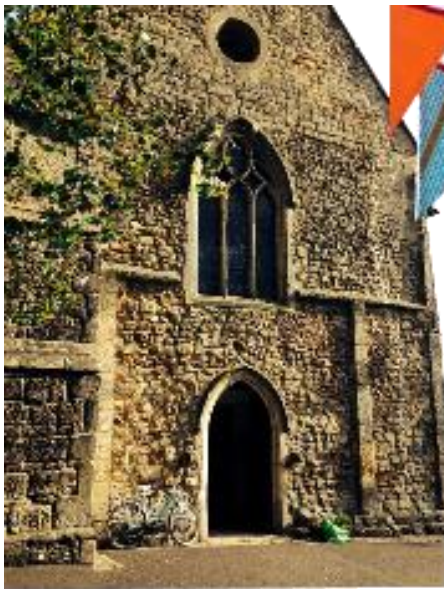
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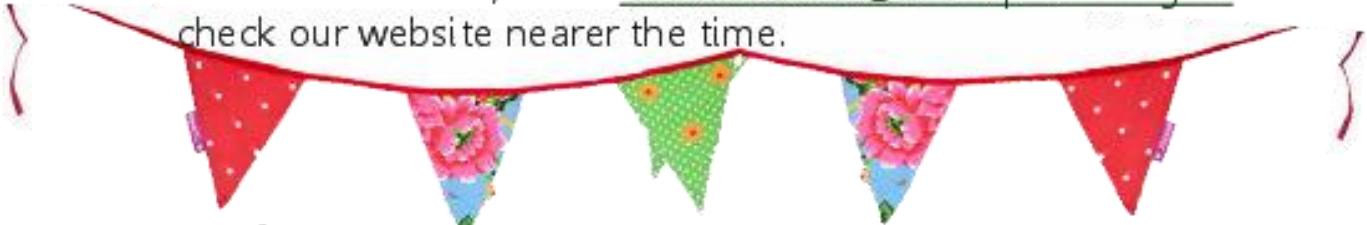
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PARISHIONER PROFILE VERA SHEEHAN



Vera was born in Stoke-on-Trent where she lived with her family including her grandparents until she was 20. At the age of 17 she left school and begun work as a civil servant at RAF Stafford where she met Terry. He would walk past her desk on a regular basis and stop to chat but didn't know her name for quite some time. Well, he found out and they courted for three years before marrying in 1963. Over the following years, Terry was posted to all sorts of places, in fact they moved 8 times in all, to Germany, Scotland, Singapore, back to Stafford then Rutland. Vera loved their experiences in Singapore the most, where they lived for over 2 years. It was such a different culture, they made some firm friends and she became heavily involved in Scouting. They finally ended up in Bury St Edmunds where they remained for 28 years before heading down to Crawley. When I asked if Vera found it difficult to move after all that time in one place, she replied that as long as she had Terry and the girls, she didn't mind where she went!

Talking of girls, Vera and Terry waited 10 long years before they were blessed with their first daughter Nicola, born in Germany, and then Julia who came three years later in Scotland. For much of their childhood, Vera stayed at home to look after them and in her spare time was very

involved in the Guiding movement where she became a Tawny Owl. She really loved this role and I saw some great pictures of her looking very smart in her uniform.

Nicola now lives with her husband and children in Edinburgh and Julia lives with her husband and son in Crawley. In fact, Julia lived in Crawley first and encouraged Vera and Terry to move closer to them. Obviously after living for 28 years where they were, it was a big decision but Vera prayed about it and amazingly, their house was sold within 4 hours of going on the market. She feels that this and finding their apartment the following weekend was a big YES from God! She loves being so near their grandson, who they look after regularly while Julia works.

Talking of prayer, Vera's Granddad, a local Methodist preacher, was a great influence in her life, impressing upon her the importance of prayer, which has become an increasingly important part of her life. From age 2, she attended Sunday School and eventually she progressed to be the teacher there herself! Vera's experience of church was predominantly Methodist but one year, in Bury St Edmunds, they attended Spring Harvest and were so inspired that they moved to a livelier Ecumenical church where they stayed for 15 years.

Their son-in-law suggested St Barnabas' when they moved to Crawley. It was the first church they went to and they have stayed ever since! When I asked what Vera likes about it, she replied that it was the friendly, welcoming and caring people. She loves helping out at the coffee mornings and the feeling of being 'in' the community. She has a great love for the elderly in particular, talking and sharing with them and encouraging them. She thinks this is because of the importance in her life of her own Nan and Granddad.

Vera is such a positive, unassuming and humble person. During my time chatting with her it was very clear that she has felt totally, in her words, "blessed" throughout the whole of her life: where she has lived, all her experiences, her daughters, their families and of course with Terry who, in her words is... "the love of my life!"

Liz Burston

NOTES FROM THE CURATE'S DOG

Well, I have been here nearly a year. I have had many highlights, but I reckon one of the best is the custom of 'Cake Meetings'. These happen quite a lot in Maidenbower Vicarage. People come round and look very sad and perhaps a little bored – no matter how much I wag my tail and place my ball in their laps. It is only when cake appears that people's faces light up and smiles fill the room. However, I've observed a strange etiquette.

One person (the offerer) says 'Would you like some cake?' The other person (cake eater) invariably replies "Ooh, I mustn't...I am trying to be good!" The offerer then says 'Are you sure?' There is a slight pause and just as the offerer is

about to move away, the cake eater blurts out, 'Go on then - one little bit won't hurt'. This is copied around the table.

There is one type of cake eater who has no shame and is often wearing a black shirt with a strange white collar. These cake addicts are happy to have a large first slice and then tap their plate in order to show that they want another piece, which rarely leaves any for me. But I have my tactics - to get a piece of cake, I normally stare at Steve with my big brown eyes and if that fails, I dribble really badly! I often dream of being invited to one of these Cake Meetings.

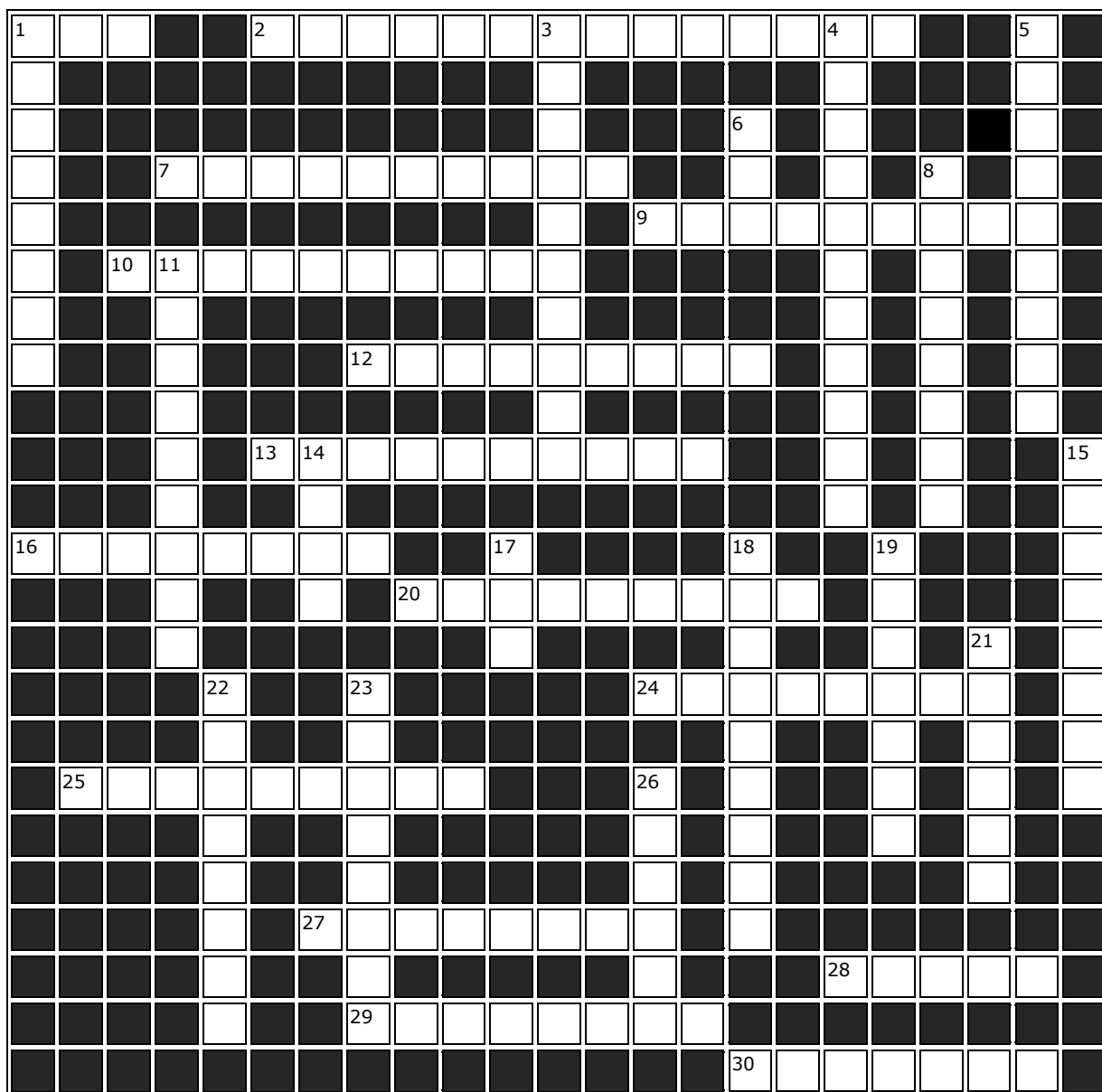
Woofs from Digger

CROSSWORD CLUES

Across	Down
1. ____ and coffee	1. Which group runs Tuesdays and Thursdays in term time
2. An ingredient of Melting Moments	3. Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12)
7. Weapon of (rectorial) destruction	4. The study of bells, bell-ringing
9. Where Vera lived for over 2 years	5. Became a Carmelite nun in 1888
10. Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6)	6. ____down and ____set
12. Author whose book is reviewed in the magazine	8. Number of weddings the bell-ringers rung for in 2014
13. Mary on Isis (anag.)	11. First name of the magazine editor
16. Agreement (Hebrews 9:15)	14. St Columba's burial place
20. The name of our Friday youth group	15. Day of the week on which our Mothers' Union Branch meets
24. A chorister may wear this over a robe	17. Church in the ___, on last Friday of the month
25. Age of the organist at St Nicholas'	18. Meurig is the chaplain to the Bishop of this place
27. Ian P has grown these from seed. Bird of _____	19. First name of a photographer advertising with us
28. Sister Shona was recently here for 3 months	21. Rachmaninov's first name
29. What anniversary is St Barnabas' Church celebrating this year	22. Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3)
30. Artist whose windows are installed at All Saints', Tudeley	23. Theme of a Come and Sing concert on 29th September
	26. The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48)

PRIZE CROSSWORD

Many of the answers to the clues (see page 22) can be found in this magazine or the Bible.
Good luck !



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COMMITTEE ROUND UP

PCC

Members: Anthony Ball (Chair), Steve Burston, James Grant, Sheila Dring, Siân Moulder, Phyl Pennell, Dawn Clubb, Don Hewerdine, Sue Walshe, Linda Eells, Ann Lane, Matthew Knight (Treasurer), Karen Fly, Helen McLaren, Filomena Resce, Jane Stanford, Colin Smith, Simon Wakefield (Secretary).

The PCC elected at the Annual Meeting in March has met three times. The first was immediately after the AGM to appoint the Standing Committee and officers and the second dealt with regular business such as allocating members to committees and reviewing policies (including our safeguarding policies). Also discussed at this meeting was parish administration – in principle, approval was given for widening the role of the Bursar to cover additional areas of admin, with increased working hours and restoring some of the budget for a Parish Administrator; considering the Diocesan strategy and the impact it might have on our Parish Plan. Alexander Brooks resigned as a Deanery Synod Rep and Sue Walshe has been appointed in his place.

The most recent meeting was with Archdeacon Fiona, as part of a visit by the Crawley Review team that is looking into the way in which the Church of England exercise our ministry in the town and considering whether any changes to structures and clergy deployment are necessary looking forward. Archdeacon Fiona was very affirming of the work going on across the parish.

Anthony Ball

STANDING COMMITTEE

Members: Anthony Ball (Chair), Steve Burston, Sheila Dring, James Grant, Matthew Knight, Siân Moulder, Phyl Pennell, Simon Wakefield.

In the new committee structure we have oversight of a range of areas of parish life. A key focus has been on the issues related to the restructuring parish admin support. Jenny Dobson is being made redundant (after nearly 9 years of dedicated service as the Bursar, for which we are most grateful). While the recruitment process and employment terms of a Parish Administrator are agreed, an interim arrangement for June/July will see Sue Perry's role expand and Elizabeth

Whyman working for 8 hours a week supporting the clergy and PCC officers. Stephen Edwards (Lottie's Dad) has volunteered to take on the accounts in support of the Treasurer.

In other areas of our responsibility we have prepared the parish policies required of us as a responsible employer, taken forward work on the downstairs meeting room at St Barnabas' (in progress), sought quotes for resurfacing the path at St Nicholas' with the introduction of a handrail and new lighting (results awaited) and made progress with plans for works on the church at St Barnabas' including securing a £2,500 grant from the Gatwick Airport Community Trust.

Anthony Ball

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Members: James Grant (Chair), Linda Eells, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Filomena Resce, Jane Stanford, (Non-voting: Joan Tick).

This committee has not yet met since the changes to the structure, but the old working groups have been busy with plans for St Barnabas' 60th anniversary celebrations including the Summer Fair on 4th July and an Anniversary Tea in September as well as the dedication Eucharist in October. By the time you have this magazine in your hand you will hopefully have popped in to the Flower Festival and been to the Big Lunch where we invited the community to share lunch with us to celebrate our Patronal Festival.

In the coming months, the committee will be exploring ways in which we can more effectively organise our teaching and discipleship so that we may be equipped to take up the challenge articulated by the Diocesan strategy to become more missional in our outlook.

James Grant

MISSION COMMITTEE

Members: Anthony Ball (chair), Steve Burston, Dawn Clubb, Don Hewerdine, Helen McLaren, Colin Smith. (non voting: Elizabeth Whyman)

The first meeting of this Committee is scheduled for 25th June and there has been much work in the areas for which it is responsible such as the

launch of a new-look website. See page 6 for more details.

The Crawley Debt Centre is now established and Fr James is a member of the Council of Advice that oversees its work. We are now exploring if the parish can offer the Christians Against Poverty course that gives people budgeting skills. We continue to collect food (MU blue boxes at both churches) for and support the Easter Team, who provide a free hot meal in the Hall on Saturdays as well as other support for those in need in our town. Canon Anthony has become the Vice Chair of the charity. We responded to Christian Aid's Nepal Earthquake Appeal with £500 from the Parish World Bank and some parishioners were involved in collections for Christian Aid Week.

On 21st June, St Nicholas' will host the final stop on the Refugee Tales pilgrimage (from Canterbury to Crawley) undertaken to highlight the plight of refugees and detainees – an initiative undertaken in collaboration with one of our 2014 Christmas charities - the Gatwick Airport Detainees Group. Committee members will be delighted to hear from you with ideas for enhancing our communications and/or engagement with our local communities, including the new development in Forge Wood.

Anthony Ball

ST BARNABAS' COMMITTEE

St Barnabas' Committee met on 5th May and discussed amongst other things, the choice of new hymn book for St Barnabas' which has been made possible thanks to an anonymous donation, the St

Barnabas' 60th Anniversary events and the Bring and Share Lunch which will follow the Parish Eucharist on 7 June. The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.

Phyl Pennell

ST NICHOLAS' COMMITTEE

I had the pleasure of chairing my first St Nicholas' committee meeting in April. We discussed plans for the numerous musical events which will be held at the church this year, and began making plans for the church fete on 22nd August, for which any offers of help are very welcome – email magazine@worthparish.org.uk. We also dealt with the issue of disposing of green waste at St Nicholas' - a green bin has now been ordered for the churchyard. Wheelchair access and the condition of the path leading to the church was discussed and quotes are being obtained for this work.

Stuart Sharpe has handed over his role as Friends of St Nicholas' coordinator to the members of the committee. Further names have been approved to be added to the St Nicholas' memorial book.

Thanks was given to Alastair Wells for taking on the responsibility of drawing up the church rotas, and also to Noreen Oxlade for organising the children's corner at the back of the church, making the time and effort to clean all the soft toys.

Next meeting will be Thursday 18th June 7.30pm in the Rectory Garden Room.

Siân Moulder



Due to Popular Demand, our informal service for families and children – Nic's – at St Nicholas' is now running twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Read what this service is like here:

www.worthparish.org/nics

BELL RINGERS WANTED!



We bellringers (and not just those at Worth) are a sociable bunch, which is why you will find us in the pub after practice most weeks. After all, ringing is thirsty work! I myself attended a practice in Washington DC not so long ago and found myself in a hostelry, called "The Elephant and Castle", drinking (of all things) "London Pride" (without prejudice?) and enjoying good conversation with the local ringers.

Even our Annual General Meeting (which takes place in January) turns into a social event. This year, it was chaired by Steve Burston and the main business included reports on the previous year, election of officers (no changes this year) and future plans. Our main concern was the condition of the ringing room as a result of water ingress two winters ago and we need a spring clean and redecoration at least.

We have just held our annual dinner, which took place on 14 May at the Cowdray Arms and was attended by 16 people. This was a very enjoyable

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evening. However, all this social activity does not mean that we take our responsibilities lightly. It is with some regret that we were not able to ring on Palm Sunday due to a shortage of ringers. Earlier in the year we only had four ringers one Sunday morning and a handful of our practices have also had to be cancelled due to not having sufficient people available.

So, we are looking to boost our numbers and recruit some new members – don't worry though, we won't throw you in at the deep end - it takes some time to learn to ring well enough for service ringing. We were recently contacted, via the website, by a man and his son who had heard our ringing one Sunday morning and wanted to see the bells. We were happy to show him "the ropes" before our practice - who knows, the lad might be a future campanologist, although not for some time since he was only 2!

Last year we rang for 41 weddings, noting quite a range of bridal transport! We try to ring for all the Sunday morning services and as well as the major Christmas services and two Choral Evensongs. Also, for the last seventeen years we have rung in the New Year with a quarter peal. We also gave a talk and demonstration at four wedding preparation days, as well as talks to

Beavers and Year 6 from Maidenbower Junior School. So the job is varied and interesting as well as keeping you fit and healthy.

We have some good news – our current bell ropes are worn out despite repairs – they have been in use since 2007 but wear out quickly because the ringing room is so close to the bells. Happily, our new bell ropes have arrived and are waiting to be installed. The new set cost £636 and was paid for by the ringers themselves.

Finally, if you didn't see on Facebook, we should let you know that we rang two quarter peals in early May. One was for the birth of Princess Charlotte and the other for the 70th Anniversary of VE Day. Both these events were marked by ringers up and down the country.

A quarter peal involves around 42 minutes of continuous ringing on our bells and encompasses 1,260 changes, requiring concentration and physical effort. So if you or someone you know wants to get fit, or see the bells in action, come and pay us a visit on practice night (Thursdays at 7.30pm). We may even be able to persuade you to take up ringing!

*Neil Dobson
Tower Captain*

PRAYERS OF HOPE AND PEACE

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities this day. We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions and those who work to uphold law and justice.

We pray for an end to fear,
for comfort and support to those who suffer,
for calm in our streets and cities.
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always.

Amen

Father,

Thank you that nothing is impossible with you.

When circumstances seem to conspire, when situations are entrenched, when relationships feel fragile, help us to remember that you are the God who breaks through barriers, who opens eyes and transforms lives of even the most unlikely people.

Help us to remember Paul - who he was and what he became – to be encouraged and full of hope and thanks.

In Jesus name,

Amen

Daphne Kitching

FOR CHILDREN

THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, Bush talked, Moses balked, Pharaoh plagued, People walked, Sea divided, Tablets guided, Promise landed, Saul freaked, David peaked, Prophets warned, Jesus born, God walked, Love talked, Anger crucified, Hope died, Love rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained.

Anon

JOKES

Who lost a herd of elephants?

A: Big Bo Peep.

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Luke

Luke Who?

Luke through the keyhole to find out !

Octopus: Can I share your seabed?

Crab: No!

Octopus: You are so shellfish!

From Alex and Christian



To make a praying hand bookmark, carefully cut out around the hands, fold back along the centre dotted line and glue together.

Use the the words on the hands and fingers to help you as you pray.

ST BARNABAS' PROJECT

At the St Barnabas' 60th Anniversary Patronal Festival, we gave thanks for the money raised (and pledged) for the anniversary project - including the award of a £2,500 grant from the Gatwick Airport Community Trust. Midway through our anniversary year, we turn our attention from fundraising (although that, and grant applications need to continue) to a consultation about what shape project(s) should take.

A noticeboard will be displayed at St Barnabas' showing various options on which we want your feedback. We are confident of raising sufficient money for the original plan to provide double-glazed windows for the church, but we have the opportunity to also consider a wider vision for how the site might develop. The work already done on the old vestry and store (now not-too-imaginatively renamed the "downstairs meeting room"!) means that the room is restored to its original size and with a door into the garden. This

raises the question of whether to recreate the original direct access to the church (the original door is currently a window) which would open up a much wider range of possibilities for its use. In order to help start discussions, our architect, Simon Dyson, has prepared two sketches - both showing a new south entrance with a porch.

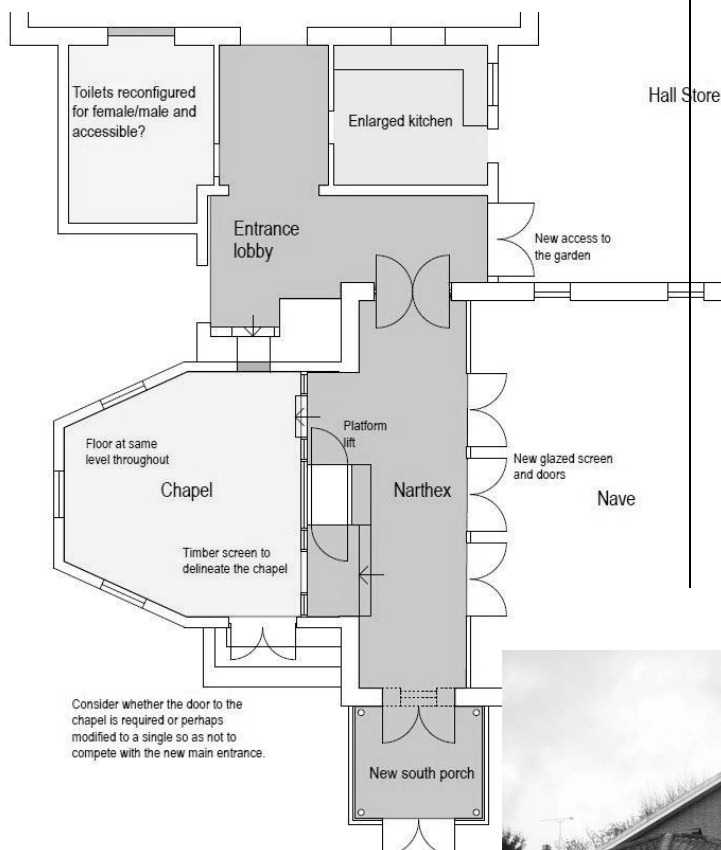
Sketch A has a fairly traditional porch design and doesn't envisage any changes to the Hall.



Sketch B has a more modern idea for a porch (glass - as shown in the mock-up photo below) but also builds on ideas of making a connection to the garden and reconfiguring the toilets and kitchen.



Simon observes that this "creates a much clearer logic for a new south porch [and] you can begin to solve a number of circulation issues, and have the potential to create a new chapel space where the narthex is presently located." If this feature has inspired you, why not go and see the display at St Barnabas' and offer your own ideas and feedback as to how shape the site for the next 60 years?



Plan showing changes in circulation (above)

Artist's impression of potential porch for St Barnabas' (right)



WHAT IS COMPLINE?

Keep me as the apple of your eye / Hide me under the shadow of your wings. Psalm 17:8

Since March, I have been inviting all to the St Barnabas' Vicarage for Cheese & Wine and Compline. When I mention Compline I often receive a blank look followed by "What is Compline?"

The Church has regular times of prayer which originated in monastic communities where the days were structured around the liturgy of the hours. Monks would break their daily tasks for times of prayer starting with Lauds or Matins at dawn followed by prayers roughly every three hours (Prime, Terce, Sext and None) until Vespers/Evening Prayer. Finally before bedtime, the day finished with Compline. These were called the divine offices and included longer or shorter readings from the Bible and anything between one and nine Psalms as well as other hymns and canticles.

The Church of England reduced these offices to two - Matins or Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer or Evensong. Evensong integrated elements of both Vespers and Compline into one service. At Evensong, we sing or hear both the Song of Mary (Magnificat) the canticle for Evening Prayer and the Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) the canticle for Compline. The current Anglican prayer book, Common Worship, separates these again into Evening Prayer and Compline.

Common Worship tells us:

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning completion. It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address, or business to be done, it should come first. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed.



Compline is the prayer at the end of the day and when we meet at the Vicarage, it is a quiet end to our evening. It is a time of reflection and prayer for one another after sharing some wine or soft drinks, and nibbles. I find it quite moving to share in prayer with one another after an evening of sharing a bit of our lives with one another.

The verse from Psalm 17:8 comes at the end of the responsory in Compline and sums up the feel of Compline well. Through Compline, we pray for God's protection through the night. But it is also a way of reassuring each other that we continue to hold each other in prayer.

You are very welcome to join us for cheese and wine from 7.30pm on the fourth Monday of the month (see the calendar on page 33). I've enjoyed this as another place to slowly get to know people in the parish. I do hope you consider joining us too, to chat and pray with our fellow Christians here in Worth. Looking forward to greeting you some day at the Vicarage.

James Grant



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RECIPE PAGE – MELTING MOMENTS

I have known this recipe since my childhood in the 1960s. I have no idea where it originated. The original recipe was for half this quantity, but, who wants to be left with half an egg? The cooled biscuits keep well in an airtight tin for a few weeks, so it is no hardship to use a larger batch or freeze them unbaked on a tray.

Ingredients

10 oz SR flour
5 oz lard
3 oz butter or margarine
6 oz sugar
2 tsp vanilla essence
1 egg
Porridge oats, cornflakes or desiccated coconut
Glaze cherries to trim

Preparation Method

1. Cream the butter, lard and sugar.
2. Beat in the egg and vanilla essence.
3. Add the flour and mix well.
4. With slightly wet hands, to stop the dough sticking, roll into walnut sized balls.
5. Roll the balls in oats, crushed cornflakes or coconut.

I do this about 6 at a time in a soup plate, which allows me to shake them around without them rolling off the edge.



6. Place on a baking tray and top with a slice of cherry, flattening the ball slightly as you do so. Allow space for biscuits to spread during cooking.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes at 170-180 C.
8. Allow the biscuits to cool and firm slightly on the baking tray before transferring to a cooling rack.

Jill Alderton

Beside them the birds
of the heavens dwell;
they sing among
the branches.



Psalms 104:12

THANK YOU

Thank you to those involved with Christian Aid week this year. Our parish raised a total of £890.35, of which £609.35 was raised from house to house collections in the Pound Hill area, organized by Brenda Sommerville and Ann Lane. £241.00 (up £52.85 on last year) came via the envelopes distributed and then collected and counted by Ann Phillipson in Worth Church, which also included £40 of Gift Aid.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE 7 No 9.45 N 10 Parish Eucharist 11.30-3pm Flower Festival	8 11am Julian Group 2-4pm Cafe Open	9 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	10	11 2.30pm Julian Group <i>N</i>	12 10.30-12 Cafe Open	13 10-12 Market 10-12 Cafe Open
14 Regular Services Sunday School <i>N</i> and <i>B</i> Switched On	15 2-4pm Cafe Open	16 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	17	18 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Knit+Natter 7pm St N Committee Meeting	19 10.30-12 Cafe Open 7pm Plugged In	20 10-12 Cafe Open
21 Regular Services Sunday School <i>N</i> 11.30 Nic's <i>N</i> 14.30 Refugee Walk Hospitality <i>N</i>	22 2-4pm Cafe Open 7.30pm Cheese and Wine/Compline at St B Vicarage	23 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	24 3-4.30pm Mussy Church	25 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Knit+Natter	26 10.30-12 Cafe Open 8pm Church in the Pub	27 10-12 Cafe Open 7pm Music for A Summer's Evening Concert <i>N</i>
28 Regular Services Sunday School <i>N</i> and <i>B</i> Switched On	29 2-4pm Cafe Open	30 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	JULY 1	2 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Knit+Natter	3 10.30-12 Cafe Open 7pm Plugged In	4 10-12 Cafe Open 11-3 Parish Fair
5 Regular Services 11.30 Nic's 7pm Sussex Wind Band Concert <i>N</i>	6 2-4pm Cafe Open	7 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open 11 Home Communion (Lanehurst Gardens)	8 2.30-4pm Pastoral Assistants Tea	9 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Knit+Natter	10 10.30-12 Cafe Open	11 10-12 Market 10-12 Cafe Open
12 Regular Services Sunday School <i>N</i> and <i>B</i> Switched On	13 11am Julian Group 2-4pm Cafe Open	14 9.15-11.15 Toddlers	15	16 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Knit+Natter 7.30pm Eucharist and PCC Meeting, Garden Room, Rectory <i>N</i>	17 10.30-12 Cafe Open 7pm Plugged In	18 10-12 Cafe Open
19 Regular Services Sunday School <i>N</i> 11.30 Nic's	20 2-4pm Cafe Open	21	22 3-4.30pm Mussy Church	23 2.30pm Knit+Natter	24 10.30-12 Cafe Open	25 10-12 Cafe Open
26 Regular Services No <i>Sunday Schools</i> until <i>September</i>	27 2-4pm Cafe Open 7.30pm Cheese and Wine/Compline at St B Vicarage	28	29	30 2.30pm Knit+Natter	31 10.30-12 Cafe Open 8pm Church in the Pub	AUG 1 10-12 Cafe Open

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16 Regular Services 11.30 Nic's N	17	18 10.30-12 Cafe Open	19	20	21 10.30-12 Cafe Open 12.30 Lunches	22 10-12 Cafe Open 12-4pm Parish Fete at St Nicholas' N
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6 Regular Services + 11.30 Nic's	7	8 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	9 2.30-4pm Pastoral Assistants Tea	10 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 2.30pm Julian Group N	11 10.30-12 Cafe Open 12.30 Lunches	12 8.30am Ladies' Breakfast 10-12 Cafe Open
13 Regular Services Switched On Sunday School N	14 11am Julian Group	15 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	16	17 9.15-11.15 Toddlers	18 10.30-12 Cafe Open 12.30 Lunches	19 8.30am Men's Breakfast 9am- Come and Sing Musicals N 7pm Come and Sing Musicals Concert N
20 Regular Services Sunday School N 11.30 Nic's N	21	22 9.15-11.15 Toddlers 10.30-12 Cafe Open	23 3pm Messy Church	24 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting	25 10.30-12 Cafe Open 12.30 Lunches 8pm Church in the Pub	26 Next Parish Magazine out tomorrow !

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USEFUL NUMBERS

100 Club	Parish Office
Altar Servers (St Barnabas')	David Anderson Phyl Pennell
Altar Servers (St Nicholas')	Jenny Dobson Joan Pallett
Bell Ringers	Neil Dobson
Bookings (Hall, Pastoral Centre, Church etc)	Parish Office
Buildings and Facilities	See <i>Churchwardens</i>
Charities and Community Activities	Canon Anthony Ball
Children's Society	Brenda Booker
Choirs (Worth Church and Festival Choir)	Alex Hiam
Church Cleaning (St Barnabas')	Phyl Pennell
Church Cleaning (St Nicholas')	Jill Freeborn
Churchwardens (St Barnabas')	Phyl Pennell Sheila Dring
Churchwardens (St Nicholas')	Siân Moulder
Discipleship Committee	Revd James Grant
Events (Parish)	Jane Stanford
Families, Youth and Children Work	Revd Steve and Liz Burston
Fellowship Activities	Joan Tick
Festival Choir (occasional)	Alex Hiam
Flower Arranging (St Barnabas')	Phyl Pennell
Flower Arranging (St Nicholas')	Noreen Oxlade
Friends of St Nicholas	Colin Smith
Julian Group (St Barnabas')	Don Hewerdine
Julian Group (St Nicholas')	Gill Gusterson
Knit and Natter	Val Rudd
Magazine	Elizabeth Whyman
Messy Church	Liz Burston
Mission Committee	Canon Anthony Ball
Music (incl. Choirs)	Alex Hiam
Mothers' Union	Mary Fry
Pastoral Assistants Co-ordinator	Canon Anthony Ball
Pastoral Centre	
PCC Chairman	Canon Anthony Ball
PCC Electoral Roll Officer	Jane Stanford
PCC Secretary	Simon Wakefield
PCC Treasurer	Matthew Knight
PCC Vice Chair	Phyl Pennell
Plugged In (Friday Youth Group 7-9pm)	Revd Steve Burston
Safeguarding Officer	Sheila Dring
St Barnabas' Committee	Phyl Pennell
St Nicholas Circle	Max Perry
St Nicholas' Committee	Siân Moulder
Sunday School (St Barnabas')	Greta Sawyer
Sunday School (St Nicholas')	Joan Tick
Switched On (Sunday Youth Group)	Liz Burston
Toddlers (Tues/Thurs am)	Jenny Dobson
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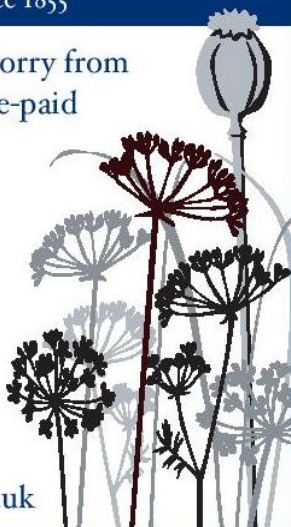
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