

But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.

Psalms 59:16



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REGULAR SERVICES

Our regular services are shown below; a calendar at the back of this magazine details special services, groups and events happening throughout the next two months.

	St Nicholas', Worth	St Barnabas', Pound Hill
Sundays	08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, 1662) 10.00 Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)	10.00 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays - Eucharist and Sunday School 10.00 4th Sundays Child- friendly Services with Sunday School
Mondays	No services	No services
Tuesdays	No services	10.30 Eucharist
Wednesdays	No services	15:00 Messy Church at St Barnabas' on 17 Oct, 21 Nov, 12 Dec
Thursdays	10.30 Eucharist	No services
Fridays and Saturdays	No services	No services

You can also join us at:

The Studio Maidenbower Infants School RH10 7RA	
10 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec (1 st or 2 nd Wed in term times)	15:15 Messy Church in Maidenbower

St Barnabas' Cafe RH10 7DY	
Mondays run by JayDee's café	12.00 - 17.00 Pop in for a cake and a drink. Games also available.
Tuesdays	10.00 - 12.00 Pop in for a cake and a drink
Thursdays	14.00 - 16.00 Knit and Natter -bring any crafts to do
Fridays	10.30 - 12.30 Pop in for a cake and a drink 12.30 Lunches - prebook tickets (£6.50) by calling 01293 883362
Saturdays	10.30 - 12.00 Pop in for a cake and a drink Market on the first Saturday of each month

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“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” Socrates

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” William Arthur Ward

“When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.” Chinese Proverb

“Time changes everything except something within us which is always surprised by change.” Thomas Hardy

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FROM THE RECTOR

Golden autumn colours, warm days and cool nights, slow-cooked nourishing and warming dishes to cheer the evenings, are all things to be welcomed and anticipated in the coming weeks. There is, however, another side to this time of year many will find harder to cope with; the relentless shortening of the days and gradual chilling of the air can be depressing and isolating. At least in the summer months getting out and about is more enticing. One of the purposes of the church community that applies both to when it is looking inwards, and when it looks outwards, is to help people re-describe what they see around them, what they feel within themselves, in order to find a more positive view of life. By that I don't mean a hearty, 'Snap out of it!' approach to those weighed down by besetting anxieties and troubles. The Christian message is one of hope, and hope turns the prospect of despair into the expectation of joy. And what is the agent to bring hope into our lives? Love, every time and in every place, it is love, shared, accepted, given, sought, by which grief can become acceptance, turmoil becomes calm, what we fear we now begin to understand and peace permeates our very being.

This idea of re-describing that sees a chink of light in a darkened room, that offers a glimpse of a better place, that helps us put down a heavy burden to move forward with a lighter heart, reminds me of a poem by the Welsh priest poet RS Thomas (1913-2000), called The Kingdom:

It's a long way off but inside it
There are quite different things going on:



Festivals at which the poor man
Is king and the consumptive is
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look
At themselves and love looks at them
Back; and industry is for mending
The bent bones and the minds
fractured
By life. It's a long way off, but to get
There takes no time and admission
Is free, if you will purge yourself
Of desire, and present yourself with
Your need only and the simple offering
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

With this year's 100th anniversary of the end of the 'war to end all wars' and the unhappy knowledge of a century of bloodshed and upheaval since 1918, the Kingdom does indeed seem a long way off. And yet despite all that has beset and continues to erode the peace of the world, hope has given us, in each generation, the motivation to keep going. As a reminder of this, it is good we're also marking in 2018 the 110th anniversary of the 4th Worth Scout Group; giving thanks for 110 years of youthful optimism and confidence in the future. As St Paul wrote to the fledgling church in Philippi:

'Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.'

Fr. Michael

TIMES PAST

A hot summer full of events



July – Guitar
recital (see P6)
and
The Bell Ringers'
Afternoon Tea



The Afternoon Tea organised by the Bell Ringers at St Nicholas was a great success. Owing to the doubtful weather, it was held in St Nicholas Church rather than the Rectory Garden. All those whom I spoke to enjoyed it very much. I understand Chloe had decided to drop leaflets along Church Road and it was interesting that a number of local residents joined us who were not regular attendees at church and some had never been in the church before. The money raised will help to pay for the very necessary work required owing to ingress of water in the tower and replacement of tiles.

Pam

JUNE AND JULY

The sun shone and the people came, the children's corner was buzzing and there was a steady stream going round the stalls. The Mayor came and the pleasant chink of coins could be heard and a very creditable sum was raised.



The Art of Guitar - Virtuoso Classics

On Saturday 14th July 2018 at 7 pm, under a clear blue sky and the warmth of the evening sun, the audience arrived for our Classical Spanish Guitar Recital.

I had received an email from Mark Jennings offering a Classical/Spanish guitar recital at one of our churches. Mark had studied at the London College of Music, Royal College of Music, Trinity College of Music and the Royal Northern College, and his CV included many public masterclasses in the UK and performances heard on Classic FM and the BBC.

Heidi and Joe (Bishop's Lodge) sold plenty of wine, with the occasional fruit juice or water, and the atmosphere was splendid. Clearly, all the hard work to promote this event was paying off and Elizabeth Whyman had done an amazing amount of publicity on Twitter, Facebook, Eventbrite and many websites and publications including Sussex Living and RH10.

Then came an opportunity to 'Say it in 60' on Radio Surrey. We got this opportunity as Gordon Parry was continually being interviewed by all and sundry because he taught Gareth Southgate at Hazelwick and Gareth was married at St Nicholas'. We were offered the 'Say it in 60' and I listened to the dulcet tones of Alex Hiam, our choirmaster, promoting the concert.

The success of this Recital was due to the wonderful music that included Francisco Tarrega

'Recuerdos de la Alhambra', Isaac Albeniz 'Granada and Mallorca' and Stanley Myers' theme music to The Deer Hunter, 'Cavatina'; the acoustics in St Nicholas' clearly enhanced the performance. I must add that the event made £387 for Parish funds.

Colin Smith Deputy Church Warden – Promoter of Mark Jennings Guitar Recital.

A Special Enrolment

Although it was a wet and dreary morning it turned out to be very bright and joyful as our very own Reverend Sarah became a Member of the Mothers' Union!

The Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson travelled from Eastbourne, on the morning of Sunday July 29th, to St Barnabas' to enrol Sarah as our latest member. Seven Members of the Branch also attended the service, led by our Fr Michael, and a goodly number of parishioners heard Kathryn speaking about the work of the Mothers' Union.

How our founder, Mary Sumner, began what has become a worldwide organisation from a small room in her husband's Rectory. We in the Worth & Pound Hill Mothers' Union are not asking Sarah to start a worldwide organisation, just to help us encourage others to join us!

You can see from the photographs how happy and thrilled it has made Sarah and it could do the same for you!

We pray for and wish Sarah a long, happy and fulfilling membership; welcome Sarah!



Kathryn also presented Jacky Hemsley with a Long Service Certificate.

Joan Tick on behalf of
W&P.H. M.U.

NEWS FROM THE HOME GROUPS

Home Group Outing

The Thursday Morning St Barnabas Home Group went on a "jolly" for Birthday Celebrations.

Sadly, not all of us could go but Caroline, Ronnie, Sue, Viv and Molly all went to High Beeches tea rooms and had afternoon tea. As you can see from the picture we had lots to eat! Sandwiches, warm scones with clotted cream, strawberry jam and strawberries followed by cake, which was all very delicious. We agreed that we all ate too much, but we did laugh a lot. Even little Molly enjoyed some dog biscuits!

Thanks to Caroline who was our driver and delivered us safely there and back; and as it was Sue's birthday there were cards and presents as well.

We all agreed that we shall have to do it again as we had a really lovely time!!

(Dogs are only allowed in the tea gardens which can be tricky for those less able to walk far, as access is via some steps through the tea room.)



ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE

Following the Summer break, we had a very low turnout for the September meeting where Liz from Homestart CHAMS came to talk about the work they do for Sussex families in supporting them by taking away some of the burdens. Despite the numbers, we had a great time.

On WEDNESDAY 3rd October 2018 Gordon Parry will be talking about his day-job encouraging School Chaplaincy. In November Pam Newley will be telling us about her life while she shares her Desert Island Discs.

All members of the Circle are being asked to vote on changes to the organisation as well as whether we meet on a Wednesday or a Thursday. This consultation hopes to look at ways to address our falling membership, essential to booking good (but sometimes expensive) guest speakers. *Max*

MOTHERS'

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

UNION SUMMER OUTING

Once again, I had the delight of joining the Mothers' Union Summer Outing. For the past couple of years, we had been to the Lavender Farm near Woodmansterne but this year they had decided to venture slightly further afield. However, the constant element which follows these events is the cream tea which this year surpassed all previous occasions.

The visit was to Lancing College Chapel. Like many people I had seen it from a distance as it towers over the skyline as you drive along the A27 between Brighton and Worthing. Although it is part of Lancing College it is run as a separate charity which organises regular tours.

It is a Gothic style building which was begun in 1868 and even today is not finally complete. The founder was Nathaniel Woodard who founded a total of 11 schools including Ardingly and Hurstpierpoint. The chapel boasts the tallest vaulted ceiling of any school chapel in the world and is one of the tallest in the United Kingdom rising to 90ft above the floor. We were given an excellent presentation and tour by the Verger. If you have never been I can highly recommend it.

After the tour we moved on to Steyning where we enjoyed what everyone agreed was one of the best cream teas ever. Replete, we then made our way back to Crawley after a thoroughly satisfying afternoon.

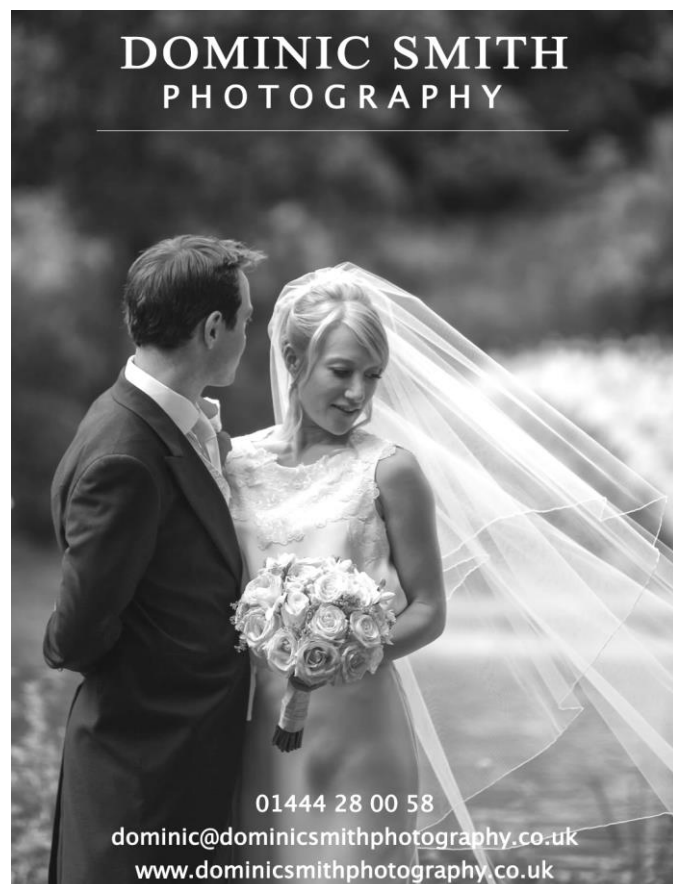
Plans are already afoot for next year's outing in July. One thing that you can be assured is that it will include a cream tea. Anyone is welcome to join this MU event so look out for the notice in the pew leaflet.
David Fry



TO HIRE

- **St Nicholas' Church** - fantastic acoustics and seats 150
- **St Barnabas' Church Hall** - 10m by 10m, seats 105 with kitchen and garden
- **Pastoral Centre** - a carpeted room and café seating up to 40
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 to discuss your individual requirements
 or arrange a look around.



SATURDAY MARKETS

6 October, 3 Nov

10-11.45

**Refreshments Toys
 Clothing Homemade
 produce Books**

Admission free

09/06/2018	Lee Carter & Karolina Malek
16/06/2018	Benjamin Short & Sophia Civalé
17/06/2018	Harrison Spain & Emily Stone
30/06/2018	Nathan Stanley & Emily Taylor
07/07/2018	Martin Jones & Samantha Walker
21/07/2018	Nicholas Taylor & Hannah Scotcher
27/07/2018	Jonathan Cornell & Rachel Stass
27/07/2018	Adam Kenward & Alexis Groves
28/07/2018	Ian Cobbett & Louise Clark
04/08/2018	Ben Rogers & Flo Stratton
18/08/2018	Neil & Caroline Hughes
25/08/2018	Stephen Jones & Rosie Smith
01/09/2018	Glenn Mitchell & Louise Collins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

PCC INFORMATION

25th July 2018

After prayers, the Minutes of 23rd May were approved. Among Matters Arising: consideration of updating the office computers continues; the new photocopier/printer is working to expectation; approval was given for three new notice boards for our two churches; two appointments have been approved for a Temporary Cleaner, and for a Marketing and Publicity Officer.

The Treasurer presented an extensive report. It was agreed to close two minor accounts and allocate the funds elsewhere. Tony Chamier presented a report on the Card Reader project; it is proposed to refine the project in order to improve the information which can be gained.

Revd Sarah, with others, has been working hard on compliance with GDPR; work which is on-going. The Data Privacy Report is available on our website.

Minutes of the St Nicholas' and the St Barnabas' Committees were received. Phyl Pennell wishes to stand down as the Centre Manager, and Caroline is unable to take forward the Pastoral Assistance Group; both matters deferred to the next meeting.

The PCC considered a letter of complaint but, while sympathetic, felt that there was no action to be taken and rejected the claim for compensation which had been made.

Future events were noted: *July 29*, Cream Tea on the Rectory Lawn; *August 19*, Bring and Share Lunch on the Rectory Lawn (note: later postponed); *October 6*, Harvest Lunch by Messy Church; *October 7*, Harvest Festival, gifts divided between Open House and the Easter Team, and Christian Aid envelopes distributed during the week following; *October 21*, Chichester Cathedral Choir singing at St Nicholas'; *December 1*, Christmas Fair.

Next meeting: 26th September at 19:00.

SHELLEY COPTHORNE
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Registered Charity No. 306408

Small grants towards the expenses of college or university courses are available to students, under the age of 25 years, who are resident in or around the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Worth.

Applications for grants should only be made for courses where a confirmed offer of a place has been accepted. Application should be by letter, giving brief details of yourself, including date of birth, your education and the course you will be undertaking, and addressed to:

The Honorary Secretary,
The Shelley Copthorne Educational
Foundation,
3, Saxon Road,
Worth,
Crawley,
RH10 7SA.

Applications by **1st November** for consideration in the current year



**at St. BARNABAS
CHURCH HALL
Worth Road, Pound Hill,
Crawley, RH10 7DY
In aid of Hall
Refurbishment
9.30 am – 11.00 AM
SATURDAY 10 November**

**Refreshments available
All welcome**

**Entrance 40p
Children free**



COMMITTEES

ST BARNABAS' COMMITTEE

The St Barnabas' Committee met on the 19th September. We welcomed Vivienne Tillyer onto the team.

Services We looked at the Autumn schedule of services and events including the Harvest Lunch and Harvest Festival, 'A Time to Remember'; and looked forward to the Christmas Fair. A visit from the Bishop of Horsham was discussed and the day after the meeting Sarah was delighted to learn that he would be joining us on the 13th January next year.

Children's Ministry We talked about the very important link of Mary Fry being a Governor at Forge Wood. Discussion about Sunday School identified that the profile of Sunday School could be improved and the need for St Barnabas' to provide photographs and articles for the website.

The Pastoral Centre The need for initial planning and feasibility work for improvements to the Pastoral Centre to be brought up at the next PCC. General maintenance of the Centre was discussed including plans for some tree work and a new kitchen hall back door.

Notice Boards Plans are now in place for completion of new notice boards.

Crawley Open House No final decision on funding has yet been made. The matter is out for consultation by WSCC. The Vicar of Ifield has spoken to various Councillors and Henry Smith MP. Active lobbying is required and the people to contact are Amanda Jupp and Louise Goldsmith at West Sussex.

Parish Giving Scheme There are increasing problems in administering Gift Aid for those **not** participating in the Planned Giving Scheme. John Kemp will be giving a presentation at Horsham on 26th October at which the Parish will be represented.

ST BARNABAS' REFURBISHMENT

In the last magazine I reported that we were awaiting the result of the grant applications to Gatwick Airport Community Trust and Tesco Bags of Help. I am happy to say that both applications were successful and we received £1,000 from Gatwick Airport Community Trust and £2,000 from Tesco Bags of Help.

Thanks to those parishioners who shopped in Tesco during May and June and voted for our project with their tokens. We finished in second place – hence the £2,000.

The grant awards (totalling £5,300) plus income from some events – jumble sales, Plant Fair and so on, and generous donations from parishioners, has meant that we are now benefitting from new flooring in the Hall, Entrance Hall and Hall Kitchen.

The work was carried out during the period 30th July to 3rd August by "On All Floors", a local company, at a cost of £7,000. Thanks to those parishioners who helped to empty the Hall, Entrance Hall and Kitchen and then put the items back again.

A plaque (similar to the one by the Hall toilets) acknowledging donations towards the cost of the flooring has been ordered and will hopefully be in place by the time you read this.

Feedback about the flooring from users of the Hall has been positive. Over the last year, since new toilets and now new flooring, we have seen an increase in Hall bookings; we have created a much more welcoming atmosphere for the local community.

Phyl Pennell September 2018



ST NICHOLAS' COMMITTEE

We met 19th September 2018 and Father Michael opened the meeting with prayers. Minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2018 were approved.

Matters arising: Gerald Sandwell reported that the replacement of the wax acolyte candles with oil had been a success. Chandeliers in chancel are an ongoing concern.

Quinquennial Report: Jonathan Cerowski has been appointed as our new Architect. His report has highlighted what needs to be done and a detailed plan has been produced. It was considered prudent for the work on the spire, waterproofing the church and pointing should go ahead without delay. The cost of these works has been estimated at £50,000.

Churchyard approach: Colin has been in touch with a tree surgeon with good references; he has offered a good price for this work. As this is a very sensitive project it was felt that it should proceed, but with a smooth transition. Jonathan will of course be consultant on this project.

Memorial Garden: We have received an offer to pay for design of this project and initial drawings have been provided. One of these designs was approved by the Committee and would be sent for approval by DAC and Jonathan. It was suggested that Jeremy Batchelor (grave digger) be consulted with regards to the aesthetics of the plots.

Utility Block Repairs: The heating and hot water needed to be inspected and repaired; cupboards to be put back on to walls where needed; door closure arms to be replaced along with missing tiles. This work has all been undertaken and finished by Slawek and Patryk. Frost protection to be checked and Tony Chamier is going to action the heating problem.

Location of Peace Candle: It was decided we would try moving the Peace Candle to the War Memorial niche. It was felt that this would be most appropriate and stop the continual relocation.

Updating Memorial Book: Joan Tick reported a number of people who it was felt should be included in the Memorial Book; these names attached as a separate copy with reasons why they should be included. The Committee concurred with her evaluation. We are still looking for someone with the writing skills to help us keep this Book up to date.

Modification of Services at St Nicholas':

- a) The Bishop of Horsham to attend St Nicholas' to perform Baptism and Confirmation 4th November
- b) At St Nicholas' we will trial a single reading and Gospel. Also Hymn during Communion should be either Anthem or Hymn sung by choir only. It is felt Prayers should be from the body of the church not the Lectern, and it was agreed to try this.

The Meeting closed with the Grace **Next Meeting:** St Nicholas Rectory 16th January 2018

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The last Deanery Synod meeting was on Wednesday June 13th and was held at St Margaret's Church, Ifield.

The presentation on "Dementia in Church" did not take place, so the speaker was Revd Steve Burston. He spoke of the Apostolic Partnership, the HTB church plant in Crawley at St John's. Steve talked about the expanding work in Crawley town centre, the services on Sundays, and the outreach to schools and families during the week.

As usual, there were Financial Matters to discuss and the accounts for the year were approved. There was an appeal to members of Deanery Synod to elect six lay people and seven clergy to the Diocesan Synod. Fr Michael Boag put his name forward.

Ann Phillipson

I STAYED IN CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE

Yes, I really did, as I had nowhere else to go; one of the outreach workers was worried about me sleeping in my car where there was no CCTV and there was no way by which they could keep an eye on me. They only knew I was sleeping rough as I went into Open House to see what they could do to help me. Well I slept, if you can call it sleep, for 2 nights outside Open House, and at 2 in the morning I rang the buzzer, because you can't just walk in, and told the chap who answered I was ready to come in. I had already spoken to him. I didn't want to go in and accept help as I have always been the sort of person who believes that if you have a problem you just get on with it.

However, I went in, had a cup of coffee and a couple of biscuits while Tom, who was to be my keyworker, sorted out all the paperwork. They had a room for me with a bed, chest of drawers and wardrobe. I was surprised, as I thought the rooms would be few and far between. However, I finally got to bed at 4.00 am and slept for about 3 hours; and yes, Molly was with me, and slept on the end of the bed. I went into the dining room in the morning and had some toast and more coffee. The residents who came in said "Hello" and one of the girls came and sat down and talked to me. During that day I had an appointment with the health worker who sorts out medication and any other health problems you have. I also had an appointment with the chap who sorts out benefits, and the girl who sorts out where they are going to find somewhere for you to live after Open House. After a couple of days I had a meeting with the hostel manager who said I was to move into a bigger room because of Molly. This room the residents call the 'penthouse' and is the biggest room in the shelter. Same stuff in there, just more room. I didn't believe that they would ever find me somewhere to live, but he told me they would, as that's their job; it's what they do.

After a few days I got to know a few of the residents and we would sit in the evening drinking coffee and talking about our problems. I would say

they were to become good friends and even though I've left Open House I still keep in touch with them. To be honest, before I went in and got to know them I would probably have crossed over the road if I'd seen them rather than walk past them, but they are a good lot of people and now I'm no longer there I miss them.

I have now moved into a studio flat with the help of the resettlement team. The landlord of the flats didn't know if they would allow Molly in but the resettlement co-ordinator took a photo of Molly alongside her handbag to show she is only tiny! Then she emailed it to him every day until he gave

in and came to meet her and the rest, as they say, is history. I miss all the friends I made at Open House but it seems that one by one they are moving into the same studios, so we're trying to arrange a BBQ providing we haven't lost the summer altogether.

I would finally say, please, if you can afford it they are constantly in need of coffee, sugar, UHT milk, jam, marmalade and Marmite. Or, maybe a couple of pounds to help swell their funds. Before I went in I wouldn't have dreamed how much they do for the homeless; all the staff are worth their weight in gold. They open the

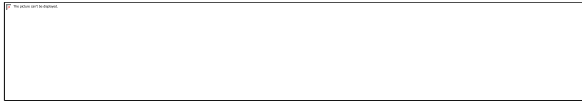
gates to the public between 10 am and 2 pm during weekdays and they are located in Stephenson Way almost next door to the storage place. Please think about the homeless and remember them and the staff in your prayers. Oh and don't forget about the coffee!

If anyone wants to know more they can get in touch with me.

Viv

And this article comes in just as Crawley Council is considering withdrawing all their funding from Open House. They are discussing this as we go to press. There is an online petition currently with 9221 signatures – please sign <https://www.change.org/p/louise-goldsmith-save-crawley-open-house>





Worth & Pound Hill Branch 2018

The Future of our Branch!

Where do we go from here?



We have been asking ourselves for some time, what is going to happen to our Branch of the Mothers' Union when the current Members are too old or sick to continue with the wonderful, good work we do?

Sadly the answer is the Branch will close, there will be no one to help the clergy with baptisms, aid the Gatwick Detainees, make cakes for parish events, help those in need to have a holiday, or raise funds to help other folk in our diocese, our country or the wider world to have a better quality of life, unless ... we have **your** help!

We have prayed and thought and discussed what is the next step and we, as a Branch, are all in agreement that



, please!

We need more Members, male and female, young or middle-aged or older to realise what a wonderful organisation the Mothers' Union is, what it is all about and to join us.

PLEASE READ ON...

Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union 141 years ago because she wanted to help new, young mothers be better able to care for their children, husbands and families, in a Christian way.

Little did she realise then that her idea would go worldwide and help people in so many other ways.

Mothers' Union has expanded to **83 countries with more than four million members** and the work of the Mothers' Union stretches in various areas from parenting courses, wedding and baptism preparations, literacy courses, prison visiting, supporting the Gatwick Detainees, toys bags for hospitals, cake and tea distribution in hospitals, caravan holidays for the needy, supporting workers in Africa, launched the Bye Buy childhood campaign in 2010, concerned with commercialization and sexualisation of childhood, the list seems to be endless. Oh yes, and in our parish, helping our clergy and fund raising for both churches!

Can you sit back and watch this all come to an end here in our Parish?

We are sure you would not want that to happen.
We do not want our Branch to die either.

Our Branch was formed just over 30 years ago and we have gone from strength to strength, supporting Mothers' Union in the District, Diocese, Nationally and Worldwide because that is what we believe in, why we ALL joined MU to be able to promote Christian Family Life and to help those in need.

Our Founder, Mary Sumner, never gave up, she wavered once but then took the bull by the horns and showed others and us the way forward. Jesus said that if we do it for the least of these we do it for Him! We try to and could do more but.....

We can only continue to do this with **extra** help, more Members, that is why....



Please consider becoming a Member of the Mothers' Union.

Reverend Sarah joined in July and we are thrilled to have her as a role model.

Are **YOU** going to be next?

You do not have to attend every Meeting but we are sure that once you come you will want to continue to do so; we are prayerful, have fun and support others in so many ways and we could do so much more with more members; this will keep Mothers' Union alive in our parish for future generations.

Speak to Mary Fry, Jacky Hemsley, Pam Newley, Joan Tick, Sue Wood, Simon Morris (when he is in the parish) or one of the other MU Members in church or the Pastoral Centre and we will be thrilled to tell you more about us and what we believe in.

Our next Meetings are October 25th [Songs of Praise & Party Night!] then November 22nd ['Preparing for Advent' service & wrapping gifts for Gatwick Detainees] Both will be held in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm until 9.00pm, please come along and see what we are really like, you never know you may want to join.

We hope you will!



so do we!

Joan Tick.

We Will Remember Them

From 2014 the Worth Bellringers have been honouring our soldiers who died during WWI with a quarter peal on or near the anniversary of their death. Here are some of the details from this year's list.

War Casualties from 1918

Joseph Berry - 27/02/18

Joseph Berry was a Sapper in the 561st Hampshire Works Company of the Royal Engineers. He was killed on 27th February 1918 whilst working at the early Netheravon airfield on Salisbury Plain and is buried, along with a number of other early Air Force casualties from the airfield, at St Michael's Church, Figheledean in Wiltshire. He was born about 1879 at Stanmer, near Brighton, the son of John and Mary Berry. His father was a builder.

Albert Edward Broadhurst - 22/03/18

Private Albert Edward Broadhurst of the 5th Battalion Tank Corps was killed on 22nd March 1918, and is buried in Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension. He was born in Faversham, Kent about 1892, the son of Richard and Sarah Broadhurst. His father was a house painter. He was married to Lillian, lived at 104, Spencers Road, Crawley and managed a shop at 90, High Street, Three Bridges.

Ernest Edward Maynard - 28/03/18

Private Ernest Edward Maynard of the 743rd Company, Labour Corps, was killed on 28 March 1918 during the German Operation Michael. He is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial. He was born in Rotherfield about 1889, son of Edward and Philadelphia Maynard. His father was a Railway Porter.

Arthur How - 12/04/18

Arthur How was a Sapper in the 249th Field Company, Royal Engineers. He was killed on 12th April 1918 and is buried in Forceville Communal Cemetery and Extension. He was born about 1882 in Studham, Herts, son of William and Francis How. Arthur was a Bricklayer's labourer in Aldingbourne near Chichester. His brother Frank was a Watchman in Ifield.

Harry Harbour - 16/05/18

Private 6/7694 Harry Harbour of the 7th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment was killed in action on 16th May 1918 at Mailly Wood in the Somme and is buried in Mailly Wood Cemetery. He was born in West Hoathly about 1895, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Harbour.

Alfred John Goring - 07/06/18

Private 203963 Alfred John Goring of the 1st Garrison Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment died of Enteric Fever (Typhoid) on 7th June 1918 whilst on duty in Egypt, and is buried in Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Worth about 1873, he was the son of Thomas and Esther Goring. Alfred was a shop assistant. He was married and lived at 15 Horsham Road, Ifield.

Stanley Thomas Moore - 29/07/18

Stanley Thomas Moore, a Private in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), was killed in action 29th July 1918, and buried in Raperie British Cemetery, Villemontoire. He was born in Worth about 1898 and was 19 when he died. He was the younger son of William David and Sarah Moore of 65 Hazelwick Road.

Alf Thompsett - 29/08/18

Alf Thompsett was a Private in the 10th (Service) Battalion South Wales Borderers (1st Gwent). He was killed in action on 29th August 1918 and is buried in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval. He enlisted in Surbiton, was a resident in Kingston on Thames, and was born about 1891 in Worth. He was the youngest son on Thomas and Mary Ann Thompsett. Thomas was from Laughton near Hailsham in East Sussex. His wife was from nearby East Hoathly. Thomas was a bricklayer and Willett's Directory for 1916 records Thomas at 38 Hazlewick Road, Three Bridges.

George William Jupp - 18/09/18

George William Jupp was a Private in the 7th (Service) Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. He was killed on 18th September 1918 at Epehy, and is buried in Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery. Sixty one members of the Regiment in total are buried there. He enlisted in Redhill; was born in Brighton about 1886. He was a pistol maker and his wife, Edith Agnes Jupp, lived at 29 Mill Road Three Bridges.

Percy Abbot Moore - 28/10/18

Percy Abbot Moore was a Corporal in the 9th (City of London) Battalion (Queen Victoria's Rifles) London Regiment. He was pensioned out of the Army at some point during the war and died at home of Pulmonary Tuberculosis 28 October 1918 aged 25, and is buried in Worth Churchyard.

Albert A Everest - 07/11/18

Albert Everest was a Driver in the 56th (London) Divisional Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery. He died of pneumonia in UK on 7th November 1918 at the age of 31 and is buried in St Nicholas churchyard. He was born at Worcester Park, Surrey; the Son of James and Eliza Ann (Annie) Everest. His father was a bricklayer. His wife Rose Matilda Everest, lived at 88 High St, Three Bridges.

Alfred Holman - 07/12/18

Alfred Holman was a Gunner in the 14th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery. He died on 7th December 1918 and is buried in Belgrade Cemetery, Namur. He was born in Worth about 1887, the son of James and Sara Holman, of Caxtons in Worth. His father was a Stud Groom at Crabbet Park. He has 2 other brothers, William and Herbert, who also died in the war.

MILITARY HONOURS.

Felbridge Fatality Victim's Burial.

The majority of military ceremonials are impressive, but none is more deeply moving than a full military funeral, a last rite which was performed on Saturday afternoon for Private G. J. Awcock, of "B" Company, 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. Private Awcock, who lived with his mother at "The Bungalow," Three Bridges-road, Crawley, died in the East Grinstead Hospital, after lying in that institution for some days with a fractured skull and other injuries received in a motor-cycle smash at Felbridge on Monday last. An efficient and very keen Territorial soldier, Private Awcock had been a popular member of the 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment for some three years, and he was present at the recent annual training camp at Colchester.

IMPOSING CEREMONIAL.

For the funeral, a full firing party was drawn from "B" Company at Horsham, and members of the Crawley Detachment of the Company acted as bearers. As the coffin, enveloped in a Union Jack, upon which rested deceased's cap, belt and side-arms, was carried to the waiting gun carriage, the firing party "presented arms," and later slow marched at the "reverse" to the head of the procession. Behind them were drawn up the drums of the Regiment (under Sergeant-Drummer J. Smart), the band of the Regiment (under Band-Sergeant G. Napper), the gun carriage (with Sergeant A. Jupp and Lance-Corporal Ayling, of the Transport Section, as drivers), the bearers, Major R. C. G. Middleton, M.C. (Officer Commanding "B" Company), Regimental Sergeant-Major H. Bacchus, a detachment of the deceased's comrades from the Company and the Battalion, and the family mourners.

THE LAST FAREWELL.

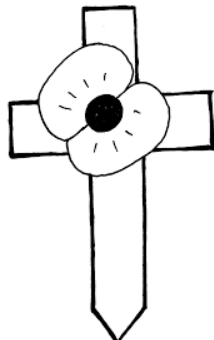
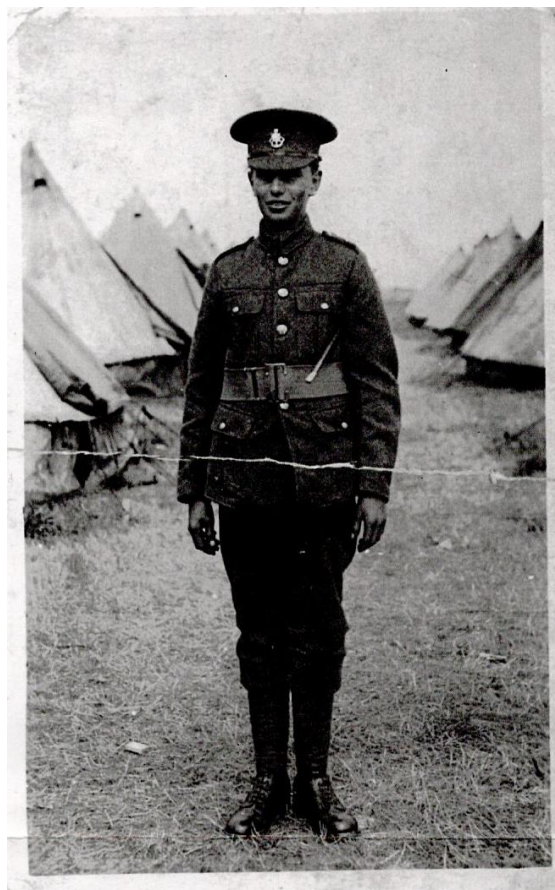
To the pulsating strains of Chopin's *Marche Funèbre* and the roll from the draped drums, the procession marched solemnly through Three Bridges to Worth Cemetery. A crowd lined the two miles route, and a large number were present at the church, including representatives of the Scouts and other local organizations with which deceased was connected.

The firing party rested on their arms reversed as the coffin was carried into and out of the church, where a simple ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Waller-Bridge.

At the conclusion of the service by the graveside, three volleys of blank were fired, each volley, being interspersed with rolls on the drums and cymbals. After the firing party had fixed bayonets and presented arms, Band-Sergeant Napper sounded the "Last Post" and the "Réveillé," and the ceremony ended with all the troops according a final salute.

Among the many floral tributes was a magnificent wreath, formed of blue and orange flowers (the colours of the Regiment), from the 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

During the summer Mr Michael met Graham Cook, a relative of Private G. J. Awcock. Private Awcock grew up during this war and joined up as soon as he was able only to have his life cut short in a tragic accident. Graham has sent in the newspaper article on his funeral and a photograph of the young man in his uniform.



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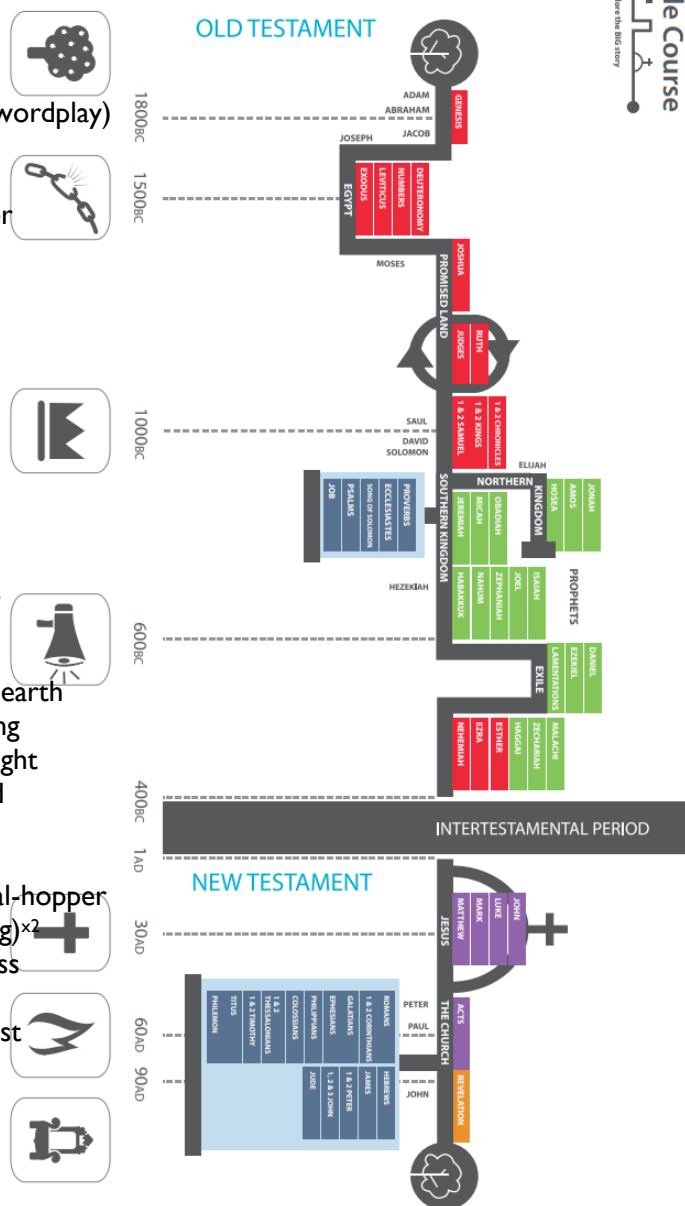
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Revival in the spirit
God's template as Temple
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Eyes on Isaiah
Silence. Speech, singing, shaking.

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Love actually (III)
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"The Bible is the book of my life. It's the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by." -N. T. Wright

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home." -Augustine of Hippo

A LOVE STORY OR TWO

Peter and Sally lived in Lincoln with their two sons, Michael and Keith. The family worked in horticulture but in the Brexit environment life became very difficult and Peter decided that they might be better off in Germany, so they emigrated.

Unfortunately, not long after they moved, Peter suffered a fatal stroke and Sally was left with her two sons who by this time had married two German women, Sarah and Rachel. Things went along happily for about ten years, but then Michael and Keith were killed in a road traffic accident.

Sally thought that things had, by this time, improved in the UK and she decided to move back home. They made their plans but Sally decided that her daughters-in-law would be better with their German families and encouraged them to stay in Germany and hope to find new husbands. Both the girls were distressed, but Sarah agreed to remain in Germany. Rachel, however, was determined to stay with Sally and told her mother-in-law, "Don't urge me to stay. Where you go I will go too, and your home and family will be my home and family. Where you die I will die as well and be buried with you." Sally realised that Rachel was serious about this and they travelled back to Lincoln where Sally's friends were extremely surprised to see her.

Sally had a relative called John who had a thriving business growing vegetables. Rachel suggested to her mother that she go into John's fields after the pickers, as the harvest was under way, and collect any produce which was left behind. Sally agreed and Rachel went off into John's fields. John enquired who the young woman was and was told that she was the German who had returned with his relative Sally. Rachel asked that she be allowed to carry on gathering the rejected vegetables and she worked all day. At the end of the day John, knowing of her good reputation and how she had supported Sally, told Rachel to return to his fields again, and that he had instructed his workforce not to molest her, and to allow her the water which was provided for the pickers. At the workers' break, John shared some food with Rachel and at the end of the day she was able to go home to Sally not only with the produce she had gathered but also some of the food that John had given her.

Rachel continued until the end of the harvest and John continued to show her kindness; Rachel was very appreciative. Recognising the mutual regard between John and Rachel, Sally suggested Rachel spruce herself up and go down to the packing sheds but wait until John settled down for the night. When John was asleep, Rachel went and lay at his feet. In the middle of the night John woke up and was amazed to find Rachel lying close by and indicating her willingness to marry him. John covered Rachel with his blanket and in the morning sent her off with as much produce as she could carry, quietly before anyone else was about.

Now Sally had decided to sell some land which she owned from before the family moved to Germany. John was keen to assist them by buying it but recognised that a closer relative, Neil, ought to have first refusal. John discussed the matter with Neil who initially was keen to buy the land. However, when he realised that this would bring some responsibility for Rachel, he decided to step aside and, with witnesses from their neighbours, John bought the land. Everyone was delighted, not least Sally, and John married Rachel. They lived happily in love and had a son.

Do you recognise the story? I have changed the names and the places in the hope of getting you to look at it afresh, but it is the beautiful story of Naomi (Sally) and Ruth (Rachel) from the Bible (Book of Ruth), and Ruth's marriage to Boaz (John). It is a moving love story across cultures, not only between Ruth and Boaz, but also between Naomi and Ruth. The place was not Lincoln but Bethlehem. Of course, the great grandson of Ruth and Boaz became King David. In turn, twenty eight generations later Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary, was a direct descendent of King David, and so to Jesus.

Church Mouse

WHO NEEDS A HOME GROUP?

Well, two years or so ago, content with a shared weekly Eucharist service and my own personal prayer and Bible reading routine, I would have said, "Not me!"

Yet having added to that routine a fortnightly chance to meet with friends to share fellowship and exchange views about our faith and our similarities and differences of interpretation, I only miss a session if that is completely unavoidable – even planning holidays around them when I can.

And, I swear, it isn't just the promise of coffee and cake!

If you think you know the answer to the above question, try the quiz below to see if you really do! And no cheating!

- 1 Do you prefer
 - A. your own company
 - B. meeting with a small group of friends
 - C. large noisy parties ?
- 2 Do you find sermons, at times,
 - A. frustrating
 - B. thought- provoking
 - C. a necessary evil ?
- 3 Do you find reading the Bible
 - A. hard to find time for
 - B. a challenge at times
 - C. mostly straight-forward ?
- 4 Do you find Bible notes and commentaries
 - A. difficult to understand
 - B. illuminating
 - C. superfluous ?
- 5 Do you find some aspects of the Christian faith
 - A. hard to reconcile with daily life
 - B. hard to explain
 - C. ideas to be glossed over ?
- 6 Do you enjoy tea/coffee and cake/biscuits with friends
 - A. relaxing
 - B. enjoyable
 - C. a duty ?
- 7 Do you find other people's opinions
 - A. fascinating
 - B. intriguing
 - C. irrelevant ?
- 8 Do you find well-argued opposition
 - A. challenging
 - B. stimulating
 - C. an affront ?



- 9 How often is a regular commitment practical
 - A. once a month
 - B. once a fortnight
 - C. once a year ?
- 10 How happy are you with your life
 - A. reasonably
 - B. mostly
 - C. over the moon ?

And now for the big reveal!!

Mostly As: you might well enjoy a Home Group – why not give one a try?

Mostly Bs: you would certainly enjoy a Home Group if you aren't in one already!

Mostly Cs: you cannot be serious!

Current Home Groups can be found at:

- The Pastoral Centre: 11 am Thursday each week
Contact: Caroline Formby
- Sedgfield Close: 7.30 pm Tuesday every 2-3 weeks
Contact: Joan Tick or Vera Sheehan
- Grattons Drive: 7.30 pm Wednesday every 2-3 weeks
Contact: Ann Phillipson or Margaret Jennings
- Milton Mount Avenue: 7.30 pm Tuesday every 2 weeks
Contact: Stuart Sharpe or Linda Eells

We look forward to welcoming new members!

Linda Eells

LENT COURSE LEADS TO ADVENTURE

The Lent Course driven by Fr Michael was a great success and when we mentioned going to The National Gallery in London to see the actual paintings from the course in situ, so many of you were interested. Unfortunately only a few were able to make the date.

Twenty-six of us made our way by coach to London's Trafalgar Square.

Our driver Tom dropped us right on the Square and we made our way to St Martin in the Fields for our reserved luncheon.

After a wonderful two course lunch with soft drink, which we felt was very good value, we trundled over to The National Gallery. We split up into



groups of five with group leaders who were able to lead their little flock to the right paintings and discuss them as the works of art they are, and their relevance to our course and of course our views on what the painter might have meant by what he painted.

After, we were able to wander the Gallery at will and view many other great works, or have a little rest on the comfy sofas dotted around, and of course a cuppa in the café.

Some of the group went shopping and to show appreciation for the organisation of the trip bought me a little gift and I also had a lovely card from others. So thank you for that, I loved them both.



A small survey on our way home told me that the whole thing had been a great success and I would like to thank all those who came along and enjoyed the day.

We arrived home at about 7pm after a small detour because of an accident on our intended route, but Tom got us around it, a lovely smooth journey. If you were inspired by this – join the Advent Study Afternoon 8 December 2.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Liz Gallagher



AGE UK Free service in your community on hospital discharge



Do you know someone who might benefit from free practical support and companionship after being discharged from hospital? Age UK West Sussex provides such support within your community. They have trained coordinators who can visit clients at home when they first come home from hospital. They can talk through

services available and also introduce them to a volunteer. Volunteers can visit once a week for up to six weeks providing much needed social and emotional support. This includes simply chatting and taking an interest in the person's life and helping to motivate and encourage them as they recover from their illness or accident. This can support vulnerable people living on their own to regain confidence and independence. Any one can refer by phoning 01903 717130. If you would like to be part of this fantastic service and could commit to volunteering a few hours every month please get in touch. Volunteering with Age UK west Sussex home from hospital service offers a flexible way to volunteer on week days. Either phone 01903 717130 or email homefromhospital@ageukwestsussex.org.uk for more information.

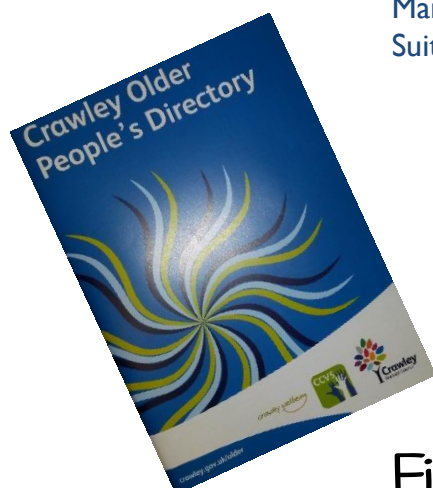
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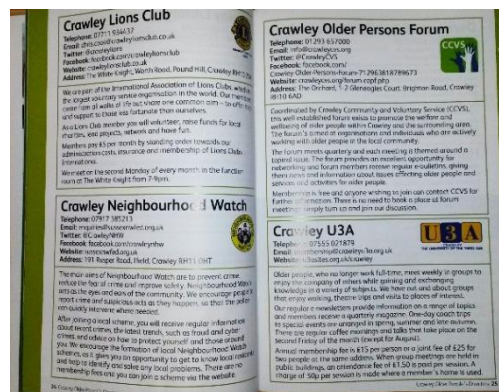
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FUN STUFF

Pound Hill Toddler Group

Based in St Barnabas' church hall, beside the shopping parade, is Pound Hill Toddler Group, a volunteer-run initiative which provides two play mornings each week during term time for the parents and carers of babies and small children. A popular and well-subscribed group, it offers a range of play experiences for very young children to explore and interact in a free-flow and welcoming way. The resources and equipment on offer each week vary but always include ways for children to use movement, creativity, memory, co-ordination, language and social interaction whilst they play.

The aim of the group is to offer a place where adults and children can come together with others from within the local community to build friendships, provide and receive support, talk, laugh and relax. Many of the regular visitors are local child minders who are a lovely friendly group of experienced Early Years practitioners, plus generations of parents and grandparents who bring their

children and their children's children to play each week. Adults are responsible for their children while at Toddler Group and being there is an ideal opportunity for adults to spend time learning with and learning about their little ones, their likes and dislikes, interests and ideas. The group is supported by the local family centres, and one of the family centres' family workers attends Toddler Group once a term to join in, and maintain, relationships with its community. Sam, local mother of three said, "It's great to come somewhere to meet other people, to talk about the day to day experiences with small children."

The group is very well-resourced with books, ride-on toys, baby mats and rattles, play dough, painting and sticking, song time, dressing-up clothes, construction toys, a train set and many other favourites. Shatki, mother of two, describes the group as, "fun, enjoyable and friendly." There are baby changing facilities, buggy parking space and refreshments available for both children and adults each week. You can keep up to date with themes and activities that are part of Toddler Group by following its Facebook page [Toddlers at St Barnabas](#) or come along to give it a try, like Mandy

who came for the first time recently with her nine week old baby and told us, "It's nice to get to talk to adults, I think it's really good."

Pound Hill Toddler Group is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in school term time between 9.00 and 11.00am.



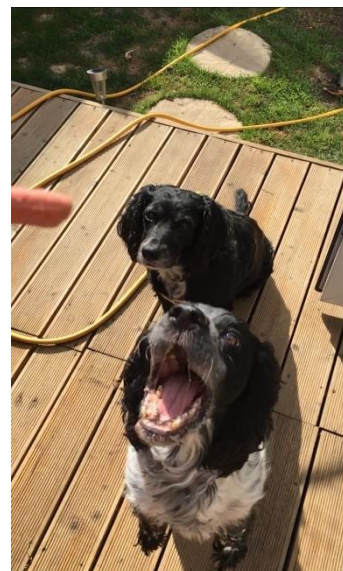
From the Ordinand's Dog

I've seen all the signs of a new academic year starting; Claire has started packing to go back to Uni in Lincoln and the Ordinand has started to organise reading lists – of which I take pride in my ability to stand in the middle, or to crumple up the paper (just so that she has a lasting memory of me when she starts her studying again - of course). Her new modules, as she starts her second year of Ordination training, are going to be Old Testament Studies, Christian Worship and Christian Doctrine. Her ministerial component this year will be all about pastoral care, and she will also be spending time at St Catherine's Hospice for her pastoral placement.

I know that she is extremely grateful for your continued support, encouragement and prayers.

Must go, I've just seen some more paperwork to sit on!!

Shadow the Ordinand's Dog



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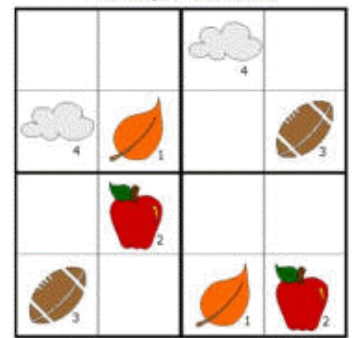


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YMCA Downsview

Could you make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable young people (16-25) in Crawley?

At YMCA Crawley, part of the YMCA DownsLink group, we are currently looking for volunteer chaplains to help run an informal weekly chaplaincy evening, centred on a simple meal, to support the residents of Crawley Foyer. This project houses 45 young people at any one time, aged 16-25, most of whom stay around 2 years. These young people are usually homeless – i.e. they cannot live at home or do not have a home for a variety of reasons. Our work is challenging but Crawley Foyer is a place where young people can get support and encouragement to turn their lives around.

Volunteer chaplains come alongside the young people to care, listen and support. The meal facilitates a good atmosphere and provides a service that our young people really value. We are looking for people of faith who are kind, good listeners, non-judgemental, with a sense of humour and a love of young people. You will be part of a small team, and have some training and support. Our chaplaincy service has been established at other centres for a number of years and has been deeply valued by staff and young people. We are now creating a new team of chaplains for the Crawley Foyer.

Chaplaincy will take place on Tuesday evenings from approximately 6.30-8.00pm, based around a meal. (Timings can change slightly according to the availability of the team). We would ask for a commitment of one evening every 2-3 weeks. We will fit our rotas around your availability. .

Interested? Please contact Sue Anson (YMCA Chaplain for North Sussex) for more details, on: 07557855779 or sue.anson@ymcadlg.org



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Caroline x



Messy Church

It was very exciting to get back to Messy after the summer break. We used the time off wisely to prepare the whole programme for next year so that we can plan for each session in plenty of time. It also gave a bit of time to bring an idea into fruition. Our normal Sunday congregations have a weekly pew-sheet which keeps everyone informed of events and services within the parish and I have been feeling for some time that our Messy congregations are missing out. So, this September I hastily put together a 'newsletter' called The Messy Messenger - for want of a better name. The idea of this is to keep everyone informed and provide additional support for our Messy parents to engage with their children at home in between our monthly meetings. Hopefully this will be the start of a new and worthwhile outreach.

Since the last mag we have explored the life of Moses, visited Bible seashores and this September we focussed on Harvest and being thankful - the pictures tell it all. Whether you want to bring a child or grandchild or come and help on a craft table there is always room for more at Messy Church! Sue x



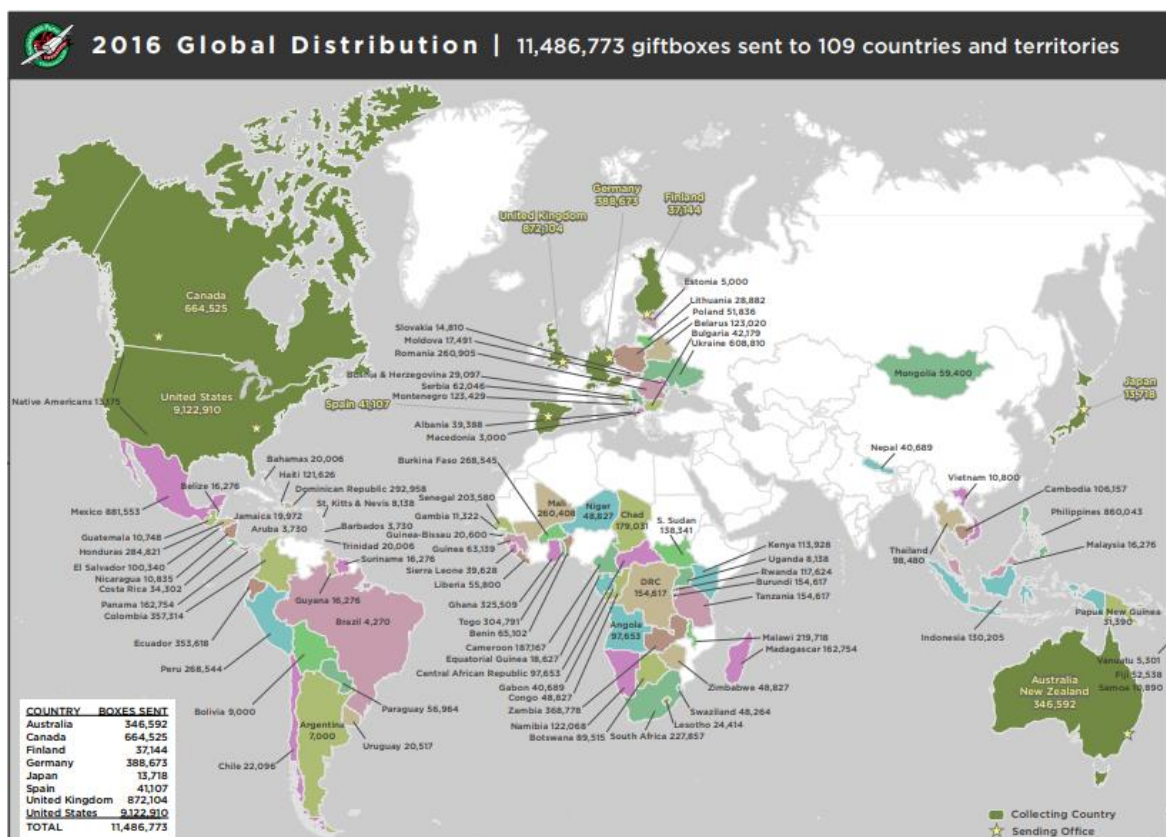
Operation Christmas Child



Last year we collected 50 boxes can we top that this year?

Last year all our boxes that we heard about went to Albania - I wonder where they will go this year?

This year we have some 'All about me' sheets - pick up one, fill it in and add it to your box to make it extra special.

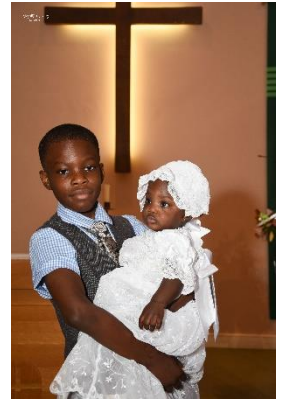


A View from a Pew A Joyous Baptism

Sunday morning 19th August was dull and grey. The inside of St Barnabas', however, was bright with colour. This was the morning of Ailsa's Baptism and the colours were the dresses and traditional costume of Ailsa's family and friends. Mum was resplendent in her dress of white with large bright flowers and a hat which matched the flowers. Ailsa wore a white robe and frilly bonnet. Dad and Louis, Ailsa's brother, wore smart suits as did the rest of the men, young and old.

The morning began with a small crisis as, at ten minutes past ten, two of the Godparents had still not arrived. However, Sarah coped admirably with this by starting the Eucharist; by the time we reached the Peace, everyone was in place and the Church full to capacity. Every seat was taken and more chairs had to be brought in. It was wonderful to see so many people receive Communion. Extra wine had to be consecrated to provide for all.

Ailsa slept through her Baptism and only awoke to smile when it was all over. The singing was joyful and the atmosphere one of love and worship. After the service the Church was filled with the joy of friends and family greeting one another. A joyous morning for everyone present.



Child friendly Services

We love everyone at all our services, but the following dates will be particularly child-friendly. Come and celebrate with us!

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9 Dec @ 16.00



At St Nicholas:-

28 Oct	Simon & Jude
25 Nov	Christ the King
6 Jan	Epiphany – Crowns will be worn
3 Feb	Candlemas
31 Mar	Mothering Sunday
21 Apr	Easter Sunday

24/6/18	Jack Neil Roberts
8/7/18	Edward Michael Cooling
8/7/18	Oliver Henry James
22/7/18	Roman Arthur Steven Walker
22/7/18	Ava Elizabeth Lewis
29/07/18	Rory Frederick Morgan
29/7/18	Rory Henry Martin
12/8/18	Rupert Charlie James
12/8/18	Dexter Lloyd Solomon
19/8/18	Caiden Harley Price
19/8/18	Ailsa Funmilayo Victoria Nicol-Wilson
25/8/18	Michael Peter Smith
26/8/18	Kai Kevin Poole
26/8/18	Frankie Anthony Phillip Brown
9/9/18	Theo David Luis Martin-Monedero
16/9/18	Szofia Sara Blair
16/9/18	Harrison Zente Blair
23/9/18	Poppy Ward along with mum and godparents

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A TIME TO REMEMBER

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Peace be with you, Revd Sarah

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with the music of Maurice Duruflé

Saturday 3 November 6.30pm
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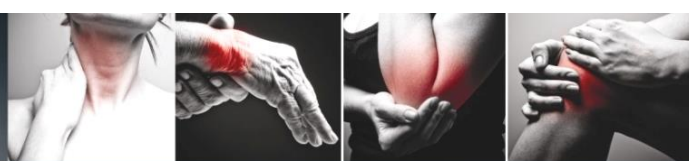


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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER CALENDAR

We recommend that you check on dates and times of events either on our website or with the office.

When?		What?	Where?
Tues 2 October	11.00	Home Communion,	Lanehurst Gardens
Wed 3 October	20.00	St Nicholas Circle talk by Revd Gordon Parry	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sat 6 October	10.00 12.30	Saturday Market MU Harvest Lunch for all	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas' Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sun 7 October		Harvest Services in both churches – normal times	
Mon 8 October	11.00	Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Wednesday 10 October	14.30 15.15	Pastoral Assistants' Tea Messy Church	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas' Maidenbower Infants School
Thurs 11 Oct	14.30	Julian Group	St Nicholas'
Sat 13 October	08.30	Ladies' Breakfast Marriage Preparation Day	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Wed 17 Oct	15.00	Messy Church, Shoe box collection	St Barnabas'
Sun 21 Oct	16.00	Chichester Choir sing Evensong	St Nicholas'
Thurs 25 Oct	19.30	Mothers' Union Birthday Party and Songs of Praise service	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Thurs 2 ??? Nov	20.00	St Nicholas Circle "Desert island Discs"	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sat 3 November	10.00 16.00 18.30	Saturday Market A Time to Remember All Souls' Requiem	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sunday 4 November	10.00	Normal Services including Sunday Service with Baptism & Confirmation Parishioner Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes	St Nicholas'
Tues 6 Nov	11.00	Home Communion	Lanehurst Gardens
Wednesday 7 November	15.15	Messy Church with Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection	Maidenbower Infants School
Thurs 8 Nov	14.30	Julian Group	St Nicholas'
Sat 10 Nov	09.30	Jumble Sale,	St Barnabas'
Sunday 11 November	08.00 10.00 10.00	Holy Communion, Remembrance Sunday Service Remembrance Sunday Service	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Mon 12 Nov	11.00	Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Wed 14 Nov	14.30	Pastoral Assistants' Tea	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Wed 21 Nov	15.00	Messy Church,	St Barnabas'
Thurs 22 Nov	19.30	Mothers' Union Meeting, Preparing for Advent	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sat 24 Nov	15.00	MU Christmas Tea	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'
Sat 1 December	11.00-14.00	Christmas Fair	St Barnabas'
Sunday 2 December	18.30	Regular Services and An Advent Liturgy by Candlelight	St Nicholas'
Sat 8 Dec	14.30	Advent Meditations with National Gallery Paintings	Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'

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