

Above all, clothe yourselves
with love, which binds us all
together in perfect harmony.

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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.

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| Tuesdays | 10.30 - 12.00 | Pop in for a cake and a drink. |
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THE RECTOR'S REPORT

All of a sudden, not long after Christmas and taking us by surprise (even though it happens every year) there came that subtle shift as the days began to inch forward, the nights slowly retreat and the tiniest signs of growth appeared. At the beginning of February, Candlemas falls on (or thereabouts) one of the year's 'cross-quarter days', the four days that mark midpoints between solstice and equinox. We're half-way through winter and as we go forward, the days do lengthen and a gradual sense of Spring (despite the cold) being on its way. For some it's not just the long physical winter that can be so hard to bear, there can also be seemingly unending struggles with life, times when a sense of peace and wellbeing constantly seems to elude us. The onset of Spring, which some years bursts upon us and some years is almost grudging in its arrival, urges us to look forward, to have an expectation of God's goodness and blessing.

One of the great joys of the past year, for me, has been the growth and strengthening of our weekday services both at St Barnabas' (Tuesdays at 10.30am) and St Nicholas' (Thursdays at 10.30am). These congregations have more or less doubled in just over twelve months; indeed the St Nicholas' congregation often fills the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to overflowing but resists any thought of moving out into the Nave (we do love our cosy squash!). And on the third Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month there's a Healing Eucharist, which brings great peace and blessing to those who come. C.S. Lewis wrote, 'What draws people to be friends is that they see the same truth. They share it.' The Gospel writers encourage us in this



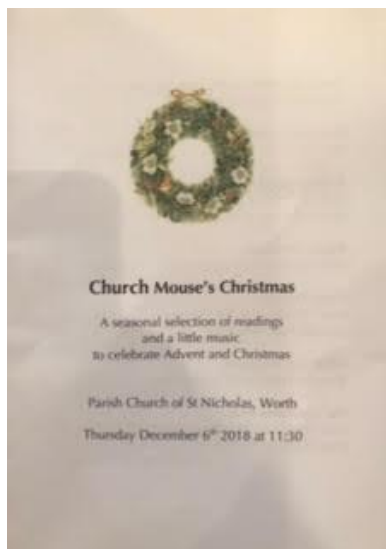
sense of expectation - seek and ye shall find. There is nothing beyond the reach of love. Especially after a period of anxiety we need to allow ourselves time to retune, realign, look forward, step out, see the vision, see the brightness on the snowy mountain tops reflecting the glory of God! All hurts can be healed, all wounds restored. Life seeks life and love seeks love, just as surely as day follows night. Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. There was no one there...

And with the Spring comes the Church's season of renewal, Lent, when our faith is deepened, our waywardness challenged; as the sixth-century hymn 'Ecce tempus idoneum'* reminds us, 'Now is the healing time decreed, for sins of heart and word and deed.... Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain, help us the gifts of grace to gain, till with the angels, linked in love, joyful we tread thy courts above.'

Fr Michael

**Behold the proper time (Ed – assisted by someone who knows)*

TIMES of Christmas PAST



Dear Church Mouse

Thank you very much for a marvellous celebration of Advent and Christmas, what a wonderful selection of readings and music. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to the readers, Graham, Linda and Diana for the fantastic job they all did.



A splendid spread for lunch and a truly joyous occasion, from the "Thursday Church Club", didn't we all do well.

Here are some photos I took, hope you enjoy them, I'm sure many will be very disappointed they did not make it when they see them in the next Parish magazine.



Thank you again for a wonderful Thursday morning

Blessings
Caroline



MOTHERS' UNION UPDATE

During November our Branch prepared for Advent and, in turn, for Christmas.

We began the month, near the end! On November 24th we held a Pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea, with sandwiches, scones and cakes provided by the Committee and some members. Thirty-five people came and celebrated by being waited-on before they would have to go and prepare to wait-on others during Christmas. Simon Morris entertained us by playing the piano and we had an opportunity to join in singing some songs from The Shows. We raffled a Christmas Hamper and a total of £231 was raised during the afternoon for our Mothers' Union projects and we thank everyone who attended and, also, those who worked hard to make it such a success.

The Branch Meeting at the end of November was a 'Preparation for Advent' Eucharist service and Revd Sarah was our Celebrant. It was a lovely service with four short readings, a homily, prayers and some rousing Advent hymns to lift us and set us on the path to prepare ourselves, spiritually, once again, for the celebration of Christmas. Without Christ in our lives, in our hearts there is no Christmas and so many people forget that these days as they prepare to celebrate 'family time'. We are all part of God's family and we should prepare to celebrate with God and give thanks to him for His Gift to us, His son, Jesus.

After the service we adjourned to the Pastoral Centre for coffee, stollen, mince pies, and to pack parcels of socks for the Gatwick Detainees, as we have done for years. It is also a time for catching up with our fellow members, who we may not see very often, and having a giggle.

January will see us start the New Year with our annual Evening Meal together; this year it will not be a trip to a restaurant but a cold buffet in the warmth of Mary's home. A time for relaxing, talking, thinking about the year ahead and how we can promote the work of the Mothers' Union.

The AGM will take place in February and sadly we will be without a Branch Leader after then, as Mary

relinquishes her role at the end of her second triennial; the Committee will run the Branch until a Leader comes forward. We thank Mary for her leadership and hard work during not only the past six years but before then too.

If anyone would like to know more about what the Mothers' Union does and, importantly, what it does in our Parish, please ask one of our Members and we will be happy to tell you; alternatively come along to one of our Meetings, the fourth Thursday of nearly every month but always advertised in the pewsheet in advance, you will be warmly welcomed. The evenings promise to be interesting and, in a lot of cases – fun!

Joan Tick

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ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE

The Christmas Cheese and Wine went off very well. We missed the January meeting, being so soon after the New Year. So we have lots to look forward to. On Thursday 7th February we have organised a relaxed table-top quiz with tea and cakes provided. A music round in the middle will cover the age-range of all members.

On Thursday 7th March we welcome Deiniol Lewis with a presentation about his trip to Kenya last year and his experiences helping.

Max Perry

*WEDDING
CONGRATULATIONS*

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Tim Kingswood & Sevinj Rustamova



WHAT 'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

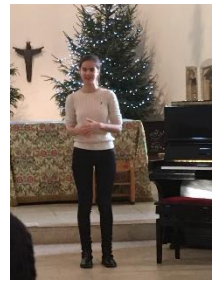
PCC INFORMATION

The PCC met on 23 January in the Pastoral Centre, having last met on 28 November and, as Christmas had been between, there was an opportunity to reflect on a busy season of very successful Advent and Christmas services and events in both churches. During the meeting we heard reports from the two church committees (which can be read elsewhere in this magazine) about the ambitious projects underway and the ongoing and varied range of activities that make up the life of this vibrant Parish. Noreen Oxlade, who is stepping down at the end of March, was thanked for her hard work as our Safeguarding Officer, and for bringing and keeping the Parish up to date in this very important and increasingly complex area. Tony Chamier, our Treasurer, recommended we adopt cloud-based accounting software, Xero, which was founded in 2006, in New Zealand (the Rector did not declare an interest) and now has 1.58 million subscribers. We decided to take a fresh look at our Parish structures, and asked Fr Michael, David Fry and Graham Beaumont to start the conversations that will help us to consider our next steps. Looking forward to an active and rewarding Spring and thankful for all the valuable contributions to Parish life made by so many, we closed the meeting as we began, in prayer.

Fr Michael



MUSIC MAKETH MAN or SOUP, SAX and SONG



Thursday 27 December saw a wonderful and uplifting break from the hustle and the bustle of the festive period when Katie Yao Morgan once again enchanted us with her playing. Such a gifted and delightful young woman, her music pleases the soul.

Sunday 20 January saw St Nicholas' thrown back into the roaring twenties as concert-goers were treated to an afternoon of raucous jazz and sultry blues by the Gentle Jazz Trio. As dusk rolled in and the light faded, the church was filled with the sounds of a smoky speak-easy, with music ranging from the swampy fixtures of New Orleans to the busy city-streets of Memphis. The trio – led by Stephen Davies and their

outstanding vocalist and crooner Penny Payne – had the audience enthralled from beginning to end; our bell ringers supplied a marvellous offering of refreshments throughout, ensuring the concert was a feast for all the senses. *Alex*



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It is easy to make a gratitude jar, pin-board, or journal with your child/children. Encourage your child, each evening as part of their bedtime routine, to think about their day and find three things they have been grateful for that day. It may be that they had a woolly hat to wear in the cold weather, a hot drink, a friend to play with, a teacher who smiled at them, a TV so they can watch their favourite programme etc. Encourage your child to write down the three things they are grateful for and place them in their jar or write them in a journal.

This doesn't need to be restricted to only your child or bedtime. It can be an enjoyable mealtime conversation for everyone.

QUIZ RAFFLE
ENTERTAINMENT

St Valentine's

BRING AND SHARE
SUPPER

14 February 6.30pm for 7

An evening of fun to celebrate love
Bring a plate of food for all to enjoy
Join in with quiz and entertainment
Enjoy a glass of Prosecco on us
Please bring money for the raffle

FREE ENTRY

St Barnabas', Pound Hill RH10 7DY

COMMITTEES

St Barnabas' Committee

Services and events: Sunday School now takes place in the Narthex and this is working well. Nicky Anderson has agreed to join the Sunday School teachers' team, joining Caroline Formby, Mary Fry and Mary Sharpe.

A new format of child-friendly prayers is now in use at the child-friendly services on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Christmas services were all successful with a significant increase in attendance, especially at Carols for All.

Holding a Quiet Day was suggested and it was agreed that a half-day for Lent would be a good starting point.

Health and Safety: Installing emergency lighting in the basement was identified in the Quinquennial Report. Some clearing of the basement is needed and this is now a priority. The path outside the Pastoral Centre has been refurbished.

Publicity: We must make sure our items are on the Calendar and also update the St Barnabas' information on the Parish website. It was also suggested that some A5 copies of the Magazine be made available in the school at Forge Wood. There was some discussion as to whether or not the magazine should be free.

Sale of Christmas cards: Saturday Markets in October to December will sell MU cards and Leprosy Mission cards and we are looking into the possibility of printing a St Barnabas' Christmas card.

Next meeting – Wednesday 13 March in the Pastoral Centre at 7pm.

St Barnabas' Refurbishment

A new double glazed door (to replace the one that was rotting) has been fitted in the Hall kitchen at a cost of £900 (fitted by 'FaceLift' and paid for with funds raised for the Hall refurbishment). The result is a lighter and, hopefully, warmer kitchen.

We are now planning the refurbishment of the Pastoral Centre. A group has met twice – Clergy, St. Barnabas' Wardens, Treasurer and Bob Musslewhite. We plan to have the Pastoral Centre on one level and with a new kitchen. We are indebted to Bob for plans that he has produced and these were put to Jonathan Cerowski, the Church Architect, when he visited us on 22 January.

The refurbishment of the Pastoral Centre is now part of a much bigger project – we are now planning new Church heating, insulation and decoration as well as altering access to the Narthex, Church and Hall to be on one level. Easier access to the basement is also planned.

We are now awaiting a letter from Jonathan with his proposals to take our project forward. Plans have to be submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for approval before we can obtain quotes for the work and begin to make grant applications. This will take some months. The project will be undertaken in phases.

We are now able to proceed with raising funds and



we are grateful to the Co-op for choosing us as one of their 3 charities. This is for one year: October 2018 to October 2019. The Co-op give 1% of their takings from selected own brand products and services to charities. Co-op members can choose which of the 3 charities they wish to benefit from 1% of

their spending. This doesn't sound much but it is amazing how the money mounts up and with so little effort from us. Registration costs nothing and up to 31 January (see *how up to date we are* – Ed) we have raised £550.41. PLEASE register your Co-op card at www.coop.co.uk or ring 0800 023 4708. If you do not register your card your 1% is divided between the 3 charities. Our charity is The Parish of Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood. Use your Co-op card whenever you shop at one of the local Co-op stores.

We have some events planned to raise funds for the refurbishment – a Book, Plant and Toy Sale on Saturday 9 February 10.00 am in the Pastoral Centre and a Jumble Sale in the Hall on 23 March at 9.30 am. Do please support us!

Phyl Pennell
January 2019

St Nicholas' Committee

The St Nicholas' Committee met on 16 January. After opening prayers, the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Except for some outstanding work in the Utility Block, all the previous work has been completed.

Of the major projects now planned, preparatory work has been begun on the trees and access path and an independent arboricultural report obtained. This supports what had been previously understood and recommends the work to be undertaken.

Plans are also being formulated for the repairs to the roof and spire, the paths around the Church, and the Memorial Garden. Further preliminary thought has been given to the provision of toilets, and a kitchen area, within the Church.

Together with the Architect, detailed proposals are being formulated with a view to obtaining the necessary permissions. Once plans are a little more advanced, a general meeting is planned for the Congregation and, also, one for the general public.

Past events were reviewed and considerable success noted. Future planned events include the return of the opera singers, book and jumble sales, a repeat of the Ladies' and Men's Breakfasts, a Valentine's Bring and Share Supper, two pancake events around Shrove Tuesday, and a trip to St George's Chapel, Windsor. Watch the Magazine and pewsheets for further details.

The trial of intercessions led from the West of the nave is to continue. The Committee will meet again on 26 March at 12:30.

Graham Beaumont



St Nicholas' Church, Worth, Crawley RH10 7RT

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Saxons Deception and Fantasy OPERA CONCERT

FREE ENTRY

Donations welcome

Saturday 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Sunday 10 Feb, 3.30pm

LOVING THE ENVIRONMENT IS A CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Our environment is one of the greatest examples we have of God's power. The word *environment* encompasses all of God's most beautiful and awesome works. The environment is his creation, a precious and holy resource, the loving care and wise use of which he entrusted to all humans. God asked all humans to be stewards of the environment when he said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:28)

"Rule" and "Subdue" are powerful words; "Protect" and "Cherish" are our Christian responsibility. We can complain that our Government, or other Governments, are not doing enough; we can be in denial; we can say it is other people's problem. It is everyone's problem! We have very little time because the speed of climate change is fast; there are things that are happening and we can all make a difference. It doesn't need us to cancel our holidays (although we need to think: how often and where); it doesn't need us to turn our lives upside down (although the sooner we make changes, the less we will be forced to change suddenly). Here are 10 things that make me optimistic about the future which I and others have tried to do:

1. Last year the Government announced that by 2040 the UK would no longer allow new petrol cars. Some said this would be impossible to achieve. Others said this was a grave dereliction by the Government and that it was far too late. The good news is that already people are planning on acting now, not waiting until 2040.
2. Five days since the last rubbish collection and our own rubbish weighs 933g. Most of it is cellophane wrappers and individual plastic coffee filters. We can do better!
3. We have a compost heap for vegetable cuttings. We also have summer and winter food digesters for leftovers. We are looking forward to the Council providing a waste food bin.
4. We have a 4-week plan of meals. We don't always follow it, but it cuts down on waste and a chicken usually makes both a roast and a second meal like chicken pie.
5. Since 2006 I have really wanted to have solar panels, but we could not afford them. When we looked again in 2010 we still could not afford



them. But extra loft insulation and cavity wall insulation costing less than £500 saved 25% on heating bills which was paid for in one winter.

6. Eventually, we could afford the solar panels and they saved another 20% on electricity as well as paying back £700 a year from Feed-In-Tariff payments.



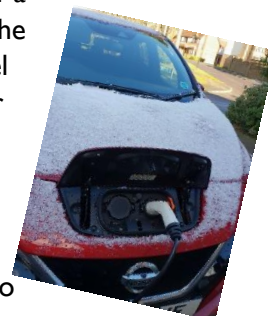
7. Businesses are seeing energy savings as money savings. In the investments I have taken up over the last two years some of the best returns have come from the renewables sector.

8. Dog poo from our two dogs used to go in the ordinary bin and was more than 80% of the weight sent to land-fill. Now it goes into the main drain (not the storm drain!) using five buckets of water weekly from one of our two water butts to flush it away, and it gets treated as our own does!



9. Greta Thunberg (the 16-year-old Swedish schoolgirl campaigning for climate action at Davos) and the younger generation will drive change in mainstream opinion as they become the new world leaders.

10. In April 2018 we bought a Nissan Leaf 2. With a range of 140 miles it gets me to Swindon and Bournemouth every month and has even got us to Cardiff (admittedly with a short stop to top up). The savings on tax and fuel from 8000 miles pay for more than 40% of the monthly payments and we drive a new(ish) car. As power stations use cleaner fuels this will do even more for the environment.



These small things took some initial thought; but then it becomes fun to find improvements. Eventually it becomes easy, as bins are less full and

you see how little remains!

Max

Opening paragraph courtesy of Jennifer Belknap - <https://www.christianitytoday.com/iyf/hottopics/faithvalues/loving-environment-is-christian-responsibility.html?start=1>

Book, Plant and Toy Sale

10.00 am – 11.45 am

Saturday 9th February

St. Barnabas Pastoral Centre

**Worth Road, Pound Hill,
Crawley, RH10 7DY**

**(in aid of St. Barnabas Fabric Fund
current project –Pastoral Centre
refurbishment)**

Refreshments available. Free entry. All welcome.

Jumble Sale

At St. BARNABAS CHURCH HALL

Worth Road, Pound Hill, Crawley, RH10 7DY



In aid of Pastoral Centre

Refurbishment

9.30 am – 11.00 AM

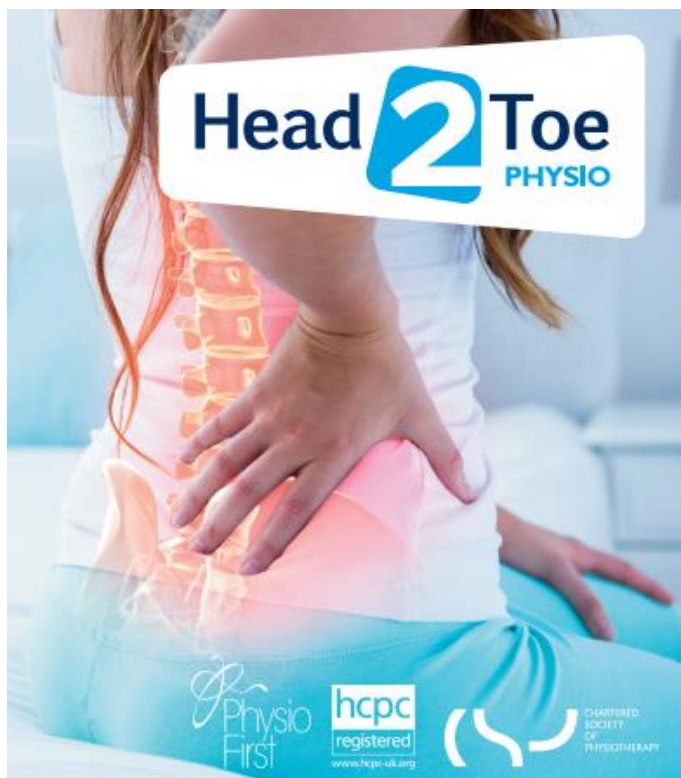
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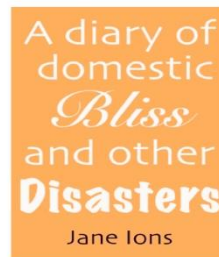


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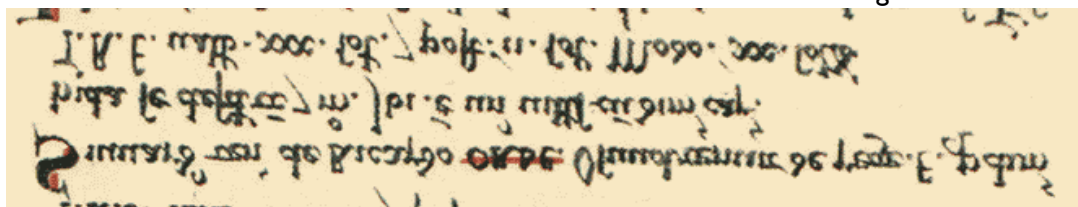


HOW OLD IS ST NICHOLAS?

Part II: The documentary evidence

This could be a very short article as there is, as yet, no documentary evidence of the date of St Nicholas'. However, we can consider what relevant evidence there is, and the contemporary social and political background.

The entry in the 'Domesday Book' is often quoted as showing what a remote place was Worth (Orde) by



1086. It records only a single villager (and family) and half a plough (the land that one man could plough in half a day). However, some scholars think that this does not relate to 'our' Worth at all, but to a hamlet close to Merstham. If this is correct then there is no entry for 'our' Worth at all. I have also searched the Anglo-Saxon charters and there is no mention anywhere of 'Worth', 'Orde' or 'Orð'.

It may be helpful to think of the cognitive map of the Anglo-Saxons. They travelled principally by coastal navigation, along navigable rivers or using the remnants of the major Roman roads. None would bring them to Worth. There was a track from Winchester to Canterbury, but this ran along the North Downs, and a track from Chichester to London but this was well to the west of Worth. Worth really was in the middle of a forest in the middle of nowhere.

A royal connection has been proposed. Alfred the Great held 'booklands' (personal property that could be inherited) at Beeding and in his will these passed to his nephew Æthelhelm, but there is no further record of this property. Where is the royal 'hunting lodge' and why had it disappeared by 1086?

A monastic connection has also been suggested, and the Abbey of Chertsey in particular. However, search of the records at Chertsey has revealed no connection. In any event by the mid C10 (tenth century) Chertsey was in the hands of lay clerics and was only refounded in 964 as part of the Benedictine monastic reform under King Edgar. Otherwise, the nearest religious house would have been at Lewes. However, St Nicholas' is not a Benedictine church, and where are the associated monastic buildings; why 'plant' a church in Worth? There was a further spate of church building in the first part of C11, by important local thegns, but these

almost exclusively had prominent towers; no residence of a thegn and no tower at Worth!

Finally, when were there historical opportunities for the creation of such a grand building? Alfred was preoccupied with uniting Wessex and Mercia, and Edward the Elder and Queen Æthelflæd with establishing defensible burghs. Despite Æthelstan uniting the Kingdom of the English there were continuing incursions and threats from the Danes.

After a period of disputed succession, short reigns and external threats, stability only returned under King Edgar (959-975). The South Saxons (Sussex) were ruled

through much of this period by 'sub-kings'. After 975 there was further instability until the reign of Cnut (Canute), well into C11. *The Atlas of Anglo-Saxon England* is blank for all of northern and mid Sussex throughout the Anglo-Saxon period – except for the church at Worth!

So, my best bet for a date is still the third quarter of the C10. I dream at night that someone will turn up the Appointments Diaries of the Bishops of Selsey from C10, but until then it remains yet another mystery.



King Edgar the Peaceful with the Virgin Mary and St Peter

[Further information and references available from 'Church Mouse' at office@worthparish.org]

Church Mouse

‘OUTRAGE AT WORTH CHURCH’

As part of his researches into the history of St Nicholas', Church Mouse has been nibbling away at the archives of *The Builder*, the weekly newspaper of the architecture and construction industry in the 19th century.

The Victorian restoration first appears on 29 August 1868, almost exactly 150 years ago, and reports that "A Sussex Antiquary says ...Worth Church ... is to be restored and hopes it is in good hands and will be rightly cared for. The ugly gallery [not the present one] ... is to be taken away, and something done to the spire; and the archway of the south transept ... is to be made upright! Surely that will not do, will it? Had it not much better been left alone? ... The north transept is to be opened out into the church again. ... We shall be glad to learn that the superintendence of the work is in proper hands."

Following a meeting of the RIBA a communication was reported on 19 December 1868 that "the old church at Worth, in Sussex, was threatened with 'restoration', and soliciting the intervention of the Institute to preserve this most interesting specimen of a purely Saxon church. [Professor George Gilbert Scott stated] that although there were two or three unfortunate cracks in the structure, he believed it would stand for 500 years longer without anything being done to it."

Alarm was raised on 6 November 1869. "I have just returned from visiting Worth Church – that was; Worth ruin that is! I found the chancel had vanished clean away; and six or seven rough men were picking away, with large picks, at the strong plaster over the rubble work of the Saxon walls! ... In my sorrow I called out to the head workman – 'What are you doing, picking off that plaster! You will have to put it all on again; and you can't make anything half as good as that!' 'Oh no, we shan't put any more on' said he, 'We shall point down the stones.' 'Point them down!' I exclaimed; 'that rough work was never meant to be shown; it was always plastered over.' It was afterwards mentioned to me that more than one of the Saxon pilasters ... would have to be taken down and rebuilt! Pray do what you can to prevent further damage."

'Outrage at Worth Church' was the headline the following week. "We visited the place on Tuesday ... and found that the very foundations had been rooted out, the trench lowered, and that the new

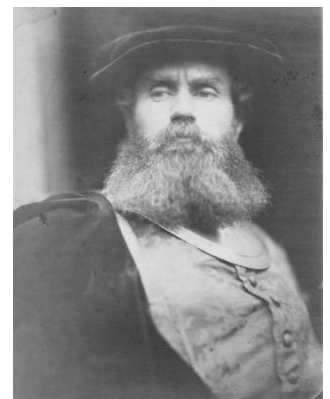
walling was being proceeded with. ... The architect under whose direction this outrage has been committed is said to be, though we can scarcely believe it, Mr Salvin. ... The removal of the plaster has shown the existence of various arched openings in the walls, afterwards blocked up, especially two pairs of coupled semicircular-headed windows on each side of the nave ... and an opening on the west side of the south transept. ... Our regret and our anger are for the destroyed chancel, and our fear is for the chancel arch ... and for the characteristic long and short work all over the remainder of the building. Some blame surely attaches to the Sussex Archaeological Society, so busy with its excursions and its dinners! Did they do nothing to try and save this building, the most precious in respect of its uniqueness in the whole county? ... A third of the church has been ruthlessly destroyed, and those who have been concerned in the work have earned themselves lasting obloquy."

Some defence in a "calm, gentlemanly letter" from a 'Member of the Committee for the Restoration of Worth Church' appeared in the *Sussex Express* on 13 November and was reprinted in *The Builder*



The church before 1868 showing the buttresses at the east end and the steeple

on 27 November 1869. However, debate continued about demolition of the east end together with the substantial buttresses that had been later added to support it; the report was described as "A more flagrant attempt to deceive was never made."



Anthony Salvin RA

The British Archaeological Association also discussed the restoration on 24 November and expressed its “deep regret” at the failure of its protests during 1869. “It is to be lamented that an irreparable mischief has been done ... so that the church has now lost the characteristic it possessed of being a singularly perfect Anglo-Saxon structure.”

The annual excursion by the Cocked Hat Club, an adjunct of the Society of Antiquaries, was reported on 2 July 1870. “They descended at Three Bridges Station ... that they might see the Saxon church, and were unanimous in the expression of their regret, to use a mild term, that old work had been so ruthlessly removed. The chancel had been rebuilt, and the curious old wooden steeple, formed with four large tree-trunks, cleared away. Some particularly interesting windows of rude character have been opened in the north and south wall of the nave, forming a clearstory [sic]; and the north and south doorways are seen to have been very lofty and narrow with semicircular heads. The windows are each of two lights, round-arched, separated by a stout rough shaft.”

In August 1870 the Sussex Archaeological Society (SAS) met in Rye, and Worth Church was referred to over lunch. Clearly, the accusation stung that the SAS should have spent some of “the time consumed in pic-nics [sic] and making stupid after-dinner speeches, in saving an ancient church which had been pulled down under their very eyes, [then] they would have done some good.” However, it was noted that the “minister and his churchwardens had the legal power to do what they liked to their church, while the Society had neither legal nor equitable right to prevent what was done.” *The Builder* defended its position.

The issue arose again on 29 October 1870 but related primarily to the content of the debate and the manner in which it had been conducted. Interest in the matter concluded on a happier note for, on 15 July 1871, it was reported that “the completion of the works at [Worth Church, Sussex] was celebrated last week. The Bishop of Chichester preached, and a large party afterwards partook of luncheon at the Rector’s. But for the pulling down of the chancel, which we did our best to prevent, we should have much to admire.”

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Sunday the 13th January and the day of Bishop Mark's visit had arrived.



The service started with the hymn 'On Jordan's Bank' while Bishop Mark and Sarah walked up the aisle led by the Crucifer.

Bishop Mark started the service by saying how pleased he was to be at St. Barnabas' and how disappointed he was not to have been able to attend Sarah's Licensing. The service continued in its usual form. After the readings I joined Mary Fry and the children in the Narthex. Here we discussed what a bishop wore and made our own mitres. My view had now changed as I was viewing the service through the glass doors. As the Narthex has a speaker we were able to listen to the service.

In his sermon the Bishop reminded us of the Epiphany and the "showing forth of Jesus to the Gentiles". He continued with the Baptism of Christ (this being the Sunday on which we celebrate the Baptism). He said that the voice which said "You are my Son the Beloved with You I am well pleased" made the Baptism story an Epiphany story; showing forth an identification of who Jesus really is. He said that "Jesus hears at His Baptism that He is profoundly approved of." Bishop Mark then went on to talk about the effect parents' love has on their children.

He continued with the next part of the Gospel story which is when Christ is tempted in the wilderness. He said that when Jesus met the temptor He would have had the Father's words ringing in his ears. He told us that the scholar, Bishop Tom Wright, tells us that God sees us as brothers and sisters of His Son. He spoke of this recognition and love and the effect it has on us as Christians.

He concluded his sermon by saying how conscious he was that this was the first time he had been

with us at Saint Barnabas' since Sarah came to be our priest. He continued by saying that "On the occasion of a licensing, he generally tried to find something in the scriptures that speaks to the excitement and opportunity that the arrival of a new priest affords."

He went on to say "Being with you for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ gives me the



opportunity to remind you of your potential if you believe in your hearts as well as your minds that you are Tena Theu - children of God joined to Jesus as brothers and sisters; if you believe that you are beloved children of God and that he is well pleased with you. Take confidence from that assurance as you work with Sarah to build the mission of the Church in this place. There are no limits to what God can achieve through you if you trust him and the assurance that belongs to you through Baptism in which you and Jesus are united in one body."

The service continued with the Eucharist. Before the final hymn the children wearing their mitres were photographed with Bishop Mark. The Bishop said how pleased he was to have Sarah join him as a curer of souls. He quoted the prayer in the Book of Common Prayer which prays for all bishops and curates; no rectors, vicars, or assistant vicars, and that the word curate meant a curer of souls. A service that was enjoyed by everyone ended with the Bishop's Blessing and a rousing hymn.



We look forward to the Bishop's next visit!!

Mary Sharpe

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS in WORTH

Nativity at St Nicholas' 2018

It had been said that we wouldn't be able to continue to have the usual Tableau at St Nicholas', once the Sunday School ceased to function at Worth in 2016. Nevertheless the publicity went out again, as did some emails to past participants' parents, and to some ex-Sunday School children now with children of their own, and BINGO! Our third Christmas and we still managed to find the brilliant children we needed.

The rehearsals went well, the children joined in with gusto and on Christmas Eve the church began to fill up with a congregation. As I looked around I knew our prayers had been answered once more. Around 350 people saw and heard the story of the birth of Jesus in words, carols and drama as we built the tableau during the service to show the age-old story of God's love.

Fr. Michael had asked if we could try a 'mini' nine lessons and carols this year; there were only four Bible readings and the set-up was much the same as we had performed in the past but with actual Biblical language, not Tick-language! It worked and everyone was happy to be there, especially as the children (with only a little encouragement from the adult helpers) sang unaccompanied, "See him lying on a bed of straw" at the end; what a finale!

Thank you, to all who helped publicise the service, to all who spared the time to help with the rehearsals, and to those who read and helped organise the children on Christmas Eve. We could not have achieved it without you. Most importantly – thank you to the children who took part.

Same time, same place, (*same story?* Ed) next year?!

Joan Tick



Saint Barnabas' Crib Service

A week or so before Christmas I found myself "stage-managing" the Crib Service, ably assisted by Mary Fry and Jane Stanford. We washed, ironed and recreated costumes. The camels and donkey arrived from their stable.

The afternoon of Christmas Eve arrived and I was at the church door to greet "Mary" and her small sister who was going to be an angel. I was relieved to find that Mary's costume fitted and that she was pleased to be wearing it. Jane arrived with more angels and a king. Mary Fry continued to dress children as they entered the church. There were some children who did not want to participate (who by the end of the service looked as if they wished they had). Gradually the cast increased but still no Joseph. (The parts of Mary and Joseph are always allotted.) Two minutes to two he arrives. Sarah at the front of the church is eager to start. Hang on a minute whilst we finish dressing Joseph. At last we can start, a short introduction and then Mary and Joseph move down the aisle, Mary riding her donkey and Joseph walking beside her. An appropriate reading and during the singing of 'Away in Manger' the baby is placed in the Moses basket. Things are going well but, oh dear!, no one wanted to be a shepherd. Suddenly during the singing of 'While Shepherds Watched' two rather elderly shepherds accompanied by a large sheep wearing spectacles walked down the aisle. Someone must have made a frantic phone call to the shepherds' retirement home and Specsavers. The rest of the service progressed without a hitch.

The congregation sang with enthusiasm, baby Jesus didn't murmur, "Mary" was a very attentive mother and obviously enjoyed having a real baby. Cody was baby Jesus.

The kings on their camels were lead by the star whilst 'We Three Kings' was sung. The congregation sang 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' and the service ended with a blessing and a prayer. I am sure that children and parents enjoyed the service.

We look forward with anticipation to next year. The afternoon ended with a happy gathering in the Pastoral Centre for mince-pies and drinks. A



happy start to Christmas.

Mary Sharpe

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Pound Hill Toddler Group



Happy New Year! 🌸 Jenny has been busy making a new batch of play dough all ready for a new term at Toddlers - love the colour!

Our lovely photographer is returning on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th February to capture your little one! For anyone new in 2019 We meet on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, from 9am until 11am, term time only, in St Barnabas church hall (entrance near the steps). All children under 5 with their parents, grandparents, childminders, carers are welcome. £1 per family which includes craft time, drink and biscuit for children and adults and singing time as well as lots of different toys - including play dough! Hopefully you can make it along!



Jenny 😊

From the Ordinand's Dog



Happy New Year! I know January is often the time of year for the blues. I'm not blue, well I am, but that's only my colour, (although I'm still not sure why I'm called a Blue Roan when I think my colouring is black and white!). However, I will admit to feeling disgruntled. My humans are leaving me for a weekend away (although to be honest my 'live in' humans always do a splendid job)! I would like to go with my humans but apparently they are going to be away at the residential training weekend organised for Ordinands and their families. They attend seminars and worship together, and so on, but I don't think I could keep quiet and still

for long, but maybe I would be a welcome distraction.....

The current module the Ordinand has just embarked on is 'Christian Doctrine'. The only book I've seen on the subject, so far, is so thick that it would make a lovely doorstop, but I imagine the Ordinand has other uses in mind!

Must go, the post has just been delivered and I need to stamp my muddy paw marks all over it before it gets picked up!

Shadow, the Ordinand's Dog

Operation Christmas Child

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Messy Christmas

Everyone enjoyed our preparations for Christmas with a Follow that Star theme. The activities at Messy in Maidenbower and St Barnabas culminated in a Star & Glo-stick Treasure Hunt and we hope everyone enjoyed repeating this at home with the packs they were given.

Sue x





Messy January

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10am every Sunday at St Barnabas'

+ Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

See you all soon. God bless. *Caroline*



CHILD FRIENDLY SERVICES

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

At Barnabas' – the 4th Sunday of every month.

At St Nicholas':

| | |
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| 3 Mar | Bring a small Mirror |
| 31 Mar | Mothering Sunday |
| 21 Apr | Easter Sunday |



Forty Days – Forty Items

Wednesday, February 10 is the first day of Lent. I have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them!

SATURDAY MARKETS 2 March & 6 April 10-11.45

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Saints — our February Messy Theme

Here is another Saint for the collection —
St Patrick - special day 17 March

Thinking about St Patrick, the true story of his life is actually more exciting than the legend and the myths about him. St. Patrick's Day is now about leprechauns, shamrocks, pots of gold, and green all over the place. The City of Chicago dumps huge quantities of green dye into its river; but who was St. Patrick? He was born in 385 in the modern-day town of Dumbarton, Scotland. In his own account of his life he says "My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers. I am looked down upon by many. My father was Calpornius. He was a deacon; his father was Potitus, a priest, who lived at Bannavem Taburniae. His home was near there, and that is where I was taken prisoner [by barbarian pirates]. I was about sixteen at the time."

The pirates landed on the Irish coast, and they took Patrick about 200 miles inland where he was forced to be a shepherd and farm labourer. After about six years Patrick had a vision in which he was shown an escape route. He made his break and got back to the seashore, where he found a British ship waiting. The ship set sail and Patrick got home; but he didn't stay long.

Patrick's Christian faith grew stronger during his captivity and supported him through the long, dark days. Now that he was back at home he committed to his faith, became a priest, and returned to Ireland with a mission.

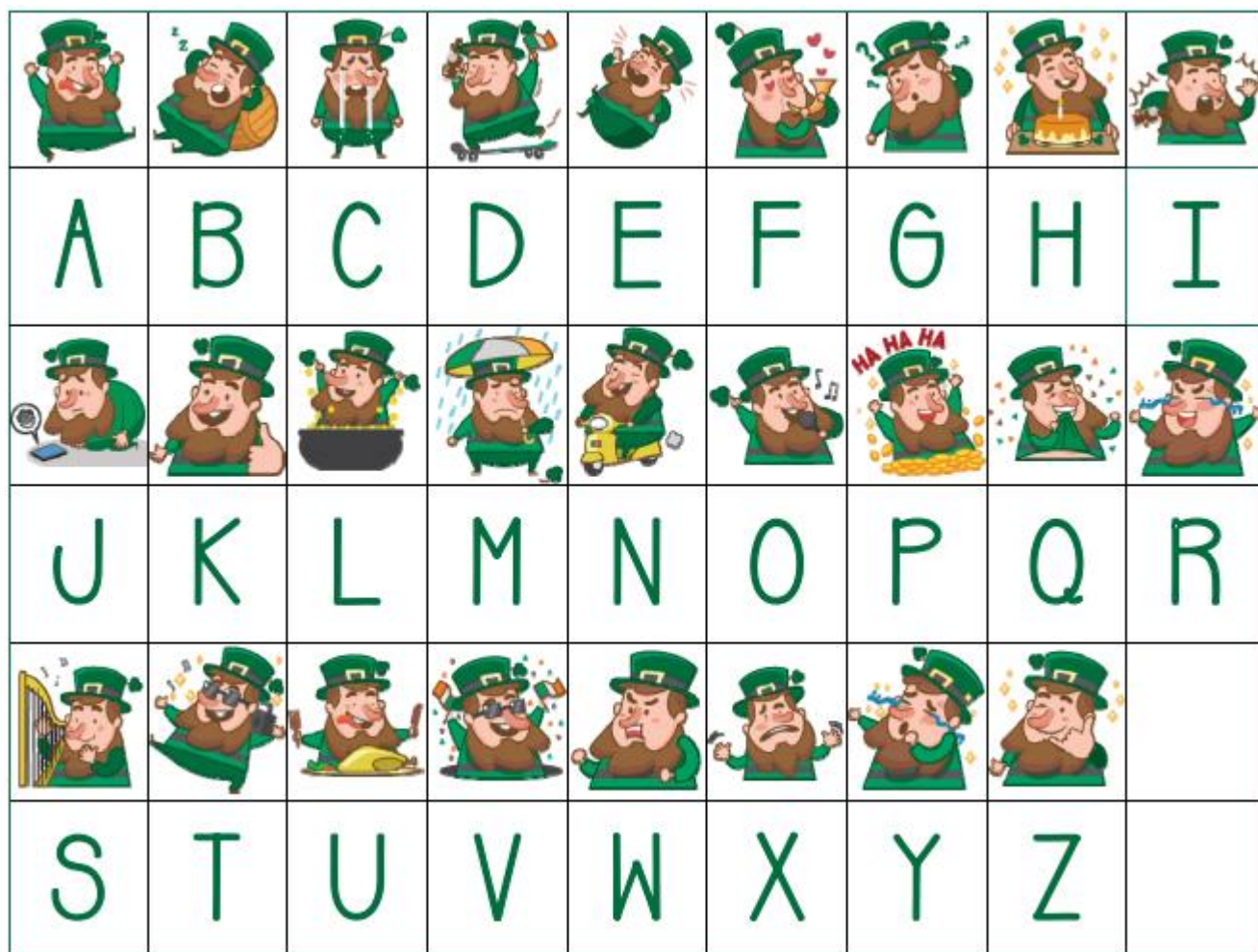
He wanted to see pagan Ireland converted, but faced danger and threats to his life. Nonetheless he persisted and eventually the king converted to Christianity and was baptized by Patrick. Many of the people of Ireland followed. A later story tells that Patrick rid Ireland of snakes, but snakes were not native to Ireland at the time; but Patrick did rid Ireland of marauding ways and barbarianism.

Patrick came to be known as the "Apostle of Ireland." He planted churches, eventually all over Ireland. Although there is no evidence, many believe that Patrick used the shamrock to teach pagans about the Trinity, that God is one in essence and three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It may surprise you that St Patrick was never formally canonized by the universal Church. He probably died on 17 March 461 and in those days saints were recognised in their local regions, but his fame soon spread throughout the world. We may remember him best by reflecting on "St. Patrick's Breastplate," traditionally attributed to him. This prayer for protection, perhaps written on battle shields, points to Christ, the one he proclaimed to the people who had taken him captive:

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*





The earliest known image of St Patrick is this one from the 13th Century, wearing a blue cassock, meeting the High King of Ireland



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COUNTDOWN TO EASTER

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Why we have Pancake Day

Pancake Day is also called Shrove Tuesday and is one last chance for a big party before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday the next day. Long ago, Christians traditionally used up all the eggs and fat they had in store by making pancakes and feasting on them. This was because when Lent came, they would eat less food, or even fast (do without food sometimes) to help them focus on God and not on the things they wanted. This tradition has been passed down the generations.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter, a date which changes every year. This year, we'll be eating our pancakes on 5 March, before Lent begins on 6 March. With eggs, flour, milk and butter, anyone can join in with Pancake Day. Why not get together with friends, have a pancake party, tell them all about Shrove Tuesday.



Why is Lent important?

Lent is a time of getting ready for Easter.

When Jesus was just getting started with his work, he went into the desert for 40 days to be all alone with God. He even went without food and prayed, and was tempted away from what God wanted him to do in all kinds of ways, but he resisted that temptation. You can read that story here in the Bible: Matthew 4:1-11.



During Lent, Christians often do something different too, like praying every day or reading the Bible. This reminds us of Jesus' time in the desert to focus just on God and feel closer to him. The good news is that Sundays are still celebration days – so you can take a break from fasting! The last week of Lent is called Holy Week – during this time, the church remembers Jesus' death on a cross.

Even young children can take part in Lent. For example giving up a sweet treat every day might remind children that we can live more simply.

Your church in Lent

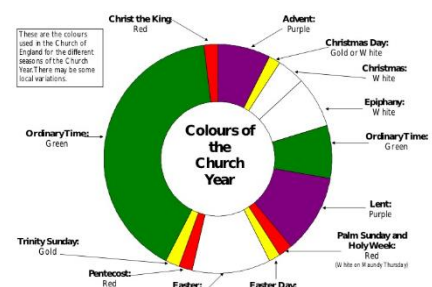
Churches may look quite different during Lent. You might notice the colour purple, or there may be very few decorations or flowers. This is because it's a time to concentrate on God and remember how Jesus gave up his life on a cross to save all of us. Because Lent is a time to reflect, church music and songs will tend to be more reflective and services won't ever include the word 'Alleluia' – a very joyful word to express praise for God.

It's a big contrast when Easter Day arrives, when the colourful decorations come out, there's lots of celebration, 'Alleluia's' and joyful music!

Why not go along to a church service in Lent and play a game of spot-the-difference – how is it different to other services you have been to? Then go at Easter and play again! Talk about how each service feels and why they have these different moods.

Come and join us at our Lent and Easter church services!

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FEBRUARY - MARCH CALENDAR

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

| When? | | What? | Where? |
|--------------|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Tues 5 Feb | 11.00 | Home Communion | <i>Lanehurst Gardens</i> |
| Thurs 7 Feb | 20.00 | St Nicholas Circle Quiz Night | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Sat 9 Feb | 10.00 | Toy, Plant & Book Sale | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Sat 9 Feb | 19.00 | Kindle Event | <i>St Barnabas' Church</i> |
| Sat 9 Feb | 19.30 | Saxons, Deception and Fantasy - Opera | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Sun 10 Feb | 15.30 | Saxons, Deception and Fantasy - Opera | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Mon 11 Feb | 11.00 | Julian Group | <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wed 13 Feb | 15.15 | Messy Church | <i>Maidenbower Infants School</i> |
| Wed 13 Feb | 14.30 | Pastoral Assistants' Tea | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Thurs 14 Feb | 14.30 | Julian Group | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Thur 14 Feb | 18.30 | Valentine Bring & Share Supper | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wed 27 Feb | 15.00 | Messy Church | <i>St Barnabas' Church</i> |
| Thurs 28 Feb | 10.00 | Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer followed by the weekday Eucharist | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Thurs 28 Feb | 19.30 | Mothers' Union AGM preceded by a Eucharist | <i>St Barnabas' Church</i> |
| Sat 2 Mar | 10.00 | Saturday Market | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Tues 5 Mar | 10.30 | Mothers' Union Crawley District Shriving Service | <i>St Barnabas' Church</i> |
| Wed 6 Mar | 10.30 | Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes | <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wed 6 Mar | 20.00 | Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Thurs 7 Mar | 20.00 | St Nicholas Circle – Deiniol Lewis | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Mon 11 Mar | 11.00 | Julian Group | <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Tues 12 Mar | 11.00 | Home Communion | <i>Lanehurst Gardens</i> |
| Wed 13 Mar | 15.15 | Messy Church | <i>Maidenbower Infants School</i> |
| Wed 13 Mar | 14.30 | Pastoral Assistants' Tea | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Thurs 14 Mar | 14.30 | Julian Group | <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Sat 23 Mar | 09.30 | Jumble Sale | <i>St Barnabas' Hall</i> |
| Wed 27 Mar | 15.00 | Messy Church | <i>St Barnabas' Church</i> |
| Thurs 28 Mar | 19.30 | Mothers' Union Meeting | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |
| Tues 2 April | 11.00 | Home Communion | <i>Lanehurst Gardens</i> |
| Sat 6 April | 10.00 | Saturday Market | <i>Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas'</i> |

We must welcome the future, remembering that soon it will be the past; and we must respect the past, remembering that it was once all that was humanly possible.

George Santayana

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