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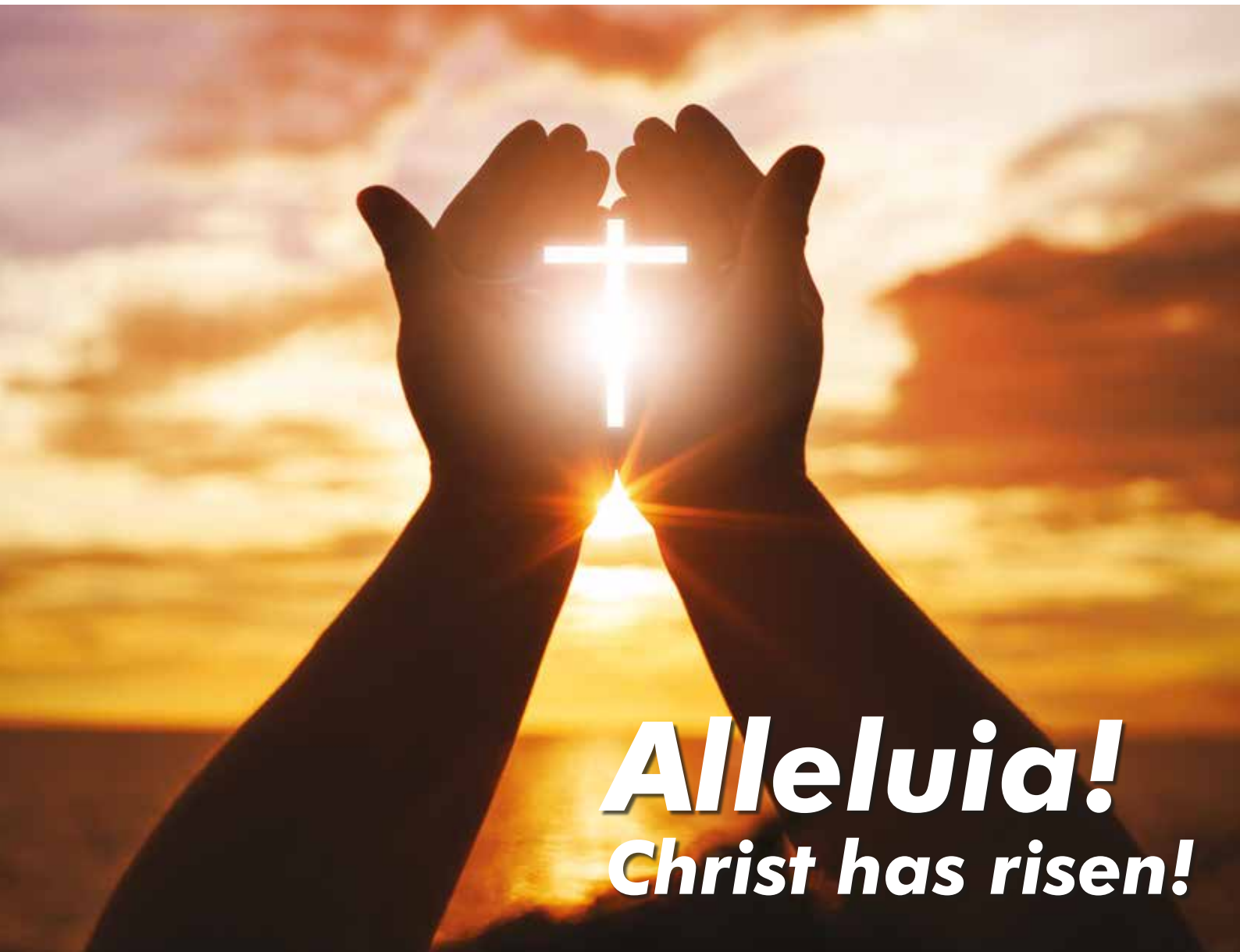
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### **SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST**

<b>Priest-in-Charge</b>	Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, (01798 813121) The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP office.stwparishes@btinternet.com
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Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington contact Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens.

**All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.**



### **Easter is for life, not just for... Easter**

Chocolate, bunnies, hand-made bonnets, spring flowers, empty tomb, egg hunts, roast lamb, new life and over-excited Christians. There are so many things that we can associate with Easter, and I would like to add another to the list: LOVE.

Love is the whole reason we have Easter, and the only reason for Christmas, in fact.

At Easter we remember how Jesus was arrested, tortured and killed on a cross. Why? For us. The part of our human nature that encourages self-centeredness and self-reliance separates us from the perfect selflessness of God, and Jesus came at Christmas to bridge that gap at Easter.

Jesus was neither selfish nor self-reliant yet he died in our place and rose to life so we can receive true independence in God's love. If you want to read the whole story for yourself, pick up a free book of the Easter story from Thakeham or Sullington Church.

Whether or not you believe in God, God believes in you. God's love for each one of us is huge, immeasurable, infinite; it lasts all year all around; it is for life. No matter what we do with our life God's love is always available to us, we just need to humble ourselves and ask for it.

The freedom and excitement of Easter is not just for this time of year, it is for the next 52 weeks as well! 'Church' is the group of imperfect people who are walking out their faith in the risen Jesus together. Why not spend a little more time with your church this coming year because Easter is for life, not just for ... Easter.

SARA-JANE STEVENS

*Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst*



*Wishing all our readers  
Easter Joy and Blessings*

### **CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)**

**Precautions in local churches  
as at 14 March 2020  
See page 15**

### **PRAYER FOR THE MONTH**

There is no plant in the ground,  
but tells of your beauty, O Christ.  
There is no creature on the earth,  
there is no life in the sea  
but proclaims your goodness.  
There is no bird on the wing,  
there is no star in the sky,  
there is nothing beneath the sun  
but is full of your blessing.  
Lighten my understanding  
of your presence all around, O Christ.  
Kindle my will  
to be caring for creation.

*Pray for the coming day and for the care of the earth  
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## Treasurer

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## PCC Secretary

Pat Snape (01798 817389)  
Thakeham Lee, High Bar Lane  
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## Electoral Roll Officer

David Peacock (745595)  
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## Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Bookings

Wynn Lednor (743025)  
4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

## Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

## Gift Aid Officer

Bob Timms (01798 813807)  
Cootes, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP

## Safeguarding Officer

Jane Williams (742956)  
Sandgate Lodge, Washington Road,  
Sullington RH20 4AF

**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM:** Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

## EASTER at St Mary's, Thakeham

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

6pm HOLY COMMUNION, into darkness

### HOLY SATURDAY

6pm REFLECTION AND VIGIL (45 minutes)

### EASTER DAY

10.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY CELEBRATION COMMUNION



## THE EVER POPULAR MEN'S BREAKFAST IS TO RETURN

**Saturday 27 June, 19 September  
and 12 December at 8.30am**

Thakeham Village Hall

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Watch this space for further information regarding these events  
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## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



Come along, meet with friends and catch up over your favourite stitch-craft project.

Thakeham Church Rooms  
21 April between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



## CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

Since the last APCM, the Church reordering project has moved at a pace. Details of the required works have been finalised alongside detailed drawings to accompany the plans. A faculty request was submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for permission to make the changes to our historic Church building and a reply is awaited, and anticipated soon. Meanwhile, specifications of the work needed have been sent to contractors so they can submit tenders, should they wish to do so, the preferred bidder being selected in April. It is intended to hand over the Church to the chosen building company at the end of May 2020 so work can begin in June. We hope the re-ordering will be completed by March 2021.

The Church will be emptied just before the building work begins, so a detailed inventory has been prepared and meetings have taken place to plan for our temporary move to Thakeham Village Hall. Special mention should go to Allison Goodfellow, Barry Laker, Wynn Lednor, Chris Whitehead and Elke Whitehead who are leading these developments.

Thanks must be given to the Building Committee and Architects who meet regularly to manage the project. The meetings are lively and productive.



## Cheese & Wine Evening

**Saturday 17 May at 6pm**

at Plum Tree Cottage, Coolham Road,  
Thakeham RH20 3EW

Please ring Harold and Cecily Linfield (01798 812276) if you would like to come to this informal evening to raise funds for Christian Aid (any donations welcome). Possibility of croquet if the weather is fine!

## SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM

**4th Thursday of the month**

@ Thakeham Village Hall

4pm - 5.30pm (inc. your evening meal!)

Children ... bring your adults to our Church!

Crafts, games, singing, stories and new friends.



## Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham 8.30pm

The idea is for us to meet together to drink and talk.

There won't be any fixed agenda, we'll just see how it develops - the aim is just to meet, chat, be real and have a bit of fun - with maybe a few 'god gems' thrown in!

So why not come along and just enjoy



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Loving our Neighbour"

# What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



[www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org) [info@st-marys-sullington.org](mailto:info@st-marys-sullington.org)

## Churchwardens

John Williams (742956)  
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Sullington Lane,  
Sullington, RH20 4AE

## Treasurer

Gail Kittle (745754)

## Churchwardens Emeriti

Heather Cotton (745751)  
Douglas Parkes (743106)  
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## Pastoral Care

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## PCC Secretary

Jo Pentecost (744454)

## Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer

David Baxter (744346)

## Electoral Roll

Heather Cotton (745751)

## Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Flowers

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## Safeguarding Officer

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## Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

## Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON:** Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday. Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

**Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us**

**Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for up to date information regarding service times and events**

## SPRING AND SUMMER TRADITIONAL EVENSONGS AT SULLINGTON



**On the first Sunday of each month at 6pm for six months starting on 5 April and ending on 4 October.**

The services will be led by Harold Linfield and David Whitehead.

This year's theme will be 'Life behind Bars', and we will explore the stories and the influence of some famous Christian prisoners.

### Sundays: April – October at 6pm

Behind Bars – Lessons for and from Christians.

**5 April – Palm Sunday** – Christ's journey to custody.

St Peter, St Paul – The Establishment

**3 May** – Thomas More and others – The Church

**7 June** – Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King – Imperialism

**5 July** – Bonhoeffer and Niemöller – Fascism

**2 August** – Terry Waite and others – Fundamentalism

**6 September** – Jonathan Aitkin and others – Temptation

**4 October** – Christ exits His imprisonment to lead us to take on all the prisoners.

## Tea with the Vicar

Thursday 2 April – 3pm to 5pm

at Kay Channon's, 1 Oak Cottage, Rock Road, Washington.



## EASTER EGG HUNT!

St Mary's Church, Sullington

Sunday 12 April

after the Easter Day Service:

11.30am – 12.30pm

All ages welcome – come and join us!



## REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS

### Parishes Prayer Meeting

**10.30am every Saturday in Thakeham Church Rooms**

40 mins of prayer and reflection led by a variety of people from both parishes. All welcome

### Informal morning prayer

10.30am – 11am, every Monday, Thakeham Church, and every Wednesday, Sullington Church. All welcome

### Ministry Team Prayer Meeting

7.30pm on 1st Tuesday of each month at The Rectory

45 mins of prayer and discussion for all those who lead or supervise in the parishes

Please let Revd Sara-Jane know if you are coming:

01798 813121 or [office.stwparishes@btinternet.com](mailto:office.stwparishes@btinternet.com)



## Easter Lilies

This has become a welcome tradition in Sullington Church – a lily in memory of a loved one. The lilies will be displayed in Church over Easter and all

the names of our loved ones will be read out during our Easter Service and a list of names displayed over the Easter weekend.

If you would like to order a lily in memory of a loved one please complete a form in Church or contact Muriel Astley 01798 812706



## EASTER at St Mary's, Sullington GOOD FRIDAY

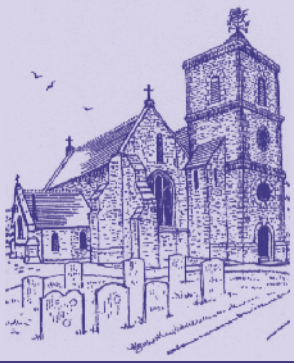
10.30am MORNING PRAYER AT THE CROSS  
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### EASTER DAY

8am HOLY COMMUNION (with Thakeham)

10.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY CELEBRATION COMMUNION





# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 [www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk) [office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk)

## Churchwardens

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Barbara Buchanan (741916)  
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David Rice (918958)  
12 Turners Mead,  
RH20 4JZ

## Parish Secretary

Vivien Stuart (742888; home 745913)  
Rectory Office,  
Rectory Road RH20 4EF

## PCC Secretary

Val Rice (918958)  
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## Retired Clergy

Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team

Rosemary Wills (01798 813206)  
Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

## Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

## Parish Visiting Scheme

Stuart Lee (743661)

## Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

## Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

## Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

## Assistant Organists

Ian Miles, Chrystalle Kersley  
Peter Lewis, Keith Smithers  
Simon Whitchurch

## Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

## Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

## Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

## Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

**Choir:** Fridays, 6.40pm - 7.45pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir please contact the Revd Jaquie Peal – 743083.

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

**Handbells:** Wednesdays, 9.30am. Contact Lila Hurley (742044).

**Church Cleaning:** Jeannie Watten (742542)

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

**Mothers' Union:** Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Bible Study / Home Groups:

**Orchard Gardens Home Group** (Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.45am) New members are very welcome to join this friendly group. Contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

**Crowhurst Crescent Home Group** looks at topics of concern to contemporary Christians. Contact Alison Wall (743713).

**Sunday Lunch Club** (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month. See page 18.

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

**Funerals** – *we commend to God's nearer keeping ...*

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10 Mar Evelyn Beatrice Neale (94 years)

## Lilies for Easter

Would you like to give a lily in memory of a loved one this Easter?

If so, please add the name(s) of those you wish to commemorate to the list at the back of the Church and place your donation (£4 per lily is suggested) in one of the small brown envelopes marked "Easter Lilies" and put it into the Donations Box. Orders for the flowers must be in by Palm Sunday, 5 April. The names of those commemorated will be displayed in Church over Easter.



## VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These meetings will take place consecutively in the Old School, Storrington, on Tuesday 28 April, starting at 7.30pm. Churchwardens and Church Councillors will be elected, and reports will be given on the work of the Church during the past year.

## UPDATING OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll has to be updated annually. This year the updating will end on Sunday 12 April.

You can be included on the Roll if:

- You are over 16 and are a member of the Church of England and resident within the Parish of St Mary's, Storrington
- You are a member of the Church of England, not resident within the Parish but have habitually worshipped in the Parish during the preceding six months.

If you wish to be included on the Roll, there are forms at the back of Church or in the Rectory Office. Please note that it is no longer necessary to publish addresses or contact details on the published Roll, although they will be held by the Electoral Roll Officer on a master list.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the Roll, please check with Val Rice, the Electoral Roll Officer, on 918958.



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**Tuesday of Holy Week, 7 April**  
7.30pm Service of Wholeness and Healing with  
Reception of Holy Oils following Chrism Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week, 8 April**  
7.30pm Compline

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 9 April**  
10.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and stripping of altars

**GOOD FRIDAY, 10 April**  
9.15am Good Friday Procession (inter-Church), starting  
at Our Lady of England R.C. Church, Monastery Lane  
12noon **Three Hours' Devotion** A Service of Reflection  
(entry or exit possible at 1pm and 2pm)

**EASTER DAY, 12 April The Day of Resurrection!**  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Easter Family Communion  
6pm Easter Evensong

## ASSISTANT CURATE FOR THAKEHAM, SULLINGTON AND WARMINGHURST

We will be welcoming Revd Jill Simpson as Assistant Curate to work in our Benefice, whose help during the interregnum was very much appreciated.

She will be licensed on 1 April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Sullington.

Followed by drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet Jill more informally.

Everyone welcome to this joyous occasion.



## CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

### QUIET DAY

**Wednesday 3 June**

Theme – Pentecost

Speaker – To be arranged

10am-4pm

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## Good Friday Procession of Witness

**10 April**  
starting at  
**9.15am**



It starts from Our Lady of England Roman Catholic Church in Monastery Lane and follows the cross around the village, pausing for worship at various points before finishing at Trinity Methodist Church on Thakeham Road.

The whole event lasts about one hour and is an excellent start to the Easter weekend. Transport along the route is provided for anyone who is unable to walk the distance. You can join and leave the procession at any point along the route.

## CHURCHES IN STORRINGTON LENT COURSE

The Five Essentials of Discipleship

Last session on **Monday 6 April** at 7pm with light refreshments in the Priory Hall.

There will be a talk and discussion groups as well as a distributed 'Thought for the Day'. Aim to finish by 9pm.

More information from Charles and Felicity Hadley on 740787 or email [charles.felicity@gmail.com](mailto:charles.felicity@gmail.com).

## EASTER DAY SUNRISE SERVICE

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## TWO MORE SMASHING CONCERTS

Once again I have two concerts to review. In January we were visited by **Taylor Maid**. This group are probably our most popular musical visitors. We always sell out. They didn't disappoint us this year, despite being without their lead vocalist Magda Taylor due to family events. The remaining members of the band adjusted their playlist and were still able to include their lively mix of swing, jazz, blues and fiddle gigs. We were dancing in the aisles – literally; an unusual sight in an Anglican church, but true. We have already booked them for January 2021!



By way of contrast our next concert was a St David's Day concert by **Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir**. Under the direction of Iris Warren, the choir was in excellent voice and treated us to a selection of traditional Welsh tunes, many of which are very familiar from our hymnbook. They mainly sang in Welsh, introduced each time with an English translation, and we enjoyed standards like *Myfanwy* and *Ar Hyd Y Nos* (All Through The Night).



However the programme also included a beautiful rendition of *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart, and an extremely lively version of *The Rhythm of Life* from Sweet Charity. Alongside the choir we enjoyed two short interludes from Caolan Walpot, a most talented harpist. I loved the arrangement of Smetana's *Moldau*; I could hear that river Vltava running. I also loved Caolan's own arrangement of the traditional Welsh tune *David of the White Rock*. Altogether a fabulous concert.

Due to the coronavirus we have decided to cancel the Happy Days Big Band concert on 25 April but we hope to arrange another date for this. The band plays a list of big band classics, jazz and swing numbers from the likes of Herbie Hancock, Josef Zawinul and Bill Withers alongside well-known contemporary tunes from artists like Stevie Wonder and Bruno Mars.

### Christians in Storrington

#### Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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**Tuesday 7 April** – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

**Tuesday 5 May** – Community Church will lead

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This fundraising does depend on the commitment of a band of volunteers. This year we will be street collecting for the whole of Christian Aid Week and so if you could spare an hour to help at any time during the week please contact me.

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*Anna Forster (745392)*

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Our theme for this year

With that in mind, we held our diocesan Wave of Prayer on 27 February, which makes it's way round the world, giving thanks for past and present links across the world, and for our own diocese. We felt the strength of members worldwide.

We had long-awaited news from Mundri, South Sudan, which has been in conflict and their churches have been damaged. Bishop Bismark has now been able to return to continue his ministry. We received colourful photos from members there.

We enjoyed the Lent lunch at West Chiltington after our service in the Church.

Our 5 March meeting was well attended considering the incessant rain that day, and thanks to Daphne for leading the prayers and Anna for piano playing. Thank you to Scilla Page who was our speaker from Walburton, and informed us of baby baskets which are given to new mums in great need, with the cooperation of midwives. They are filled with essentials by members donating nearly-new, buying and making items for the first couple of months of life. We intend to start collecting in our branch for this worthwhile cause.

I took a prayer shawl to Palestine recently for the family I stayed with, who were delighted to receive it for their daughter and her baby due in May.

**Next meeting is 2 April.** A Lent Lunch at West Chiltington Church Hall followed by a talk by Family Support Work.

Sonia Fox

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## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 22 April at 2pm

### Annual General Meeting

followed by afternoon tea



## THE MARY HOW QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK!

### ARE YOU A MATCH FOR THE INN-QUIZZATOR?

Local health screening charity, the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention, is holding its popular **Spring Quiz** on **Saturday 25 April** at West Chiltington Village Hall.

Join Doug 'The Inn-Quizzator' Brown for an evening of fun brain-teaser questions, with team prizes, a licensed bar, and a raffle.

Teams are 6 to 8 people. Tickets cost £8 per person. Doors open at 7pm; eyes down at 7.30pm.

Bring a picnic for a tasty half-time break. A licensed bar will be open throughout the evening, selling beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as tea, coffee and cake.

The team prizes are generously sponsored by LMC Auto Services. Will your team snap up first prize?

The Spring Quiz is supported by Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors as part of their '165 charitable acts for 165 years' celebration of their anniversary throughout 2020.

This quiz night is always entertaining, and a fun way to support your local health screening charity. Roanne Moore, fundraising manager of the Mary How Trust, says, "Do join us – it's a great chance to pit your wits against the Inn-Quizzator! Come braced for fun, and your support will help us spot cancer early. Thank you for giving your community a healthier future."

**Tickets are on sale now from Eventbrite:**  
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## Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 8 April 2020



Performance commences at 7.30pm with an interval and Bar & Raffle. Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in Storrington. Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.

Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

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## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – APRIL 1898

**Fri 1:** Fine. 42 degrees. Morning very chill. Potted off three dozen chrysanthemums. To a Road Committee meeting at Storrington then walked with Austin. In evening to a Lantern service in Storrington church by the Church Army – poor.

**Sat 2:** Fine. 46 degrees. A new groom in James Adsett. He may do. Drove Cicely and May to Knepp to call but found no-one. Death of a once famous 'Claimant' announced – Arthur Orton.

**Sun 3:** Palm Sunday. Dry and fine. 48 degrees. Postponed Holy Communion to next Sunday but had Litany at mid-afternoon and at evening service preached on "Father, the hour is come" and old sermon on the Kiss of Judas. Read the two hortations to Holy Communion at length. Albert Hughes, a twenty year age boy appears on a tricycle and we entertain him; one of a thriving family of seven children!

**Mon 4:** As yesterday. 45 degrees. Service at Storrington. Rode to Washington about the lawn mowing machine. Took some few miles on the bicycle. Paid my income tax at last – a cruel imposition. George Marten announces a new partner.

**Tue 5:** As yesterday. 39 degrees. Service in Storrington. Attended the Induction of Mr Bramwell, newly Rector of Wiggonholt, the 6th I have known. Grace Johnston and William Morton bicycle over and lunch. Clara effects a change in the domestic arrangements by converting the parlour maid into cook.

**Wed 6:** As yesterday. 46 degrees. The weather continues of an extraordinary dryness. School 25/28. Relaid path going down copse. May to Petworth on bicycle for practising. Enquire after one Leppard, who has lost a thumb with a saw-machine and to Mrs Everest newly come to the fir woods, where dwelt old Harry Linfield in the good old days!

**Thu 7:** Bright and mild. 47 degrees. To service in Storrington... old Mrs Brigden buried. Said vale to a parishoner of nine years, Mrs Long of Cobden.

**Fri 8:** Good Friday. Very fine, bright and warm. 51 degrees. Only a fair morning congregation, a mere handful in evening. The labourer makes this now a Holiday. Preached in morning on the Prostration of the Band in Gethsemane; in evening on the Superiority of the New Covenant to the Old. Paid a visit to Page who had a fit last night: very sulky with the treatment he got.

**Sat 9:** Dull and stormy and a little rain. 50 degrees. Hal came this afternoon for a three days holiday only! There has been a Dervish Battle with a good win.

**Sun 10:** Easter Day. Wild, wet and stormy, cleared in afternoon. 50 degrees. A South Wester ushered in this day. Were disappointed with our morning congregation to whom I preached on a Clear Faith in the Resurrection. The evening was fairly fine, congregation good. Old sermon on "I have overcome the world!". This rain welcome. Had hymn 498 as an anthem, a fine tune. Church all golden with countless primroses and daffodils.

**Mon 11:** Generally fine but stormy evening. 48 degrees. Dined at Sandgate *en famille*. Married Mary Rose Miles to a young Lincolnshire Smith of Bramber.

**Tue 12:** Fine, coldish. 44 degrees. An ugly day at the Board between Parsons and Old John and the Clerkship of the two authorities. Concert at Pulborough very good: flag of England; some accident on our way home.

**Wed 13:** Much as yesterday. 47 degrees. Finish harrowing front meadow. Morning visitors, being Mr and Mrs Baker of Bramber and Parker, Cecil from Brighton. Clara and I lunched at the Wyatts and saw his new house and baby and went to his farm. May goes to Petworth with C. Amphlett.

**Thu 14:** Dull. 49 degrees, rain in evening. Pruned vines. Cecil Parker came on a visit from Brighton. To the Workhouse: where signed the House Books.

**Fri 15:** Fine, bright. 47 degrees. Put in dahlias. The two Neels came over from Midhurst where their father had had a bad cycle tumble: a big tea party; Meads, Braces, Felton, Raey and Parkinsons. Spain and Cuba and America getting dangerously near war.

**Sat 16:** Fine. 47 degrees. A beautiful summer's day: cuckoo singing. Gardened much planting out dahlias and sowing annuals. Cecil Parker escorted May to Arundel and Bignor meeting the Neels. Had a litter of piggies!

**Sun 17:** Easter I. Again fine. 45 degrees. Early communion beautifully fair (5), fair morning congregation, old sermon on the "little while of absence" and in evening fair, old sermon on "why seek ye the living among the dead?"

**Mon 18 to Wed 20:** To Tonbridge Wells, returning on the 20th. All very well. Mother divided £200 among us as before £40 each.

**Thu 21:** Foggy early then fine and bright. 44 degrees. School 25/29. Young Neel of New College here for the Goodmans dance, also Grace Johnston... a transflyment took place about 9pm when a contingent arrived from Bignor. Miss Walroth and Kenny, Messrs. Hope and Jenner. We had 22 to tea and Ingrams!

**Fri 22:** Much as yesterday, cold and harsh. 40 degrees. School 26/29. Neel and Grace Johnston departed. The Brolemanns offer me a pupil, a Frenchman and RC Walk to Washington and called on Cunliffe. Had to kill a ewe. Jack Gibson and a soldier from Lewes come in after tea on light railway business.

**Sat 23:** Fine. 42 degrees. March-like. Helped old Sam with his first lawn mowing by scythe. Gardened a bit sowing seeds of sorts. Visited Faithfull by request about assessments. The Americans have secured the first Spanish trader. Miss Jowett from Stopham for the afternoon.

**Sun 24:** Easter II. Fine, cold, bright. 43 degrees. Fair congregations. Morning service on Philippians and evening on Psalm 119 verse 25. Baptised three children of Perrot, a tramping inmate of the workhouse. Churchd Mrs Hammond of Barns Farm.

**Mon 25:** Much as yesterday. 43 degrees. Hardly any grass in the meadows, potatoes appearing were sent back again, everything very backward and dry and harsh. See Page in bed: he seems in a queer condition.

**Tue 26:** Fine with some light rain in the evening. 51 degrees. Board of Guardians an amazing opposition to my Chairmanship by old John soless. Drew up an advertisement for a new Clerk, did not rise till 3.30pm. Letter from Cicely hinting at a visit to Oporto.

**Wed 27:** Fine, warm, seasonable. 49 degrees. School 23/28. Clara and May drove in to Worthing to be present at the Aldridge-Wisden wedding. I remained at home with Diddy P. clearing up lawns etc. Hal writes of a prospective improvement to 16 shillings per week.

**Thu 28:** As yesterday, after rain. 50 degrees. Everything in a moist growing state – *laus Deo*. Visited cottages on Washington Road. New people as under gardener. Clayton Luxford. Dined at Sandgate quite *en famille*. Whist night.

**Fri 29:** Dull, inclined to showers. To Chichester re Asylum Committee. After to a meeting for election of conference representatives; Dory, Gynn and self.

**Sat 30:** Stormy from South West with rain, cleared in afternoon. 48 degrees. Young Watson to lunch. Mrs Felton sups and whists. Inspect the Workhouse officially, an imbecile, H Charman, violent and threatening.

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Precautions in local churches – 14 March 2020

I know that these are very worrying times for many of you. I hope that the information below gives you some confidence about carrying on with your daily life and coming to church at this time.

## Information about the virus

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is caused by a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in December 2019.

The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, they are unlikely to develop symptoms.

## Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

## There are two main routes by which COVID-19 can be transmitted:

Infection can be spread to people through close contact (within 2 metres) with infected individuals and respiratory droplets generated during coughing and sneezing.

It is also possible that someone may become infected by touching a surface, object, or the hand of an infected person that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as touching a door knob or shaking hands, then touching own face). There is currently no evidence that people who are without any symptoms are infectious to others. This evidence will be kept under review by the Government.

## How the local churches are working to limit the spread of Coronavirus:

### 1. Maintaining good hygiene as an individual.

Public Health England has advised that anyone with a raised temperature and/or a new cough should 'self-isolate' by staying at home for 7 days from the start of the symptoms. Please do not come to church!

If you are self-isolating we will not be able to make a pastoral visit to you, but you can still use the phone to speak to a minister or member of the visiting team.

If you are in church and cough or sneeze then remember to **Catch it** (in a tissue), **Bin it** (take it home to your bin) and **Kill it** (go and wash your hands, or use hand gel)'.

### 2. Maintaining good hygiene as a church.

- The Church of England, following advice from Public Health England, has issued advice to all churches on how to operate during this difficult period.
- **Storrington church will be thoroughly sanitised on Saturday mornings and then locked until used for Sunday services.**
- You are encouraged to wash your hands in the cloakrooms as you come into church. Unfortunately we have been unable to source any hand gel.

- The ministers at Communion will also use hand sanitiser before handling any of the Communion linen or vessels.
- The Bishop has advised that the Common Chalice of wine is now not to be used until further notice. People will be given only the consecrated bread/host.
- A handshake or any other direct physical contact during the sharing of the Peace is suspended. We can say 'Peace be with you' to our neighbours in the pews.
- Also suspended is any shaking of hands as you leave at the end of the service.

May God give us all strength and hope at this worrying time.

Canon Kathryn Windslow

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SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

Our meeting on 19 February was an Open Meeting, open to non-members. To my surprise, when I arrived there were several gentlemen there. So in future when our meetings are advertised as open, both ladies and gentlemen please come along and join us.

Our President, Erika Brichta, opened the meeting reporting on the purchase of a new sound system for the sum of £157, which she demonstrated, and which everyone could hear well. She then continued with information on all the forthcoming events, including the spring lunch, Skittles with BBQ, and a special cream tea on 24 July to celebrate Pam Spinks's 100th birthday.

Beautiful green material hearts had been made by members and put on the tree in Place Villerest in Storrington, to bring attention to the 'Show the Love Climate Change Campaign', which ran from 5 – 29 February. There will also be a display in Storrington Library.

It was then time to introduce the Speaker for the evening, Philip Gulvin, who had travelled all the way from Somerset to speak on Climate Change and Global Warming. His talk entitled 'How to Move a Mountain'. Philip has a scientific background, having taught Science, studied Earth Science and then spent most of his career as an Anglican vicar before concluding his working life as an Open University lecturer, focusing once again on Earth Science. He also has a passion for astronomy. He gave a most interesting presentation beginning by saying that climate change and global warming is pure science. He showed graphs of interglacial periods 100,000 years apart. He covered so many interesting points, and certainly made the threat posed by global warming and climate change so very much clearer to us all, as well as the urgency in dealing with it. Marita Watteau thanked Philip on our behalf for such a fascinating talk.

Following a refreshment break, it was time to complete a questionnaire about what we had learned about climate change and global warming. After the raffle, the President closed the meeting.

The next meeting is on **15 April** at 7.30pm, when Ray Abraham will tell us all about Leonardslee Gardens.

Pat Beard

**'Still Life with Red Peppers'** Those of you who read last month's article will already know this isn't a hitherto undiscovered masterpiece by Cézanne, but two very different one act plays by Noel Coward that will form our spring production 'An Evening with Noel Coward' on 21, 22 and 23 May (coronavirus allowing).

*Still Life*, set in the refreshment area of a 1930's railway station, depicts the sadness of Alec and Laura's secret love affair as it develops over several months, contrasting with the uncomplicated relationship of two of the station staff. Sounds familiar? The play was later adapted into the film *Brief Encounter*.

In complete contrast, *Red Peppers* is a lively comedy about a second-rate music hall double act – a husband and wife team - who bicker in their dressing room and quarrel with colleagues in between performing their musical numbers.

This promises to be a very entertaining evening with drama, pathos, comedy, singing and dancing and a plethora of steam train effects! Tickets will be available online via our website and from our usual box offices from mid-April; look out for our posters or check the website for updates.

As well as casting and rehearsing for the above, we recently held our AGM during which Chairman Geoffrey Steward outlined the highlights of 2019, including our extremely successful drama festival and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. But he stressed we need more members – especially younger ones!

We have brilliant facilities at West Chilmington Village Hall (other societies performing in the festival were very envious) so do please get in touch if you think you might like to join us, whether it be on stage or otherwise. There are membership benefits and even one-off help with front of house is always appreciated. Full details can be found on our website [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk) along with a calendar of upcoming events - why not come and meet us at our next Play Reading for Fun on 12th June? Alternatively, you can contact our Publicity Officer Jean Trew on 01798 874952.

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## THAKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

As the weather hopefully starts to change for the better, we can all start to get out and enjoy the outdoor spaces within the Parish as spring blossoms.

The latest refurbishment works at High Bar Lane playground were completed in February, although the soggy state of newly laid turf delayed re-opening until March. Thanks for bearing with the delay; we think the park is now in good shape and more fun to play in.

Work to complete the resurface of the High Bar Lane – West Chiltington bridleway is due soon, having also been delayed by the weather, and the extension to the new east-west Abingworth bridleway is also going ahead. Running from the northern Abingworth pinch-point to High Bar Lane playground, it will provide a safer route for walkers, cyclists and equestrians. The detailed route can be seen on our website.

The recycling scheme set up at the Village Hall has expanded to include more items. You can now recycle crisp packets, biscuit/cracker wrappers and pet food pouches that have been rinsed and dried. These can go in the labelled bin in the bin store area, not in the red bin in the entrance hall which is for non-food related recycling items. Please be aware that batteries should not be placed in either bin but can be recycled at various shops, and please also refrain from putting general rubbish in these bins.

We're looking for people to sign up the Friends of the Glebe Field project. If you'd like to be part of the group developing the space as a special place for biodiversity, please get in contact. We'd also love to hear from you if you know anything about the history of the land, including any photos.

Our annual **Village Spring Clean** is happening on **Saturday 18 April**. Two teams will meet at Thakeham Village Hall and the Rock Road School site at 10am for a couple of hours of litter-picking. Equipment will be provided, just wear suitable clothing and footwear. Family groups welcome!

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Monday 20 April** at Thakeham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The general theme this year is 'Keeping the Community Safe' with speakers from Sussex Police and NatWest bank, followed by Q&A and traditional drinks and nibbles.

Following agreements reached in February, work is finally proceeding on the new Abingworth shop and veterinary practice, with the target of the shop opening on Saturday 2 May, to coincide with our annual May Day Bluebell Walk. On Sunday 24 May you can enjoy Jazz in the Village (Millar and Spencer) in the Village Hall from 7.30pm, with bar. Tickets £10 from [www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk/box-office](http://www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk/box-office), children under 16 free.

Anyone wanting to have a stall or volunteer an hour of their time to help out on one of the Community activity stalls like the Coconut Shy and Raffle at the Village Fair on Saturday 20 June please contact [thakehamcommunityevents@gmail.com](mailto:thakehamcommunityevents@gmail.com).

To keep up to date with latest news, subscribe to our monthly emails via our website.

## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thakeham Village Hall  
10am to 11.30am

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

All ages welcome to drop-in, meet,  
and have a chat.

[info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk)

Tel 01798 815467



## STORRINGTON ON SHOW 2020 TAKES SHAPE!

There are many benefits to being a member of a local community group, such as making new friends, learning new skills, having fun, feeling useful or even getting exercise and enjoying the fresh air.

Storrington has a great deal to offer its residents, either young or old, whether new to the area or simply looking for a new challenge. Its website, [www.storrington.org.uk](http://www.storrington.org.uk), offers a wealth of information and contacts to every aspect of its community, including all the contact details for our vibrant voluntary sector organisations. Many of these groups are always on the look-out for new recruits to their teams in order to continue to provide a full service to our community.

This year the Community Partnership in Storrington is planning a bigger and better show at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Spierbridge Road to showcase the wide range of activities and opportunities existing in the voluntary organisations, and to raise the profile of volunteering, along with the benefits it can bring. Louise Hayton, Chair and Trustee of the Community Partnership, said, "Friendships, social activities, exercise and the satisfaction of helping others can all be found in joining a local voluntary group."

One such group is the Storrington Area Help Scheme. It was originally founded in 1973 by the Revd John Lambourne, curate of Sullington and Storrington, when discussing with a friend how to people needing help with hospital and other medical appointments, shopping for the elderly and babysitting in emergencies. The Storrington Area Help Scheme has now



been providing assistance to local residents for over 40 years by majoring on its service to those who cannot get themselves to medical appointments. This includes visits to GP Surgeries and Hospitals within West Sussex plus local visits to Dental Surgeries, Chiropodists, and Opticians etc. The Scheme has charity status and is solely run by volunteers who man its office, receiving the requests, and most importantly a team of volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles to transport people to their various appointments and get them back home.

The Scheme covers requests from Storrington, Ashington, Washington, Thakeham and West Chiltington. Numbers of requests continue to increase year by year and the group is always in need of more volunteer drivers who can spare an hour or two each week to help those in need of transport. If you would like more information you should contact the Office between 9am and noon on any weekday, on 742124.

Storrington Community Partnership will shortly be promoting this Show for Saturday 16 May at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, with posters, banners and flyers around the town. Admission will be free to all visitors of this event.

Refreshments will be available at the café in the Centre to give visitors a chance to chat about what they have seen and heard. The Community Partnership will be keen to hear from visitors to this second event of its kind in Storrington, and will again be asking them to comment on how it can be improved for next time.

If you want to know more, or your group would be interested in taking part, then contact David on 746101.

# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
5 April	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion

FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES including MAUNDY THURSDAY and GOOD FRIDAY please see pages 4, 5 and 9

12 April	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age) 6pm <b>Easter Evensong</b>	10.30am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age)	10.30am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age)
19 April	<b>Second of Easter</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Baptism and Prayers for Healing 11.45am Baptism Service 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
26 April	<b>Third of Easter</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
3 May	<b>Fourth of Easter</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Thursdays at 10.30am

Holy Communion Service at Sussexdown on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11.30am

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW

Tel: 740338

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: [contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk)

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*(Formerly The Community Church Storrington)*

*Steining Grammar School – Rock Road Campus*

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Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office,

PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 01798 817596 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org)

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### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

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[www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk](http://www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk)

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Wed** 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122

**Fri** 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

### Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

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First Thursday of each month

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# WHAT'S ON

## APRIL

### Wed 1

- 10am St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p27  
2.30pm Arts Society Storrington – Meeting – p21  
7.30pm Licensing of Revd Jill Simpson – St Mary's, Sullington – p9

### Thu 2

- 10.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18  
2pm MU – Lent Lunch and Talk – p13  
3pm Tea with the Vicar – p5  
7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p23

### Sat 4

- 10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p27  
7.30pm Rotary Quiz Night – p21

### Sun 5 PALM SUNDAY

- 11.45am Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington Harry Oliver Burbeck (son of Amber and Leslie)  
6pm Evensong – St Mary's, Sullington – p5

### Mon 6 Monday of Holy Week

- 7pm Ecumenical Lent Course – p9  
7.30pm Storrington Museum – Meeting – p24  
8.30pm Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4

### Tue 7 Tuesday of Holy Week

- 10am Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10  
10am Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p17  
12noon Blessing of the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass – Chichester Cathedral  
12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p10  
2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10  
2pm Arts Society of West Sussex – Meeting – p21  
7.30pm Service of Wholeness and Healing with Reception of Holy Oils following Chrism Mass at St Mary's, Storrington

### Wed 8 Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7.30pm Compline at St Mary's, Storrington  
7.30pm Rotary Film Night – Judy – p13

### Thu 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington

### Fri 10 GOOD FRIDAY

- 9.15am Inter-Church Good Friday Procession of Witness – p9  
10am Storrington Museum Coffee Morning – Stewardship – p24  
10.30am Family Prayer Service – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4  
12noon Three Hours' Devotion – St Mary's, Storrington – p6  
3pm Silent Meditation at the Cross at St Mary's, Sullington – p5

### Sat 11 EASTER EVE / HOLY SATURDAY

- 9.30am Floral Decorating for Easter – St Mary's, Storrington  
10am Great Easter Egg Hunt – Sullington Warren – p31

### Sun 12 EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

- For all Church Services see pages 4, 5, 9 and 18  
6.30am Easter Day Sunrise Service – Chantry Post – p9  
Parham House – Easter Fun Day – p31

### Mon 13

- 8am Car Boot Sale – Storrington Library Car Park – p15  
Parham House – Easter Fun Day – p31  
7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p24  
7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p34

### Tue 14

- 12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p10

### Wed 15

- 10am Café in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p6  
7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p15

### Thu 16

- 7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p23

### Fri 17

- 2pm Storrington Museum – Meeting – p24  
7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p22

### Sat 18

- 10am Thakeham Village Spring Clean – p17

### Sun 19 SECOND OF EASTER

- 10am Baptism at St Mary's, Storrington of Evelyn Emily Aitchison Meakins (daughter of Rachael and Robert, and great-granddaughter of the late Evelyn Hendrie)  
11.45am Baptism at St Mary's, Storrington of Riley Nigel Williams (son of Anna and Neil)

### Tue 21

- 10am Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p17  
12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p10  
2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10  
2pm Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham Church Rooms – p4

### Wed 22

- 2pm Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p13

### Thu 23

- 11.30am Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p10  
4pm Messy Church – Thakeham – p4

### Sat 25

- 7pm Mary How Trust – Quiz Night – p31

### Sun 26 THIRD OF EASTER

### Tue 28

- 12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p10  
2pm Storrington Macular Group – Meeting – p13  
7.30pm Mary How Trust Film Society – *Knives Out* – p31  
7.30pm Vestry Meeting and APCM, St Mary's, Storrington – p6

### Thu 30

- 7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p23

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6 and 18.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

### APRIL

**Wed 1** *Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872* – an English theologian, religious author, and prominent Christian Socialist

### Sat 4 THE ANNUNCIATION (Lady Day)

**Thu 9** *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945* – a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident

**Fri 10** **William Law, 1761** – a Church of England priest and his writing greatly influenced the evangelical movement of his day  
*William of Ockham, 1347* – an English Franciscan friar, produced significant works on logic, physics, and theology.

**Sat 11** *George Augustus Selwyn, 1878* – first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand

**Thu 16** *Isabella Gilmore, 1923* – oversaw the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Anglican Communion.

**Sun 19** *Alphege, 1012* – Archbishop of Canterbury

**Tue 21** *Anselm, 1109* – a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury

### Thu 23 St George, Patron of England, c.304

**Fri 24** *St. Mellitus, 624* – first Bishop of London in the Saxon period

**Sat 25** **ST MARK, EVANGELIST** – author of gospel and disciple of Jesus

**Mon 27** *Christina Rossetti, 1894* – English poet, wrote the words of *In the Bleak Midwinter*

**Wed 29** **Catherine of Siena, 1380** – one of the two patron saints of Italy, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II named her as one of the six patron saints of Europe

**Thu 30** *Pandita Mary Romabai, 1922* – Indian social reformer, recognised for her contribution to the advancement of Indian women



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## GREAT EVENTS IN STORRINGTON – PART 2

The royal event in which we were actively involved was the 1977 Silver Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II in which a whole week of events, supported and sponsored by many local organizations was arranged. I kept a diary of that week which started for me on 2 June when I took four large sheets of card on which were mounted old pictures and postcards of Storrington, some borrowed from Florrie Greenfield, Anne Rapley and some of my own, together with my facsimile of the Domesday Book, to the Parish Church which was holding a Heritage Exhibition for the week. Then we went to the Village Hall to collect trestle tables loaned by the Horticultural Society. Their art stands were already in the Church to display pictures, paintings of old Storrington borrowed from the Greenfields and the Rectory. I set up my part of the exhibition on the tables in front of the art stands. Mr Davies brought along the old map from Chanctonbury House and a glass case had arrived to display it, together with the Domesday Book, open at the page relating to our Village, together with the old parish registers. There were also *in situ*, to our amusement, several full-sized naked 'bodies'.

### Saturday 4 June:

Looked in at the Church to see how the Village History Exhibition was coming along. Church plate and flower arrangements had been added and the 'nudes' had been impressively clothed in Church vestments. A bell-ringing display was on show in the Church tower and, to my delight, some more postcards had been added to the tables. The Rector put up a long chart of royal genealogy, so I went home to bring in my model of Queen Elizabeth I, copied from the 'Oxford portrait' to add to it. Lunch on the way to Petworth, and passing Gray & Rowsell's establishment at Bury, I suggested that we go and have a look around, just casually, nothing specific in mind. There in the showroom was the new Jubilee Reliant Robin, dark red with silver coachwork, a special limited edition of only 750 models. We bought number 426, a lovely Jubilee Reliant Estate, ready for collection the following week. Onto Petworth for a cream tea!

**Sunday 5 June:** To Church for the Church Parade that launched the Village Jubilee Week. This really pulled all the threads together. Weather cold, showery and windy, but the ATC, British Legion, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides and others turned up in uniform with their banners. Church packed out with all denominations, the conduct of the service shared by the Revd John Norman, Rector, the Revd G Ballard, the Revd David Reep (Methodist), Mr Vellacott (Chapel), the Revd Fr K Cassidy (RC Parish Priest) and Miss E L N Gray (Chairman Parish Council). Much red-white-blue seen in people's clothes and a definite air of patriotism and Jubilee fever growing. The Revd John Norman began his sermon by addressing the young people, emphasising that they were partaking in history, with reference to the exhibition around them. An excellent sermon bringing all aspects of the Jubilee together. National Anthem (NA) at the end. Took photos.

**Monday 6 June:** Early start to make packed lunch and coffee. Then to the Parham Glider Field for their Open Day and Grand Fete. Set up ATC stand at fete with loan of the last borrowed Horticultural Society art stand and then set up radio links. Spent most of bitterly cold wet day in the clubhouse control tower with one radio liaising with John Stuart in charge of another Cambridge transmitter/receiver on the glider frequency. Made brief foray pm doing tour

of the perimeter to take photos. Stood down at 4.30pm as radio batteries running low. 7pm to Village Hall to organize things for the next day's Jubilee Flower Show. Committee members already there and working

well, so left just after 8pm. To the top of Chantry Hill, many cars there already parked. Beer and wine being served from a horsebox and a lamb being roasted over charcoal fire near the signpost. The ATC minibus installed with tent and hot dog stand also selling cans of drink. The bonfire, augmented with residual furniture from the Caledonian Market on the recreation ground. Bitterly cold and windy, everyone in heavy woollies and anoraks, impossible to keep warm (almost midsummer!). As darkness began to fall we scanned westwards and saw a beacon on Springhead or Duncton – much too early. At 10.10pm our bonfire went up in flames and the heat was very welcome. The crowd broke into the NA quite spontaneously and then a short speech over the PA, very difficult to hear from the opposite side of the fire. Everyone sang the NA again. Terrific spirit and great sense of patriotism and loyalty which seemed to have begun with the Church Parade. After the second hot dog at 11pm decided to call it a day. We left the hilltop but it took nearly half-an-hour down Chantry Lane to reach the main road. Cars still going up, some parked on the verges causing traffic block. Decided not to go home, but drive along the main road to see bonfire chain. Beautiful fire on Chanctonbury, memorable sight all round. Many others driving along to see fires. Home at last, very tired.

**Tuesday 7 June:** Flower Show. At Village Hall early to organize clerical work and enter our own photography. All went smoothly except poor entry for flower arrangements class. 118 entries in all – very good. Back to Show pm, slow stream of visitors until late pm when they suddenly flocked in (after TV we think). Rector presented prizes and we left them to the final stages after drawing the first raffle prize! To Arundel by invitation for meal, most gratefully accepted! Too worn out to bother otherwise. Decided to look in to the Cathedral – full of flower arrangements and the Flower Carpet

under construction for Corpus Christi on Thursday. Very beautiful.

### Wednesday 8 June:

8am. Went to Church to collect exhibition material – found I had acquired some pictures, very good. Photographed Alpha Romeo in The Square

being raffled for Jubilee Appeal. Then to library to photograph their exhibition. In evening to rec, took pictures of special cricket match between



cricket and football clubs. Just for a welcome change, a glorious sunny calm evening. Then to Worthing to collect another Cambridge set for ATC. Obligated to miss the showing of slides at the Priory – sorry about that.

**Friday 10 June:** To Trinity Methodist Church to photograph their decorated Church and have coffee there. PM to Gray & Rowsell to collect our Jubilee Reliant.

**Saturday 11 June:** PM to Hurston to photograph Dog Gymkhana. Miss Gray asked me to photograph winner of children's talent competition. End of a very busy Jubilee Week. Weather consistently cold, wet and windy, no let up. Some events badly affected but generally people tried not to let it spoil things. TV coverage of Jubilee very good but we missed most of it through being involved in Village activities. Saw River Pageant and glorious fireworks on TV one evening.

And that is the end of my very personal 'Diary of a Jubilee'.

Away from the royal celebrations, we have in our Storrington Horticultural and Handicraft Society a venerable institution which in 2014 celebrated its 150th Anniversary. The celebratory Flower Show held in the Village Hall reproduced classes from the 1864 schedule. It contained vegetable classes of large content reflecting the cottage gardens of the time and probably difficult to expect from today's smaller or container gardening. The handicraft section condescendingly referred to 'Homemaking Classes' at a time when women were expected to confine themselves and their sole interest to the home. 'Women over 65 years of age' was one class, 'Women and girls over 13 years of age' and 'Children's classes up to 13 years of age'. Flowers could be displayed in bottles and jam jars. One class 'Homemaking' was for a square of honeycomb, and the cakes were plain cooking, nothing more ambitious than a Victoria Sponge, seed cake, Bath buns or lardy cake and shortbread. The main women and girls' class required a darned sock, smocked garment, knitted balaclava, knitted socks and gloves, a tea cosy, pinafore, etc. Children's classes were grasses, leaves, snail shells and a knitted dishcloth, or for the really skilled, an embroidered handkerchief.

In 150 years, the annual Flower Show became a lovely exhibition on the recreation ground in a massive marquee. The last, in 1972, before expenses, insurance, health and safety and a night guard killed off this event, was memorable for us, not just because of the very long tables of fruit and vegetables, flowers, handicrafts, art and photography and the magnificent trade stands at either end of the marquee from local nurseries, Goachers and Cheals, all with the smell of cut grass on entering the marquee, but because of a rare celestial event. We went to the tent late in the evening before the show to arrange our own exhibits; the night guard happened to say to Ron that he had never seen a satellite passing over. They went outside into the darkness and Ron was able to point out two such space vehicles, tiny spots of moving light. Then something else happened: Ron had been observing unusual solar activity via his radio telescope for about a week with some large visible sunspots confirmed by Patrick Moore, who sent him regular drawings he made. Then the show started with an arc of light to the north which gradually spread to rays of coloured lights dancing up to the zenith: Ron's predicted Aurora Borealis was manifesting, actually visible from Storrington's recreation ground. A wonderful sight rarely seen this far south, but it was a very big event, also seen by an airline pilot flying over Spain.

And I really cannot cap that as a memory of Storrington's Great Events.

Joan Ham  
(Village Historian)



**Tuesday 7 April**

**Ian Swankie will talk on Great Railway Stations  
Evoking the Spirit of Romance and Adventure**

In this talk we visit some of the most splendid stations in the world.

We will look at the magnificent architecture and brilliant engineering and discover numerous artworks within the stations.

**Tuesday 5 May**

**Nicola Moorby will give a talk on Turner vs Constable:  
The Great British Paint Off!**

The story of the epic rivalry between these two creative giants of British Art reveals their different backgrounds and temperament. The subject also provides an enjoyable overview of British Art in the nineteenth century.

Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall

Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture

Please call 3411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com

Visitors most welcome – £5

**[www.theartsocietywestsussex.org](http://www.theartsocietywestsussex.org)**

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**Saturday 4 April**

**Pulborough Village Hall 7.30pm**

**A fun night out for teams of 2 to 6 with  
speed rounds, music, general knowledge  
questions and much more for all abilities.**

**Prizes, Raffle and Licensed bar**

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## BOOK REVIEW

From local author, Kim Hope

### Bullet in the PawPaw

A woman's daring attempt to prevent the spread of HIV in South Africa, through theatre.

Kim, a naïve, poorly educated English girl, is enjoying the delights of London in the 'Swinging Sixties' when a chance encounter takes her on a journey to South Africa. Travelling as an actor with a touring Shakespeare company, Kim is irrevocably drawn to the 'beloved country', but her abhorrence of the oppressive system of apartheid forces her to return home.

This experience changes the direction of her life, and now, having achieved a longed-for education, she is on a mission: to stop the spread of HIV. She creates the Themba HIV&AIDS Organisation in Johannesburg and recruits and trains young people from the townships to deliver a unique programme of interactive theatre workshops.

#### About the author

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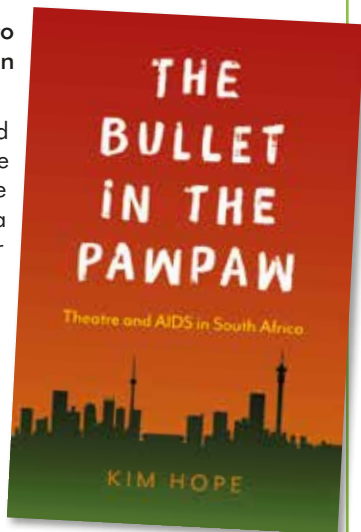
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## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society welcomed Mr Geoff Peach at the February meeting, who gave a very interesting and amusing talk supported with slides titled 'Flower shows can be fun'.

Before the talk, a presentation was made to Mrs Barbara Pert as thanks and in recognition of all the hard work and support she gives the Society in her position as treasurer in its smooth running.

Geoff Peach became interested in growing and exhibiting flowers and vegetables after wandering into a Crawley Horticulture Society Show and asking questions about the classes. He became a professional gardener in 1994 and built up a wide and varied customer base. Since then his interest in gardens and shows has developed becoming Chairman of the Surrey Guild of Judges & Lecturers in 2016. Geoff has also been a regular contributor to the BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex program *Dig It* on Sunday mornings for several years.

Geoff started his talk explaining it is important when exhibiting at a show to take careful note of the show schedule for each class and making sure your entry complies with this. Failure to do this leads to the exhibit being disqualified or marked NAS, not to show schedule. A couple of examples he mentioned were wrong pot size and a mixture of types when the schedule calls for one specific type. He also advised all the details of showing are contained in the *RHS Show Hand Book* which, as a judge, is one of his reference books.

Showing entries to their best advantage is also critical. Flower exhibits should be presented allowing the judge to see each bloom and the stem; when the entry calls for a specific number of blooms, all blooms should also be arranged so that they face the front. Doing simple things such as this gives the entry the best chance of an award as opposed to just being put in a vase. The same applies to vegetables, which should always be presented in a clean and tidy condition and where a number are required they should be of a similar size and the same variety as per the show schedule. Geoff gave additional tips on showing Daffodils, Sweet Peas, Gladioli and Roses as well as a number of vegetables. The meeting ended with light refreshments and a raffle.

The next meeting is **17 April** when Carrie Cort, founder of Sussex Green Living and co-founder of Horsham repair café, will be speaking to us about Recycle, Reuse, Repair, Remake, Reduce and Renewables.

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An 88 year old St Barnabas House patient and 10 year old schoolboy have become pen pals after meeting at the hospice's St B's Schools Project, a pioneering scheme which invites local schoolchildren to visit the hospice to learn about hospice care and explore issues such as life, death and bereavement.



Don Pearman, who lives on his own in Worthing, was referred to St Barnabas House in July 2019 after receiving the news that he had incurable heart failure. Don admits that before visiting St Barnabas he was "very close to giving up".

"My health had suddenly been taken away from me and I couldn't see a future. I'd gone

from being really active, to thinking, for god's sake, just let me go. But when I walked through the door to the Day Hospice, I could feel the happiness. Even though people are unwell, I could hear laughter and joking. There was such a lovely atmosphere. The whole experience has completely turned around my perspective on life."

As well as attending the Day Hospice on a Wednesday, Don participates in the St B's Schools Project alongside other fellow patients. Visiting schoolchildren, aged 9-10, are paired up with patients who they get to know and take part in creative activities with. Pupils receive a tour of the hospice and there is a celebration at the end to which parents are invited.

This is how Don met Ollie Samson, a 10 year old pupil from Orchards Junior School in Goring-by-Sea.

Don said: "When I was asked if I wanted to join the Schools Project, I thought, what, children! I was a bit nervous the first time. But we all just chatter away, and now I absolutely love it. Before Christmas, I was paired up with a lovely lad called Ollie. When his mum came in on the final day, Ollie gave me a nice thank you card, and I was really happy when they asked if he could write to me again. Ollie sent me a lovely Christmas card and in it he said he'd just had his 10th birthday. So, I sent him a card and wished him a belated happy birthday."

Since first meeting at the Schools Project, Don and Ollie have now exchanged three letters and Don says he "really values the companionship".

"My wife of 49 years, Doreen, died of cancer in 2004 and I've also sadly lost both my daughter and son to cancer. I get by alright on my own, but I don't get many letters these days. So, I enjoy it when one comes through the post from Ollie. I enjoy reading what Ollie's been up to. He asks me about my family, my travels around the world and my time in the Royal Air Force. There's lots to tell him. I've had some rare old times. Even though there's a 78 year age gap, I'm pleased that we get on so well. It makes me feel like I'm young again. I think back to the little old school I went to and all the fun we had, even though there was a war going on. I say to Ollie, enjoy your school life as it passes fast."

When Ollie was told he would be visiting St Barnabas House with his classmates he admits that he was concerned that a hospice might be "a bit of a scary place".

"But when I came to St Barnabas for the first time with my school, I saw that it was a very lovely place. We visited once a week for three weeks and the people were really friendly and caring. It was a lot of fun getting to know Don and I'm glad the hospice helps him so much. After the project finished, I wanted to stay in touch with him. I was



happy when the Head teacher gave me his address to send a card to. I really enjoy receiving Don's letters and hearing his stories."

Ollie's mother, Kim Samson, said: "The Schools Project is an amazing initiative between local schools and St Barnabas to pair children up with patients and for us there has been a totally unexpected outcome. I'm really proud of Ollie and I think Don is wonderful and funny and he gives Ollie a totally different perspective on life."

Don adds, "I think it's important that children like Ollie get a good understanding of life. When I was a young boy, people weren't interested in telling you anything. When somebody was really ill, I wasn't taken to visit them and I certainly didn't go to any funerals. You didn't know what was going on really. Nowadays, things are a lot more open which is much better. If you're honest with kids, there's less for them to be scared of."

**For more information about the St B's Schools Project visit [www.stbh.org.uk/hospice-schools-project](http://www.stbh.org.uk/hospice-schools-project).**

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**Thursday 16 April 7.30pm**

Guest Speaker – Peter Merry, Monopoly Photography

**Thursday 30 April 7.30pm**

Best of Year Competition - Judge for the evening will be Lisa Beaney

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## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Richard Shenton gave Museum members and friends a talk about the Wey and Arun Canal, 'London's Lost Link to the Sea', and about the efforts to restore and conserve parts of this waterway by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust members.



"Why", Richard asked, "was a canal needed in the first place?". In the south the Arun was navigable as far north as Pallingham Quay, where the river ceases to be tidal. This river was used from earliest times, so coal and slate, chalk, lime and farm products could be traded. To the north the Wey was a canalised river flowing out to the Thames, with small locks along its course, which determined the size of the barges.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries London was expanding and trade was growing. The cost of carrying goods by water was about one-third the cost of carrying them by road, and it cut the time taken substantially, therefore the building of a canal was seen as a profitable venture. Unfortunately, it proved to be very expensive, with unexpected costs like building the tunnel at Hardham, and the project overspent. Fears about Napoleonic invasion, however, caused the Government to step in, so the canal could carry army supplies from London to Chichester and Portsmouth without the fear of meeting the French shipping inherent in a sea passage from London to Portsmouth. Sadly, although this canal system had been proved to work, it was never a success and rail rapidly overtook it, and gradually the whole concern packed up and was left to decay for many years.

In 1970 Paul Vine, at the Onslow Arms, Loxwood, began a movement to restore the navigation for public leisure use. The Wey and Arun Canal Trust has been at work ever since, overcoming many difficulties, clearing out the canal, rebuilding locks and bridges, making hedges, and generally enthusing the public, so now, after fifty years work, it is able to show 23 miles of canal with 23 locks, all beautifully restored and usable.

So much has been learned about the navvies who did the original work, about the pitfalls of canal maintenance, and about the cost of it all, that on 23 May this year there will be an Inland Waterways Festival at Dunsfold to celebrate their achievements. It will be well worth attending, and if you cannot manage that there are trips to be taken on the canal from the Onslow Arms or from Dapdune Wharf near Guildford. Membership is not expensive and helps to preserve our country's heritage.

In February, our first afternoon talk was given by Rosemary Horton, 'All about Cheese', but not foreign cheeses, just English cheese! First of all Rosemary reminded us of the origins of cheese making, how it was produced by nomads herding sheep and goats, and carrying the surplus milk from place to place in 'bags' made from animals' stomachs that had natural rennet in them, which turned the milk allowing it to become solid and dry.

The Romans made butter and cheese and their expertise remained when their occupation of Britain ended. The Romans had settled all over the country and so local cheeses developed with their own distinctive characteristics. There are over seven hundred varieties of British cheese still being made, in small farmhouse establishments, but realistically most cheese is factory-made nowadays in huge factories, like that which makes Davidstow cheese. This concern, which uses vast quantities of cow's milk and supplies many stores nationwide, was originally a small business set up by a farmer's wife to supply an American Airforce base with cheese during the war. It continued to grow and in 1951 was bought by Cow & Gate and then by Dairy Crest.

Nowadays, hard cheese is made from pasteurised milk from which all traces of bacteria, of TB for example, have been removed. Cheese, however, needs bacteria to make it become cheese, so beneficial bacterial is put back in. It proved impractical to use rennet produced from calves' intestines so now a substitute is used which is produced from a fungus, so almost all cheese is now 'suitable for vegetarians'.

The process of cheese making requires patience. First of all the milk is coagulated by the rennet and then, by pressing, curds and whey are produced. The whey, being water, sugar and a little protein, used to be fed to the pigs. Now, instead of being thrown away, it can be boiled to a syrup and used in chocolate or as a coating for almonds, or when dried it is used in 'cup-a-soups'. A type of plastic can be produced from it; when this was used for buttons, beetles ate them! Health food shops sell barrels of dried whey as a muscle builder.

The curds are pressed again and again, and at various stages have colour, flavourings, such as ginger or sage, and sometimes mould added. Then they are left to dry out even more, sometimes for years, until they achieve their special consistency when bored. If they are not right they go to the processed cheese factory, and if good they are distributed and sold.

Rosemary said, "Don't buy reduced fat cheese, because the fat carries the flavour, just buy a good cheese and eat a little less". Always serve at room temperature and if you buy too much cut the piece in half and freeze it. It will not spoil nor go mouldy that way. Like Wallace and Grommit, just enjoy it!

Not only did we have these two well-attended, very different, and very interesting talks last month, we also enjoyed a coffee morning. This was an experiment to raise interest in the Museum and to encourage people to become stewards. Several of our present stewards were there too and it was a very happy and sociable occasion which resulted in at least six people offering their services as stewards.

Our next evening talk is on **Monday 6 April**, at 7.30pm when Dr Robert Hutchinson will talk about Henry VIII. On **Friday 17 April**, Crawford Butler will give the second of our afternoon talks at 2pm, entitled 'Ghostly Experiences at the Tower'. On 11 May at 7.30pm, Dr Becky Peacock will tell us about The Watercress Line. Please note the May talk is on the second Monday in the month. All our talks are at The Old School and cost is £5, £4 to Museum Society members, which includes coffee or tea and biscuits.

Finally, there will be another coffee morning at 10am on **Friday 10 April**, at The Old School, which will be an opportunity for all our Museum stewards to join us for coffee and cakes, and to share their thoughts on stewarding.

Mary Wilson

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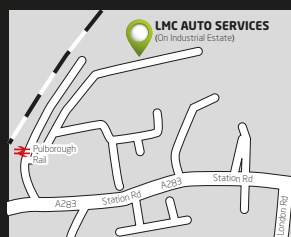
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## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Unfortunately the speaker booked for our Tea and Talk on 22 February was unwell and had to cancel. Happily replacements were found, so we had two speakers, both with interesting things to say about recycling. The first was Katy Newnham of Wastebusters. In her illustrated talk she showed how schoolchildren were being encouraged to reduce waste and recycle and to motivate them to feel they can contribute and make a difference, not least by influencing their families. The second speaker was Fiona McConnachie of Greener Living. She gave some very practical advice on where to take a range of recyclables. For example, as well as the recycling bins and sites provided by HDC, larger supermarkets have bins for plastic magazine wrappers, breakfast cereal liner bags, shrink wrap and a variety of plastic bags. In addition, Sussex Green Living accepts a wide range of items, from ballpoint pens to home cleaning product containers. See [sussexgreenliving.co.uk](http://sussexgreenliving.co.uk) on the internet for a full list. They have a drop off point at Storrington Community Market on Friday mornings. All in all a very informative afternoon, with tasty refreshments. (The picture shows the kind of items dumped locally, most of which can be recycled.)

The work party on 7 March was at Hurston Warren SSSI for the first time. More details next month. The work party on **4 April at 10am** at Riverside Walk plans to clear banks and the stream between Love Lane and Fryern Dell. Following the strong winds and wettest February on record, there will be plenty to do. All volunteers welcome. Wellies advised and coffee provided.

For information about this and all our activities, or on becoming a member, please get in touch with Chairman Mick Denness on 745971, or see our website [www.storringtonconservation.org.uk](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk).

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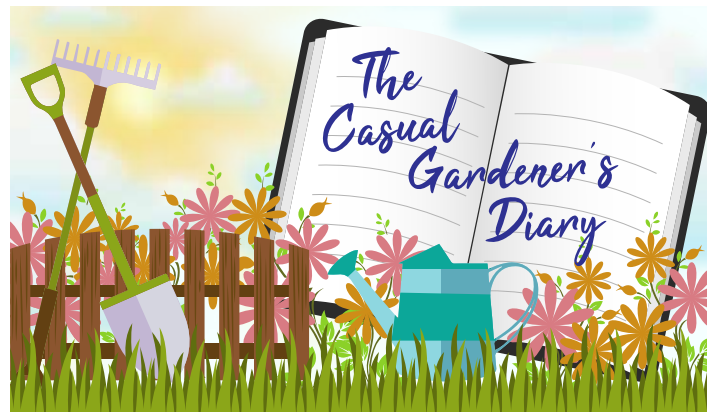
## **B** St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

Our staffed HOP vehicle converts into a cosy drop-in centre providing information and support related to end of life care.

The next visits to Storrington will be in the library car park.

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## Which is the kindest cut?

TV gardeners are increasingly calling on viewers to garden with the environment in mind, so for the next few months I'm going to look at practical ways we gardeners can become greener, starting with lawns.

Our own small garden lacks a lawn. The previous owners made a patio and covered it with artificial grass. Sending it to the dump doesn't appeal so we're softening it with planting, and amazingly, weeds are starting to grow where I've spilt compost. But is grass always greener? Research suggests that during drought conditions, grassy areas can be even more effective at storing carbon than trees. But if that perfect lawn is maintained by chemicals, watering and a petrol mower then perhaps those benefits are cancelled out.

From my research and from gardening for other people, here are some ideas for how lawn-owners can go greener:

**Mower selection** – I like to use a push-mower for small areas. It's quiet, there are no fumes, no cables to worry about and it works well if the surface isn't too bumpy and twigs have been raked away first. If your electricity comes from a renewable source, then another green option is a cordless electric mower.



**When and where to mow** – If you want to reduce your carbon emissions (and effort!), could you cut the grass less often? Or could you leave some areas long and others short? With the trend for creating wildflower meadows, perhaps mow annually in July/August and settle for a neat grass path around the edge for the rest of the year.

**Leave the clippings** – Instead of composting clippings, consider leaving them to decompose so they put nutrients back into the soil and act as a mulch during summer; you can even get 'mulching' mowers that chop the clippings up finely. Don't do this if you want to encourage wildflowers though as they tend to prefer poor soil.

**Embrace the weeds** – Some biodiversity in your lawn will keep the insects happy. If you have clover, it will help fix nitrogen in the soil and if you're trying to avoid watering your lawn, weeds are less likely to go brown during the summer.



Cheryl Brown



# STORRINGTON COMMUNITY VILLAGE DAY SET FOR 27 JUNE

From 1pm to 5pm on the Hormare Recreation Ground, Storrington

The Storrington Village Day organising committee has started planning for this grand summer community event and promises a fun day of singing and dancing by local school children, a funfair and games, dog show, Morris Dancing, bar and BBQ, Lions giant book fair, grand raffle, a display of classic cars from SADCASE enthusiasts, a scarecrow building competition, teas and cakes, as well as lots of charity, craft and trade stalls.

This free annual event was revived last year and is led by The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District with strong support from Storrington & Sullington Parish Council and local community clubs and groups.

The new Committee Chairman, Rotary President Mark Foss, is keen to have a big village input and is encouraging as many groups as possible to join in and contribute to a fun day for the whole community. All proceeds from the event will be used to support many village activities for young people.

## Local young people benefit from 2019 Storrington Village Day

Cheque donations totalling £4,250 have been awarded to a number of local organisations in the community following the very successful Storrington Village Day event in June 2019.

Last year's Village Day Committee Chairman, Tony Vaughan, thanks the recipient organisations and their leaders, many of whom are volunteers, for the work they do with young people in the community. "We were delighted to see the successful revival of Storrington Village Day and it is great to see money raised at this very popular community event going straight back into supporting our young people in Storrington."

Tony also thanked the event organisers and sponsors whose help in various ways enables the committee to invest in the event's attractions.

## The following young people's groups received donations

<b>Sandra Wilson Dance School</b> The School always performs at Village Days. There are children who would like to join the school but do not have funds to do so. This donation funds one child for a year.	£300
<b>Storrington Primary School</b> Some of the schoolchildren take part in Village Day. The Headmistress has requested a lap-top computer to set up a computerised school library loan system.	£700
<b>1st Sullington &amp; Storrington Scouts</b> There are total of 170 explorers, scouts, cubs, beavers with 25 leaders. 60 are on their waiting list. They are expanding and modernising their facilities to keep up with demand and new regulations. First phase is approx £15,000 with about half raised so far.	£1,000
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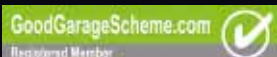
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Parham House & Gardens announces its calendar of events for the 2020 season and welcomes an exciting new era under the stewardship of new Head Gardener, Erika Packard, and her horticulturalist husband Assistant Head Gardener, Tim Miles.



Erika began her new role at Parham in September 2019, having previously been head gardener of a 24-acre private garden in Kent designed by Tom Stuart-Smith. After earning a BA degree in writing and photography, American-born Erika worked in journalism and communications in various cities around the United States. However, it was the purchase of a plot of land near her childhood home outside Charlottesville, Virginia, which she transformed into a small farm, and her volunteer work as a trained horticultural educator with the Piedmont Master Gardeners, that inspired her to pursue a new career in gardening.

An appreciation for British horticulture led her abroad to Scotland, where she studied Horticulture with Plantsmanship at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE), one of the world's pre-eminent botanical institutions. Erika graduated at the top of her class and holds a BSc from Glasgow University and the RBGE Diploma in Plantsmanship, with distinction.

Of coming to Parham House & Gardens, Erika said: "I am delighted to have the full support of Lady Emma Barnard and her family in my desire to further elevate Parham's gardens. My aim is for Parham to become a destination of horticultural excellence whilst preserving the spirit of the garden as part of a much-loved family home."

Parham's spectacular gardens consist of the beautiful pleasure grounds and a four-acre walled garden featuring uniquely planted herbaceous borders, a rose garden, herb, cut flower and vegetable gardens and 1920s Wendy House.

The season at Parham will begin with Easter crafts and activities for families, feature newly curated tours of the needlework collection, masterclasses and much more.

## Key Events at Parham:

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Guided Garden Tours 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 14 August and 18 September. Behind-the-scenes in Parham's beautiful Gardens. Tips and inspiration.

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# WEATHER WATCH

## A relentless cavalcade of Atlantic weather systems brings wind and rain

After a very wet autumn of 2019, the unsettled weather continued for much of December and January 2020 and many of us were probably hoping for a drier, quieter February. But the weather had other ideas and, if anything, became even more vigorous and changeable. Nearby Steyning experienced its wettest ever February with over 200mm of rain, and in the hills of Wales and northern England up to 800mm fell. Unsurprisingly, the Met Office announced it was the UK's wettest February.



Apart from three consecutive calm, dry days during the first week with night frosts and some fog, the month was frequently disturbed with wet and windy conditions. Storms such as Ciara and Dennis pounded the UK, bringing 97mph gusts of wind to the Isle of Wight and 64mph at Shoreham. High in the atmosphere the jet stream reached over 250mph. A mammoth 180mm of rain fell in just 24 hours in the Lake District and severe flooding took place across Wales, The Midlands, Northern England and Southern Scotland and continued for much of the month.



The boisterous weather was brought by winds constantly coming in from the west to south-west from off the Atlantic Ocean and that is, at least, a mild direction. Like the previous month, it was as warm as you would normally expect at this time of year in southern France, with daffodils even at the beginning of the month in full bloom on Washington Common near Sullington.

Camellias were in bloom in my garden. The temperature was almost 3°C above par. Across Europe the winter was the warmest on record with even Russia having to import snow for winter sports.

Back home the winter was snowless in Storrington though I did observe six days when hail occurred. There were only four slight air frosts and every day reached at least 7°C.

*Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine*

# CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



## April showers not welcome!

The Club is gearing up for the official opening of its new Outdoor Net facility on the morning of Sunday 19 April, with plans well advanced. Invitations have been sent to local business sponsors, the organisations who assisted specifically with fund-raising for the Net, and many others. The ribbon cutting will be conducted by a Sussex County cricketer. There will be a short demonstration in the Net by some of our Cygnets, followed by refreshments in the Pavilion. The event starts at 10am. The day before, we will be holding our usual ECB Ground Force activities which involve a thorough spring-clean of the Pavilion and working on the Square, hoping that it will have dried sufficiently from all the rain during the winter months.

The Cygnets outdoor season commences with a group training session on Friday 24 April. This season the junior section is fielding five squads: All Stars 5-8 years, Dynamos 9-11 years, plus U10, U12, and U14 squads. New Cygnets recruits are always welcome; no previous experience of playing cricket is required, and full kit is provided by the Club. Registration with the Club via the appropriate ECB website, addresses below, is necessary:

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Martin Fisher, our Colts Manager, can be contacted on 07812 257263 if further information is required by parents.

Touring sides used to have regular fixtures with the Club, and there were one-off matches even in the 19th century; for example, Oakleigh Wanderers in 1887, and Alexandra Park CC and Enfield CC, both in 1899. The match with Enfield in August was remarkable as it ended in a rare tie, both sides being bowled out for 149 runs. More recently, in the 1950's, for example, when the Club had a full Cricket Week, touring sides included the RNVR, Old Milhillians, Old Southallians, The Tankards, Gloucester Harlequins, Old Parmiterians (Bethnal Green), Vandals, Tweeddale Old Boys, and others. The farthest a touring side came to Storrington was from South Africa when a team of public schoolboys from Grey High played and beat a less youthful Club side. Today, we have an annual fixture with Old Boys of the City of London School, who first started touring Sussex in the late 19th century.

*Chris Winter*

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Fallow Deer, Petworth  
– Daisy Kane



As we progress into 2020, we have held our third and fourth competition evenings. It has been very encouraging this year to see an increase in the number of photos being submitted into each competition. We know that for some people the idea of submitting images into a competition, and having it critiqued by a judge, isn't something they feel they want to take part in. Most people don't like to hear that what they thought was a 'winning' image could be improved and, as a result, doesn't receive a top score.

For existing members it's not always about achieving a top score but is often a way to see how a 'new approach or style' is perceived and assessed by a judge. Examples of this might be a different approach by using Monochrome, the way a photo is post processed or taken with a different perspective or viewpoint. Without entering into competitions there are few opportunities to receive feedback, be it whether it's positive and you're on the right lines, or negative and might need to adopt another approach. The one thing you can always rely on is that support and advice are always available from other members, if required, when looking at new techniques or styles.

In our third competition of the season, three members received top scores for their prints. Janet Brown's image titled 'Wintry Parham', was not only awarded top marks but also Best Print of the night. The other two top prints came from Liz Barber with 'Joyous' and Anne Nagle's 'An intimate moment'.

In the Projected Image competition, five received top marks. David Perks 'West Worthing Beach' which almost had a painterly style also won 'Best Projected Image' of the night. The other successful photos were from Andrew Caswell with 'Pensive girl', a street photo capturing the mood of a girl sat in a shelter, a double win for Anne Nagle with 'Jackal patiently waiting' and 'Alert hare!'. The fifth from Janet Brown 'Victorian life', a monochrome mother and daughter image.

Our judge for the fourth competition whilst praising the images as he reviewed, he also provided tips for improvement, covering composition, camera technique, post processing and printing to help members improve. He then went on to award four prints top marks. The first from Janet Brown, 'Searching for Grubs', a young duckling searching for food, proved to be another successful night for Janet as he also awarded this Best Print of the evening.

The other winners were, Daisy Kane with a double win for both of her photos, 'Fallow deer', an early morning light view of deer in Petworth Park and 'The Great Court' an interior scene of the British Museum. The last winning print came from David Perks with a view of 'The Causeway Horsham' where creative mounting made the print look like a historic postcard. For the Projected Images, only one secured the top mark. This, from Dean Sephton, a newer member, with his 'Dewpond on Misty Morning', also won Best Projected Image. An intriguing and captivating photo of a dewpond with a tree and cow at the edge of the pond. Well done to all the winners.

Kevin Harwood

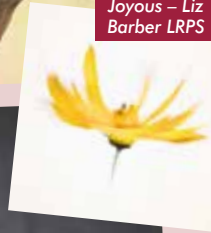
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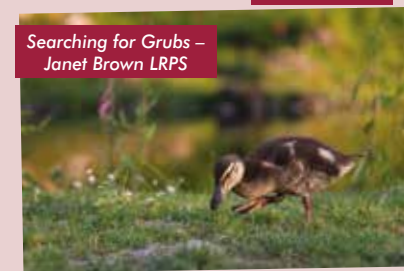
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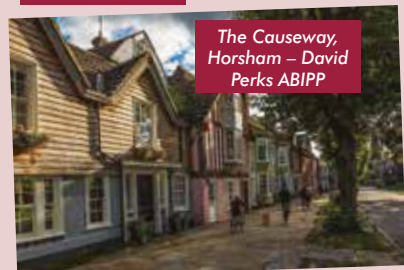


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James is a skilled specialist in sculptural topiary, creating new and innovative shapes as well as classical topiary designs such as peacocks, spirals, cloud pruned specimens, and wave hedging. He explained that the planting of topiary has long been an element in garden design in small town gardens, giving an evergreen structural framework that is strong enough to stand up to the surrounding walls and buildings, as well as being low maintenance and drought tolerant, an important factor to consider with global climate change.

He said that suitable plants for topiary, as well as topiary that can be shaped into parterres, mazes, labyrinths, or simple hedging, cloud pruned hedging or wave hedging, were Box (*Buxus*), Yew (*Taxus Baccata*), Phillyrea Latifolia, and Bay (*Laurus Nobilis*). He gave members a practical demonstration on cutting techniques, and gave tips on care and maintenance.

James has won gold medals at Chelsea and below is one of his winning exhibits.

James' talk was enjoyed by members and was very interesting, even to those who had previously thought they weren't interested in topiary.



At our meeting on **13 April**

Martin Duncan, head gardener at Arundel Castle, will be talking on the Gardens of Jordan, and the monthly competition of a flower from your garden is 'A Single Tulip'.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in Thakeham Village Hall, apart from January. We welcome new members and guests, so come along to the Hall on Club night or ring Linda Turk on 01403 741068 for further details.

*Sandra Jenkins*

## Note from the editor....

As I write, life in the UK, and indeed around the world, is in a turmoil with Coronavirus. Sporting fixtures, concerts and other major events have been, or are considering being, cancelled, including many aspects of the social life in our churches and around the communities in our Parishes. Many are being advised, or forced, to 'self-isolate' to protect themselves and others, including my daughter in Germany, and me and my husband.

A very difficult time for those who are already lonely and vulnerable, and it puts more urgency for those of us who are able to look out for neighbours most affected.

This month we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and God's promise of everlasting life. As a Christian, I am assured of this if I believe and trust in God, and that promise is there for everyone, even those not quite sure who believe it is possible, especially in this trying time.

The Church is always there, for everyone.

We never know how short our life on earth may be, or when it will be taken away, so make the most of it.

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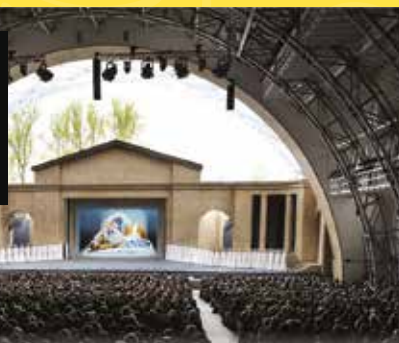


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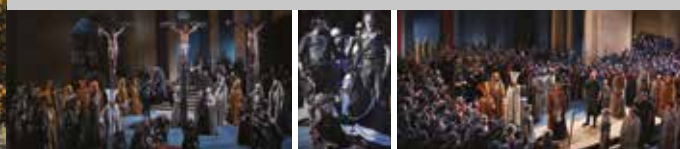
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