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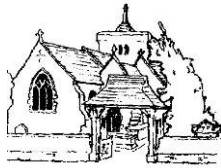


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SUNDAY SERVICES

**All services are suspended during the coronavirus outbreak and
regrettably the church is closed**

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Locked doors. People inside. People hiding inside, maybe. Certainly, sheltering. Sheltering alongside only those other people with whom they have regularly shared their lives, those other people with whom they are closest, those that are family or like family. Those they can trust.

And filled with a shared anxiety. Filled with apprehension and concern. What on earth has happened? What on earth is going on? So, gripped by fear too. Fear of what an enemy might do to them, if it were to seize its chance to grab them. And fear also, of what the authorities might say if they were to just step outside and into harm's way. So, the door remains firmly closed. The door remains securely locked. And the people remain hiding inside. Anxious. Concerned. And fearful.



Does all of that sound familiar? Well, for once, I'm not just thinking about our present 'lockdown' in the face of COVID-19, but let me quickly say, that if you are experiencing the current 'lockdown' with anxiety, and if you are feeling trapped at home and afraid or just lonely, please do give me a call and let's chat! If there has been one real joy for me in the last few weeks of being 'locked' inside the rectory, it has been the rediscovery of the telephone and of having the time to just chat with people. So, please, don't be alone, and please don't be afraid, even if we've never met before just give me a call and let's chat! (01444 892332)

No, in writing as I have of people sheltering behind locked doors, what I am actually thinking about is Jesus' disciples and how on the 'evening of that first day of the week', on Easter Sunday evening, they were all together 'with the doors locked' and they were afraid (John 20: 19 - 20). But these two verses from John's Gospel have quite a lot to say to us, I think, and quite a lot that can really help us, especially at this moment of crisis and in our own 'lockdown'. The disciples may well have been in the room in which they had shared the Last Supper with Jesus. They may well have heard Mary Magdalene's account of her meeting with the risen Jesus, earlier that morning. But the reality of the resurrection was still to emerge

and so the doors remained locked, and the disciples were gripped by fear. Fear of what might happen to them. And it was into that scene of fear and anxiety that the risen Jesus suddenly appeared, greeting the disciples with peace: 'Peace be with you!' he says.

All of which reminds me that locked doors are no barrier to the risen Jesus and that no-one need open the doors to let him in. Jesus enters into our lives wherever and whenever he chooses. But also, I'm reminded here, that when he does enter, when he does come into our lives, the very first thing that he does is to bring us peace. 'Shalom', to use the Hebrew greeting that Jesus would have actually used. It is an expression that means much more than just peace. Jesus' greeting of 'shalom' gathers up within it all the blessings of the kingdom of God, so it speaks of life from God at its very best under the gracious hand of God. It speaks of reconciliation with God. And so, it speaks of the sort of well-being that only the risen Jesus can offer. And the effect of this peace? The effect of Jesus' peace in our lives? We're told that the disciples were 'overjoyed' (John 20: 20). The point is that an encounter with the risen Jesus brings joy in what may otherwise seem to be the darkest and most fearful of times.

But an encounter with Jesus also moves us on. As I write, the newspapers and blogs and all the rest of the observers are full of comment as to how we now need to move on from the 'lockdown' and how this ought to be achieved. Jesus clearly had a sense of this need to move on too. Having brought peace and joy into their fear and darkness Jesus then moved the disciples along and away from their fear-stricken 'lockdown' as he revealed to them all that he wanted them to do, so as to bring transformation to the whole world by sharing with everyone all that he had taught them, shown them, said to them and done for them. They were to be catalysts of change and of new creation - a notion that was heightened as he 'breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20 :22). There are obvious echoes here of God's first act of creation in Genesis 2. And so, it speaks of new creation, it speaks of God restoring life and of God offering new life to the world.

And that's something that we all need to see, and so, something for which we ought all to be praying at this time. There is so much that we need to learn from the COVID-19 pandemic, if we are to avoid a

similar catastrophe in the future, and so much that we can learn from what we are already seeing in the benefits to communities of being drawn closer together in shared concern for and appreciation of each other - even and despite the locked doors. Also, I think, through slower, more thoughtful and more reflective lives. Like the disciples, we need to take all that we have seen to be good with us when we eventually move on and use it to transform the world once more.

As move on we shall. Of course, my particular prayer is that in moving on everyone will come to know for themselves the reality of the resurrection. Because an encounter with the risen Jesus and the message of the resurrection and so of new creation, of new life, still needs to emerge in the lives of everyone, if we are ever to really move on. As the disciples' experience proves, it is only that peace-bringing encounter with the risen Jesus that can bring to all who experience it, real and lasting joy. As the early church prayed, so we need now to pray: Maranatha! Come, O come, Lord Jesus.

With my prayers for your health and safety and my very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style.

NOTICEBOARD

How good it will be when we have a full noticeboard again, telling us about Meeting Point, children's activities, concerts, meals, walks, barbecues and many other events! In the meantime here is some good news about Bryony and Richard Carter's daughter, Abby:

CONGRATULATIONS, Abby, on completing six years of hard work and qualifying as a doctor! Well done Dr Carter!

NEW ADDRESS:

Tony and Jean Jeffery have not been able to move back to their house in Haywards Heath because work still needs to be done in the kitchen, fitters need to lay carpet and so on, but none of this can happen during the lockdown. They have now moved to another temporary address: Flat 7, Vetchling House, Langmore Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2BD. This is in the same block that they have been staying in.



SCARECROWS



Sadly it will not be possible to hold the annual Ardingly Scarecrow Festival in May as originally planned. However, Tammy (the Festival organiser) says "If you have last year's scarecrows lying around, how about popping them up in your garden with a message of community solidarity during this difficult time? Or a rainbow message of thanks for our amazing NHS workers? Or any other positive message you may wish to share. They could go up at any time – there is no need to keep to 'Scarecrow' week."

Thy Kingdom Come 21st – 31st May 2020



Once again we are all encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, to participate in *Thy Kingdom Come*, a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Now going into its 5th year, Thy Kingdom Come has gathered more than a million Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide to pray during the period of Ascension to Pentecost- a traditionally historic time of year when the church prayed for evangelisation.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

The prayer movement has the support of all the main leaders of / key denominations in the UK and was also commended by the Queen and Pope Francis last year.

*"Do not be afraid – I am with you!
I am your God – let nothing terrify you!
I will make you strong and help you;
I will protect you and save you.*

(Isaiah 41 v 10)

EASTER DISPLAYS FROM ARDINGLY SCOUTS AND ST PETER'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Scouts' Nativity silhouette display in St Peter's church was greatly admired by many people at Christmas. Now they have been busy with an Easter display, which is equally impressive. It's such a pity that we can't see it for real, but here is a picture of it:



Children from St Peter's Primary have also been busy and below is their Easter display at the back of church, together with some Easter cards which they made:



TEARFUND NEWS:

You may have heard about “Toilet Twinning”, where £60 buys a toilet for someone in the 3rd world. Now Tearfund and Toilet Twinning have just launched a new campaign. **It’s called Tap Twinning, and it’s going to save lives.**



As we all know, hand-washing is vital in beating coronavirus. But many vulnerable communities around the world simply don’t have the necessary knowledge of good hygiene practices. Tap Twinning aims to change that.

Toilets, taps and training are a lifesaving trio that help flush away poverty. And when it comes to stopping the spread of coronavirus in the communities where Tearfund works, taps (for hand washing) and training (to understand how viruses spread) are vital. That’s why they are stepping up their hygiene training worldwide in response to coronavirus – teaching communities how to wash their hands correctly and to limit the spread of the virus.

What’s happening in **Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh:** in the largest refugee camp in the world life is becoming even more miserable. Sanitation and hygiene facilities are already inadequate, and the streets are narrow and usually crowded. Now everyone is self-isolating but conditions are cramped. Tearfund’s church partners are distributing hygiene kits and leaflets to educate people about handwashing, social distancing and recognising the symptoms. More on their website: www.tearfund.org Tearfund is present in more than 50 countries around the world.

A prayer from Tearfund:

God of love and light,

In this time of fear, give us your peace.

In this time of isolation, give us your presence.

In this time of sickness, give us your healing.

In this time of uncertainty, give us your wisdom.

In this time of darkness, shine your light upon us all.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

HEALTH CENTRE - THE GAMBIA

April 2020 Update

Dear All,

Our modern Health Centre (OJHC), where we fund key staff, refurbishment and development, continues to provide affordable healthcare to the community of Old Jeshwang, a sprawling urban village of about 25,000 people. Although unable to support it financially, the Gambian Health Authority accepts our facility as an integral part of its health care system and increasingly uses our Centre to extend its 'Health in the Community' programmes. The Health Authority also now includes our Centre in their inspection programmes.

Our administrator Abdoulie is now around 80 (we think!) but he still maintains a presence in the Bantaba building which is currently the preferred venue for our main clinic days and community health initiatives. We are reassured of our health care provision by his quarterly updates and knowing that he is ably assisted by Chernó, his deputy, who is taking over more of the day to day administrative workload.

Deliveries continue at about 25 per month with new mums always appreciative of the care they receive. Isatou, our senior midwife of some 15yrs, has now retired and our midwifery team appear to have warmly embraced her successor.

Although our annual Easter visit to The Gambia has had to be postponed due to "lockdown", fortunately Sue Laing was able to visit in mid- March to complete some "data collection" for her epidemiology research paper. She saw a re-invigorated Momodou, our caretaker, proudly showing off the Centre's vegetable garden, and Junkumba, our interpreter, now able to spend more time on site supporting Abdoulie in his PR role. Many of you will remember Kabba, Abdoulie's son, who works tirelessly as our maintenance manager. Sohna, our recently appointed data handling clerk, is thriving in her newly paid role.

Last year we committed funding for the refurbishment of the external toilets and shower block. Mike, our Gambian builder, has just started work on these. Built 'in house' on a very tight budget some 25 years ago, the unstable walls have had to be demolished with the water tank now positioned on a temporary tower



(pictured here). The new facility will include a building material store when it rises from the rubble!

With Covid 19 having abruptly ended tourism to The Gambia, our taxi driver Musa Bah has lost his main source of income and after a desperate plea from him, some of our sponsors have committed to giving his family some support over the next 3 months. If you would like to join this support group do contact me. On a Thursday in late March, as part of a "lockdown", the Gambian government announced that on the following Monday they would be closing indefinitely all the 'open markets'! These form a hub, sustaining local economic life, apart from being the main source of food. In response we were able to pay our workers a week early so that they could buy April's provisions before the closure. As well as our health care mission we are often reminded of how our 47 staff rely on their employment with us to feed their families.

At the moment there are only a few reported coronavirus cases in The Gambia and although it has not impinged on the work of the clinic, we are closely monitoring the situation.

This year's BBQ planned for Saturday 27th June may well have to be postponed – watch this space!

With our thanks to all at St. Peter's without whose support this project would not be possible. We continue to feel blessed as Christians from St. Peter's being able to support a mainly Muslim community, especially in such turbulent times.

Steve.

stephendoerr@gmail.com

A tribute to the NHS :

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain.
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their
brains.
They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,
We sent them to war, with one simple task -
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus.
It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests;
An invisible enemy invaded our chests.
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you".
We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside.
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes;
They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,
Some never came back, the ultimate price.
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won.
The many of us owe so much to so few,
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue.
So let's line the streets and remember our debt
We love you, our heroes,
Lest we forget.

Matt Kelly 2020

(seen on Facebook)



International Dawn Chorus Day promoted by the Wildlife Trusts:

Taking place on the first Sunday of May, International Dawn Chorus Day is the worldwide celebration of nature's greatest symphony.



The first Dawn Chorus Day was organised by environmentalist and broadcaster Chris Baines in the 1980s when he held his birthday party at 4am so that all of his guests could listen to the dawn chorus together. What began as a small annual event in the city of Birmingham has now spread right across the UK and is even celebrated in parts of Antarctica and the Caribbean.

All across the world people rise early to revel in the sweet sound of birdsong, from rejoicing Robins in Rotherham to crooning Cowbirds in the Caribbean.

So on 3rd May just open your window at about 4.30-5.00am - and listen...



'Lockdown' on Noah's Ark



For 40 days and 40 nights, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no YouTube, Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spent their time praying, loving each other

and caring for the animals. God the Father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember, even if there is an ocean of viruses out there and life seems like a stormy ride, our God is watching over us! Do not be afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently! The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all will be well again!

(sent in by a reader)

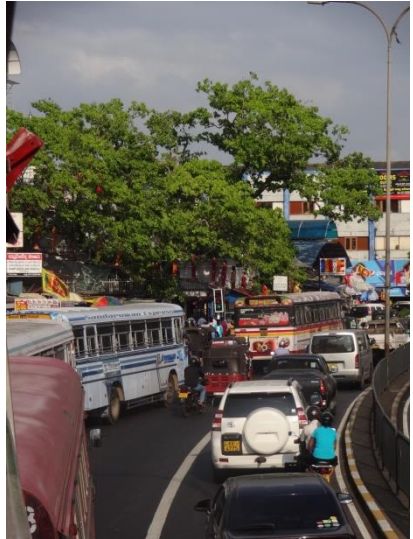
TRAVELLERS' TALES from Jill and Mike Veasey

(Jill and Mike went on a 5 week holiday in February and this is their account of some of it)

5th to 9th February: We left, courtesy of the Wilson taxi service (Thanks, Lynn!), from Gatwick and flew to Colombo, Sri Lanka, via Dubai. The contrast between the two airports was pretty extreme. Dubai was very large, air conditioned and organised. Colombo was a moderate size, hot (very), busy and typically "sort of" organised. As we made our way out to meet Sally, a Guiding friend who was putting us up for a week, we could have bought anything from a safety pin to a washing machine!

The noise took some getting used to, as all the buses, motorbikes, tuk-tuks, taxis etc drove with the ambition of being in front of everyone else and used their horns to that effect! Driving there was not for the faint-hearted!

Apart from the busyness, noise, colour and heat, we noticed a lot of construction of new flyovers going on, with much needed new roads being provided to ease the traffic chaos.



Sally had kindly organised a mini-tour for us of the Southern half of Sri Lanka, so we set off at 6.30 the next day, travelling South to Galle, where there is an ancient and very large fort. We had hired a car and driver – a good idea! He took us via some minor roads at first, then on the Express way and via a turtle farm/hatchery and a Hindu Temple, both of which we explored.

Galle Fort was large enough to enclose shops etc, and we explored them (of course!) as well as a church – the 2nd oldest Reformed Church – and had some lunch and much needed liquid refreshment! It was hot – well in the 30's. We took lots of photos of an old light-house, the church, enormous trees in the square etc, not to mention

spending some time sitting on the fat wall, and looking down on a school sports day and a cricket match which was going on.

Continuing South, we drove to Unawatuna, to our accommodation for the night, and had a welcome snooze, then a swim in the sea.

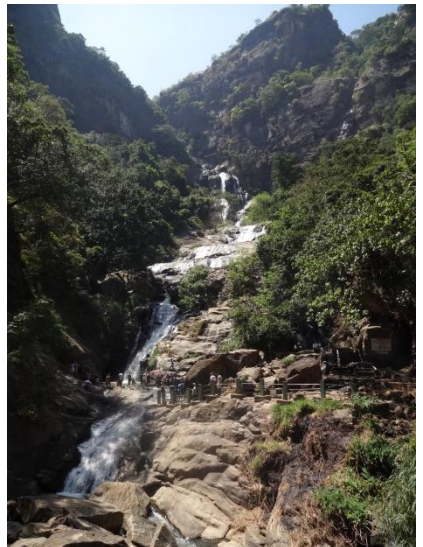
The next day, following breakfast with peacocks wandering around our tables, and monkeys in the trees, we swam and potted about before leaving after lunch to Udawalawe via some B roads and small towns – and lovely scenery. Rice paddies, little colourful stalls and shops, and not too much traffic - nothing like Columbo. We had some lovely views of mountains and a gradual drop in



temperature.

The next day (9th) we had to be up and ready to go by 5am!! It was cool and misty as we drove to the Udawalawe Wild Life Park and transferred to a safari-type jeep. As the mist cleared, the camera got busy as we saw elephants, peacocks, bee-eaters, hawks, herons, storks, crocodiles, buffalos, jackals, mongoose.... A great experience, but I think we were thankful to get off the very rutted and uneven tracks and back onto a tarmac road!

After this – only 10am by now – we travelled up into the mountains via Rawana Waterfalls. We were on our way to Ella Mansion, a bit of a misnomer but ok! We spent the afternoon in town and checking our tickets as we were to catch the train the next day to Kandy.



To be continued next month!

FSW update

Dear Friends,

I am writing this from home, as the events of the last few weeks have dramatically altered all of our plans. We would normally be looking forward to the upcoming Easter weekend with our sponsored walk, a weekend visit to Dalesdown for our families and lots of fundraising events to kick off our busy calendar.



But now our office is closed, our events are cancelled and we are trying new ways of working to make sure that our families, who need us now more than ever, can continue to be supported. Our practitioners are no longer able to visit families at home so are staying in touch regularly by phone, text and social media. We are offering an enhanced food bank service with more deliveries to ensure that families do not go hungry over the coming weeks, and helping them navigate the problems that can arise for families cooped up for a long time in small spaces. This can be challenging at the best of times, but for families already trying to cope with extremely complex situations it is a really scary situation and the support that we are able to give, albeit remotely, is crucial for the next few weeks and beyond.

We know that many of you are regular donors to our food bank under normal circumstances, and for that we thank you enormously. A number of people have been in touch to ask how they can support us in other ways at this time. Our biggest need at the moment is for funds to help us continue the foodbank operation and the day to day work of our practitioners, as all our groups and activities have been suspended for now. Should anybody feel able to support us in this way, donations can be made online via our Justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/chichesterdiocesan> or by direct transfer into our bank account. Details of our account can be obtained from our website by clicking the "Get Involved" link from our homepage and then selecting "Become a Friend" from the menu.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers, and wishing you all a peaceful and healthy Easter.

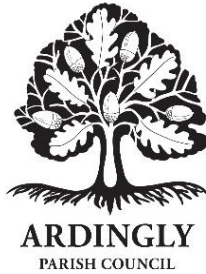
Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

A message from Caroline Steer:

"Many heartfelt thanks to those at St. Peter's kindly donating food and toys. Anyone wishing to support in this way please leave donations on the doorstep at 27 Gowers Close."



A big thank you to all the Ardingly volunteers who are helping and going the extra mile for those of us who have had to stay home and keep safe. You are greatly appreciated!



Ardingly Parish Council

Covid-19: Community Support Groups

The Parish Council has been assisting the Community Support Groups operating within the village to support those most vulnerable in our community during this challenging time.

The Community Support Groups supported by the Parish Council are now working to create and distribute a leaflet detailing support available for those who find themselves in need, which will be distributed shortly.

SA25; Development of the Red Car Park on the Showground

You may be aware that there has been a proposed revision to SA25. The revision means a proposed reduced size in the site – limiting development to the eastern section (from the historic hedgerow/tree line) and retaining the western section as open space. This has been assessed by MSDC as not major, the yield for this size site is now 70 dwellings.

However, the MSDC 2nd Consultation, where the public can comment on the above revisions is currently under review due to Covid-19. At present there is no official change of dates for the 2nd Consultation and the Parish Council is operating under the assumption the 2nd Consultation will start on the 11th May 2020 as previously stated by MSDC.

The Parish Council is currently working on a survey to be distributed within the village to give Parishioners the opportunity to inform the Parish Councils view on the revision at SA25 in time for the MSDC 2nd Consultation.

Living History

WSSCC Record Office are hoping to capture the effect on communities experiencing the Covid-19 Pandemic for future generations. They have asked that members of the public collate Covid-19 related literature for them to store in their archives.

Primarily the initiative asks that people submit diary type submissions to give perspective on what it is like to live through this pandemic and the government restrictions. Please visit their website for more information on the initiative and how to submit items:

<https://westsussexrecordofficeblog.com/2020/03/31/history-in-the-making-help-to-play-your-part-and-add-your-story-to-the-west-sussex-archives/#more-3756>

This is an amazing opportunity for the public to participate in living history! And the Parish Council would encourage those that can, take part!

Finally, the Parish Council would like to thank all Parishioners for continuing to follow the government advice on Covid-19 and continuing to "Stay at home and Stay Safe!"

The Parish clerk is still available to contact as normal on

Telephone: 01444 226 209 or

Email: ardinglypc@hotmail.co.uk

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God” – Corrie Ten Boom.

Corrie Ten Boom and her family faced an unknown future as they were arrested for hiding Jews and sent to Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Corrie was the sole survivor of her family and her powerful story recorded in the book, [The Hiding place](#); is one of courage, sacrifice and forgiveness.

(I have the dvd of The Hiding Place if anyone would like to borrow it – Sue, Tel. 892117)

Preschool news.

It's strange times for Preschool, as we have been temporarily closed since 20th March due to the current lockdown situation. Our Preschoolers have been keeping in touch and have been very busy baking, painting eggs, making salt dough decorations for their Easter trees, Easter bonnets and baskets, enjoying walks and collecting sticks and creating dinosaur pictures with the sticks, among other things. We really look forward to seeing them all again soon.



Salt dough is really easy to make, if you can get hold of the ingredients.



Mix 1 cup of salt with 1 cup of flour and gradually add up to 1 cup of water - until the mixture is dough like, add more flour if it starts to get sticky. Knead, then roll out thinly and cut into whatever shapes you want. Bake in the oven on a very low heat (approx 100C) for about 3 hours. Decorate with paint, glue, glitter, as you wish!



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group
St Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UN
Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales
Tel: 07969 890907

<http://www.st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/>



A post-Easter thought: Have you ever wondered, since eggs become so much more appealing to kids when you colour them and hide them, if that would also work for broccoli?

75 years since the guns fell silent

As VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the Second World War in Europe.

8th May had been designated a Bank Holiday to enable as many people and organisations as possible to take part in the VE Day weekend, 8th-10th May, providing an opportunity to pay personal tribute to those who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today.

Due to the Coronavirus emergency and Government guidance, the majority of the VE Day 75 community celebrations have been postponed or cancelled in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Solo pipers and town criers are, however, being encouraged to continue to mark the occasion from a safe and suitable location.



It is hoped that national events which had been planned can be moved to the weekend of 15th – 16th August when we will be able to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day, both momentous points in our history. This will be confirmed in due course by Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75.

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**Mid Sussex District Council** have announced a **Virtual VE Day** as it's not possible to hold street parties at the moment. They are calling for submissions to help make a 'virtual memory bank'. Tributes and photos, memories, songs and stories of Mid Sussex VE Day and what it means will be merged into a show-reel and presented on the Council's digital platforms. Recordings of 'We'll Meet Again' can also be sent to form the soundtrack to the presentation.

You can upload film or songs to a special form at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/VE2020](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/VE2020) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. You can also send smaller files of photos and poems to [comms@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:comms@midsussex.gov.uk) or via the Council's Facebook channel.

## Foodbank news:



The Trussell Trust reports that the outpouring of support both they and their network of foodbanks have seen during the current crisis has been incredible. *“We might be physically distanced from one another, but as a community we’re pulling together like never before to support people in financial crisis during these unprecedented times.”*

Foodbanks have had to dynamically adapt to the challenging task ahead to continue to provide the lifeline of emergency food for the people who need it most - even if this means completely overhauling their delivery model or processes to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

**They have also seen amazing support from celebrities** like Michael McIntyre, who is offering to video call people who donate to his Trussell Trust crowdfunder, and Liam Payne, who is supporting over 100 food bank centres to provide more than 360,000 meals over the next three months. Businesses too, like Asda, Tesco, and British Gas are supporting the Foodbank network across the country, from helping with food supply to financial assistance and more.

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## **CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL** **PEREGRINE FALCONS**

For the 19<sup>th</sup> year the Peregrine Falcons are back at Chichester Cathedral this Spring and they have 4 eggs. There is not a lot of action at the moment but you can watch them live on webcam by clicking on this link:

<https://www.carnyx.tv/LiveCameras/WildlifeCameras/Chichester.aspx>



There is also a blog, including short videos, and this is much more interesting! It’s well worth a look:

<https://chichesterperegrinesblog.co.uk/>



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **Collection of Textiles & Small electricals**

If the lockdown hasn't thrown their plans off schedule, this summer Mid Sussex District Council are due to introduce a new kerbside collection service for old textiles and small electrical items. Let's hope that it can still go ahead!

### **Cleaner environment**

One of the benefits of so many people staying at home or working from home is the lower volume of traffic in the village! Michael Denman reports that nowadays when he stands at his front door in the High Street he really notices the difference and can enjoy much cleaner air. It's also much more peaceful!



*Bluebells in Cob Lane*

# Parish Register

The funeral of Trevor John Marshall of Bluntswood Road, Haywards Heath, who died on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 aged 71 years, was held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

The funeral of Molly Lawson, formerly of Cobb Cottage South, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 aged 99 years, was held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

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Those who remember John and Anna Norman, who used to live at Great Lywood Farm, may also want to know that Anna Norman died at the beginning of April. Her husband, John Norman, was Churchwarden at St Peter in the 1960's.

*O Gracious and Holy Father,  
Give us wisdom to perceive you  
Diligence to seek you,  
Patience to wait for you,  
Eyes to behold you,  
A heart to meditate upon you  
And a life to proclaim you,  
Through the power of the Spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. (St Benedict)*





# Bible wordsearch

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## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY...

Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?

A: A receding hare line

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"



"My uncle in Detroit tried to make a new kind of car. He took the engine from a Ford, the transmission from a Chevy, the tires from a Cadillac, and the exhaust system from a Buick."

"Really? What did he get?"

"Fifteen years for theft."

### Corona humour:



I stepped on my scales this morning and heard "Please use social distancing. One person at a time."

*"I've just seen a news report about the stresses and strains of self isolation. It reported that people are going crazy from being in lockdown! It was strange, because I had just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she always has to put a different spin on everything, and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron calmed me down. She said everything will be fine, which surprised me because she's usually the first one to apply unnecessary pressure and get steamed up over nothing! "*

(sent in by a reader)

## PRAYER DIARY MAY 2020



*"Come near to God and He will come near to you"*  
(James 4 v 8)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and family
- 2 Chris Sutton – his work, family and ministry
- 3** Give thanks and pray for church services on TV and online and those who prepare them
- 4 All NHS staff, keyworkers & scientists fighting the coronavirus
- 5 The South of England Showground. Plans to develop part of it
- 6 All who are grieving at this time, especially those known to us
- 7 Tearfund, providing clean water & sanitation in poor areas
- 8 VE Day. Give thanks and pray for peace around the world
- 9 East Africa, plagued by swarms of locusts
- 10** All bishops & clergy, especially Martin, Justin and Stephen
- 11 Give thanks for IT and modern communications
- 12 All who are anxious and those with poor mental health
- 13 CMS: Heather Johnstone and her work with the Rehema project
- 14 All volunteers & community workers: Caroline Steer and FSW
- 15 Companies and individuals who are struggling financially
- 16 Our emergency services, working tirelessly to help and support
- 17** All who lead worship. Our Church wardens and Lay Readers
- 18 IMARA: Belinda and her team; the students who are sponsored
- 19 Give thanks for the countryside and all that we enjoy in the UK
- 20 The Queen and all in positions of authority in this country
- 21 **Ascension Day!** Praise God for his salvation plan
- 22 The Syrian people, struggling post war and also with Covid-19
- 23 Our Armed Forces and their dedicated service and support
- 24** Our services today, that many may feel God's love and presence
- 25 Praise God for family and friends. Pray for the lonely.
- 26 All vulnerable people and refugees around the world
- 27 Pray for all world leaders, for peace and good international relations
- 28 Those who leave their homes and country to serve God abroad
- 29 Children with special needs, their families and carers
- 30 Praise God for His generous love, compassion and faithfulness
- 31 Pentecost!** Pray for Renewal in our village and country

*When praying for others in the church family during this time of isolation, don't forget you can use the Directory, if you have one. We can pray for several people at a time over the course of a month.*

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