

## FROM THE RECTORY

### *Not a register but an aid!*

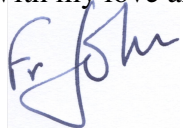
Every school has to set criteria to decide which children should be admitted if more want places than there are to go round. In the past two or three years we have had that situation at S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence' school but in other years we have failed to find enough children to fill the classes. It was particularly so for this year's intake – not just here but across the whole country. Our school is the village school and we are proud of that but it is also a church school. There is thus provision for children of parents who are regular worshippers, first at Holy Trinity and then at other churches *and* who live in the ecclesiastical parish to be in a higher category for admission than those who do not come to church.

We are about to find ourselves once again at the time of year when people start coming up to me in Church on a Sunday – or ringing me up – and asking if I will sign their clergy reference form for the admission of their soon-to-be-four-year-old child into S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence' school. Each year I then begin to wrack my brain to ensure that I am truly saying that this parent has fulfilled the school's requirements. I feel a need for help so that I can do this rightly and fairly.

This means that with effect from the beginning of September those who will be asking me to sign the clergy reference form for admission to the school in 2011 or future years should make sure their names are in the book on the chest at the back of church and that they mark the list on any Sunday when they are in Church. The governors currently ask that parents seeking admission under this criterion attend at least once a month for at least one year.

I fear age is telling and that, though I would prefer not to have to do this, it is the fairest way to work in the future.

With my love and prayers



## FROM THE LIBRARY

*Dunn, James D.G.: Romans: The People's Bible Commentary, Bible Reading Fellowship, 2001. ISBN 13 978 1 84101 082 3 pp180*

James Dunn's account of Romans is as lucid as any account of this tortuous Epistle can be. He works methodically through thickets of what I would call 'half meaning' and maddeningly elusive nuance to produce a reading that is both convincing in itself and which effectively counters many of the interpretations which hold sway particularly amongst Protestants and Evangelicals.

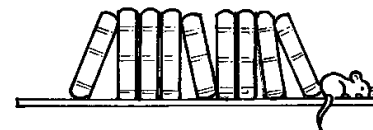
This does not mean that Dunn is a partisan Roman Catholic. He is careful, except for one key instance, to avoid citing the supposed misinterpretations of those with whom he disagrees, that instance being his observation that the notion of being "saved" would be rejected by Paul who saw salvation as a continuous process. In many ways this is a strength in an ecumenical Commentary but it leaves one slightly deflated, not because of a wish for controversy but because any attempt to teach Romans will involve some difficult discussion of the doctrine of "justification by grace through faith" and the consequent controversy about good works.

Dunn says that this Epistle is the most important New Testament theological document which is a large claim which, I think, he fails to justify. The central contention that salvation is for Gentiles as well as Jews was a revolutionary statement but its expression was not confined to Romans and the detailed arguments are much more concerned with the salvation of the Chosen People than with Gentiles.

Nonetheless, the major themes are set out methodically and clearly in 86 bite-sized sections, each with a concluding prayer, which makes this book an accessible means for study and prayer. Yet another fine book in this estimable series.

Kevin Carey

*Growing Together will study this book on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October.*



## **WHEN I SAY I AM A CHRISTIAN**

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting, "I am saved!"

I'm whispering, "I get lost; that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble and need Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging I am strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak, and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain.

I have my share of heartaches, which is why I cry his name.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge.

I have no authority; I only know I'm loved.

## **JOHN PETERS**

It was ten years ago and we were in need of a new foundation governor for S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence' school to be appointed by the PCC. John Peters had taught at the College for many years, finishing his time there as Second Master. In retirement, he was still much involved in teacher training and in examining. He was an obvious choice. Not only that but we knew that we would need a new chair of governors and so the arm-twisting did not stop. But it was so well worthwhile. John's contribution over these past ten years has been enormous. He has been an invaluable support and critical friend to the school and led the governors through some quite difficult times into the school's truly great present.

He has kept trying to retire. He stopped being chair of governors, persuading me to take it on. But he continued as vice-chair, again trying to retire but continuing through this last year to support Tim Moulds as chair. Now he has finally been permitted to stop and – though Joan may not entirely approve – we feel sure that he will still be around to give support when needed.

Thank you, John, for all you have done.

*Fr John*



"Still no bishops want to be your friend on Facebook, dear?"

## THE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

1	S Giles of Provence <i>Abb</i>	Social outcasts
2	S Vivian Redlich & Martyrs of New Guinea	Faithful priests
3	S Gregory the Great <i>Bp Dr</i>	The Church in England
4	S Cuthbert <i>Bp Rel</i>	Knowles Tooth
<b>5</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	Our parish and people
6	Monday	Teachers
7	Tuesday	S Lawrence' School
8	<b>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Mothers
9	S Peter Claver <i>Rel</i>	All are included
10	Friday	Home communicants
11	Saturday	Family Camp
<b>12</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	Our parish and people
13	S John Chrysostom <i>Bp Dr</i>	September anniversaries of death
14	<b>Holy Cross Day</b>	Archbishop Rowan
15	Our Lady at the Cross	Hospitals and Hospices
16	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian <i>Bp Mrr</i>	Prisoners of conscience
17	S Hildegarde of Bingen <i>Abb</i>	Church musicians
18	S Robert Bellarmine <i>Bp Dr</i>	Growth in prayer
<b>19</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	Our parish and people
20	The Martyrs of Korea and the Pacific	Those who suffer
21	<b>S Matthew</b> <i>Apostle</i>	Tax collectors
22	Wednesday	The Festival
23	S Pius of Pietrelcino <i>Rel</i>	Religious Communities
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	Pilgrims
25	S Sergius of Radonezh <i>Abb</i>	The Orthodox Churches
<b>26</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	Our parish and people
27	S Vincent de Paul <i>Pr</i>	Those who care for the homeless
28	S Wenceslas <i>Mr</i>	Those affected by recession
29	<b>S Michael &amp; all Angels</b>	Being close to God
30	S Jerome <i>Pr Dr</i>	Study of Scripture

## HURSTPIERPOINT OPEN STUDIOS

*...now joins with Hurst Festival*

**Saturday and Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm**

2010 is a new and exciting year for us. This month we are joining up with the extremely successful Hurst Festival, now in its sixth year. The Hurst Festival has grown in size every year and we are really pleased to be holding our Open Studios as part of such a successful event.

We will, as always, be showing and selling a wide variety of Art. This will include paintings in oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastels, gouache and mixed media, and also pottery, etchings, silk screen prints, lithography, calligraphy, stained glass, hand made glass beads and silver jewellery, photography and sculpture.

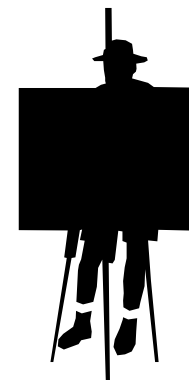
This year we have 18 venues with 23 artists. All our studios are in the village and within easy walking distance of each other. We warmly welcome everyone to browse and all the work will be for sale.

Once again Sylvia Thornhill (832510) will be offering light refreshments in aid of the local branch of West Sussex Association for Disabled People. The homemade bacon rolls and cakes are delicious!

This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> Year and the event is going from strength to strength, allowing people to purchase art at a very affordable price.

We look forward to meeting you! For more information visit [www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.co.uk)

*Sylvia Thornhill*



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

- 27<sup>th</sup> June Max Hudson Ritchie  
 11<sup>th</sup> July Kai Thomas Waage  
 Espen Warwick Waage  
 18<sup>th</sup> July Mason Ian Dale  
 25<sup>th</sup> July Ellie Marie Styles  
 Jamie Aaron Styles  
 7<sup>th</sup> August Lily Yvonne Hicks  
 Ryan Mark Hicks

### Marriages

- 7<sup>th</sup> August Mark Peters and Nicola Hicks

### Deaths

- 26<sup>th</sup> June Oliver Lowndes  
 28<sup>th</sup> June Fred Lucas  
 7<sup>th</sup> July James Howard  
 26<sup>th</sup> July Jayne Vigar



## PINPOINTS FOR SEPTEMBER



- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 2.00 pm Hurst WI at the Guide HQ: *Saga Travel cruise ships* – Brain Dungate  
 7<sup>th</sup> Tues 8.00 pm Growing Together starts again  
 8<sup>th</sup> Wed 2.30 pm Mothers Union: *Bible Market* at Harvesters  
 8<sup>th</sup> Wed 8.00 pm PCC meeting – S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence' School  
 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Friday to Sunday Family Camp at Knowles Tooth  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sat all day Ride and Stride  
 15<sup>th</sup> Wed 8.00 pm Mothers Union at the Guide HQ  
*Oberammergau 2010* – Andrew Pridell  
 18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October **Hurst Festival**  
 21<sup>st</sup> Tues 7.45 pm Wolstonbury WI at the Village Centre:  
*Melanoma Trust* – Myfanwy & Harry Townsend  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sat 10.30 am MU Overseas Day at Haywards Heath  
 Methodist Church  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 1.00 pm Harvest lunch at the Scout HQ  
 4.30 pm Tea at the Methodist Church followed at  
 5.30 pm Festival of Praise

## SUNDAY READINGS

- 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [proper 18]  
 Deuteronomy 30.<sup>15-20</sup> Philemon.<sup>9-10, 12-17</sup> Luke 14.<sup>25-33</sup>  
 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [proper 19]  
 Exodus 32.<sup>7-11, 13-14</sup> 1 Timothy 1.<sup>12-17</sup> Luke 15.<sup>1-10</sup>  
 19<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [proper 20]  
 Amos 8.<sup>4-7</sup> 1 Timothy 2.<sup>1-7</sup> Luke 16.<sup>1-13</sup>  
 26<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [proper 21]  
 Amos 6.<sup>1, 4-7</sup> 1 Timothy 6.<sup>11-16</sup> Luke 16.<sup>19-31</sup>



## OVER 60S CLUB

### Loop System - Village Centre

After appeals to all likely sympathetic organisations in the village by the club, a generous donation from the Poacher Inn Quiz Charity was received. Some of this was passed on to the fund whilst the balance came from Viridor Waste Management Services. The loop has now been fitted and its first trial took place at our meeting in August. We have every confidence of success and that it will be of benefit to all users of the Village Centre for years to come.



Geoff Farmer

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our September meetings are on:

8<sup>th</sup> Sept – 2.30pm meeting at Harvesters, Mossy Mile. We'll be holding a Bible Market. Please bring along an item, e.g. a jar of olives, and be prepared to discuss its Scripture relevance – be as creative as you like!

15<sup>th</sup> Sept – 8.00pm meeting at Guide HQ. Andrew Pridell will be sharing his experience of the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

25<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10.30am-3.00pm at Haywards Heath Methodist Church. Overseas Day, celebrating 10 years of MU's Literacy Development Programme. Children's craft workshops, activities, music and refreshments.

*Sarah Norton*

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## WE LIKE SINGING 'COS IT'S GREAT FUN



We are holding a choral workshop on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am in Hassock United Reform Church. Singing is good for your heart, for asthma and reduces stress (so this is the year!). We will sing music from the Beatles, a spiritual, the Hallelujah chorus etc. - familiar music, and no experience is required. Stephen Hope will conduct. Music will be provided.

There will also be coffee and tea, but bring your own lunch. At 4.30pm there will be a mini-concert to perform what we have learnt. So come and have a sociable, fun day with us. Tickets £10, available from Janton News in Hurst; Pavilion Electrics in Hassocks; from [www.hurstsingers.co.uk](http://www.hurstsingers.co.uk); on the door or, for more information, phone Ingolf Kabza on 833727.



*Janice Chumley*

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

29<sup>th</sup> September



Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14<sup>th</sup> century East Anglian Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Perhaps Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where there was an 8<sup>th</sup> century abbey whose support for William Duke of Normandy led to it being given a similar island off the Cornish coast as a dependant priory with the same name.

The other named angels in the Bible are Gabriel and Raphael and all three are seen as the beloved messengers of God. They are associated with Michael on this day though the English tradition has been not to name them but to include all the angels, perhaps because there was so much disputation about the angels in both the Jewish and early Christian traditions.

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LoricaStPatrick's

Very many thanks to all who gave towards £156.35 that was collected on the Sundays in July.

*Bunty Parkinson*

## HURSTPIERPOINT SINGERS

We reconvene on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Methodist Church in Cuckfield Road at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. We'll rehearse music for the Choral Workshop; then commence work on the Rutter *Requiem* for our Spring Concert; from November onwards, music for our Christmas Concert on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December takes priority.

Keen travellers can join our conductor's several other choirs and orchestra on a trip to beautiful Krakow (28<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June) where we will enjoy performing works from our repertoire, explore the city and eat, drink and be merry!

The combined choirs form the Sussex Festival Choir to perform Bach's *Mass in B Minor* at Arundel Cathedral on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011, with celebrated soloists and the Sinfonia da Chiesa Orchestra. We join rehearsals for this at Horsham in the summer at 8pm on Tuesday evenings.

We are a friendly village choir with an excellent Musical Director and any new or former singers would be so welcome; no test required; if you love singing, do come and join us. The choir is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> November with a dinner.



Janice Chumley



## IS FOR

### *Elections for a new General Synod*

The three houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity form the governing, deliberative and legislative body of the Church of England and, as mentioned in last month's magazine, reached the end of their terms of office at the General Synod in July this year. Every five years the entire General Synod of the Church of England is re-elected. 378 people are chosen. Some people will be new to the game, others are returning members. But all together, members of General Synod bring the social and ethnic diversity of contemporary society to the Church of England's governing body. Nominations for elections for the next General Synod, organised by each diocese, are now open and close on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. So if you are interested, you need to act quickly. Visit the excellent website: <http://www.generalsynodelections2010.org/> for details.



Those elected take their places at Church House, Westminster on 22<sup>nd</sup> November when the new Synod will be opened by the Queen.

## COPY DEADLINE

Articles, notices, information, letters or indeed anything you would like included in the next edition of Meeting Point should be delivered to Sue Coxhill at Russell's Cottage, St George's Lane or e-mailed to [sue.coxhill@btopenworld.com](mailto:sue.coxhill@btopenworld.com) by midday on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.



## Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

### Finding Friends

I want to be friends  
I want to be friends  
I want to be friends,  
I do.  
I'll give you my sweets,  
I'll lend you my pen  
If I can be friends with you.  
We'll sit side by side,  
You can copy my work,  
I'll let you go first into dinner.  
You can plait my hair  
At story time  
And on Sport's Day  
I'll let you be winner.  
Please be my friend  
As I'm new to this school  
And nobody likes me I know  
I don't want to cry,  
But my eyes feel all hot  
And my feet are just wanting to go.

I can come to your house -  
Your Mum won't mind at all -  
I can stay till it's bedtime, you say.  
So you *will* be my friend,  
You're new here as well,  
Then it hasn't been such a bad day!



Sol says:  
"We all need a friend. Abraham  
had a really good one —  
and so can we."

"Abraham believed God ... and he was called God's friend."  
James 2:23(NIV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by .....

## RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

'The Jesus Accounts – Fact or Fiction?' – a new documentary that hopes to help Christians to look at the reliability of the Bible has been released.

By throwing light on scholarly, scientific and historical evidence that supports the trustworthiness of the ancient manuscripts, eyewitness accounts and more, the 30-minute documentary provides an invaluable tool that shows how the four canonical gospels can be trusted.

The Jesus Accounts has been praised by leading clergy such as Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, former Bishop of Rochester, and Mark Meynell, Senior Associate Minister of All Souls Church, Langham Place in London. "It will prove a fantastic resource for serious enquirers and scholars alike, because it carefully examines the historical evidence and draws on the expertise of renowned scholars. I hope it will be widely used."



Bishop Nazir-Ali says: "We have an unprecedented number of manuscripts, whether papyrus or parchment, available to us. This means we can be confident that the text is in fact the text written down by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John."

At a time when the reliability of scriptures is being challenged, it is hoped that the documentary will serve as a tool for people who want to share their faith in the good news of Jesus.

To view the trailer or for more information on the film, visit: [www.thejesusaccounts.tv](http://www.thejesusaccounts.tv).



## OVER 60S CLUB

Our meeting on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> was delightfully different. We were roused by the music of Glen Miller's Band which stirred us with happy memories of our youth. (It got our feet tapping even if we daren't move anything else!) Our afternoon was greatly improved by the newly-installed loop hearing system - a double success.



Next club meetings: *Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>*, 2.15pm. Enrolment day and a talk by John Rose, Director of UK Age Concern; *Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September*, 2pm, free to all visitors. As part of the Hurst Festival we are to be entertained by cabaret music, "The Magical Days of Hollywood", plus tea at the Village Centre; *Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September*. Coach trip to Worthing to see "Carousel", a musical stage show; *Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September*, 4pm. We are invited by Hurst College for Music and Cake. Meet for transport, if required, at 3.30pm, Village Centre.

*Geoff Farmer*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Dates for September

We meet every week in the Guide HQ (which is in the corner of the long-term car park in Trinity Road) at 9.45am, except where this calendar says otherwise.



5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Sunday School – First Sunday Service</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Sunday School - Family Camp</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday School</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday School</b>

## DIARY DATE



Mid Sussex Health Care announce their flu clinic dates as follows:

Hassocks Health Centre - Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 9-12am

Hurstpierpoint Health Centre - Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 9-12am

These are walk in clinics (no appointment necessary). You are welcome to attend either session if you are registered with Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks or Ditchling Practice.

It is not necessary to arrive early. We will not be closing early!!!



There are currently five members of the Sunday School Team, but we feel six or seven would be even better. If you are able to help us from time to time, running activities, tidying up etc. that would be great. We're not expecting a huge commitment; some assistance once or twice a term would be fantastic. Do have a chat with any of us about this, or drop an email to [bridgetcooper08@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetcooper08@yahoo.com).

*Bridget, Maxine, Sarah, Jon & Penny*

## A TIME OF HARVEST



The school Harvest service is at 9.30am on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Rosslyn Stenning, who organises the distribution of the gifts so generously brought to church by the children, will welcome some help immediately after the service, to collect and sort the gifts.

Our own parish Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Help is needed again on Monday morning 4<sup>th</sup> October, to pack and deliver all the gifts. Offers of help will be most gratefully received by the churchwardens and Rosslyn.

We have booked the Scout HQ for our Harvest Lunch on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Tickets are £5 and will be available from the churchwardens. Children under the age of eleven go free.

## ARE YOU FIT?

Do you get breathless, when playing with the children? When walking up stairs? Do you cough in the morning?

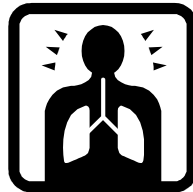
Come along on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to Hurstpierpoint Health Centre to find out how fit you are.

From 10am to 12.30pm there will be free lung tests and checks on smoking levels and lung age!

Our speaker is Carol Wroblewski, respiratory specialist, who will talk on all types of breathing problems.

There will be opportunities to speak to experts on stopping smoking and getting fit.

This event is being organised by the Patient Participation Group of Hurstpierpoint in cooperation with the Health Centre. Entry is free and there will be refreshments and a raffle. Do join us to see if you look as good on the inside as you do on the outside!



*Ann Morgan*

## OPERA UNDER THE SPIRES

*Thursday, 23rd October, 7pm*

Cantonata presents the village event of the year!

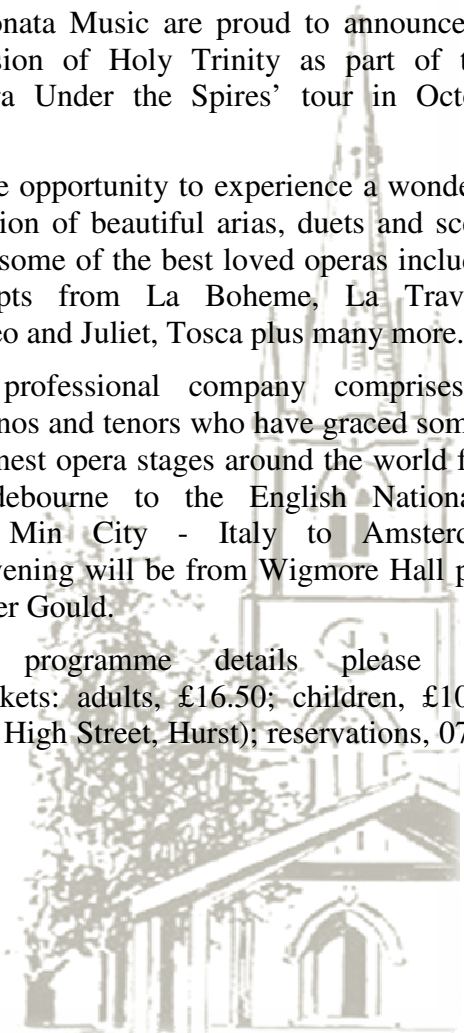
Cantonata Music are proud to announce the inclusion of Holy Trinity as part of their 'Opera Under the Spires' tour in October 2010.

A rare opportunity to experience a wonderful selection of beautiful arias, duets and scenes from some of the best loved operas including excerpts from La Boheme, La Traviata, Romeo and Juliet, Tosca plus many more.

Our professional company comprises of sopranos and tenors who have graced some of the finest opera stages around the world from Glyndebourne to the English National -

Hannover to Ho Chi Min City - Italy to Amsterdam. Accompaniment for the evening will be from Wigmore Hall prize winning pianist, Christopher Gould.

For full artist and programme details please visit [www.cantonata.co.uk](http://www.cantonata.co.uk). Tickets: adults, £16.50; children, £10.50; available from Vanilla (40 High Street, Hurst); reservations, 07731 619011.



## JOHN BUNYAN



After the Bible, John Bunyan's wonderful Christian allegory, the *Pilgrim's Progress*, is one of the most celebrated and widely-read books in the English language. It has been translated into more than one hundred languages around the world and keeps its place as a Christian classic.

Names of people and places from its pages have been commonplace wherever English is spoken. We need only recall Mr Great-Heart, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, Giant Despair, Madame Bubble, the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, the Delectable Mountains, the Hill Difficulty and the Celestial City.

Bunyan was born on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1628, at Elstow, near Bedford, England, of a poor family. He had little formal education and his father taught him to be a metal worker. His first wife died young. His second wife, Elizabeth, helped him considerably with his blossoming literary career. His conversion was the result of reading the Bible, and the witness of local Christians. From that time the Bible became the great inspiration of his life. He wrote more than fifty books on Christianity. A Baptist by conviction, he had little time for the Established Church.

Bunyan became a popular preacher, but because of his opposition to the Established Church and because he did not have a Church of England preaching licence, he was imprisoned in 1661. It was in prison that he wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*. It was not only Bunyan's greatest book but was destined to become one of the most popular Christian books in the world.

*Pilgrim's Progress* is an allegory, using the names of people and places from the Bible to teach spiritual lessons. The vivid and unforgettable imagery in the *Pilgrim's Progress* covers the whole Christian gospel from sin and condemnation all the way through

faith, repentance, grace, justification, sanctification, and perseverance to heaven itself.

Bunyan died on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1688. His portrayal of the death of Mr Valiant-for-Truth is Bunyan at his allegorical best. This brave old soldier of Jesus Christ has received his summons to 'go home.'



Calling his friends together he says, "My sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage ... My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought His battles, Who will now be my rewarder." ... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

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## AND FINALLY...

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mum, look what I found!" the boy called out, turning the leaf over and over.

"What is it, dear?" asked his mother.

With astonishment in his voice, the young boy ventured: "I think it's Adam's underwear."





# Chichester News

September 2010

**Imagine a Harvest Festival service which lasts for three hours and is followed by a cooked meal for a congregation of three hundred and an auction which raises enough money to run your parish for about six months – welcome to West Africa!**

Harvest Festival is a joyful event in any community, but in our sister dioceses it really is one of the highlights of the year. In Cameroon it usually happens in November and is probably the year's biggest fund-raising event. People bring all kinds of things to Church; sacks of yams and huge bunches of plantain, animals like chickens and goats, crates of soft drinks and pallets of bottled water. After the service these are all auctioned off to the highest bidder amid much hilarity, some people willingly pay hugely inflated prices for things that are much cheaper in the market. The whole event can take most of Sunday and by the end everyone is exhausted!

Harvest Festival may not be quite as colourful as this in Sussex but nonetheless it is a time of thanksgiving. Harvest reminds us of the generosity of God who provides us with the good gifts of creation. It speaks of our connection with the natural world and our dependency on the God who holds all things together in Christ (Colossians 1:17). In recent years Harvest in this diocese has been a time when we have collected money to support the work of the church in our link Dioceses. The Diocesan Harvest Appeal is a practical way that we can both express our gratitude to God for his generous provision and at the same

time help strengthen and build the church in some of the world's poorest communities.

This year the focus is on raising funds to support parishes in Sierra Leone. All the money raised will be given to the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo to help them restore dilapidated parochial mission houses and finish church building projects. In many rural areas of Sierra Leone the only formally educated member of the community is the church catechist or parish priest, but often their accommodation is appalling. These people help bring real development to the community both through education and also by giving the local community a voice. So, by supporting them we are directly strengthening communities that are often overlooked or ignored by the powerful.

Your Harvest Festival probably won't last most of Sunday as it does in West Africa, however it can make a long term difference to the people of Sierra Leone! As we give thanks for our life and health and food, please remember our brothers and sisters in our link dioceses. And as we give generously to the appeal may we also capture some of the joy and celebration of a West African Harvest Festival.

**Mark Payne**  
Overseas adviser

Information about the Appeal can be found on the Diocesan website, including a downloadable PowerPoint presentation.

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### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Christchurch Blacklands and St Andrew. Laton Road, celebrate harvest on 8th, 9th and 10th of October "for the beauty of the earth" Concert at 7pm on Saturday 9th and harvest festival service on Sunday 10th at 10-30pm. All very welcome. contact 01424 717004

### CONCERTS

A musical concert, of both instrumental and choral works. Saturday 13th November in St Mary's Church Storrington. Featuring BBC Choirgirl of the Year, Jacqueline Hill, plus Cantus Choralis, under founder and director, James Phillips.

Sussex Chorus, Songs for Autumn  
Sunday 3rd October 2010 @ 7pm  
Court Gardens Farm, Ditchling. A Fund Raising Concert for Sussex Chorus and St Peter and St James Hospice, Wivelsfield. Sopranos - Marijke Groenendaal and Frederique Klooster. Mezzo Soprano - Hilary Andrews. Compere and Tenor - Neil Jenkins. Baritone - Danny Standing. Pianoforte - Terence Allbright. Tickets £20

Sussex Chorus Saturday 13th November 2010  
7.30pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton  
**Beethoven Symphony No 9.** John Williams 'Hymn to the Fallen' from the film 'Saving Private Ryan' Herbert Howells 'Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing. Soprano - Naomi Harvey. Mezzo Soprano- Yvonne Howard  
Teno - Andrew Rees. Baritone - Mark Stone  
SUSSEX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
Conductor Mark Andrew James  
Tickets £15, Concessions £12, Students & Children under 16 £5 from  
All Sussex Chorus Tickets 01273 273333 / 07989309909  
Jazz Festival - All Saints Church Hove. Friday 17 to Sunday 19 September featuring Alan

Barnes All sorts; Bobby Wellins John Etheridge and Chris Garrick; Don Wellar and the Spike Wells Trio. Box office 01273 709709 or www.brightonticketshop.com

Brighton Early Music 2010: in collaboration with Brighton & Hove Open Door and The Kemp Town Society. 11am and 3pm, Sunday 12th September. The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH  
Open Door Weekend. Collaboration between Brighton Early Music and Brighton and Hove Open Door, part of the national Heritage Open Days. Music by Mozart from the Tromlitz ensemble. Free entry  
www.rth.org.uk and www.bremf.org.uk

Thomas Kemp: a day of celebration  
7.45pm – 9pm, Saturday 25th September  
St George's Church, St George's Road, Kemp Town, Brighton, BN2 1ED. Part of the Kemp Town Society day to celebrate the life of Thomas Reed Kemp 1783 – 1844), the founder of Kemp Town. Thomas Kemp's Musical Soiree  
April Fredrick soprano. Camilla Scarlett violin  
Amy de Sybel fortepiano. A period salon with candlelit of music from the Regency period, including Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Beethoven & Thomas Arne. Tickets: £15 including a glass of Regency punch or cordial. Full details of the whole day's events can be found at www.bremf.org.uk and www.kemptown-society.org.uk

'A Musical Treat for a Late Summer's Evening'  
Saturday 18th September 19.30  
St Mary's Church, Balcombe.  
An evening of well known classical and more recent musical favourites performed by the Royal Academy of Music's gifted and award winning Tyburn String Quartet, soprano Charlotte Marshall, and organist David Moore FRCO. In

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aid of St Mary's Trust for restoration of fabric of the church. Tickets £10 (including interval refreshment) - from 01444 811370

Wednesday at St Wilfrids, Haywards Heath. 1.10-2.00pm. Retiring Collection. Then the monthly details are as follows:  
22 September: Alison Goodfellow - recently retired Headteacher at St Wilfrid's School, Haywards Heath.  
27 October: Margaret Pilkington - Wildflower meadows in the Weald.

## CHOIR

Brighton Festival Chorus Open Rehearsal Tuesday 12 October, 7.15pm – 9.45pm.  
On the University of Sussex campus, Falmer Conducted by James Morgan. Repertoire to include Walton's Belshazzar's Feast and Handel's Messiah. All music will be provided. Please check Chorus website nearer the time for exact venue details and directions. For further information call 01273 812345  
[www.bfc.org.uk](http://www.bfc.org.uk)

## COMEDY

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER  
8pm at St Paul's Centre, Chapel Road, Worthing: Poet, singer and stand-up Jude Simpson + musical mirthmaker James Sherwood + MC Russ Bravo  
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER  
Comedy Lunchbox with Russ Bravo, Ben Salter & friends – FREE 15-minute taster sessions at coffee shops and restaurants around Worthing, 12pm-2pm. Watch local press for details. 7.30pm and 9pm at The Dome Gallery Bar, Marine Parade, Worthing:  
Performance poet legend John Hegley + Ben Salter  
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER  
12.30-2pm at The Dome Function Suite, Marine

Parade, Worthing:  
Sunday Comedy Brunchbox – a satirical wander through the Sunday papers with Paul Kerensa, Andy Kind and Russ Bravo  
HOW TO GET TICKETS  
Tickets for all shows are £7 adults and £5 concessions, available now from:  
*Parklife*, 6 Bath Place, Worthing  
Madisons Coffee Shop, 3-5 The Royal Arcade, Worthing  
*Green Cuisine*, 37 Rowlands Road, Worthing  
*Music Mania*, Crescent Road, Worthing  
*Eclipse Cafe Bar*, Goring Road, Worthing  
*The Dome Function Suite*, Marine Parade, Worthing (11 & 12 Sept shows)  
*St Paul's Centre*, Chapel Road, Worthing (10 Sept show)  
*St Matthew's Church Office*, Tarring Road, Worthing (weekday mornings – 01903 207024)  
Or call 077200 40456 or 01903 218026

## PRAYER

An Introduction to Centering Prayer  
On Saturday 25th September 2010  
from 10am to 4pm. At The Meeting Place, The Church on the Green, Rowlands Castle, PO96AB. The cost is £15 to include refreshments. Please bring your own lunch  
For further information and to book a place, please contact Peter and Margaret Bone  
17 Fir Tree Gardens, Horndean, Waterlooville, PO8 9HF Tel: 023 9259 6185 Email: [peterbone@](mailto:peterbone@)

## Diocese of Chichester Harvest Appeal 2010

Supporting Parishes in our link dioceses in Sierra Leone. Please send gifts to Harvest Appeal 2010. c/o Jennie Davies, Church House, 211 New Church Road, Hove, BN3 4ED

# Classified

## Ministry and Adult Christian Education

Go to the website to see the complete list of courses on offer [www.diochi.org.uk](http://www.diochi.org.uk)  
*Study Day 5 October*  
"HOW LONG, O LORD, AND HOW?"  
"What are we to make of Biblical Prophecies about the Second Coming?" 10.00am to 4.00pm @ the magnet, St Leonards-on-Sea  
Led by: Dr. Andy Angel, New Testament Studies Tutor, St John's College, Nottingham £10.00  
*Evening Session 11 October*  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? – exploring meaning and purpose. Hove tbc 7.30pm £10.00 Led by: Gordon Banks  
Using a painting by Gauguin to illustrate the discussion.  
*Lecture Series 13 October*  
VIOLENCE, DESIRE and HOPE @ the magnet, St Leonards-on-Sea. 6.00pm 4 Sessions  
Donation. The Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral Lectures, Led by: The Revd Canon Dr Anthony Cane.  
**e-courses** – Can't make any of our courses? Sign up to register for this exciting new pilot. An e-learning course starting in the autumn so you can study at home but with the facility to discuss with each other and the tutor via the on-line forum. To enquire further: [beverley.miles@diochi.org.uk](mailto:beverley.miles@diochi.org.uk) or to book a place contact: [wendy.greenan@diochi.org.uk](mailto:wendy.greenan@diochi.org.uk) 01273 421021

## CLERGY MOVES

Mark W Lucas, Incumbent Polegate has left the diocese  
Keith D Richards, (Canon) has been licensed as Priest-in-Charge: Hove St Barnabas  
Neil H Green, Incumbent: Eastbourne: All Souls –has left the diocese.

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Clergy Terms of Service Information days. Time slots for each day are: 10am - 12noon & 2.30pm – 4.30pm & 7pm – 9pm. More information on [www.diochi.org.uk](http://www.diochi.org.uk)

1 The Barn, Causeway Horsham St Mary RH12 1HE 30 Sept No parking at venue, but parking in multi-storey nearby  
2 Patrick Bodle Room, St Marks Church Hall, Green Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4BZ  
8 Oct New hall, lift, good parking, easy to find on main road  
3 St Richard's Church, Maybridge, Collingwood Road, Worthing BN12 6HZ 14 Oct Reasonable parking  
4 All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green, Church Road Crowborough TN6 1ED  
20 Oct Good parking  
5 Ascension Church Vale Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4JS 5 Nov Reasonable parking  
6 St John the Baptist Church, Westbourne PO10 8UL 11 November On street parking  
7 St Bartz, Spithurst, Barcombe BN8 5EE 17 Nov Reasonable parking  
8 St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Henfield BN5 9NY 23 Nov Parking  
9 The Refectory, Easebourne Priory Midhurst GU29 0AJ 30 Nov Stairlift & good parking  
10 St Richard's Church, Park Road, Heathfield TN21 8DT 13 January 2011 Reasonable parking