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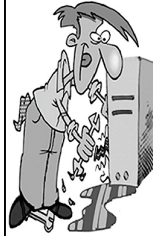
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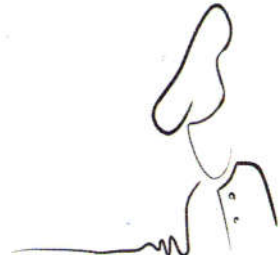
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EDITORIAL

For the shortest month of the year, February has more than its share of high days and holidays. But, since it is a tough month to get through with wintery weather and dark evenings, the Three Parishes Magazine takes the job of trying to cheer everyone up very seriously. Since we can't meet up and we can't go far from home, let's eat our way through February. First up from America comes Groundhog Day on the 2nd. Groundhog stew, anyone? Well, maybe not. Candlemas falls on 2nd February, although we have left the EU, we could, like the French, celebrate with pancakes if we don't want to wait for Shrove Tuesday on the 16th. Definitely pancakes then, of course. Chinese New Year on the 12th offers an excuse for some Chinese food and Valentine's Day on the 14th offers an excuse for some chocolate and a glass or two of something special. Roseanna Aitchison's Chinese onion pancake recipe on page 33 would go very well with a Chinese takeaway.

It is no good denying there are some healthy country appetites in these parishes. The Tillington cake stall venture in December sold out in double quick time. From the wonderful ladies who baked and to the gentlemen who ate, and the funding boost for All Hallows, it was a win-win all round and as soon as lockdown eases, perhaps Tillington could offer repeat orders. To shop safely, we have rounded up a list of local shops offering to deliver or let us order remotely and pick up. These local suppliers have been a lifeline for many in the pandemic and are local heroes.

Young talent has brought us our front cover photo of Bignor Hill in the hoar frost last month taken specially for us by 17 year old Otilie Hartley.

Those who bravely offer their Desert Island Disc choices give a little glimpse into their lives and this month, we thank the Ben Bryder for his DID picks. We didn't twist his arm, truly. Now who can we find for next month? One volunteer is worth ten pressed men, so they say.

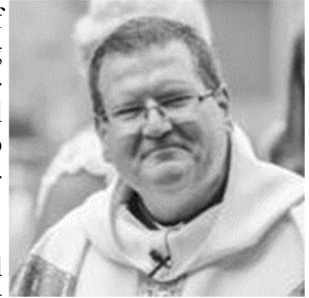
We have had some lovely contributions for this February issue and we would like to thank Ruth Aitchison who took time out from vaccinating to send in some pictures of the hoar frost taken on a winter walk on Duncton Hill and to all of you for sending in the miscellaneous pieces that make up our own unique Parish mag. Keep safe everyone – Spring is just round the corner once we are through February.

Rev'd Gordon Murray who was vicar of Tillington 1997-2001 has died quite suddenly and peacefully on Thursday 14th January 2021.

Patricia Medley has died on Tuesday 12th January.

FROM CHURCH COTTAGE 532D TILLINGTON

This magazine may reach you ahead of the last day of January, when, during our online Sunday-morning services, we are going to mark the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Jerusalem Temple. We shall hear of two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who had waited all their lives to see the Messiah and experience their own epiphanies.



Over the centuries, this Bible story has been captured many times and in different ways by artists. The most famous of these is Rembrandt's final and unfinished painting, which portrays Simeon cradling the baby Jesus in his arms. The festival is more commonly known as Candlemas, and I am hoping to see some wonderful carpets of white snowdrops in our churchyards and around the villages.

That final Sunday of January is also known as Septuagesima and the following two are Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, signifying, respectively, that we are 70, 60 and 50 days away from Easter, but, peculiarly, rounding up seven to ten each time. Please don't quiz me on this: that's as much as I know. But if anyone owes you seven pounds today, you could try saying 'let's call it ten . . . that's what the Church teaches' . . . Let me know how you get on.

We shall stay online for our church services during February. The second Sunday of the month is Valentine's Day, so I pray that there's plenty of love to go round our villages. Consider rapidly eating any chocolates you receive, because three days later it is Ash Wednesday and time for sackcloth and ashes (or not). It will not be safe for me to impose ashes on foreheads this year, so you will be spared the Rocky Horror look that I inflicted on my parishioners last year, when the ash and oil mixture was too runny.

Rather than giving something up for Lent, you may like to do something additional. Certainly we shall have an online Lent course, so if you would like to be part of that, please look out for the details in my weekly email. If you would like to receive that, please be in touch with me on 865473 or david.crook15@btinternet.com.

Getting a phone line and broadband installed in Church Cottage, Tillington, has been a bit of a saga, but I hope the office will be up and running very soon and I shall be more of a visible presence. I've been pleased to meet lots of Tillington folk in the street and enjoyed being part of Duncton's January virtual coffee morning. Please always know that I am priest and friend to all in our villages, not just churchgoers, so don't hesitate to be in touch if you need practical or prayer support.

In friendship, David

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Number 532d, in the traditional estate numbering, is now known as Church Cottage, and boasts a splendid name plate outside.

The Estate Office has kindly re-decorated Church Cottage throughout, as well as re-vamping its the kitchen and bathroom. The kitchen will be a great asset on Sunday mornings when we return to normality, making it easier to serve post-service refreshments, as well as a breakfast for the All-Age Service.

The Church Cottage loo, which is as disabled-friendly as possible, given the small confines of the property, also includes a baby-changing unit. Overall, these public facilities are an answer to prayer. Activities and events that were not previously easily to accomplish, such as a toddler group or the hosting of concerts in the church, are now real possibilities for All Hallows.

The comfortable downstairs room will be a good space for small meetings, including between the priest and wedding couples, or with families wishing to discuss a baptism or funeral service. It will also be ideal for small house-group meetings or a space for children to meet safely with their leaders. In the summer, we shall have the use of the garden, which is quite large and a very good spot for social get-togethers, story-telling or children's games.

Upstairs, Church Cottage provides me with a very useful parish office, looking out onto beautiful All Hallows, while another room is set up as a space to be used by Annie, Shelley, Angela and others, for confidential counselling or spiritual direction meetings.

Church Cottage is now very well appointed, and I want to thank everyone who has donated or purchased items of furniture, decorative items, kitchen equipment, houseware and cleaning items. The Churchwardens were the driving force behind this idea, so thank you, Mark and Fergie.

Once allowed, I shall look forward to inviting you to Church Cottage for a cuppa and a chat.

David Crook.

Church Cottage can be seen at the back of the photo of the cake stall overleaf.

No organised walks this month due to Covid restrictions.



CAKE STALL –TILLINGTON

After several weeks of advertising, preparation and almost non-stop baking, 12th December was finally upon us. The day was lovely and sunny and pretty mild for the time of year, which lifted our spirits immediately. With the help of many volunteers we were quickly set up and the tables looked festive and inviting with the cakes that had already been delivered. Shortly, we were ready to welcome buyers and to our delight many of you came and gave us more and more wonderful goodies to overfill our three tables. We soon had to add another table to showcase our offerings. The Christmas cakes and a good variety of other baked products looked wonderfully festive in their beautifully wrapped packaging. So many people came that the time just flew by and everything was sold out in less than two hours. It was a wonderful day and it enabled people to catch up with friends that they had not seen for some weeks. A very handsome amount was raised, and to put the icing on the cake a wonderful donor matched the sum, for which we are extremely grateful. In total we managed to raise £655 (which with the matched sum made £1,310)

Getting together, doing things together and having fun is what our community is about and, to this end on behalf of myself, Sheila Davis and Viv Blunt (The Cake Team) we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for making this event such a success.

Carmen Woodhatch

THE CRIB SERVICE THAT NEVER WAS....

We thought lockdown wouldn't beat us and planned an innovative outdoor alternative to our normal crib service. We arranged for a nativity procession behind a pony to travel through the village from the Village Hall (Nazareth) to the Horse Guards (the inn at Bethlehem) and lastly to the churchyard where the shepherds on the hills outside Bethlehem would await us and the stable complete with a goat and sheep would be all ready to receive our weary travellers.

Sadly, the rapid growth of infection rates and our concern to keep everyone well and safe caused us to cancel this event but we are so pleased the Inn keeper and an angel managed to put in an appearance before the planned event.



Trixie and Woody Beard as the Inn Keeper and Angel

Hopefully, this is a foretaste of better days ahead. For all you lovely people who were planning to be there, watch this space next Christmas!!

GARDEN NOTES

As we all know the outdoors has never ever been such a great joy, especially for us gardeners, and it is so important now to wander round the garden, notebook in hand, to remind us of what has worked and anything that needs to be changed.

The '*February Gold*' daffs have been flowering since before Christmas and I must note to plant more bulbs for next year. I recommend for pots *Bacopa* '*Can-Can*', a lovely coral-coloured spreader that tolerates erratic watering; *Hebe* '*champagne*', an evergreen that flowers for months and it is so hardy it can be grown on a patch of earth by a friend on the A272 and survive! Marshall's clematises are renowned for quality, and are great survivors. They are strong plants and excellently packed, with a mouth-watering catalogue. A bush rose that has always flowered non-stop during the summer is called (yet another) '*Champagne*', a favourite rose that Apuldram grow.

So on to things to do. Cut down deciduous grasses, and prune late summer flowering clematises, cutting stems back to healthy buds about 30cm from the base. Winter flowering heathers need a light trim, don't cut into old wood. Trim back ivy and any other overgrown climbers before birds start nesting (leave at least two buds on stems on clematis). Sprinkle slow-release fertiliser around the base of roses and other flowering shrubs. Open greenhouse doors and clean out old seed trays. Those of us who have covered our vegetable gardens with green manure, they need digging in before it seeds. This adds nutrients and improves structure to the soil. Finish winter pruning of fruit trees, autumn raspberries and blackcurrants. Seed potatoes and onion sets will now be available. For an early harvest of rhubarb, cover the crowns with dry straw, then a traditional pot or upturned bucket.

We are doing a massive prune of our overgrown weeping mulberry. Such clear instructions using—Google, what would we do without it!

Happy gardening, *Gillie Ross*.

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13th June	Ebernoe	Away
20th June	Kirdford	Away
27th June	Ferring	Away
4th July		No game
11th July	Singleton	Away
18 th July	The Saints	Home **
25 th July	Grayswood	Away *
1 st August		No game
8 th August	Petworth	Away
15 th August	Gentlemen of Bedales	Home
22 nd August		No game
29 th August		No game
5 th September	Warnham	Away **
12 th September	Lavant	Home *
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LOCKDOWN LOCAL FOOD DELIVERIES, COLLECTIONS AND TAKE AWAYS

Lockdown brings fresh pressures on us all but especially on small local businesses. Many of us are advised NOT to shop, to stay at home, but then we find ourselves resorting to online and delivery services run by the megastores. Whilst we are grateful for all the ways they have adapted and assisted us throughout the pandemic, small local shops can find themselves left out and facing ruin. Let's see if we can find a small local business to support.

Home delivery isn't possible for all of them, but ordering and collecting later can work safely. Here are a few suggestions, apologies for those I have left out.

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If you have a local business who can deliver or get things ready for a 'Covid-safe' collection please let us know, we will include it next month.

Shelley Fergusson

TILLINGTON'S NEW WEBSITE NEEDS YOU!

The Tillington website (which was initiated, beautifully designed and most skilfully managed by Trevor Purnell before his illness) has received a recent revamp, as the result of a parish council initiative and the work of an excellent web designer. As 'webmaster', my job is to keep the site up to date, deal with any issues that come up, and most importantly, develop new content on behalf of the people of Tillington.

The site aims to promote our community and our local area, as well as the facilities we have at our disposal. At the very least, this should serve to celebrate all the great things about our parish, and give them a platform. But at its best, we hope this site can be a fantastic resource for both local people and visitors to the area.

This means we want the website to be full to the brim with interesting information and local history, data resources for the area which could save a lot of googling, tips and tricks to help us all create a more sustainable parish - ultimately, anything that is useful to you!

The site - which you can find at tillington.org - has already benefited from the input of lots of parishioners, for which I am very grateful. BUT there is plenty more we can do to improve it!

I would love it if you could let me know what you want to see on your local website: a directory of contact details for local healthcare services? Or maybe links for local organisations such as the planning authority, national park authority, and our MP's office?

And, even more, I would love it if you could tell me about anything you can offer the site: information about a local business you are setting up? a guide to some of your favourite local walks? a who's-who exposé of the Tillington criminal underworld?? If you are a budding writer, entrepreneur, or a trove of local knowledge, this is a great chance to do something for your community.

You can get in touch via the 'contact' page on the site or via my email, which is alexmorgan@icloud.com, and I would be thrilled to hear your feedback, positive or negative! Many thanks for reading this, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Alex Morgan-Grenville

MY DESERT ISLAND DISCS

By Ben Bryder of W Bryder and Son



Adagio for Strings – Samuel Barber, firstly reminds me of my maternal grandmother as she loved the tune and introduced me to it, and in 1986 it was the music to a significant scene in the movie “Platoon”, which I also love.

Sally Cinnamon – The Stone Roses, favourite track by my favourite band, bringing back hazy memories of carefree teenage years and baggy jeans!

A Boy Named Sue – Johnny Cash, first song I remember of the late great Mr Cash, also gave me an excuse for swearing as all I was doing was singing along...

Don’t Look Back – Peter Tosh, superb reggae that this world is lacking, loved Peter Tosh as less singalong than Marley, so you get to listen and take in his lyrics and sentiments.

Joy and Pain – Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, simply a beautiful song, with a beautiful voice, it’s an anthem that never fails to make me smile.

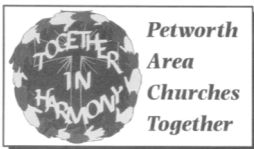
Sir Duke – Stevie Wonder, could have been any number of his songs, but this just about takes top spot, just love it!

Lucky Man – The Verve, great lyrics, great tune, makes you realise things are very rarely perfect but that we should all accept we are all lucky, plus watching them at Glastonbury with my eldest Emma, was a true life moment for both of us.

Insomnia – Faithless, possibly the best live act I have ever seen, another coin toss to which was my favourite this track or “We come 1”, Faithless are always playing in the house, and also always player at the maternity ward at St Richards as the next generation of Bryders continued to appear, never fails to make me dance or smile, thus making this my No1!

Books-wise I love autobiographies, so someone interesting to me, so in honour of the greatest leader since JC I’d go for “Sober” by Tony Adams, the story of someone who put himself on the line for his beloved Arsenal, took ridicule from all outsiders but came through it loved and stronger years after he hung up his boots!

My luxury item would be a never ending supply of Star Bars, sorry kids, I have you in my heart and my head, I want Star Bars in my belly!



working together in harmony

NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

Palm Sunday 28th March – watch this space for how we will commemorate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. We’ve previously had a procession into the town with the band, donkeys, singers, etc but that’s unlikely this year. All the same, please join with us in reading about it in Luke’s gospel as you come into Holy Week.

³⁷ As soon as he got to the bottom of the Mount of Olives, the crowds of his followers shouted with a loud outburst of ecstatic joy over all the mighty wonders of power they had witnessed. ³⁸ They shouted over and over, “Highest praises to God for the one who comes as King in the name of the Lord! Heaven’s peace and glory from the highest realm now comes to us!”
Luke 19:37-38

Petworth Food Bank collection points – there is always a collection box in the Petworth Co-Op and the village stores in Fittleworth and Graffham for larger goods like long-life milk/juice, tinned foods, cereals, pasta/mixes and other dry foods. They also always need personal hygiene items like feminine sanitary products, shaving gel, soap, etc. Geoff & Gill Pye have done great work with the team to collect/pack/deliver donations around the Petworth area - in 2021 they hope to pack more ‘bespoke’ food boxes in addition to the vegetarian and Halal boxes currently available. Thank you for all your donations! <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>
The Website for PACT has a link to all of our churches where you can find details of how to get in touch with the clergy and access their online meetings. <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>

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FROM THE REGISTERS

All Hallows, Tillington






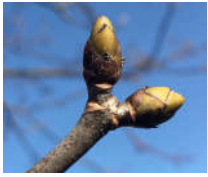












Stephen James Foster 12.1.49-8.12.20 funeral 30th December 2020

Lady Rosamond Grant Trenton Barclay 19.4.21—28.12.2020. A graveside funeral was held on 13th January.

Brian Edward Graves 8.11.34— 14.12.20 funeral 20th January 2021

TREES IN WINTER

Are you able to identify these trees in their classic skeletal forms and then match the bark and the buds?

1		A		a	
2		B		b	
3		C		c	
4		D		d	
5		E		e	
6		F		f	

Answers inside back cover



THIS IS ANGEL.

Sometimes you may think Angel wants to kill you.
Maybe she just wants to play.
But she is very serious about her games.
She plays to win.
And she does win.

Angel's PR skills are second to none.
When we met her at Cats Protection,
Her skills were already finely honed:
Look at me - I am so pretty;
I am playful; I am cute;
I will be your best friend.

But Angel plays to win.
And she does win.
And we love her

Barbara Neighbour

GONG HEI FAT CHOI

恭喜发财

Shortly before this time last year during the first outbreaks of Covid 19 in Wuhan, it was Chinese New Year or Spring Festival holiday, which fell on 25 January. The annual Spring holidays in China mark the biggest migration of people in the world, bigger by far than the Haj – with billions of people on the move and it has the potential to be the mother of all Covid 19 super-spreaders. The fifteen-day festival starts with a big family reunion dinner to which people travel from all over China followed by a day of visiting other relatives in the old home town. Young workers from the electronic assembly lines in Shenzhen, from textile factories of the eastern seaboard and city slickers all head back to the rural villages. This year, the first day of the holiday falls on 12th February. The timing varies since the Chinese New Year always starts on the date of the first new moon which falls mid-point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. It is also the very coldest time of year.

This New Year will be the year of the Ox, the second animal of the 12 animal zodiac line-up. Recurring in a 12 year cycle, people born in an ox year are steady and dependable, loyal and straightforward, plodding quietly through life. The story goes that the Jade Emperor, the ruler of heaven in Taoist tradition, determined the order of the 12 year cycle based on the order in which the animals turned up to his party. Ox was in the lead but Rat jumped on his back for a ride and then leapt off to run in first as they arrived.

But will there be any partying this year? Two Chinese cities have recently been put under full lockdown again due to recent outbreaks of Covid 19, which had all but subsided in China. It is quite possible that the Chinese government will ban all travel. They have not done so at the time of writing and tickets will have been booked and journeys planned. But the Chinese will stay put if ordered to do so. No cheating and no flexing the rules. If it comes to it, railway stations will be instantly closed and road blocks put up and no-one will complain.

The traditional New Year greeting of Gong Hei Fat Choy, to wish a happy and prosperous New Year in Cantonese accompanied by sticking red paper cut outs on the windows or doors and displaying red lanterns and wearing new clothes would be a sad affair under lockdown. No lion dances, no firecrackers and worst of all no red envelopes – the tradition of giving little decorated red paper packages of cash to the young.

Before Chinese New Year starts, it is the tradition to clean the house to clear out all the bad luck of the preceding year and put on new clothes to bring good luck and a fresh start. Would that we could. Sue Laker

RIP— we note the loss of two longstanding and loved Tillington residents

NORMA AINGE 22.09.1926 to 27.11.2020

Norma came to the area to live and work at Tanners in River, for my parents Basil and Sally Greenwell back in the early 80's. Being a 'lady of the land' (quote Sally Greenwell) she arrived in River to help with house, dog and horse sitting. Being a trained dairy hand, animals were her love and she brought with her the beloved Inca, a German Shepherd Dog and between them made for formidable security at Tanners.

Always completely reliable and devoted she carried out a variety tasks helping Basil and Sally - all the children having left home. From gardening, cleaning, laundry and animal care - she was very content with her own company and had very few family or relations. She was instrumental in the preparations for Rupert & Jo's wedding in 1986 doing a particularly formidable job with the lawn 'edges' - she relished the challenge and never let anyone down

She was a lady with a direct approach to life and we were told of stories 'warts and all' even when she experienced a tumble on the ice, we were all privy to her unfortunate injury to her upper thigh! Both colour and inflammation

Upon her retirement she moved to Tillington with Inca where she spent the rest of her days enjoying the wonderful love of the community there/here.

Jo Clevely

BRIAN GRAVES

Brian was born on 8th November 1934. He died peacefully at home in Tillington on 14th December 2020. Brian was a loving husband to Norma and her greatest supporter in all that she did. He loved her unconditionally. She was the love of his life. They were happily married for 57 years. He made a good choice when he asked Mum to sit on his knee at a party all those years ago.

He was a much-loved father of Katie and Nick and Grandfather of Isla, Louisa and Jemima. He was always interested in catching up with his grandchildren and hearing about their latest exploits - especially if that involved sailing.

Brian arrived in Tillington in 1984 and never left. He loved the view from the house. He enjoyed the friendship and companionship offered by those living in the village. He was part of the All Hallows Church community and was a stalwart supporter of this Church. There are so many good memories of Tillington: the Olympics, the visit of the Horseguards and just days spent sitting outside in the Summer. When the weather was right, he often said that there was no better place.

He was a kind and gentle man with strong and deeply held convictions about what was right and what was wrong. I know that he enjoyed his conversations with many in Tillington about all sorts of topics.

Brian will be sorely missed by all of us, but he was and remains much loved by many. Norma has received many kind letters expressing fond remembrances of Brian as a kind, calm and gentle man and that is how we remember him at the end of a life well lived.

Nick Graves

恭喜发财

These are the Chinese symbols for GONG HEI FAT CHOI
Which is what the Chinese say to wish each other a happy new year.
~Read more about it on page 23.

Just notice how beautiful and carefully drawn are the characters.

If you would like to see your name in Chinese characters go to ~
Www.Chinese-tools.com

My name, looks like this , who am I?!

down	to	Chinese
not	left	Writing
like	and	Goes
ours	up	From
	and	right

安吉拉



Pancakes are associated with **Shrove Tuesday**, 16th February this year. This is the day before what is called in the Christian year, Lent begins. because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.



Mix a pancake by Christina Rossetti

Mix a pancake,
Stir a pancake,
Pop it in the pan;
Fry the pancake,
Toss the pancake -
Catch it if you can.

or a more informal version...!

Tossing a pancake?
I can do that...
Just get a fry pan,
Heat up the fat,
Mix up the batter,
As easy as that...
One on the ceiling,
One on the cat,
One on the door,
One on the mat
And one on my head
Like a sweet sticky hat.

Chinese style pancake
see page 33



Start

Name 3 breakfast foods.



Name 2 things you eat on your birthday.



Name 2 red fruits.



What is cheese made of?



**Do you know the names of these foods?
Can you answer food questions? Find out.**



What do rabbits eat?



What do we put ketchup on?



ROLL AGAIN



Name 3 green vegetables.



Where do apples grow?



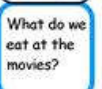
LOSE A TURN



MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES



What do we eat at the movies?



Board Game



LOSE A TURN



A hot drink for the winter - not coffee.



MOVE AHEAD 2 SPACES.



What do people drink in the morning?



Name 2 snack foods.



GO BACK 3 SPACES.



Roll again



I can be red or green. I am sweet and round.



Finish

What do we eat with chicken?



What is in a souvlaki? Name 3 things.



What are French fries made from?



Where are oranges from & what country?



Yogurt is made of what?



What is a sandwich?



Name 3 Greek foods.



Food Glorious Food

What's in a hamburger?



What drink do we make from grapes?



What is in a salad - name things.



SKIP 5 SPACES



What is watermelon? Does it have water in it?



"Everything is cancelled."

"Love isn't cancelled,"
said the horse. x

TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM CHURCH SERVICES

The PCCs of Tillington, Duncton and Upwaltham Churches – also those of Fittleworth and Stopham - have resolved that, during February, all Sunday services will remain online.

Hopefully, this means that everyone stays safe and warm at home, dodging the ‘flu and Covid, as the vaccination programme rolls out.

We shall resume services in our church buildings as soon as it seems safe and sensible to do so.

For the time being, please join us online as follows:

Each Sunday:

9.30am (Contemporary) Praise Service

11.00am (Traditional) Book of Common Prayer Matins Service

Third Sunday, including 21 February:

6.00pm Evening Prayer

There will also be an online Lent course, to which all are warmly invited.

Please contact Annie (thesnellers@gmail.com) or David (david.crook15@btinternet.com) for the Zoom links and to receive David’s weekly email.

RAINFALL for November/December 2020

Year	November	December	Year Total
2020	106mms	181mms	1022mms
2019	135mms	154mms	950mms
2018	136mms	150mms	996mms
2017	42mms	120mms	889mms
2016	112mms	18mms	778mms

As we all know, October was a very wet month. In some parts of the country Oct 3rd was shown as the wettest day for a long time. At Haymarsh, the total for that month was 242mms, the wettest month for the year. December was a close second at 181mms. So far this month we have had just 8mms.

John Mayes, Haymarsh 01798 368345

YEW BY MICHAEL BLENCOWE of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' famed donkey ride into Jerusalem. Recreating that palm-branch-strewn journey in Britain has been botanically challenging, since palm trees don't grow in our climate. Instead, churches gathered sprigs of native yew to provide the ceremonial décor and in some areas, the Sunday before Easter became known as Yew Sunday. And that's why every churchyard has a yew.

Well, actually the yew's churchyard connection is because yews are evergreen and can miraculously regrow from a dead stump. The trees were planted as a symbol of everlasting life and a reminder of the Easter resurrection. But, hold up; how come over 500 churchyard yews in England and Wales are older than their churches? It must mean that the yews themselves were pagan places of worship and the churches were built around them. Or they were planted on the graves of plague victims to purify the dead. Or it could be something to do with long bows. Or keeping the waiting congregation sheltered and dry each Sunday.

No-one seems sure where this association started but, whatever the reason, yews look right at home in churchyards. Dark, dense and unmoving they solemnly preside over the sad ceremonies held underneath their boughs and have seen generations come and go (but mostly go). Yews themselves deliver death and every part of them is highly poisonous; their leaves, their bark, their seeds. Only the fleshy red arils around the toxic seeds are harmless, encouraging birds to feed on them and disperse the poisonous cargo within. Yet death itself does not seem to inconvenience the yew.

Two rival British yews are advertised as the oldest living thing in Europe, at an alleged 5000 years old. Not many yews in Sussex can rival these great evergreen granddaddies. Most of our whippersnappers are probably just a couple of hundred years old. The problem is it's hard to accurately age a yew. As they get older, their blood red heart-wood rots, leaving them hollow inside and without traditional growth rings. Its heart may no longer be in it but that won't stop the yew from growing.

One of the oldest yews in Sussex can be found in Stedham churchyard near Midhurst. It's estimated to be a mind-boggling 2,500 years old. Over in Wilmington, at the foot of the Long Man, a monstrous yew dominates the churchyard. At a reputed age of 1600 the tree is 600 years older than the church. Supported by wooden props and straining against rusting chains, it's as if a travelling circus is exhibiting an aging dinosaur. It's worth a visit to both these old timers. For me, standing in the shadow of a plant that is 40 times older than me is humbling and a reminder that for us mere humans, life is brief.



Yew, You, Ewe and ‘U’



U



As a boy I spent many happy summers at Yew Tree Cottage near Bucks Green. The Yew in question was large and round, about twelve foot-high, and so dense that we could climb a ladder, throw a blanket on top and lie there watching the ‘enemy’ sheep advancing in the field opposite. Hence the idle thoughts on yews, ewes and you.

Later at boarding school I remember being reprimanded together with friend Macrae for some petty misdemeanour. The master ordered “You, boy, can go and clean up the locker room, and you and Macrae can clean the toilet block”. Only after we had completed this filthy task did I realise that he had said “Euan Macrae...” Not “you and Macrae...”. The lovely article on the Yew in this month’s magazine brought back happy memories of all the fun we had after that with this play on words.

Many other reminders have occurred over the years: at Dartmouth Naval College the Regulating Petty Officer shouting, “You, you, and you get fell in. You’re wandering about like a load of sheep”. Did he mean “Ewe, Ewe and Ewe”?

Again, at an important black-tie dinner, I recall listening to an ardent feminist berating a colleague for his non-stop sexist remarks. At this point he looked at her and said “Why don’t we move on? May I offer you the woMenu”?

Then some thought is needed to interpret ‘U’. Does it denote above? or below? In 1955 Nancy Mitford wrote about people’s manners being ‘U’ (Upper class), or ‘non-U’. This morsel of snobbism may no longer be in use, but the title ‘U-Boat’ (Unterseeboot) will still conjure up images of German submarines. Thus ‘U’ can mean upper or unter. It’s up to you, but if you change your mind

a ‘U’ turn is always permissible.

ILCF

CHINESE NEW YEAR RECIPE

Cong you bing, also known as a spring onion pancakes, are a very staple food in China. Unlike our traditional pancakes which are made with a batter, these are made from dough. It is pan-fried, which gives it crisp edges, yet also a chewy texture. These are normally served with a chili based dipping sauce.

INGREDIENTS—FOR PANCAKES:

250g plain flour, 240 ml boiling water, 60 ml plus 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 tbsp. sesame oil
100g thinly sliced spring onions, from about 4 whole spring onions

FOR DIPPING SAUCE:

2 tbsp. rice wine vinegar, 2 tbsp. soy sauce, 1 spring onion, thinly sliced
Pinch crushed chilli flakes (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine flour and boiling water in a large bowl and stir to mix until a mass of dough forms. Transfer dough to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth, slightly tacky ball forms, 3 to 4 minutes.
2. Transfer dough ball to a medium bowl and cover with a kitchen towel or cling film. Let rest 30 minutes at room temperature, or up to overnight in the fridge.
3. Meanwhile, mix 2 tablespoons vegetable oil and sesame oil in a small bowl.
4. Make dipping sauce: in a small bowl, stir together vinegar, soy sauce, spring onions, and chilli flakes.
5. Separate dough into four equally-sized balls. Return 3 to bowl and re-cover with kitchen towel or cling film. Roll remaining ball into an 8" disk, and brush with a thin layer of the oil mixture. Roll tightly, then twist into a tight spiral, tucking the outer end underneath the roll. Using the palm of your hand, flatten the spiral, then roll out again into an 8" disk. Brush the top with another thin layer of oil, and scatter with 1/4 sliced spring onions. Roll up disk again, then re-roll into spiral. Re-roll into an 8" disk, then repeat with remaining dough balls.
6. Add ¼ vegetable oil to an 8" pan over medium-high heat until shimmering and gently add first pancake. Cook, undisturbed, until golden on one side. Flip and cook until golden on underside, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove to paper-towel-lined plate and season immediately with salt. Repeat with the remaining pancakes, adding more oil if necessary.
7. Cut pancakes into triangles and serve with dipping sauce.

Roseanna Aitchison , professional caterer, Duncton

'WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?'

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds; what does love mean?' The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore... So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca - age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

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'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6 (we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.' Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine - age 5

If I should die.....

"If I should die, think only this of me ..."

The opening line of 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke.

Over the centuries many a serving man has written a parting letter to someone close who is left behind at home. The letter was tucked into his uniform in the hope that in the event of his death it would eventually be delivered:

Major Arthur Rowley Heyland, who fought at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, wrote an eerily prophetic note to his wife Mary just a day before he died.

He said: *My Mary, let the recollection console you that the happiest days of my life have been from your love and affection, and that I die loving only you, and with a fervent hope that our souls may be reunited hereafter and part no more.*

Here's another from World War 1.....

I would give 10 years of my life to see you and Isabel for a few seconds but I see you a thousand times in the day and night. I do not require to tell you I know you can and will care for our little one, fetch her up as like yourself and she will not have many enemies in the world. I will close now with love to you and the baby.'

And...

'I go with full understanding of the risks, but I have a resolute faith and no fear of death, only of dying. I will rest safe in God's arms. For you I pray that your life may be full and happy, and that you may feel free to find comfort and support in another partner. You will always have my love and my blessing.....'

Many men in times of war must have left home with a cheery goodbye kiss, never to see their family again. How closely this reflects our present situation with the Corona pandemic, which, at the time of writing, is responsible for over 1000 deaths in the UK alone each day. The symptoms rapidly develop, the 999 call follows, the ambulance comes, there is only time for a rapid goodbye, the ambulance disappears from sight carrying the patient to a far-off hospital where no visiting is allowed. Some will be cured and survive the crisis intact, others will suffer lasting damage, and some will never be seen alive again. The parallel with wartime is painfully acute and poignant.

So, is now the time for us to write something down for our closest relatives to read? As with the soldiers' letters, some words of reassurance, of love, of fortitude, and of eschatology can mean so much. If left unsaid these deeply significant feelings can leave such a void, only to be filled with self-doubt, anger and blame.

These letters are not to be confused with those of 'instructions after I die'. What hymns I prefer for my funeral, choice of burial or cremation, and which day to put the bins out.

No, these letters are designed to reveal the deeper emotions of enduring love and reassurance, and today is the right time to start putting pen to paper. ILCF

RESPONSE TO LEAFLET FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH DUNCTON

Thank you very much to those who responded to the Holy Trinity leaflet inside Duncton's December parish magazines. Our thanks and appreciation also go to our current monthly supporters. Your donations are very gratefully received at a time when our church funds are struggling, both from having had a long interregnum, and because of Coronavirus restrictions halting services held in church and requiring the fundraising events we had planned last year to be cancelled.

As detailed in the leaflet, the stark reality for our church is that the weekly cost to run it is around £320, all of which has to be paid by the Parish of Duncton through voluntary donations. At the moment, our regular donations and collections do not cover all this cost. Only a small number of people responded to the request for help in the leaflet, although we do appreciate that this is a difficult time for many.

We fully intend to return to our fundraising later this year, restrictions permitting, but in the meantime one-off donations will be much welcomed at any time. Setting up a monthly donation on a standing order is also possible - whether you are able to donate £10, £15 or £20 (or more), it will make a difference.

If you still have the leaflet you can scan the QR code, or you can make a bank transfer to the Parish account (sort code 60 - 16 - 27, account 50307878, account name PCC Duncton), or simply post a cheque payable to PCC Duncton to Liz Beadsley at North Lodge, Burton Park Road, Petworth GU28 0JT.

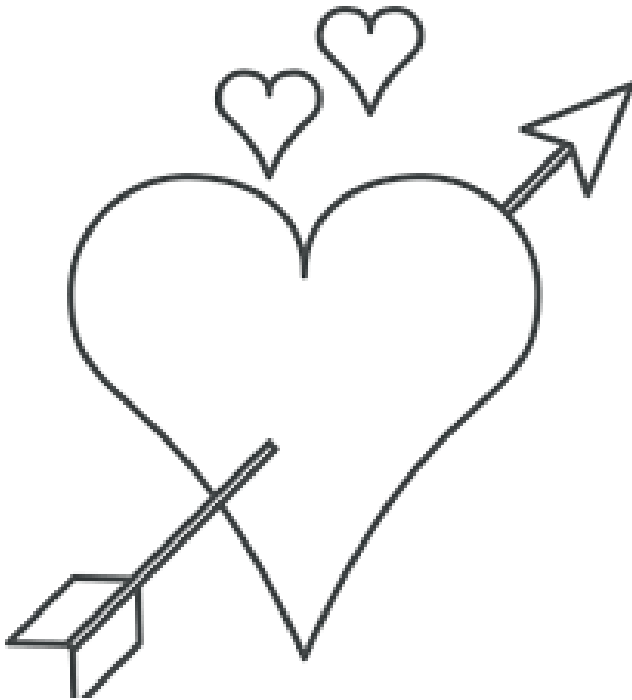
Any support that you may be able to give is hugely appreciated, and during these continued times of uncertainty as 2021 gets underway, Holy Trinity Church is open for you 24 hours a day for quiet reflection and prayer.

Love by Pam Ayres

Love is like a curry and I'll explain to you
That love comes in three temperatures, cold, hot and vindaloo.
Of course it's like a curry, it cannot be denied,
For both are full of spice and both have dishes on the side.

Love is Enough by William Morris

Love is enough though the World be a-waning
And the woods have no voice but the voice of complaining,
Though the sky be too dark for dim eyes to discover
The gold-cups and daisies fair blooming thereunder,
Though the hills be held shadows, and the sea a dark wonder
And this day draw a veil over all deeds pass'd over,
Yet their hands shall not tremble, their feet shall not falter;
The void shall not weary, the fear shall not alter
These lips and these eyes of the loved and the lover.





David's congregation hadn't quite got the idea of live streamed services!

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The Lavington Park Federation,
Graffham CE Infant and Duncton CE Junior School



It makes us all feel better when the lovely snowdrops appear in the grounds at our schools!

At present, in line with the government's national lockdown restrictions, our schools are open on a very limited basis only to our vulnerable children and those whose parents are 'critical workers' such as NHS workers. This means that currently on our 'busiest' day at Duncton we have 10 children attending.

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Staff are working a rota so that for the sake of all our families nobody has to be in school more than is necessary; however, even when not physically in school, teachers continue to work super-hard leading online learning for all our pupils.

All our teaching staff deserve our admiration and enormous gratitude for the miraculous juggling acts they continue to perform, caring for their own families, educating their own children and continuing to support our school community of families so superbly. Indeed, school teachers across the entire nation are due the utmost respect from us all!

Find out more about our school – including a 'virtual tour' - on our website, at

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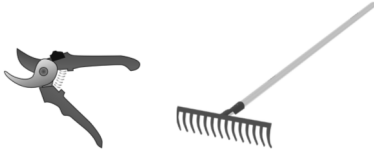
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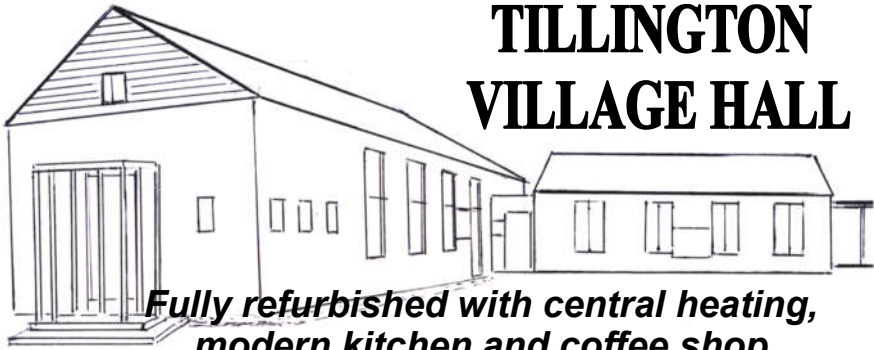
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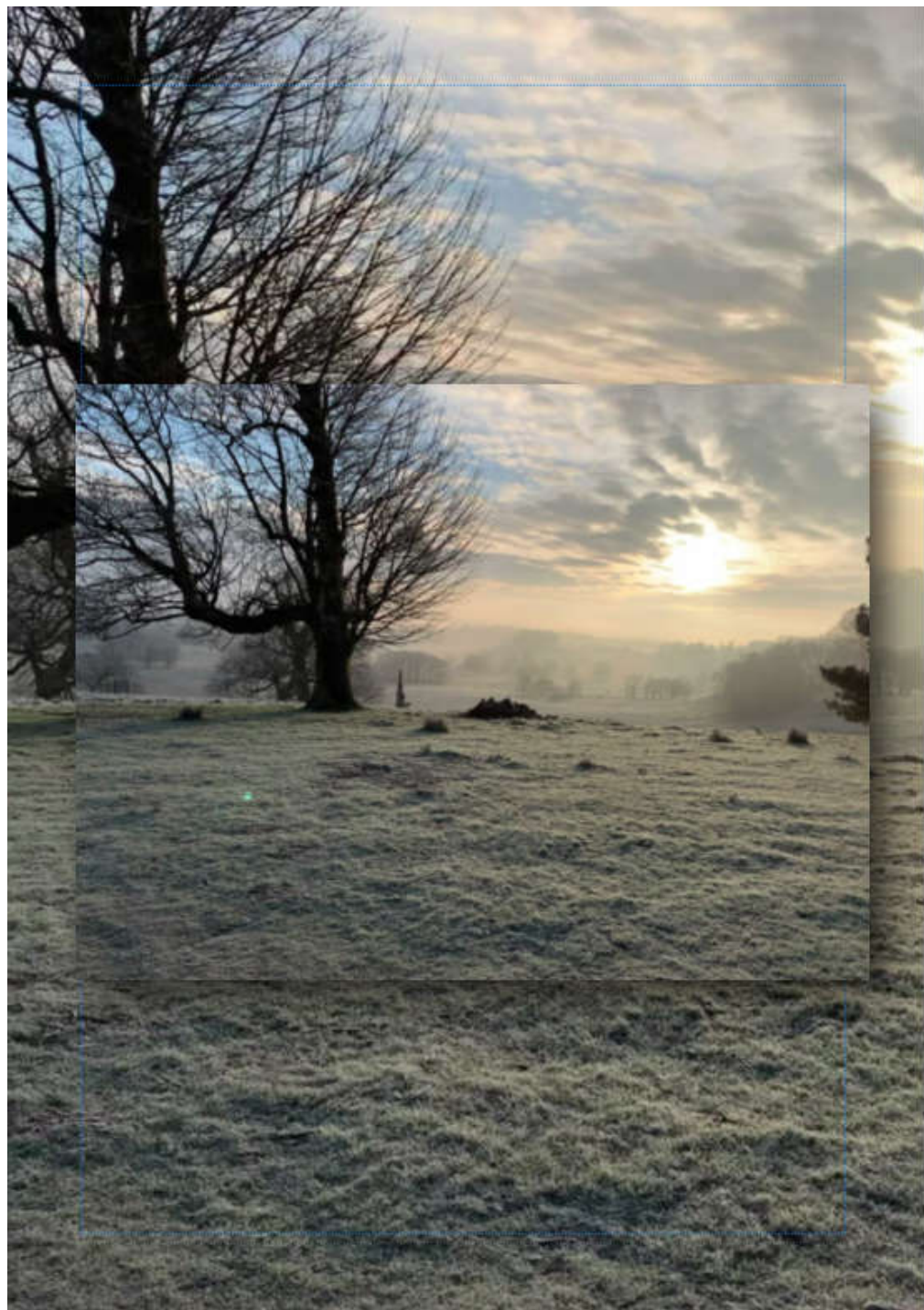
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Answers to Tree Quiz

1.C.f. Horse Chestnut; 2.B.e. Ash; 3.E.a. Oak; 4.D.b. Sycamore;
5.A.c. Birch; 6.F.d. Beech.

Thanks to the informative and enabling websites of BBC Discover Wildlife and Woodlands.co.uk.

Also I recommend you to look at The Woodland Trust's time lapse videos on YouTube. These may help iron away the worries of the day and, if you weren't already looking at the answers page, help answer the quiz!



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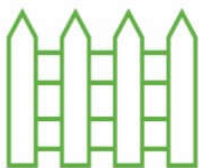
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