

June letter from Fr. Marcus

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, O LORD,
God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honour come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”.

1 Chronicles 29.10-14

My Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung, there are flowers everywhere, the sun is shining and summer is on its way. People seem to be more cheerful and the brighter days give a sense of optimism. Simple, natural things, but they make us thankful, and somehow it is easier to be joyful when there is warmth and sunshine.

Even as I write this, I know how shallow it sounds, and it was meant to. Thankfulness is so much more than just having a lovely day because the weather is doing what we want it to. Thankfulness is about looking deep inside at the countless blessings that come our way, and receiving them as a gift from God. It is a truly beautiful thing to see the reasons for joy when things are not going our way. Look at Paul, when he was unfairly treated, beaten and locked in prison; he did not moan or complain (like I would) he said prayers and sung hymns of praise to God! He knew that although he was shackled, the bigger picture was one that revolved around his ultimate freedom.

Paul enables us to look beyond the immediate, and indeed beyond ourselves, and to put life and faith into perspective. He, and indeed the whole of scripture, reminds us that this is God's world, not ours. We are given the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gift of salvation, the gift of a place in the heart of God, the kingdom of heaven.

It is easy to be thankful when everything is going our way, but what happens when the going gets tough? Sometimes we lose sight of the bigger picture, and fall into the trap of self pity, and sometimes we think the world owes us a living, or that because of our particular situation suddenly it is not fair. There are occasions when people's lives are changed by accident, illness or events beyond their control, and suddenly God is to blame, or he ceases to exist!

These are very real emotions, and I don't want to belittle those difficult feelings, but, at the same time as asking "why me?" we can ask "why not me?"

There are several things I would like to share about happiness, and for much of the time I think it is about perception. Selfish people are rarely truly happy, and neither are those who find fault and complain a lot. The happiest people I have met are those who have a real sense of God in their lives. Their lives may be simple and indeed hard, but God is real, and when He comes first there is

deep joy to be found. Those who base their lives around a pattern of prayer (rather than fit in a bit of worship when they can). Those who can delight in someone else's joy. Those who have realised it is better to give than to receive. Those who accept the love and grace of God, rather than those who struggle so hard to try and earn it. Those who believe in original blessing rather than original sin. Those who have received forgiveness and let go of guilt. Those who accept in humility that God loves them just as they are, and are happy in their own skin. Those whose natural inclination is to say 'Thank you'.

The Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel 5.3-10: 'Blessed are those who know their need of God; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs' (and so on) are not a list of commandments that we strive to follow, but a sequence of Blessings that are gifts from God. They are his gracious outpourings of love that it is our privilege to receive. They are unearned and freely given.

It is all of this that, I believe, dictates a response from us. I am sure it means that we are called to be generous in return. And joyful. (I can't be doing with miserable Christians; they seem to me to have missed the point!)

So, here's a thing. Those of you who were at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will have heard the Treasurer and I talking about our very difficult financial situation. To put it bluntly our income has gone down significantly, our Parish Ministry costs have gone up, and we still owe £12,000 to the Diocese for the loan we took out to do essential repairs. If things do not change we will not be able to continue functioning in our current form by the end of this year!!!

We are working very hard to solve this problem, and are encouraging all of our members to have a positive look at their regular giving; thus this article. My belief is that our giving should not be a burden, but itself is an act of worship and thanksgiving. We should give cheerfully, it should be planned and from the first fruits rather than from what is left over. Above all it should be given

because we delight in the work that the Church does in order to build the Kingdom and Praise the Lord. So to this end we are encouraging people to be generous on a regular basis, to Gift Aid all that we can, and to think deeply about all they have to be thankful for.

In addition to this we are holding a Church Open Day on June 19th from 10am; there will be a brilliant range of activities throughout the day.

The idea is that the whole town will receive an invite. These will be delivered on June 5th after a shared breakfast, so please come and be part of that - 9.30am in the Parish Room. As part of the Open Day we will be encouraging everyone to make a donation towards paying off our loan, so our target is £12.000.

The Wardens, Treasurer and I will be there to chat, encourage and answer any questions, and we hope that you will come along in a generous mood.

We look forward to seeing you there.
With every Blessing,
Fr. Marcus.

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## **ALL HALLOWS, WOOLBEDING**

The three Rogation days or Gange days preceding Ascension were so called from the ancient custom of perambulating the bounds of the parish on those days, the name being derived from the Saxon word *gangan*, to go.

In earlier times the perambulation was a matter of great ceremony attended with feasting and various superstitious practices.

Banners, which the parish was bound to provide, hand bells and lights enlivened the procession. At one place the walkers would stop to feast; and at another assemble around a cross to be edified with some godly prayer, or told the story of some saint or martyr, and so the circuit of the parish was completed.

The injunctions of Queen Elizabeth I required that, in order to retain the perambulation of the circuits of parishes, the people should once in the year at this time, with the curate and important men of the parish, walk about the parish as they were accustomed, and at their return to the church make their common prayers. The curate in these perambulations was at certain convenient places to lead the people in thanking God as they beheld His benefits, and for the increase and abundance of the fruits upon the face of the earth. As part of this worship the curate was required to recite Psalm 104.

Ascension Day or Holy Thursday is a festival of the Church of England in commemoration of the glorious ascension of Jesus into heaven. It occurs forty days after Easter Sunday, being the number of days the Saviour passed on this earth after his resurrection. The observance is thought to be one of the very earliest in the Church dating back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century.

*“Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord my God thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.*

*Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:*

*Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:*

*Who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire:*

*Who laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever.*

Psalm 104 vs 1 –5.

Noel Simpson

## **Woolbeding Diary**

Every Tuesday: 9am Morning Prayer

|        |                |     |
|--------|----------------|-----|
| 06 Jun | Holy Communion | 9am |
| 13 Jun | Evensong       | 6pm |
| 20 Jun | Holy Communion | 9am |

## **Bible Readings for June**

### **13<sup>th</sup> June**

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| First Reading  | 1 Kings 21: 1 - 14, 15 - 21a |
| Second Reading | Galatians 2: 15 - 21         |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3            |

### **20<sup>th</sup> June**

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| First Reading  | 1 Kings 19: 1 -7, 8 - 15a |
| Second Reading | Galatians 3: 23 - 29      |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 8: 26 - 39           |

### **27<sup>th</sup> June**

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| First Reading  | 2 Kings 2: 1 - 2, 6 - 14 |
| Second Reading | Galatians 5: 1, 13 - 25  |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 9: 51 - end         |

## FUTURE EVENTS DIARY

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Gift Day** from 10am to 4pm.

The day will begin at

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|---------|-------------------------|
| 10am    | with a peal of bells.   |
| 11.00am | Story time for children |
| 12 noon | Hand Bell ringing       |
| 1.00pm  | Poems for children      |
| 2.00pm  | Short organ recital     |
| 3.00pm  | Singing by the choir    |
| 4.00pm  | Tea and refreshments    |



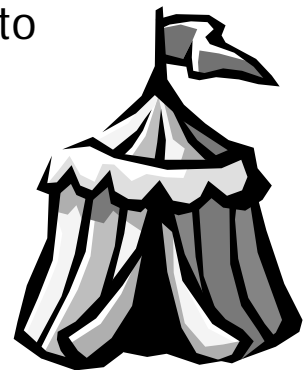
To help advertise this event, a **Breakfast** is to be held on **Saturday morning 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

If you can help deliver leaflets to advertise the Gift Day, please see the sign-up sheet which will be in church.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Patronal Summer Festival**

To be held, as usual, in the Market Square with stalls, refreshments and music. More details will be displayed in church shortly.

If you would like to help with a stall, please speak to Joy on (01730) 812807



**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August.** Richard Durrant, Classical guitar concert. This is combined with the **MADHURST** Festival.

Commencing at 7.30pm. If you would like to reserve tickets for this event, please speak to Joy on (01730) 812807 or to Betty Marston.

Ticket prices will be announced shortly.

## CHURCH FINANCES – HOW YOU CAN HELP

At our Parish APCM on 18<sup>th</sup> April, Father Marcus and Gerry Randall explained how our cash reserves had fallen from £46,000 in 2007 to £13,000 by December 2009 due partly to our 2008 expenditures on roof repairs. It was also pointed out that, whereas our contribution to the Chichester diocese (for clergy stipend, national insurance and housing, plus insurance, training and parish support) had increased by £8,000 pa from 2006 to 2009, our receipts from planned giving and collections had decreased by £5,000 pa over the same period. Our situation was critical – without action on our part, our church would have exhausted its funds by early 2011, at which time we should still owe the Diocese £12,000 for a loan taken out to help fund the roof repairs, and we should be facing recurring annual deficits.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had already helped by supporting Father Marcus in his sponsored slim and Gerry in his Walsingham pilgrimage, as well as by donating cash by filling their “Smarties” tubes. While these initiatives had been enormously helpful in raising approximately £2,700, they were short-term and one-off responses. We need to do a lot more.

This update (and we shall focus on other issues in further editions of Envoy) focuses on two of the key ways in which Father Marcus suggested that you may be able to help.

The first is to consider your regular giving to the church (whether through the yellow or green envelope schemes or through a monthly standing order to our bank account). The importance of regular giving was illustrated by the observation that if, on average, everyone was able to give 10% more, our annual income would improve by about £4,000. Of course, we recognise that these are difficult economic times. If anyone is struggling, it would be quite understandable if they chose to give less. But others might be able

and willing to increase their regular donations to our church, recognising the countless blessings that they receive from our Lord. Those who pay by standing order would in this case simply change their instructions to their bank as well as (if they are taxpayers) signing an updated gift aid form which is available in the church. Those who give through an envelope scheme would simply increase the amount inserted in their yellow (monthly) or green (weekly) envelopes. If anyone is unsure of the steps they can take, they may of course speak in complete confidence to our vicar, to the treasurer or to one of our churchwardens.

The second is by making an additional, perhaps one-off gift to our church at our Gift Day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The church will be open throughout that day (during which there will also be performances by our organist, by our choir and by the bellringers) in order to receive your gifts, which will be destined to help pay off the outstanding £12,000 balance on our Diocesan loan. We are extending our appeal on this day to those in our local community who, while they may not be regular churchgoers, may nevertheless appreciate the role and outreach of our church in Midhurst. This includes providing beautiful services for baptisms, weddings and funerals, our active support of overseas charities (including the school in Gambia and water for Uganda) and our participation in the governance of local schools. Others might simply appreciate our care for a beautiful historic building at the heart of our town.

Whether or not you are able to help in one or both of these ways, please be assured that we greatly value your presence, friendship and collaboration in so many other ways. God bless you all!

Father Marcus

Gerry Randall

## **MOTHERS' UNION REPORT**

Many of us gathered in church at 5pm on March 19th to witness our allotted hour of prayer for 'Wave of Prayer', which is observed by Mothers' Union groups throughout the world.

The next day, all members of the Diocese gathered in Chichester Cathedral for the Festival and Commissioning Service. It was a happy occasion, with each branch represented by their banner, which were processed down the aisle. The music was led by a choir of forty ladies, dressed in all shades of blue and white. Bishop Hinds gave an address about Mothers' Union's place in today's world, and then he commissioned our new President, Chris Emson. We very much kept in mind Deborah Carter, who would have been president if it were not for a very serious illness.

Lady Day was celebrated with a party in church provided by Brenda Hodgton. The tea was preceded with Bible readings containing references to Mary, Mother of Jesus. We thank Brenda for all her hard work providing a delicious tea. On Wednesday, April 28th, Fr. Marcus talked to us about his work in Spain. The Diocese is in the charge of the Bishop of Fulham and Europe, and it covers 7,000 sq. kms of the Costa Blanca. It now has two full-time vicars, and various retired clergy and readers. Fr. Marcus helps with holiday cover. There are many retired English-speaking people living in Spain, and funerals are a large part of the work there, as well as supporting the lonely and bereaved, many suffering from the economic situation. There is much travelling involved as the churches are so far apart.

At our evening meeting on May 6th, Carole Ford gave us an interesting insight into her work as a Family Support Officer with the Education Dept. She covers the Horsham District which stretches down to Littlehampton, visiting any schools and homes of pupils with problems.

There are two important dates of future events. The first is on July 1st, when a District Festival of Eucharist will be held in Easebourne Parish Church at 7pm. This is Jane Simpson's first event as District Chairman, and she asks for everyone's support. We are providing refreshments. The second is on July 17th, a family fun day at 'Drucilla's Park', near Eastbourne. Entrance fee is £7.00 per person (half price!) 2yrs under, free. Please contact Jane on 813384 for further information.

More Future Dates include:

Wed. June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3pm Garden Party at Chrissie's home, 'Avery', Easebourne Lane.

Thurs. July 1<sup>st</sup> - 7pm District Festival Service, Easebourne Parish Church, followed by refreshments.

Sat. July 17<sup>th</sup> - All day. Family Day at Drucilla's Park. (See above).

Mon. August 9<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am Mary Sumner Day. Coffee Morning at Jane Simpson's, 1 Poplar Way.

Thurs. September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7.30pm Evening Meeting at Eve Wight's home, 1 Cavalier Way.

E Wight

N.B. The Mothers' Union evening meeting on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July will be the Chichester District Festival Eucharist at Easebourne Church at 7pm, with refreshments in the Refectory afterwards. Please try and come because Midhurst will be the hosts for the rest of the district.

## Cycling Galore at M.P.S.

*Early in May the Year 5 children spent each morning learning how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. This is an annual event and I asked two of the children who participated to write an article all about their experience.*



For one whole week in May the children of Year 5 did their bike ability course. This is the course that used to be known as cycling proficiency; it is aimed to teach children how to ride their bikes on the road safely.

We started off at level one. At this level we were learning the basics of cycling on the school playground. During those sessions we learnt about signalling, how to do the start position and to carry out a life saver, which is to look over your left or right shoulder. We also learnt what road signs mean.

The next day, the people who passed level one went on to level two. For the following four days we walked up to Guillard's Oak in Midhurst, which is a turning off the Petersfield Road. There we were taught to look straight into the side roads, how to put your bike safely in the road and overtake a parked car in the road. U-turns were also taught to us.

It was an enjoyable experience and it helped us understand more about cycling, it means that we now feel more confident to go out onto the road by ourselves. It is certainly a very

valuable course and one that everyone should do if they want to cycle anywhere on our busy roads.

We would like to thank all the leaders and the people who helped and volunteered to support us during the week, (we needed lots of parents when we were out on the roads to ensure our safety).

At the end of the week everybody passed level one or level two and received certificates and badges. Certainly we all feel more confident to cycle to school!

Victoria Marley & Gracie Spooner (Year 5)



## **JOHN BROADBENT MEMORIAL BURSARY**

In memory of John Broadbent, who was organist at St. Mary's Church, Easebourne until his death last year, Mary Knight has arranged a series of recitals in the Church. It is hoped that the money raised from these concerts can be used to set up a bursary to help young people to learn to play the organ and take an active part in church music.

The dates of the concerts are Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Further details will be found on the bookshelves in Easebourne Church, or from Mary Knight on 01730 812783, or Pat Broadbent on 01730 812019.

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GARDEN CLUB**

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## **ENGLISH AND GERMAN CHOIRS COMBINE TO SING AN ITALIAN MASTERWORK**

Fernhurst Choral Society's spring/summer concert this year will be a joint performance with the renowned International Choir of Hildesheim, Germany, of Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* - literally his small solemn mass.

The title of this mass is a classical misnomer, for it is a substantial work written in the grand operatic style for which the composer is perhaps better known: Rossini wrote 38 operas, including those still prominent in the operatic repertoire such as *The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*. Although the latter was his last opera, it was composed when Rossini was just 37; with the notable exception of his *Stabat Mater* (1842) he composed nothing of musical significance until *Petite Messe Solennelle* in 1863, five years before his death.

Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* is full of memorable tunes, musical intensity and buoyant rhythms and is a delight to sing and hear. Fernhurst Choral Society and the International Choir of Hildesheim will be jointly singing this master work three times; twice in Germany during the Society's visit to Germany at the end of May and once again in England in June.

The concert in England will be at 1930 hours on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at St. Paul's Church, Chichester. Tickets cost £12.50 (£6 for NUS students) and are available from Chichester Tourist Information Office; by ringing 01428 644125, 01730 816542 or 01428 642332; or on the door.

For more information on the choir, contact Tina Litchfield (Secretary) on 01730 816542, or Rob Walker on 01428 642332 or [robwalker@f2s.com](mailto:robwalker@f2s.com)

## **LODSWORTH FILM NIGHTS**

I would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive of our monthly film evenings and hope that you have enjoyed the selection of films and the friendly and congenial atmosphere of seeing your friends and meeting others.

The summer recess now begins and I hope we shall see you all again in the autumn! Time flies by so you might like to make a note of the dates in your diaries: - (all Thursdays) 7<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any requests for film titles please give me a call.

### **\*\*\*\* BIG COUP FOR LODSWORTH \*\*\*\***

Watch this space - on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the "TRIO FANTASIA" will be giving a live performance in the Village Hall. They present a musical concept where well known classical compositions are blended by three expert musicians into a swinging, easy listening experience in the style of Jacques Loussier. Watch this space for more!!

## **ROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY**

Saturday 12th June sees Rogate Choral Society's summer concert "A Celebration of the Seasons" in St George's Church Trotton at 7.30pm. Sarah Miles and Hugh Bonneville will be reading and the music will range from the 16thC to the 21stC via madrigals and Mendelssohn to Negro Spirituals and Gershwin. The retiring collection will be given to St George's Church. Do come and enjoy a delightful evening in this beautiful church.

## **SECRET GARDENS OF PETWORTH**

**Sunday 20th June 2010**

20 hidden gardens open from 2-6 pm in aid of the  
**BRITISH RED CROSS**

Maps and teas available at the Red Cross Centre, Market  
Square, Petworth.  
Tel: 01798 343252

### ***WANTED: Meals on Wheels Volunteers***

We are based in Petworth and produce approximately 130-140 meals daily for Midhurst, Petworth and Storrington areas.

Volunteers are required 1 to 1.5 hours, mileage allowance paid, subject to CRB clearance.

If you can spare an hour or two, we would be most grateful. For further details, please call 01798 343773 and ask for project Manager Donna.

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Listen to the Band. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Capron House, North Street Midhurst. Those of you who have been before to this splendid evening listening to the Sussex Band of the Royal British Legion (Horsham) know what a treat it is. The band will play in the Memorial Hall of Capron House. At half time the garden will be available for picnics, don't forget your chairs – oh yes it will be fine! - soft drinks and light refreshments can be bought.

Tickets before the 27<sup>th</sup> £6.00 from A.R.Douglas-Nugent, Little Todham Farnhouse, Ambersham, Midhurst. GU29 0BU. Cheques should be made out to Royal British Legion Midhurst Branch and enclose an sae. On the door tickets will be £7.50. Children under 14 free.

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The Wild Sounds of Sussex

by Mike Russell Head of People & Wildlife at Sussex Wildlife Trust

Spring has been a little late this year, although actually I'm not sure that's true. A proper winter has meant that spring has arrived at the right time just like it did in the olden days. Still, whatever time it arrives it is always very welcome.

For me, spring is as much about sound as about sun, warmth, flowers and new born lambs. Even before the birds start arriving from Africa, the resident blackbirds, robins and song thrushes are in full song. The clocks going forward at the end of March act as a real trigger, particularly for the blackbirds, and the lengthening evenings are so much enhanced by their wonderful mellifluous song.

It's not just the birds that provide the soundtrack for spring. Frogs and toads add their rather un-musical voices at the beginning and

when the air starts to warm up you get the lovely soft droning sounds of bumblebees and the urgent buzzing of hoverflies. Even the carp in the lake at Woods Mill get in on the act with their pre-breeding, rather unsavoury, slurping noises!

By mid-April the avian chorus is starting to get into full swing and here at Woods Mill the air is filled with song of new arrivals from Africa, that despite journeys of 3,000 mile plus, are frantic to establish a territory and find a mate. Scratchy whitethroats, monotonous chiffchaffs, babbling blackcaps and cascading willow warblers accompany a walk around the reserve and to complete the choir – the song of the nightingale.

All these sounds add a new dimension to any visit to the countryside. I think it's impossible not to be uplifted by a skylark pouring out its song high above the Downs on a warm May morning. Artists, poets, writers, musicians have all been inspired by the sounds of the landscape around them and the fact that 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams is one of the most popular pieces of music by a British composer, is testament to the fact that that inspiration flows down to the general public. Our long tradition of folk music too relates to the landscape, how it shaped the rural lives and how sound was an integral part of that life. The South Downs in particular has been a source of countless traditional songs that have been kept alive through the centuries, none more so than Sussex's very own The Copper Family from Rottingdean who have been ensuring the survival of these tunes for over 200 years.

To celebrate the wonder of natural sound in the local landscapes the Trust is running some events in June and July, two of which are tied in with the Adur Arts Festival. At Woods Mill we are running four 'Evenings with Nightingales' to celebrate their beautiful song – details at the end of this article.

As I write the skies are eerily quiet, as the Icelandic volcano has grounded aircraft across Europe. While not minimising the distress this is causing stranded passengers and to the economy, many people not directly affected by the ash, particularly those that live under a flight path near airports, have had a whole new world of natural sounds opened up to them; they can actually hear the blackbirds, robins and thrushes in their gardens and the joy it brings them is palpable.

So, in this increasingly noisy world, the next time you are out, just take a little time to stop and listen to the wild sounds around you - you will be surprised at what you can hear.

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Sussex Wildlife Trust at the Adur Festival

Tuesday 8th June 19.30 - Southwick Community Centre

The Wild Sound of Sussex - an illustrated talk by Mike Russell looking at how natural sounds in the landscape have influenced musicians and singers over the centuries.

Saturday 19th June 10.00 - 16.00 - Downs Barn, Sompting Estate

Songs of the South Downs Lands - a Day Course with Mike Tristram to listen and learn about traditional songs of the Downs and join in the singing!

Evenings with Nightjars

Thursdays 15th June & Thursday 1st July 19.30 - 22.00 Spring Hill Farm, nr Forest Row

Monday 5th July 19.30 - 22.00 Stedham Village Hill, nr Midhurst

Indoor session on the life of the nightjar and then out to nearby heathlands to listen to the real thing

Booking essential. Ring 01273 497561



Imagine.....

You have been given the opportunity to present a cherished dream, a sketch, a play, a poem, your own version of a song or some music, a piece of artwork you have long wanted to create, where you have total input, either as an individual or as a group, where your backdrop is the sky and your audience is whoever you happen to meet

Imagine.....

It's just such an opportunity!

Midhurst Madhurst will open its arms to anyone and everyone in the Town and the surrounding villages who wants to be creative - be it with art, music or performance of any kind. From August 22nd to the Grand Finale on the 30th at Cowdray Ruins the Town will be alive with festivity of every kind, celebrating

IMAGINATION!

Let us know how you would like to be involved by either telephoning Heather Skermer on 01730 812961 or email heather.skermer@tesco.net.

Visit our website: [www. Madhurst.co.uk](http://www.Madhurst.co.uk)

We want you to be there too!

MIDHURST & WOOLBEDING CALENDAR – JUNE

2 nd	Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
3 rd	Thursday	Corpus Christi	
5 th	Saturday	9.30am	Parish Breakfast
6 th	Sunday	Trinity 1	
	Woolbeding	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Midhurst	9.30am	Sunday Morning Live!
		10.15am	Coffee
		10.45am	Holy Communion (shortened)
		6.00pm	Evensong
8 th	Tuesday	3.30pm	‘Solid Rock’ Club – Primary School
		8.00pm	OASIS Worship – Costers Farm theme: David, Faith, naturally
9 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Mothers and Others
		10.15am	Holy Communion
11 th	Friday	<u><i>Barnabas the Apostle</i></u>	
12 th	Saturday	2.00pm	Wedding
13 th	Sunday	Trinity 2	
	Midhurst	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Parish Communion
	Woolbeding	6.00pm	Evensong
14 th	Monday	8.00pm	Life and Faith Group at 46, Guillards Oak
15 th	Tuesday	3.30pm	‘Solid Rock’ Club – Primary School

16 th	Wednesday	10.00am 10.15am 7.30pm	Mothers and Others Holy Communion Deanery Synod at Milland
17 th	Thursday	8.00pm	House Group at 14, Park Crescent
19 th	Saturday	10.00am - 4.00pm Gift Day	
20 th	Sunday	Trinity 3	
	Woolbeding	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Midhurst	10.30am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Confirmation Service
22 nd	Tuesday	3.30pm 7.30pm	'Solid Rock' Club – Primary School Julian Group - 52 Heathfield Park
23 rd	Wednesday	10.00am 10.15am 3.00pm 7.30pm	Mothers and Others Holy Communion Mothers' Union – Garden Party - 'Avery', Easebourne Lane Woolbeding PCC at Adrian Moore's house
26 th	Saturday	2.00pm 4.00pm	Wedding Wedding
27 th	Sunday	Trinity 4	
	Midhurst	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
28 th	Monday	8.00pm	Life and Faith Group at 46, Guillards Oak

29th Tuesday **Peter and Paul, Apostles**
3.30pm 'Solid Rock' Club – Primary
School

30th Wednesday 10.00am Mothers and Others
10.15am Holy Communion

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1st Thursday 8.00pm House Group at
14, Park Crescent

3rd Saturday **Thomas the Apostle**

4th Sunday Trinity 5
Woolbeding 9.00am Holy Communion
Midhurst 9.30am Sunday Morning Live!
10.15am Coffee
10.45am Holy Communion (shortened)
6.00pm Evensong

6th Tuesday 3.30pm 'Solid Rock' Club – Primary
School

FROM the RECORDS

Holy Baptism

Harvey David William Robinson 4th April

Holy Matrimony

John Harwood and Susan Jane West 17th April

The Departed

Leslie Alfred Glue 1st April Age 87

Sharing Prayers throughout the month of June

Suggestions you may wish to include in your personal prayers during the coming month

“Be still and know that I am God”

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,

A life to proclaim you

Tuesday 1st - Saturday 5th June

*We remember Corpus Christi [3rd]: Parish Breakfast [5th @ 9.30 a.m.]
Let us pray for fellowship of those who will meet to share this meal.
Throughout this week let us all go out of our way to share fellowship
with another, with whom we would not normally, or only occasionally,
come into contact those of other faiths and in this time of political
uncertainties those with other political persuasions to our own.*

*We pray for those in our parishes who live in Guillard's Oak;
Heatherwood; Heathfield Close; Heathfield Gardens; Heathfield Gate;
Heathfield Green; and Heathfield Park,*

*In our Diocese we are asked to pray for the Incumbent and parishioners
who live in the parishes of St. Mary's Hailsham; Holy Trinity Hurst
Green; and All Saints; and St. Richard Heathfield.*

World Environmental Day [5th]. Let us remember in our prayers those who are surrounded not by beauty as we are, but the spoils and poverty caused by environmental disasters and modern demands.

*Grant that it may be our meat and drink
To do the will of our Father
Who is in Heaven*

*Grant unto us to take up whatever
Cross is laid upon us and
Gallantly and gladly
To carry it*

Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th June

Let us remember all those who work in our community, among whom are the local police, the community bus volunteers, the teaching and non teaching staff returning to schools refreshed following the Half Term holiday, and all the young people who are revising and about to take their examinations. We also remember St. Barnabas [11th].

We pray for those in our parishes who live in Holmbush Way; June Lane; June Meadows; Knockhundred Road; Lamberts Lane; Meadway and Cobden House.

In our Diocese we are asked to pray for the Incumbents and parishioners who live in the parishes of Hurstmonceux and Wartling; Horam; Salehurst; Warbleton and Bodle Street Green; and Waldron.

World wide let us pray for the work carried out in faith by all missionaries ~ that those who live and devote their lives to this service

be given guidance and sensitivity and a gentle loving approach to all with whom they come into contact.

Our Father, it is your universe

It is your will, let us be at peace;

Let the souls of your people be cool;

You are our Father

Remove all evil from our path

Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th June

We remember St. Richard of Chichester 1253 [16th]. Let us pray for all those who are members of the Deanery Synod who will meet at Milland [16th]. Midhurst Parish Church Gift Day [19th]. We pray for all those who will visit our church on this day ~ let us remember too that gifts come in many guises and give thanks for those who are generous with their gifts in so many different ways. Let us remember too all those who come into our church day by day to find a quiet place to rest.

We pray for those in our parishes who live in New Road; North Street; Oakhurst; Oakwood Close; Orchard Way and Park Crescent.

In our Diocese we are asked to pray for the Deanery of Eastbourne.

Worldwide we pray for all the people of Makgaibaris near Darjeeling where young volunteers have just spent time installing a water tank so that the elderly do not have to walk several hours each day to collect all their water. Let us give thanks for their commitment to this project, and many other young people like them.

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits that Thou has given me
For all the pains and insults
Thou has borne for me
Oh most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and brother*

*May I know Thee more clearly
Love Thee more dearly
And follow Thee more nearly*

Amen

[St. Richard of Chichester]

Sunday 20th - Wednesday 30th June

Let us give support and our prayers to all those who will be confirmed at Midhurst Parish Church 6.00 p.m. [20th]. We remember the Birth of John the Baptist [24th] St. Peter and St. Paul [29th]. Let us pray for the work of the local Mothers' Union members [23rd] and members of the Woolbeding PCC [23rd]

We pray for those in our parishes who live in Petersfield Road; Pitsham Wood; Poplar Way; Pretoria Avenue; Rumbolds Hill and St. Anne's Hill.

In our Diocese we are asked to pray for the Incumbents and parishioners of parishes in Eastbourne among which are St. Saviour and St. Peter; All Souls; All Saints; St. Michael and All Angels; and East Dean with Friston and Jevington.

By thy love, may we be bound together