

Envoy

February 2012

February letter from Fr. Marcus

*Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*

*Romans 10.17*

My Dear Friends,

Records are showing that attendance at a lot of churches throughout our country were up this Christmas. It is too early to say whether this is a trend which will continue, but it does seem that when life is throwing up all sorts of difficulties and issues, and there is a great deal of uncertainty around, then there is still a deep feeling that spiritual part of our being is important, and it comes to the fore. I believe people want to look beyond 'Things' to a meaning and a purpose, and the church is here to encourage and help with that.

My favourite season of Lent begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and together I hope we can take time out to reflect on four great issues that are to do with Church Growth. The reason for this is because our church needs to grow, otherwise it will die, but perhaps more importantly, the message of Christ is worth sharing, and we have a joy and a privilege to share it. Add to that the feeling that people are very receptive at the moment, and we have a brilliant recipe for growth and outreach.

During Lent I would love us to concentrate on the following:

What is it about the Christian faith that I love so much, and is worth sharing?

What should our own pattern of prayer look like?

Where does our church stand on those issues I mentioned in my letter last month, to do with characteristics of churches that are shrinking, and those that are growing?

How do we, as a church, engage fully with our local community, in a way which is creative, positive and may lead to growth?

Jenny Dennett wrote me a very inspiring letter after the last Prayer Breakfast (the next one is on 4th February at 9.30 in the Parish Room) in which she spoke of an idea about having a year of thanksgiving for our local community. Once a month focusing on a particular group or section of commerce, education, or service; inviting members of the said group to come, and take part in our service which we would tailor to that particular theme, and we would pray for them, ask a member to do a reading, and maybe a talk at a coffee morning. This may well be the beginning of a really brilliant opportunity for this church to do mission in a way that it feels it owns. I am very excited about it.

I will be leading a Lent course covering these topics, and I would ask other House Groups to use the material I will produce. At the end of the course we can see if there is a common theme running through our deliberations, and it may well lead us into appropriate action...and growth.

In the meantime, can I ask a favour? You may well have heard by now that I have been offered another post, and Sandra and I will be leaving for the Costa Blanca soon after Easter. It will be a huge upheaval for both you and us. You because of the impending interregnum and us because of the whole idea of living away from our families and friends. Having said that, we are looking on it as a great and exciting adventure. But I ask for your prayers, for us, for The Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit in The Costa Blanca, and for the parishes of Midhurst and Woolbeding; praying that whatever is done, may be guided by God.

With Love and Prayers,

Fr.Marcus

## **All Hallows, Woolbeding**

The Rev. Francis Bourdillon and his family came to Woolbeding in 1855. He received a warm welcome and “much assistance from Mr and Mrs Ponsonby, and especially her daughter Mrs Howard and her husband, the Captain, who lived with them in Woolbeding House. Mrs Ponsonby was daughter to Mr Bouverie, formerly of Delapre Abbey, Northampton, and of Lady Robert Spencer, her mother having married Lord Robert for her second husband. He had been a friend of Mr Charles Fox and of all his party (the Whigs), and it was said that Woolbeding had been won by him at play, but I know not whether that was true. He left the estate to Mrs Ponsonby.

Here, 10 November 1855, our third son was born - Bernard Keene – getting his second name from dear friends who came from Swyncombe to his baptism. Thus our gap was filled, and we had three again, but no little girl now.

In 1858 a fourth little boy (Frederic Lancelot) was born to us, but only lived a few days. He lies in Woolbeding churchyard.

They were happy days at Woolbeding. Their mother and I taught our boys, as they grew old enough to learn, and in due time they all went to school and did well.

My predecessor, Mr Bouverie, was a bachelor. He had a good library, and was very fond of his garden. I succeeded to a beautiful garden, with greenhouse, and I farmed the glebe of 25 acres close to the house, keeping cows and going through the usual course of tillage. “Old Joseph” Quennel remained with me, living in the entrance lodge, and his nephew Richard was gardener and lived at the Rectory. We had good women servants, “Waters” and “Annie.” I kept a pony and carriage and also rode much about the parish so that I soon knew the people and the surrounding country.”

The residents of Woolbeding knew that the first spring flower to appear in the churchyard was the snowdrop usually at the end of January. The flowers are known as “the Candlemas bells” and represent hope. At this

time of year we celebrate Candlemas and in our service, as in medieval times, the candles for the year are blessed. Before the advent of electric lighting, darkness was an intense reality and therefore the candlelight in our church shines with great meaning and impact. It reminds us of that eternal light – the Light of the World overcoming darkness. Winter does eventually give way to Spring.

Noel Simpson

Diary

Every Tuesday: 9am Morning Prayer

29 Jan	Candlemas	8.30am
05 Feb	Holy Communion	8.30am
19 Feb	Holy Communion	8.30am

**Bible Readings for February**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February –**

First Reading  
New Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading

**Second before Lent**

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31  
Colossians 1: 15-20  
John 1: 1-14



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February –**

First Reading  
New Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading

**Next before Lent**

2 Kings 2: 1-12  
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6  
Mark 9: 2-9

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February –**

First Reading  
New Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading

**First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9: 8-17  
1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 9-15

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

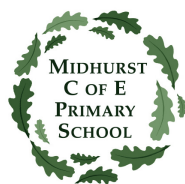
Midhurst Parish Church is privileged to have not just one, but two members of our congregation who were honoured by Midhurst Town Council in December for their services to our community.

John Etherington, Chairman of Midhurst Town Council, presented an award to **Maddy Clark** in recognition of her long-term association with Midhurst Community Hospital. She first worked there as a district nurse and sister and has been a member of the hospital committee for 15 years. In retirement she continues to visit patients there weekly, taking part in social activities.

**Liz Moore** received her award for her work in supporting young families and children. She, together with her husband, has been a foster-parent for many years, and is an advisor in child care, child behaviour and good parenting practice. A member of MU she also helps with our own 'Mothers and Others' group on Wednesday mornings and finds time to be a volunteer at the creche in Ford Prison.

Congratulations to you both.

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Hello again Envoy readers. Can I begin by apologising for the gap in writing anything for the Envoy. Last term, particularly, was a very busy one with visits from Ofsted inspectors, Health and Safety auditors and inspectors from the Diocese. I am pleased to

be able to report that all three went very well, all finding that the work of the school in their particular areas of interest is good. It all goes to show that the hard work and enthusiasm of staff really does have an impact on our fantastic learners.

Last term was also a time when as a school we looked closely at the curriculum that we offer our children and aimed to develop more collaborative working and opportunities for visits, visitors and trips. Expeditions included a visit to the Cowdray farm by our Reception children, a trip to Portsmouth Harbour and various ships for our Key Stage 1 children, several local walks and studies in Midhurst for our year 3 and 4 children and a visit to Hollycombe Steam for our year 5 and 6 children. All in all the term represented a fantastic array of curriculum enhancement opportunities, all of which has had a real impact on the enthusiasm of learners in the school. I am really glad that this was reflected in the recent Ofsted inspection and in the feedback I have been getting from the children and their parents.

Last term also had a very exciting beginning after some significant improvements were made to the learning environments within the school. This took place following the Governors' agreement to take an extra 15 children in the 2010 Reception intake, meaning we needed to create another classroom for learners. As a result we decided to renovate our landing and library areas so that they could accommodate our IT resources, freeing up the ICT suite for the year 1's classroom. All in all the renovations have made a real difference to the learning spaces and again has received very positive feedback from our learners.

We then had another very exciting end of term with our Christmas Celebrations. Our Year 1, 2 and 3 children put on a performance of 'The Very Hopeless Camel' which was fantastic fun and showed off a lot of talent for the future. The year 4, 5 and 6 children then put together a fantastic Christmas Carol Concert at the Parish church, which was also really well attended by our parents and community, in a very full church. Our EYFS children performed a nativity for their parents, followed by a coffee and mince pie and we all had a really fabulous, festive time.

We are now raring to go for the Spring Term, with lots of plans about how we can continue to improve the curriculum further. Our Key Stage 2 teachers are now working on a common theme, as are our Key Stage 1 and Reception teachers. I look forward to telling you about it as the term progresses. We also hope that we can complete some work on our swimming pool changing rooms and are looking to add a canopy to a new outdoor learning area that has been put together for our Key Stage 1 learners.

We now all miss Mrs Willing, who retired at the end of last year. She has been sorely missed, particularly with the advice and support she was able to give with the children who have Special Needs in the school. We have been happy to see her at times when she has covered some classes for us as a supply. Following Mrs Willing's retirement we have also been able to welcome Miss Maxfield, who had joined us to teach year 4. Her skill as a teacher was highly regarded by our recent inspectors, which has not surprised me given what I have seen when sneaking around the school.

We have also recently been informed of Mrs Bellotti's wish to retire at the end of this academic year. We wish Jenni all the best in her retirement when it comes and hope this will be a very fulfilling final two terms for her before she finishes at the end of August. We are already seeking a suitable replacement, something I hope I can tell you more about next time.

All in all things continue to move apace and with everyone keen to continue to provide the best we can for our learners.  
Until next time.....

Matthew Barnes

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## **MOTHERS' UNION**

The speaker for our last meeting in November was Chris Emmerson, Diocesan President of Chichester District Mothers' Union, who told us of her visit to Kenya in 2010. She went to Naburu and Kericho, which is a new diocese with links to Mothers' Union. Bishop Jackson is a member of the Masai tribe, and God called him to service whilst he was sitting on a rock. The Cathedral is the parish church, with a school attached. There is also a newly built parish office and M.U. bookshop. Education is free for primary aged children who live in the cities, but pens etc. have to be paid for. The children may have to walk 12.5 km to school. A boy with a birthday sang 'Happy Birthday' in Swahili, and it was the same tune as ours. There are vast areas of tea plantations, mostly picked by machines, although hand picking is still preferred. There is a company shop owned by Liptons, where workers can spend their wages. Flowers are also grown for Waitrose and Marks and Spencer; roses grow quickly in the heat. M.U. members have to be married, and undertake a lot of preparation before enrolment by the

Bishop. They are then given a scarf. One village visited by Christine, killed and cooked a goat in her honour. Another village kept bee-hives in the trees, and another parish held a Saturday club for poor and needy children; one hundred and fifty to two hundred young people would attend, and be given a free meal and Bible lessons.

There is a clinic on Masai Mara that gives health-care and encouragement to pregnant women. Genital mutilation is now against the law, but still practiced in some areas, especially by older women, though not Christians. Eye-drops are provided to patients with eye conditions which cost £3.50 each and are donated by the Lions and Rotary organizations.

Whilst there, Chris attended a Church service that was 3 hours long, (normally 4 1/2); afterwards, they stood in a circle outside to say Grace before a meal.

On Dec. 14th, we met in Church for our Carol Service, with invited and other welcome guests. It was a lovely service with a talk by Fr. Marcus about the Judas Tree, and music was provided by Sue Haines. We enjoyed tea and mince pies afterwards.

Future Dates:

<b>Wed. January 25th</b>	2.30pm AGM Chaired by FR. Marcus (Raffle)
<b>Thurs. February 2nd</b>	7.30pm Evening meeting at Brenda's home, 19 Goodwood Close.
<b>February 7th to 14th</b>	Marriage Week
<b>Wed. February 22nd</b>	10.15am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion (sales table)
<b>Fri. March 2nd</b>	2pm Women's World Day of Prayer
<b>Mon. March 19th</b>	4.00-5.00pm Wave of Prayer in the Southampton Chapel
<b>Mon. March 26th</b>	Lady Day
<b>Wed. March 28th</b>	2.30pm Time to Talk Part One, 'Having It All' (raffle)

## **Midhurst W.I. Meeting**

The President, Mrs Betty Parry, welcomed the members to the first meeting of the year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Members were reminded that this year is the Institute's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and asked for suggestions for venues for the coming Birthday Lunch. Members were also reminded that there will be a jumble sale on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. An interesting talk entitled "NFWI/WSWI Let's Cook Project" was given by Mrs Anne Parry and Mrs June Moran. This project helps disadvantaged young parents in West Sussex to learn how to cook; and it is proving to be very successful.

A birthday posy was presented to Betty Dudley. This was followed by tea served by Nancy and Pam.

May West



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### **Note of thanks .....**

I wish to thank all those who sent letters and cards with sympathy and prayers on the death of Lawrence. The words gave me great comfort. So far £484.65 has been donated in his memory for Midhurst Parish Church .

Doreen Cleaver

# Craft + Coffee Morning is back!

Thursday 15 March  
10am - 12noon

in Midhurst Parish Church



After a brief winter break we are re-introducing our Craft + Coffee Mornings – at the first of which we will have a display of christening gowns.

If you have items for this display or any other particular talent to showcase at future events, please contact Penny on 814724.

## MIDHURST MUSIC SOCIETY

### Pirates of Penzance

Midhurst Music Society will be hosting a 'Bring and Sing' performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance in St Mary's Church in Easebourne at 7.30pm on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Graffham Rustics will be joining the Society and providing some of the soloists.

Any singers will be very welcome. The afternoon rehearsal starts at 1.30 pm. There will be plenty of copies available on loan!

Andrew Broadbent

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

I have been concerned for some time about how easy it is to offer oft familiar phrases and oft repeated prayers without giving much, if any, thought to the true meaning of the words and phrases. To try and ameliorate this problem, I have re-written the Lord's Prayer for my own personal use; this has enabled me to dispose of some of the archaic jargon and replace it with more modern and meaningful language. I wonder what you think?

*Our Father in Heaven, Your name is holy above every name.*

*May Your kingdom come, Your Will be done on Earth as in Heaven.*

*Give us day by day the food we need and forgive us our sins as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.*

*Lead us that we do not fall victim to temptation and free us from the influence of the evil one.*

*For the Power is yours and the Kingdom and the Glory, in Time and through Eternity. Amen.*

Alan Harrison

## **MOVEMENT IN WORSHIP**

Expressing our Christian faith in and through movement

**When:** FRIDAY MORNINGS

**Where:** THE REFECTORY EASEBOURNE PRIORY EASEBOURNE GU29 0AJ

**Time:** 11AM – 12.30PM

**Contact:** Caroline Hutchings for further details

**Phone:** 01730 813490 or email : [pennants@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pennants@tiscali.co.uk)



### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Midhurst Parish Church**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**At 2.00 pm**

**Speaker Mrs Janice Sayers**

**Prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia**



If you are just retiring or have already retired, why not join Midhurst U3A?

We are a group of people with lively minds, who meet in small groups to further our interests in a wide range of topics from play readings, art, craft, genealogy, architecture and creative writing to digital photography, computers, poetry, art history and singing – if someone has an interest and there are likeminded people, another group is formed. Members run groups in their own homes or meet in larger venues.

On the third Tuesday of each month we meet at 2.30pm in the Midhurst Methodist Church Hall for a get together and an interesting talk by an expert. Andrew Elms will tell us about Lordington Lavender in February and in March John Morgan will give a talk about the Mary Rose and the new museum.

We warmly welcome new members – both couples and singles. We are holding an Open Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Capron House when prospective members and those just interested in learning more about the U3A, can see some of the group activities that take place each month and meet some of our members and group leaders.

For further information please look on our website – [u3asites.org.uk/midhurst](http://u3asites.org.uk/midhurst) or contact Carole Allan on 01730 813374

## The Midhurst Society

This year's Lecture programme covers a wide range of subjects, each one introduced by a very skilled speaker.

We are starting on Thursday, 23 February at 7pm with '***Celebrating 200 years of Charles Dickens***'. This is a one-off opportunity to hear about this remarkable man from his great grand -daughter! **Lucinda Hawksley**, a full-time writer herself, will give us the inside story of the Dickens family - including Katey his celebrity artist daughter - and what it means to grow up with the legacy of being a descendant of one of the world's most influential and popular authors.

Now is the time to renew your membership, or to,join the Society for the first time (membership secretary Mary Massey Tel: 01730 816440), but **all** are welcome to the lecture, so do come along at **7pm to the Memorial Hall, Rother College, North Street, Midhurst**. An entry charge of £2 (member) or £4 (non- member) is payable at the door and contributes to the hire of the hall and audio/visual hire. Wine and soft drinks are served afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Ryan, Chairman

### MIDHURST PARISH CHURCH ROOM

Available for hire

Ideal for the one-off meeting, party or celebration

At £9.60 per hour

For regular users, clubs, societies, etc., £8.00 per hour

Prices include use of tables, chairs,  
kitchen with crockery, toilets.

Bookings now taken by the Parish Office  
on 01730 815356

## Church EBay Account

We now have a fully operational Charity Ebay Account.

During 2012, we are hoping to raise some badly needed funds by selling items on Ebay. Anything from cars to collectibles, garden gnomes to gadgets. Should you have any such items, which are no longer of use to you and you would like to sell on EBay; do please let me know and I will talk you through the required process.

It is possible to donate all or part of the sale price achieved.



Trina Duncan  
Secretary to the PCC  
01730 813362

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### FUND RAISING –

#### FOR SALE: LAND ROVER

1989/91, 110 LWB, 2.5 LITRE, TURBO DIESEL Perfect for adverse weather conditions and country roads 9 seats, all with seat belts. Many extras.  
£4,990.00 ono (5% of sale price will be donated to Church funds)

Tel: Trina Duncan 01730 813362

## Getting to know you ...

It occurred to me recently that sometimes we are a bit like ships passing in the night - we might wave to one another in the street or make small talk over coffee after church, but do we ever really know very much about one another?

Each month our intrepid roving reporter will interview a member of our congregation and report back with a few unknown facts about them.

I hope you will want to join in; your permission will of course be asked first before our reporter digs deep for long forgotten secrets and embarrassing memories! Editor



So in the armchair this month is  
Olga Carter ...

Have you always lived in Midhurst?  
*I was born and brought up in  
Teddington, Middlesex and moved to  
Midhurst about 10 years ago because  
my daughter lived in the area.*

*Although my daughter has now moved away, she visits  
me regularly.*

You have obviously been married?

*Yes, but am now a widow. My husband worked in a  
factory.*

What was your first job?

*I left school at 14 and my first job was in a shop.*

Have you always worked in a shop?

*No, I worked with mentally ill children after  
bringing up my family.*

Have you always gone to church?

*Yes, my parents were church goers and I have regularly attended church.*

Edmund Legrave

## **A Window on the World by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust**

Like me, I expect that many of you have been enthralled, enraptured and sometimes astounded by the BBC 1 programme, 'The Frozen Planet'. Just when you think photography and images in these wildlife programmes can't get any better, they do. The development of technology, along with the specialist knowledge of everyone involved with the production of the programme, ensures that, along with the stunning images, there is a great insight into the behaviour of species combined with the imperious commentary of Sir David Attenborough.

Some of the footage made for uncomfortable viewing and there was much discussion amongst my colleagues about the life and death struggle between a young bison and a lone female wolf. It was fantastic window into the survival and the dependency between the two species, though it did make you feel slightly voyeuristic watching it, as was the scene of orcas, killer whales, creating waves to dislodge a seal from a floating ice block - you could just see in its eyes that it knew the game was up.

To able to produce and transmit such a programme obviously requires enormous resources but the benefit and impact of its transmission will far outweigh the initial cost. I have come across many people not normally natural history programme devotees who have been captivated by it.

I have been equally captivated by other wildlife filming recently, but this involved far less expensive technology and hasn't been broadcast on a worldwide television network. These films have also shown some fascinating insight into behaviour of more familiar species. Professional wildlife photographer David Plummer, who runs

the Sussex Wildlife Trust wildlife photography courses, put out a remote infra-red camera at Woods Mill nature reserve to see what goes on during the hours of darkness. This is becoming increasingly easier to do thanks again to developing and relatively inexpensive technology.

One piece of film David showed me took place in our river valley overlooking the stream and showed a tawny owl behaving somewhat oddly. Like all birds, tawny owls need water for washing which was what we expected this bird to do, but it started to run erratically in the shallow water and almost look liked it was trying to catch the small fish in the stream, unusual behaviour indeed as they are not known for eating fish - they survive on a diet of small mammals.

The quality of the film is obviously nowhere near that of 'The Frozen Planet' but in a way it was just as exciting, because it was a display of totally natural behaviour of a nocturnal species. Hopefully, subsequent footage might confirm whether the owl is actually fishing or just washing its feet!

Last summer, the Trust's Interpretation Officer Neil Fletcher, was able to fix a camera in our kestrel nest box at Woods Mill and we were able to follow the life of a family of these lovely birds of prey. Five youngsters were successfully reared and left the nest, a remarkable achievement thanks to it being an excellent year for numbers of voles. What was so interesting was not just how many voles the parent birds were bringing to the box but the pecking order among the young birds. A pecking order is usual in any nest and the order of things is that the earlier hatchers will get the bulk of the food and in a 'normal' year it is unlikely that all the chicks will survive, but as this year has been so good for voles there was enough to go round for everyone.

These new innovations in technology are allowing us to view nature in a way that we have never seen before, whether it's through a grand multi-million pound production broadcast throughout the world or by basic cameras you can set out in your garden. By seeing these images it draws you into their world, you become engaged, interested and hopefully want to ensure their survival. It also helps those involved in conservation to understand behaviour and manage the landscape to help them survive so, in the end, everyone's a winner.

*You can view the tawny owl film on the Trust website at:*  
<http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/video/index.htm>

## **West Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

The meeting of the West Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society at Fittleworth Village Hall on March 6th begins with a ploughman's lunch at 12.30 followed by a lecture "Temples, tombs and the Queen of Sheba".

Guests are welcome with a pre-booked ticket.

Please apply to Kate Holman, 01798 831620.

### **2011 National Parish Magazine Awards**

Last summer, for the first time, we entered Envoy into this competition. We recently received the following:

*"The results of the 2011 National Parish Magazine Awards have at last been finalised, and, as ever the standard was very high mainly due to the larger number of entries this year. Out of 620 entries your magazine achieved 56th in the Awards."*

The only way is up!!

Ed

P.S. Improvement can be achieved by way of contributors – let us have your comments and, even better, articles of interest.

### **HELP WANTED**

We have a vacancy for someone with word processing skills to join us on the Envoy Team production rota. This involves putting the magazine together in readiness for the printers three or four times a year.

If you are able to help, please contact Penny on 814724.

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### **LODSWORTH FILMS**

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY "THE WAY"** - By popular request.

Drama - Tom Avery, an American doctor, goes to France following the death of his adult son, who was killed in the Pyrenees during a storm whilst walking the CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, initially to retrieve his son's body. However, in a combination of grief and homage to his son, Tom decides to walk the ancient and spiritual trail himself.

Breathtaking scenery, fascinating mix of fellow pilgrims from all walks of life and a very touching and thought provoking true story. Experience the awareness of "The life we live and the life we choose".

## **REPORT FROM THE CAVALIER WEATHER CENTRE**

Once you get to the 21<sup>st</sup> December, the shortest day, you know that all evenings will start to lighten over time. You then start to look out for confirmation of the forthcoming Spring.

Towards the end of last year I suggested that we needed 7-9 inches of rain in November and December, to meet the average over the last four years. In fact, we only received 5.5" so, at a total of 29" for 2011, we are 3" below normal.

Despite the warmish winter so far, we have had no daffodils out before Christmas, although "feral" foxgloves have sprouted in the spaces left by last winter's casualties!

The long dry year has taken its toll on my autumn flowering scented camellia, with few flowers and even more dead branches, but this plant heralds the beginning, the first of next season's flowers.

On a recent, particularly warm and sunny afternoon, while sitting in the garden plucking a large cock pheasant for the freezer, sight and smells caught my attention. On the one side, the scent of winter flowering honeysuckle; minute flowers with an intense lemony perfume. On the other side, the sweet smell of sarcococca. In the border in front of me, standing tall and straight, a group of fine daffodils in full bloom. Behind me, in the gravel area, are many little

blue flowers of the miniature cyclamen corm, just growing up through the stones. The year is turning!

So we again look forward to another year battling with nature, which seems best left alone to schedule the order of events.

Chris Wight



## MIDHURST and WOOLBEDING CALENDAR – FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7.30pm MU meeting at 19 Goodwood Close

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Candlemas (3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent)**

**Woolbeding** 8.30am Holy Communion

**Midhurst** 9.30am Sunday Morning Live! - Candlemas

10.15am Coffee

10.45am Holy Communion (shortened)

followed by Prayers for Healing

4.00pm Evensong

7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> **Marriage Week UK**

7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 3.30pm Solid Rock Club at MPS

7.30pm Samboogie Rehearsal

8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9.30am Mothers and Others

10.15am Holy Communion

9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm Bell ringing practise

7.30pm OASIS at 14 Park Crescent

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday **2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**

**Midhurst** 8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion



10.15am Holy Communion  
7.30pm Lent course – venue tbc

## **MARCH**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Lent 2**

**Woolbeding** 8.30am Holy Communion  
**Midhurst** 9.30am Sunday Morning Live!  
10.15am Coffee  
10.45am Holy Communion (shortened) followed  
by Prayers for Healing  
6.00pm Evensong

## **FROM THE RECORDS:**

### **BAPTISM**

Alice May O'Connell

8<sup>th</sup> January

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Timothy Hounsom and Lindsey Buckingham 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### **THE DEPARTED**

Vice Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 Age 86

Jane Flynn

4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Age 45

Lawrence Cleaver

16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Age 89