



# Hailsham

## Parish Church

# News

April 2018



***“KNOWING JESUS—  
MAKING JESUS KNOWN”***

# April/May 2019

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## **TEAR FILLED QUESTIONS – LIFE GIVING ANSWERS – WELCOME TO EASTER**

I'm sure that at some point you will have been to a funeral. You will have stood at the graveside and watched as the coffin was lowered or the curtains drawn at the crematorium. It is the sad scene repeated countless times every day. It might have been you standing at the grave of a loved one feeling numb and raw, a rollercoaster of emotions and memories even disbelief, is this really happening, perhaps anger and probably guilt. Never far away the fundamental question, 'what happens when we die, is that it, is this all we're destined for, to return to the dust from which we came?' Such is our experience when someone we love has died and at some point, that will be the experience of all of us.

Yet I'm certain that none of us will ever have experienced what Mary Magdalene experienced. Going back to a grave, finding it open and the body that had been there, that you'd seen buried, gone!  
Yes, incredibly that's what happened to Mary, but not just Mary. She may

have been first on the scene, but others too came and saw. Two days earlier they had seen him die, nailed to a cross, hung up for all to see, dead and buried on a Friday afternoon. But now on a Sunday morning that same tomb was empty, the body was gone, and a voice calls out, 'Mary', she turns and there He is, the one who was dead alive again!

Back in 2015 the then Prime Minister (that seems so long ago in politics!) gave an interview. He was asked about Easter. 'Easter, he said, was all about remembering the importance of change and responsibility and doing the right thing for children. Well, with all due respect to a previous Prime Minister, that's rather wide of the mark! In fact, wrong on all counts. David Cameron wants to talk about values, Easter tells us something altogether more radical, more exciting and utterly transforming. It announces the victory of the King, proclaims his triumph over death, his sin-crushing death on the cross. It welcomes the all-conquering hero.

When it comes to the question, 'what happens when we die', surely, we need to hear from an expert. Yes, I know it's popular to rubbish the opinion of experts, after all there are just so many of them, but in this case there's only one. Someone who was very, very dead and not just for a few brief moments in the operating theatre but stone cold dead and buried and was alive again. The only expert on life and death and the future, who's been there, done it and come to tell us. And come to announce, 'no – death doesn't have the last word', but here is an invitation to live. An offer of pardon and peace in the midst of our broken lives, of forgiveness for rebels, of pardon for failures, a home for the homeless, and that's just for starters! An invitation to come home, to taste God's love and friendship and LIFE that lasts forever. It's a game-changer isn't it? It's not about values. It's an invitation to live.



In 1829 George Wilson was condemned to death in the USA for armed robbery. His partner in crime was executed but because of powerful connections Wilson was pardoned by President Andrew Jackson, the sentence reduced to 20 years in jail. However, Wilson refused to accept the pardon. It began a lengthy legal case, can someone be forced to accept a pardon and live? The answer, no. 'A pardon which is an act of grace carries no force unless it is accepted by the individual to whom it is offered'.

Wilson continued to refuse life and in 1833 was executed. Would you refuse a pardon and the offer of life?

Easter is the victory of King Jesus and remarkably he longs to share that victory with you and me even though we don't in the least deserve it. So, there it is the Easter invitation, pardon, life and victory over death; a gift for you and me from the King! It certainly beats chocolate. But as with all invitations it comes with an RSVP.



Will you come and investigate this expert's credentials? Please reply to the King and come and enjoy – forever!

With Easter greetings

David Bourne

## **VISION SUNDAY/ANNUAL MEETING** **SUNDAY 28 APRIL, 10.30 AM**

### **FOLLOWED BY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**

Vision Sunday is the opportunity we have each year to set out for the whole congregation the opportunities and challenges which we believe God has called us to in the year ahead. It also invites us to consider our own response, to think through how each of us can serve and give. It is when we elect wardens and PCC and crucially pray together for what lies ahead.

In preparation for Vision Sunday there will as usual be an annual profile report and an outline of our financial priorities available to all members of the Electoral Roll.





# BUILDING UPDATE

We are almost there! Work to complete the re-ordering of the building will begin on Monday 8 April.

It will involve opening up the west end at the base of the tower to create the new main entrance for building with the great advantage of wheelchair friendly, level access.

**Building  
Renovation**



This will create a large lobby/welcome area with glass screens/doors into the nave (the main meeting area). Above will be an open meeting room leading on to a small gallery which at a later date could be further extended if more seating capacity was needed. There will be repairs to the west wall crack, new storage facilities and additional seating in the south aisle increasing the overall capacity by approximately 30 seats. In addition there will eventually also be a new alignment of footpaths to the west door. The main contractors are Parker and Son of Battle though with a number of specialist subcontractors also involved.

The works are expected to be completed by the end of October. Please note that for safety reasons the main church building will closed to all users (with the exception of direct access from the lounge to the office) weekdays from Monday 8 - Monday 15 April. This is to allow for the erection of scaffolding and boarding to enclose the west end and will result in the temporary loss of two rows of seats at the back. Please note also that with the exception of Easter Sunday there will be no access for bell-ringing during the works.

And looking ahead there will be a an 'open house' mission week next March showcasing the completed works and with an official opening/service of thanksgiving on Sunday 15 March 2020 with Richard Jackson, Bishop of Lewes.

*David Bourne*



# Women2Women

*reaching out & building up; encouraging  
Christian women to share their faith.*



## 2019 Programme

### Women's Breakfasts

*The breakfasts start at 08.30. There is opportunity to meet, eat and listen to a speaker as we hear and encourage one another from God's Word – the Bible.*

**Sat 15 June 2019**

**Sat 14 September 2019**

**Church Lounge**

**Church Lounge**

### Other dates

**Saturday 8 June 2019**

**Southern Womens Convention  
Crowborough**



### Womens Invitation Events

*These events are particularly designed as fun events to invite friends to who don't normally come to church at which there will be an opportunity to hear a bit about Jesus and his relevance.*

**Thursday 4 July 2019**

**Pimms and Pudding Evening  
(Vicarage Garden)**







# The heart of the matter

## Facing emotions wisely

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THE SOUTHERN WOMEN'S CONVENTION

Saturday 8 June / 9.45am - 3.30pm

All Saints' Church, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1ED



Human beings are complex! We are fearfully and wonderfully made, loved and redeemed through our Lord Jesus Christ and yet we struggle with conflicting emotions. We'll be learning from scripture about the battle of the heart and how biblical wisdom can be applied to our lives.

**Who is speaking?** Lorna Ashworth is originally from Canada and met her English husband Mark while on missions in Jamaica. Together they studied at Oakhill Theological College where Lorna completed a degree and MA in Theological and Pastoral Studies.

# menathpc

Men @ HPC—a group of men who aim to grow in our faith by learning and growing together. We encourage you to bring along friends who don't normally come along to church, so they can meet up with other men and hear about Jesus.

## NEXT UP!

### **Tuesday 21 May—Walk and Pub.**

We will enjoy a Spring walk followed by a drink in a local pub.

### **To look forward to in July:**

**Men@HPC outing.** We will be going on a day out, details to follow.

## **EASTER SERVICES IN RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

Woodside Hall	Fri 5th Apr	2.30 p.m.
Marshview	Mon 8th Apr	3.00 p.m.
Bowes House	Wed 10th Apr	11.00 a.m.
Quinnell House	Wed 10th Apr	3.00 p.m.
Caroline House	Mon 15th Apr	3.00 p.m.
Bentley Grange	Tues 16th Apr	3.00 p.m.

## **EASTER LILIES—A REMINDER**

Every year at Easter, lilies are displayed in church donated by church members in memory of someone dear and a list of those remembered is placed next to the pedestal.

If you wish to remember someone in this way, please see me in church or contact me by 'phone. The cost this year will be £4.50 per lily.

Evelyn Evenden

Contact via email: [office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)





# **BELIEVING AND BELONGING**

So what is it like being a part of Hailsham Parish Church? How are Christians to live in this world? What should our priorities be? What can we expect from now on?

Believing and Belonging is two part course for those wanting to think about how the Christian life works?

It is suitable for all Christians but particularly aimed at people who are new to Hailsham Parish Church and those not yet involved in a Home Group. We will meet in the church lounge from 8pm to look at the bible and discuss and pray together.

We will meet on Thursdays from 8pm in the church lounge starting on April 25th.

If you are interested in signing up for the course, please speak to Rory Graham after church or contact via email: [office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)



## **HOME GROUPS**

The Book of the Revelation to John generates more anxiety amongst Christians than any other book in the bible. This is a great shame because as the title suggests it is supposed to reveal things to us and as the opening verses of the book say God's plan is that those who act upon the things written in it will be blessed. (Rev 1:3)

This term Home Groups will be places where we encourage each other to live our lives in the light of the message of Revelation.

Home Groups meet fortnightly during school term times and are an excellent way to be encouraged as a Christian. There are groups which meet during the day as well as in the evenings. If you are interested in finding out more information do be in contact with Rory Graham ([office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org))

# MUSIC MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

## ***Promoting a Culture of Congregational Singing: Music Ministry London Conference, Saturday 2nd February 2019***

On a crisp day at the beginning of February, four members of our music team (Katie, Sharon, Elizabeth and myself) made an early start from Polegate station to get to Christ Church, Kensington for 9:45.

The demand for this year's conference put on by the organisation *Music Ministry* exceeded the capacity of the building, meaning that around a hundred people who wanted to come had to be turned away! We were glad we got hold of our tickets when we did!

The conference opened with Nigel Styles, the director of *The Cornhill Training Course*, a Bible teaching course, reading and speaking on Exodus 15: 1-21, Israel's song about God's victorious work. Among other things, we saw that the gospel sustains the pilgrim: their past rescue gives God's people confidence that God will get them home. The main conference speaker was Matt Merker, a pastor and musician, who had travelled across from Washington DC, where he lives and works on the staff Capitol Hill Baptist Church. Here at HPC we have recently begun to sing a couple of songs that Matt has had a part in writing: *He Will Hold Me Fast* and *Whate'er my God Ordains is Right*. Matt spoke engagingly on the topic *Promoting a culture of congregational singing*.

Among other things, we saw from 1 Corinthians 12-14 that a local church is the body of Christ and that, as a result, everything that happens in a local church -- singing included -- should be done for building up. One analogy Matt used particularly struck me: he explained that we are simultaneously patients and doctors in God's hospital, ministering and being ministered to as, together we speak and sing the truth in love towards one another.

Opportunities for more practical aspects of training came either side of lunch. A new songs session sent us away with one or two ideas. In fact, a song we've recently introduced, *All I Have is Christ*, is one we picked up at the conference and subsequently tried at our own musicians' new songs evening a few days later! Seminars for musicians and music leaders included helpful tips as well as providing insights into how others approach music ministry in their own settings. As you might expect, we had plenty of opportunity to sing together too.

In reflecting on the day, Katie wrote: 'It was enriching to spend time with fellow musicians to be built up in our music making at church. Singing the songs, both old and new, was very uplifting.'

It's fair to say that we didn't agree with everything we heard, especially during the Question and Answer session, but then critical engagement is a healthy and stimulating thing!

If you'd like to know any more about the conference, please feel free to chat to any of us who went. And if interested in listening to the talks from the conference, you'll find video recordings of them at [www.music-ministry.org/resources/talks/](http://www.music-ministry.org/resources/talks/) All in all, an enjoyable, thought-provoking and encouraging day out!

Chris Taylor

# Just to remind you ... !



**Save the Date!**  
**Church Weekend Away**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

Camp or visit for the weekend  
Separate adult and children's programme

Coldharbour Meadows – great  
setting and only 10 minutes from  
Hailsham

Enjoy a weekend with your church family and  
learn more about our Saviour Jesus





## **“AMAZED – sin, grace and an amazing God”**

### **3 – 6 May, Congress Theatre Eastbourne**

It's good to have a group from HPC travelling down to Bible by the Beach 2019 from 3-6 May at the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne and we'll be joining the highest number yet of delegates already booked in for the weekend, many of them travelling quite some distance to be there.

It's not too late to buy tickets if you have not done so already. Programme details and ticket sales via the website [www.biblebythebeach.org](http://www.biblebythebeach.org)

**See you in May!**

We are looking forward to a weekend of great teaching and encouragement from God's Word as we explore together the theme **“AMAZED – sin, grace and an amazing God”** and as we spend time with one another. There is something for all ages with an action packed children and youth programme too and Noel Tredinnick and members of All Souls Orchestra leading the music worship.



There are also a number from HPC too who are serving the conference in a number of different ways as part of the team: stewarding, admin, children's team, musician so do look out for them over the weekend. If you would like to volunteer to help we are looking for a few more local stewards who could be part of the team so do speak to Denise if you would like to find out more.



We are very grateful to be back in the Congress Theatre following its extensive refurbishment programme and are pleased to announce the following:

**SUNDAY 5 MAY**  
**Evening Celebration**  
**7pm Congress Theatre**  
**Free entry**

We are pleased to be able to warmly invite local congregations to the Evening Celebration that starts at 7pm at the Congress Theatre. This will be free entry and we do hope many will be able to come and this will be instead of the evening service at HPC.

### **Concert**

#### **9.15pm Symphonic Townend concert Tickets on sale**

Stuart Townend and All Souls Orchestra with Noel Tredinnick.

Concert Tickets on sale from the Eastbourne Theatre Box Office (01323 412000) or email [boxoffice@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@eastbourne.gov.uk). £7.50 adults. This concert is included in the price of the conference ticket for those who have booked weekend or Sunday only tickets. Otherwise you can purchase tickets from the Theatre Box Office.

*Denise Sinden*

## **SERMON SERIES**

### **SUNDAYS @ 10.30AM**

#### **The Servant King (Isaiah 52-55) – April**

Nowhere in the Bible explains more fully in one place the events of Easter than Isaiah writing 700 years before of the Suffering Servant dying for his people, securing their pardon, and securing an eternal victory. Nothing quite matches the portrait he paints of Jesus!

#### **Kingdom Life ...in a Broken Land (Matthew 5-7) – May**

What does it look like to live as followers of Jesus in 21<sup>st</sup> century? How does He expect us to engage with the world around us? What kind of priorities should determine our daily choices?

Well, to find those answers we'll looking at how Jesus answered those very questions for his first disciples in what's come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount and it is radical to say the least!

### **SUNDAYS @ 6.30PM**

#### **Words from the Cross (John 19 - 21)**

Our Easter series takes the final words of Jesus as recorded by John, words from the cross and then from an empty tomb!

#### **In the days of Elisha (2 Kings) May - July**

We're returning to the Old Testament book of 2 Kings. The great prophet Elijah has gone, so what next? Will God continue to speak, continue to keep his promises? Answer, yes! God remains faithful and the baton is passed from Elijah to Elisha. All may change but the Lord remains, 'ever faithful, ever sure'.

**Don't forget you can always listen to our sermons on the website**

# **SUNDAYS @ HPC:**

## **APRIL/MAY**

- 7 April** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
(*Perfect Remedy – Isaiah 52:12 – 53:12*)  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
(*'I am thirsty' – John 19:25-30*)
- 14 April** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
(*Total Victory – Isaiah 52:12 – 53:12*)  
2.45 pm Holy Communion @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
(*'It is finished' – John 19:28-37*)
- 18 April** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7.30 pm Informal Communion Service
- 19 April** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche  
2.00 pm Meditation  
7.00 pm 'Olivet to Calvary' – Hailsham Choral Society
- 21 April** **EASTER SUNDAY**  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups  
(*He has Risen! – Mark 16:1-8*)  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
(*'Peace be with you' – John 20:19-23*)
- 28 April** **VISION SUNDAY**  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
(*Eternal Certainty – Isaiah 55*)  
***This will be followed by a brief Annual Meeting and a Bring and Share Lunch***  
2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
(*'Feed my Sheep' – John 21:15-25*)





**5 May**

**BIBLE BY THE BEACH SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups

*Speaker: Lee Gatiss*

7.00 pm Evening Celebration

*Congress Theatre, Eastbourne: Speaker – Lee Gatiss*

**12 May**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age Service with crèche

*(Gideon – Judges 6)*

2.45 pm Holy Communion@ Emmanuel

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

*(From one generation to another - 2 Kings 2: 1-25)*

**19 May**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups

*(Blessed: Now and Forever - Matthew 5: 1-12)*

4.00 pm Families@4

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

*(Help of the Helpless - 2 Kings 4: 1-37)*

**26 May**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups

*(Distinct: Salt and Light - Matthew 5: 13-16)*

2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel

6.30 pm Holy Communion

*(The Sufficient God - 2 Kings 4: 38-44)*

All 10.30 services (Morning Service & Communion) have a crèche and children's groups and All Age services have a crèche for those who wish to use it.

**CROSSLINK UNITED SERVICE**

Sunday 9 June, 6.30 pm

Hailsham Methodist Church

# KNOWN

At the beginning of February, four Christian Unions from Universities across Leeds came together to put on a week of events sharing the gospel to students across the city called 'Known'.

Every day of the week there were lunch time talks and events across the different universities as well as a city-wide event each evening. At these events Michael Ots spoke on big questions that students are discussing such as 'If God is so good why is the world so bad?' and 'Will following my heart set me free?'. We also heard encouraging testimonies from students, the founder of Christians Against Poverty, John Kirkby and ex Gladiator Warren Furman. It was a fantastic week and a great opportunity to share the gospel across Leeds and I had so many interesting and encouraging conversations about God.



Thank you to everyone who prayed for the week and supported us. Please continue praying for everyone that came along and that they would continue to ask questions and come along to future events.

*Abi Jervis*



# RECENT AND NEW SONGS

**'SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG; SING TO THE LORD,  
ALL THE EARTH.' (PSALM 96:1)**

From time to time we learn new songs in our services. On our website you can listen to some of the songs we've learned recently as well as any songs we're planning to introduce in future services. This may help you to learn them more quickly. Simply go to [www.hailshamchurch.org](http://www.hailshamchurch.org) and click on 'Resources' then 'New Songs'. Here's a flavour of a few of the songs we've introduced in recent weeks...

## **BOP! BAM! BOOM!**

***Samson was stronger than any man (Bop! Bam! Boom!)***, an all-age song with words by Bryson Smith and music by Philip Percival, is becoming the theme song for our all-age service series on the book of Judges. The judges were, as the song puts it, 'raised by God when times were tough' and point to 'Jesus [who] rescues us.'

You can purchase the album containing this song, *The King, the Snake and the Promise*, from [www.emumusic.com](http://www.emumusic.com)



## **ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

With words and music by Jordan Kauflin, ***I once was lost in darkest night (All I have is Christ)*** is a song of personal testimony that centres on God's transforming love in Jesus: 'I was lost in darkness, dead in sin and bound for hell; now, because God in Jesus suffered the punishment I deserved, all I know is grace. 'Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.'

You can read the lyrics and also listen to and buy various recordings of the song or the albums it appears on from [www.sovereigngracemusic.org](http://www.sovereigngracemusic.org)

## **CHRIST IS MINE FOR EVERMORE**

***Mine are days that God has numbered (Christ is Mine for Evermore)*** by **Johnny Robinson and Rich Thompson** unfolds what it means to be a pilgrim on the narrow way of Christ: 'I must travel through the valley' yet because of my Redeemer, 'fear is gone and hope is sure.'

You can view the lyrics, listen to or buy the music from [www.cityalight.com](http://www.cityalight.com)

Chris Taylor

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# You're invited



**Weds 17th & Thurs 18th April 9.45 am - 12.30 pm.**  
**Places are limited so please book early!**

For more info contact Lyn Gooding 441868  
or email us at [holidayclub@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:holidayclub@hailshamchurch.org)

Registered Charity No. 1132922

**Our action packed Holiday Club for Primary School children.  
2 mornings packed full of craft, games, Bible Stories, songs  
and fun!**

**Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th April 9.45 am - 12.30 pm**



Following a break since last summer Youth Zone has now been re-launched. Youth Zone is a Saturday evening youth club for anyone in Year 6 and above. We usually meet at Emmanuel Church in Hawkswood Road from 7pm to 8:30pm but some evenings we go out and meet up somewhere locally.

For the summer term, meetings have been arranged for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May we will be meeting at Emmanuel, but in June we will be going out and about and probably playing a wide game in a forest somewhere. In July we will have a summer barbecue on the beach.

If you want to know more, email Dan Saxby via  
[office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)

## RECENT AND NEW SONGS

*(continued from page 17)*

### WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

This hymn text was written as long ago as 1675 by the German hymn-writer Samuel Rodigast, possibly to console a sick friend, Severus Gastorius, who may have been the composer of the original melody. Matt Merker and Keith Getty, in 2018, set the centuries-old text to a beautiful new melody. We recently introduced this 'new old' hymn in conjunction with our evening service sermon series **on the book of Job, an innocent believer who knew immense suffering**. As the Bible teacher Denny Burk puts it, '[*Whate'er my God ordains is right*] is written as a song for saints who are suffering. Which means it is written for all of us.'

You can view the lyrics and to listen to the music on

[www.mattmerkermusic.com](http://www.mattmerkermusic.com)

Chris Taylor



## **A NEW DISCIPLE**

The pain on his face was physical yes, but the agony looked as if this man carried the whole world's troubles on his shoulders. He had looked so serene before, as if their hatred couldn't really touch him, but not now – what an end!

We, that is my friends and I stood looking on helplessly while they shouted 'crucify'. Fun-making had gone on too. Real sport they were having at this man's expense. It began with some teasing, then goading, then they beat him up all the way up the hill, making him carry a cross and do you know what, we'd followed most of his life lately and the whole thing became more and more puzzling because we couldn't fault him at all. For instance, his hands have nails through them now, but they were such gentle hands. You should have seen him touch and heal a sick person, especially a child.



Talk about rent-a-crowd. Those Pharisees and Herodians standing there looking so righteous in their black garb; self-righteous we thought but we wouldn't dare say so. None of us was brave enough to confront them; we stood and watched – just like the women. Those who had started it had the backing of Governor Pilate and King Herod who didn't get on with each other at all well before this event. It is all very odd; this man is going to his death without a word. The talk is that he is God. Not a god, mind you, but GOD. Could anyone really do this to him if he were? Only if he allowed it I suppose. I believe it though and I need to know more, so I am going to join his followers. There seem to be quite a lot of us now.

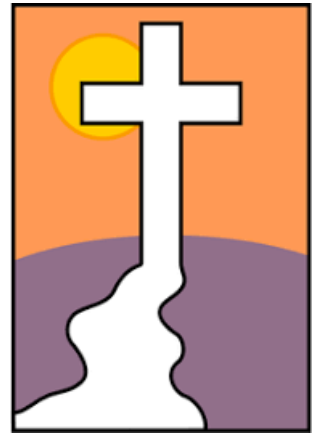
The End.

Love from Grandma Dot



# OLIVET TO CALVARY.

This year on Good Friday evening (19th April), HPC will be welcoming our friends from Hailsham Choral Society who, joined by a handful of members from our church choir, will be singing **Maunder's Olivet to Calvary**.



John Henry Maunder (1858 - 1920) was organist and choirmaster at a number of churches in South London. First published in 1904, *Olivet to Calvary*, as the preface to the first edition puts it, 'recalls simply and reverently the scenes which mark the last few days of the Saviour's life on earth... The rejoicing of the multitude with hosannas and palms, the view of Jerusalem from the steep of Olivet, the lament over the beautiful city...the lonely walk back over the Mount at night...the Supper of the Passover...the infinite pathos of the Garden of Gethsemane, the sudden appearance of the hostile crowd, Jesus forsaken by his disciples, his utter loneliness among ruthless foes, the tumult before Pilate...the passage of the cross, the tragedy and triumph of Calvary.'

The work also includes three hymns for the congregation to participate in. The performance, which promises to be a special occasion, will be free of charge with an opportunity to make a donation as part of a retiring collection.

Chris Taylor

## CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

### Tuesdays at 9.15 am

2 April,  
7 May,  
4 June,  
2 July

### Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Lounge

15 May,  
12 June,  
17 July

### Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Lounge,

21 May,  
26 June,  
24 July



# 100 YEARS AGO

## ***From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of April/May 1919***

### ***April 1919***

The Church of England Central Fund is going on well and May 25<sup>th</sup> is the day for every Parish in England to contribute to it. Papers on the subject will come in the May Magazine it is not only the money but the corporate interest which is wanted and which will be stimulated.

We want some of our young Churchmen to learn to ring the bells and call the people to Church; and we want some more amongst the Choir men.

I like the idea of a Public Library as a memorial for the fallen brave men of Hailsham and should like to see the column of granite (grey, I hope,) with the names engraved, placed exactly opposite the house which Messrs. R and Arthur Green have so kindly offered, in the Pleasure Ground. It would interfere with nothing and be very central. And why not collect an Endowment Fund for the Library!!

Also the Festivities on the Proclamation of Peace are thoroughly English and impress the young immensely. They are to begin with a public recognition of God, and in Church we shall begin with the Holy Eucharist (thanksgiving service) at 7am probably. I hope everyone will give liberally to the Fund. I believe Mr J R Green is the Hon. Secretary.

To the casual observer the world seems upside down! To the Christian there is a force under and through it all arranging according to plan – and that plan is an Eternal one coming into sight at intervals. We are in such now and we may look to a glorious outcome amid the shaking or after it. It is called the “Kingdom of God” coming, or the “Restitution of all things” which prophets have announced and all creation yearns for.

### ***May 1919***

My dear Friends

Peace Easter was a happy, joyous day and at the Eucharist there seemed an atmosphere of thanksgiving and dedication. We all remembered the past. We felt the gladness of the present and we offered ourselves for all such good works as God has prepared for us to walk in.

The Memorial Service at Chichester, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, St George's Day, was one to be remembered. It is beautifully described in the *County Herald* of last week.

Perhaps the most touching scene was when our venerable Bishop, soon to lay down his office, received the record of all the names of those who had fallen in the War from the several Parishes of his Diocese, and solemnly presented them on the Holy Table with prayer. Our names were there. Were they looking down on that scene? Then Gounod's beautiful anthem, "Come unto me" was sung, and then, so softly, so sweetly, "Abide with Me".

The Magazine is now £20 in debt. The losses during the War! How shall we meet it? A Jumble, or increased advertisements, or each person who requests a little notice in the Magazine sending 1/- with the request, or more? I take for granted you don't want me to pay for it.

The Easter decorations were worthy of a Peace Easter. The Services were well attended. The Vicar's Offertory amounted to £22.1s. 6d. which forms the nucleus of a Memorial Window Fund, either without names, if they are inscribed on the proposed Memorial Column, or with names if that is not done.

The day for Peace Celebrations will be, I hope, a thoroughly characteristic one which all our young children may never forget. I well remember a poor old applicant for Old Age Pension some years ago nearly losing it, though long past 70, because he could produce no evidence of any kind as to his birth, till by a happy thought, somebody set his memory going and he eloquently and almost enthusiastically told us how his parents took him to Battle to the rejoicings at Queen Victoria's enthronement. He remembered those Teas and Shows and fun, 1837.

We have kept it in for five long years, let us have some way of expressing ourselves. Let us have a good old English day, and if the Parish Meeting decides to adopt the Public Libraries Act, and the public will ear-mark their donations for Wellington House we shall get an endowment for future expenses and a good, suitable memorial.



## PEOPLE FOR PRAYER

Vivienne Allan  
Roy Bland  
Pam Brooks  
John Brown  
Mabel Burton  
Daphne Elphick  
Virna Hunnisett

Ron Keeley  
John Read  
Diane Seeby  
Michael Tanner  
Val Thompson  
Les Winchester

### PARTNERS IN MISSION

Chris and Ros Howles	<i>Crosslinks, Uganda</i>
Julian & Nicky Milson	<i>Crosslinks, Spain</i>
Meg & Dave Northcote:	<i>WEC International</i>
Asha & Sangster	<i>Bangalore</i>
The Crosslink Trust	

## THE RECORDS

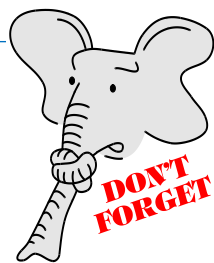
### FUNERALS

18 February	Janis Tingley
25 February	Ken Briggs
27 February	Linda Spencer
7 March	Jesse Wells
11 March	Rosamond Angior
12 March	Bryan Twaite
15 March	Ivor Howell
2 April	Norman Baker

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to  
their families*



Closing date for the  
June/July mag is  
Wednesday 15th  
May



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## ACROSS

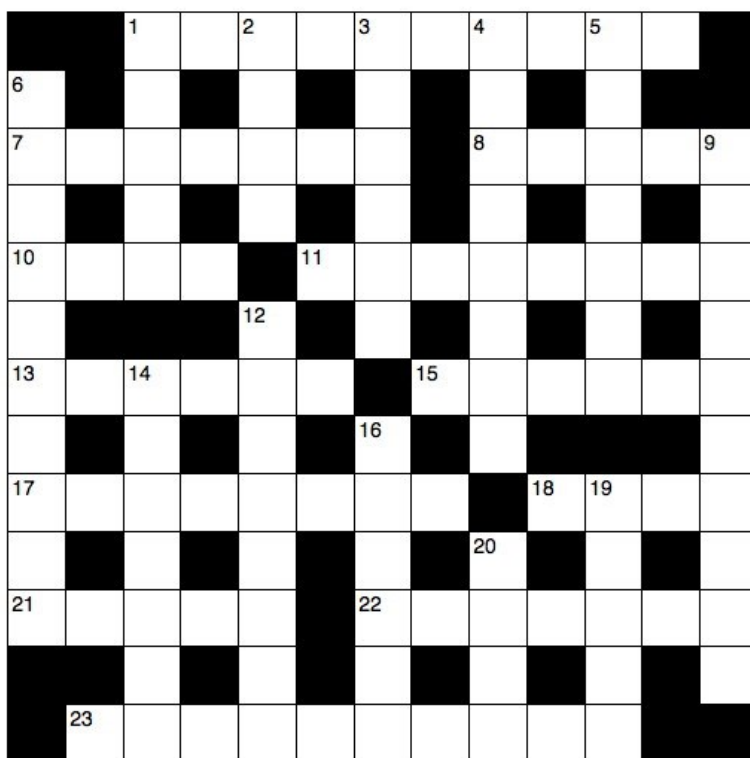
- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)  
7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)  
8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)  
10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)  
11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)  
13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)  
15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)  
17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)  
18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)  
21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)  
22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)  
23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Of the pope (5)  
2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)  
3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)  
4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)  
5 Sing out (anag.) (7)  
6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)

# THE CROSSWORD

(answers next time)



- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)  
12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)  
14 See cape (anag.) (7)  
16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)  
19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)  
20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

## FEBRUARY/MARCH SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.  
**DOWN:** 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.

# **EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

## **@ HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH**

### **PALM SUNDAY (14<sup>th</sup> APRIL)**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Service,  
6.30pm Holy Communion

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (18<sup>th</sup> APRIL)**

7.30pm Informal Holy Communion  
A reflective, informal service

### **GOOD FRIDAY (19<sup>th</sup> APRIL)**

10.30am All Age Service  
A service for all ages celebrating the victory of Jesus on the cross—followed by coffee and hot cross buns and craft activities for all ages

2.30pm Meditation  
A quiet, reflective service following the events of the first Good Friday

7.00 pm Hailsham Choral Society

### **EASTER SUNDAY (21<sup>st</sup> APRIL)**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Easter Family Communion  
A vibrant service for all with children's activities included, followed by an Easter egg hunt

6.30pm Easter Praise  
A service celebrating the resurrection in music old and new





