

Christmas Greetings



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News

“KNOWING JESUS— MAKING JESUS KNOWN”

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SO WHERE'S YOUR VOTE THIS CHRISTMAS?

I'm sure you remember it well, 6 December 1923 and the last time we had a December election. And, of course, as you probably know that resulted in a hung parliament! Now I've no idea what you think about the merits or otherwise of an election in December and even closer to Christmas. It might even snow and then where would we be! But whether you're for or against an election, whether you're in or out, hard deal or no deal, do it again deal or let's not bother after all, elections are supposed to be about more than one issue. They're about electing a parliament and from that parliament a government with the great hope that that government will provide good government. Surely, in the end that's what we all want; whatever the specific policies we want government that provides justice and security for all, that really does care for the most vulnerable, that is consistent, clear, honest – it means what it says and endeavours to keep its promises – good government. However, on past record of governments of every colour it would be wise not to expect too much! Too often governments are divided, inconsistent, muddled, compromised, they fail to deliver on what they promise and perhaps, what we often forget, and they rarely admit, the problems and challenges they face are often very complex and difficult. Dare we say too big for any government!



And that brings us to Christmas, the coming Jesus. Christmas/Jesus comes with all manner of promises. Promises of joy, of hope, of peace, of forgiveness and of life and interestingly promises of good government! Here's how Christmas was announced to Mary and among many promises it's a promise of good government!

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, his kingdom will never end. (Luke 1:30-33)

First, it's the promise of a King. The clue's there, this baby will be a descendant of king David. This is a royal birth. That in turn takes us back centuries before to hear the promises that were made about this descendant of David; that one day there will be a perfect king, true and right and just – a ruler who will not disappoint.



Then, the baby is described as the Son of the Most High, Son of God and you get a hint of the unbreakable love between the Father and the Son, a deep, intimate and eternal relationship of love. Don't we long for rulers who understand us, who care, who are full of compassion and love. Rulers who aren't interested in the next photo opportunity at the

hospital, who aren't obsessed with their own image and popularity but rather who are there to serve. Dare we say a ruler ready to give his life for his people, now that's different. And then this Ruler is given great power. The Most High is another way of saying the mighty, all powerful God. This King will reign with all the power of the mighty God. We often worry, don't we, at the thought of rulers having too much power. We're afraid we can't trust them, after all absolute power corrupts, but not with this King. He will reign with justice, with righteousness, with love. And he will reign for ever, his kingdom will never end! No need to worry that he'll be over-thrown or he'll die or abuse his power. In a way it's very simple, the promise of a perfect King whose reign of love and peace and justice will never end!

Given what seems to be the mood of our nation, whether we're in or out, there's a frustration and sadness about our politics, but then again when it comes to the election the only people we can vote for are people just like us with a built in ability to mess up! How wonderful then to hear the Christmas announcement of Jesus, the true and perfect King, to rejoice in his coming and the foretaste he gives us and to look forward to his return when his rule will finally be established in all the earth. And it'll be even better than Christmas!

Why not make this Christmas the time to meet the King and get ready to welcome his return, you won't be disappointed! Not in this Ruler!

Wishing you all a very joy filled Christmas, delighting in the True King

David Bourne

CHRISTMAS CARDS—CHRISTMAS GIVING

Every year we make a point of giving away at Christmas. Naturally we like to give cards to friends in the congregation but why not send a card to everyone with your Christmas greetings. So from Sunday 1st December there will be a big decorated display card with a large supply of greeting cards to fill the board and create a great festive picture. All you need to do is put a donation (minimum £1.00) into the box provided, add your greeting and pin the card to the board and there's a communal card for everyone to enjoy as well as a significant donation to Christian mission around the world.



CHRISTMAS MISSION SUPPORT

The loose collections from all our Christmas services from 15th December and from the special communal Christmas card will be given to Tear Fund, Release International and the Children's Society.

Home Alone Christmas 2019

If you will be on your own this Christmas day, we would like to invite you to join us at The Link Coffee Shop, Market Square, Hailsham for Christmas lunch.

The Coffee Shop will be open from 11.30 a.m. for coffee and lunch will be served at 12.30p.m.

There will be various amusements during the afternoon and we will finish the day with the Queen's speech and a piece of Christmas cake at 3.30p.m.

There is no charge for the day, but donations are welcome for Tear Fund.

Places **MUST** be booked, so if you would like to join us, please call in at The Link for a form or phone Kay on 01323 441079 during working hours.

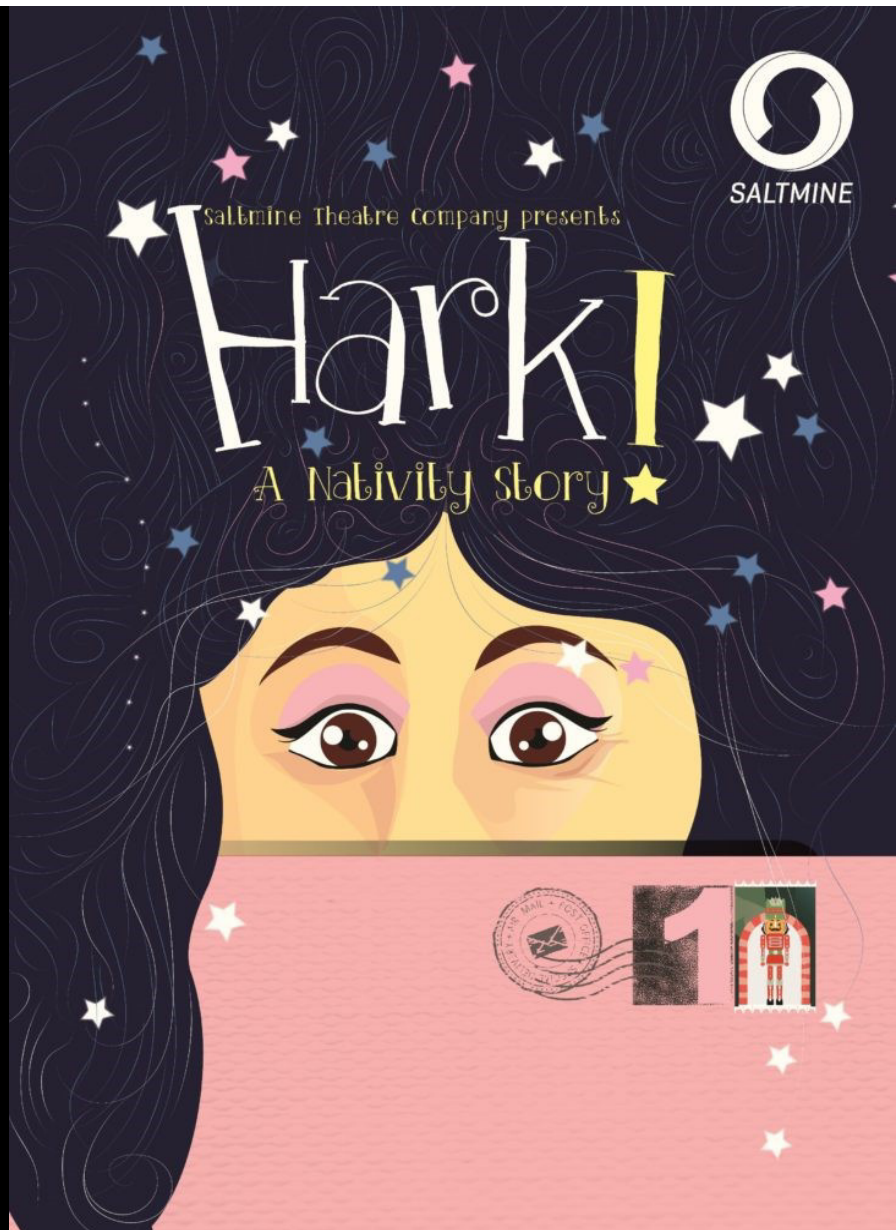
If anyone could offer transport before and after the event
this would be very helpful

We look forward to seeing you!



Saltmine Theatre Company Presents

Hark! (A Nativity Story)



Come and see the story of the first Christmas as you've never seen it before.

A charming, funny and enchanting re-telling of the Nativity story, jam-packed with beautiful music, audience participation and bags full of family fun.

Where:

Hailsham Parish Church

When:

Saturday 4th January @ 6pm

How:

Contact lyngooding@hailshamChurch.org for tickets (£5 each)

All Ages Welcome!

Come and discover how there is a place for everyone in this story

CARE HOME CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Bentley Grange | Mon 9th Dec, | 3.00 p.m. |
| 2. Luke Lade Court | Tues 10th Dec, | 3.00 p.m. |
| 3. Bowes House | Wed 11th Dec, | 11.00 a.m. |
| 4. Marshview | Mon 16th Dec, | 3.00 p.m. |
| 5. Quinnell House | Tues 17th Dec, | 2.30 p.m. |
| 6. Caroline House | Thurs 19th Dec, | 3.00 p.m. |
| 7. Woodside Hall | Fri 20th Dec, | 2.30 p.m. |

If you'd like to attend one or more of these services,
please contact Chris Taylor via the Church Office (01323 442410)

Women2Women

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

A date for your diaries:

***Saturday 12th Feb
Ladies Breakfast***

***More details will follow in
the Church Service Sheets***

Meeting Point CAROL SERVICE



Monday 2nd December 2.30pm

at Hailsham Parish Church



*Mince pies, tea/coffee will be served in the church
after the service - Everyone is warmly invited to stay*

CAROLS AND CRISTINGLES 2019

Just a word of explanation about our some of the range of different services over the Christmas period. Knowing what to expect will help us as we think about who we can invite. All our special Christmas services would be ideal to welcome along guests, family and friends and all our evening services will be candlelight.

Sunday 1st Advent Sunday 10.30 am. Countdown!

This service is an All Age, all the family learning together in a fun and interactive way. We'll be thinking about how good we are at waiting, in this case waiting for Jesus to return just as He promised.



6.30 pm. Advent Carols

This will be a traditional service of Advent carols and readings following the theme of Advent Promise, promises made and promises kept, just as the coming of Jesus as a baby was promised over centuries before and he came so as He promised to come again we can be certain He will!

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**You are invited to a
Christmas Cracker!**

at Hailsham Parish Church
Sunday 8th December 4-6pm

Come & meet
the characters of the Nativity

- Christmas crafts
- Stories
- Songs

**free
family
fun**

Perfect for families with toddlers
and primary age children.
Followed by a delicious tea.

Book your place early by contacting Lyn Gooding
01323 441868 holidayclub@hailshamchurch.org

Sunday 8 December 4 pm. A Christmas Cracker

An interactive Christmas experience for families with younger children, including crafts, stories, songs and a delicious tea. Places should be booked in advance via the Church Office (01323 442410)

PS. As they'll still be having fun there is no 6.30 pm evening service.

Sunday 15 December

6.30 pm. Christmas Unplugged

A relaxed more informal service, café style, with a glass of wine and nibbles to keep us going. There will be plenty of traditional carols but also some new popular items such as 'Mary did you know' and 'Hallelujah Christmas'

Sunday 22 December

6.30 pm. Carols by Candlelight

This is our traditional Christmas carol service, familiar carols and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies, it's exactly what it says it is!



Christmas Eve

3.00, 4.30 and 6.00 pm. Christingles

Again, it's our familiar service for Christmas Eve, the best-known carols, the characters of Christmas on the screen, Joseph's take on what happened and the children's delight as we sing 'Away in a Manger' and Christmas draws near.

Christmas Day

10.30 am Christmas Family Celebration

The joy of Christmas morning for all ages, celebrating the coming the Jesus – King and Saviour, the Lord, God with Us! We rejoice together! And don't forget, dress in your Christmas jumpers, put on your celebration ties and bring a favourite present to show and join the fun of celebrating the greatest gift of all!



THE LINK 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Southerden House, where it all began, 1994

many customers and staff past and present and especially with Roger Porthouse, vicar of HPC (then known as St Mary's) at the time of the Link's opening.

Needless to say the service was followed by cakes and savouries!

Nearly 100 people met on Sunday afternoon the 17th November to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Link and Southerden Books, giving thanks for all that has taken place in the past and praying for the challenges of the present and the future. It was good to meet so



The Link's much enlarged premises at Sheriffs Place, Market Square, 1999 onwards



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

We have enjoyed another brilliant term of Christianity Explored, a group of us have gathered each week to watch a DVD, read some of Mark's eye witness account of Jesus' life and to discuss.

Aimed at showing who Jesus is and why he came, this course is a brilliant way for people to meet Jesus. It is informal and interactive with lots of opportunities to ask questions.

If a friend of yours enjoys a carol service this Christmas, why not come with them to Christianity Explored on the following dates:

14th, 21st, 28th January, 4th, 11th, 25th February and 3rd March

More details from Rory Graham on rorygraham@hailshamchurch.org or via the Church Office (01323 442410)



BONFIRE NIGHT

How thankful to God are we for the place of our church in the heart of Hailsham town centre and the different ways that we can use the building!

On a night when the town is packed with people watching parades and waiting for fireworks, it's great to open up HPC and welcome people into the warm to enjoy hot chocolate, cake and conversation.

This year we were visited by around 150+ adults and children who also appreciated the games, activities and popcorn that kept them busy while they waited in between the parades. Such a fantastic opportunity to serve and engage with the community. Huge thanks to everyone who helped with the evening.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

If anybody would like a 32" Television in full working order please see Neill or Janet Hunter at Church



Lights of Love, Hailsham Parish Church

We invite you to join us at Hailsham Parish Church for our Lights of Love celebrations where we come together to remember those we have lost

MEN'S GROUP & BRIDGE RACING DAY OUT

16 NOVEMBER 2019

It was a chilly day on Saturday 16th November, but it did not rain! Which made a change.

We met at the South Road car park at between 8am and 8.20am. In all there was 10 of us and we looked forward to a good day, which it indeed turned out to be.



*The attendees
Outside the Hornby Museum*

The allotted drivers were Tony and Andrew, David helped Andrew with navigation, and Tony had the luxury of his sat nav, they did brilliantly transporting the group all the way to Margate, and after a safe journey, (apart from one close shave!) we arrived at the Hornby Visitor Centre, on the Westwood Industrial Estate, the long term home of toy manufacturing over the decades.

We enjoyed looking at trains, cars, lorries and wonderful model scenes of villages tunnels and industrial areas with trains going around the track at the push of a button. Also a Scalextric track with cars that could be driven by visitors, (although Bridge Racing's set up is just as exciting with the wonderful skills of the team who set it up every second

Saturday of the month from 6.00pm!) Robin shared the story of his latest landscape model that he is making for his grandson, so this was a very apt day out for him too.

The museum section of the Hornby visitor centre was interesting, giving detailed history of toy makers such as Tri-ang, Hornby, Airfix and Meccano and others and how over the years, they survived and amalgamated into who they are today, and they are still thriving after so many decades. We also saw how new models were developed through research stages, measuring real vehicles and scaling down to various sizes, and passing this knowledge onto designers



A wonderful interactive model

and manufacturers who with great skill developed molds to perfect the model kits and toys that we have known and loved through our lives. They even had a section on the latest model developments using CAD software linked to 3D printers.

We then moved on to part two of our trip, to the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum at Manston. First stop the café where we had some very welcome lunch, fuel for the rest of our visit, we enjoyed each others company and chatted about all sorts, before moving along to the museum, with a pair of great fighter planes of WW2, the Hurricane and Spitfire. They had both of these planes on display, with lots of memorabilia from the war period, with samples of old downed aircraft both German and British, and lots of stories of heroism and tragedy. The planes looked big in an enclosed space and it was good to see these wonderful aeroplanes close-up. I even learned that the big vent underneath the Hurricane, (and probably the Spitfire) was to keep the oil in the engine cool during operational flight.

They did have a flight simulator, but time was against us, and we had to hop along to the next part of the museum across the carpark. This had a German flying bomb replica outside the entrance to the museum. We ventured in and saw many different aircraft that were operational during the modern era, including a Lightning Jet fighter and the Jaguar jet fighter too. They also had cut-away views of cockpits and interiors of planes and helicopters, and a vehicle that had been used in Downton Abbey (I don't remember seeing that in the show...)

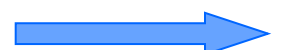


Tim acting his age!



Spitfire

At the Spitfire & Hurricane Museum, Manston



There were many excellent models of planes, transport of all sorts and people, and also many weapons of war, (which made you wonder what damage each weapon may have done, a very sobering thought).

We took many photos, and at 4pm it was time to leave for the homeward journey, we could have spent much more time there, like so many museums, there is so much information, that does not get read!



Hurricane

We arrived back home around 6pm, after a very good day together. Thank you to all who organised the trip, and gave us a very informative and inspiring day.

John Kimble

LETTER FROM DAWN

Dear HPC

I am sorry this has been so long in coming. At last my flat is fully renovated. If anyone is in Tonbridge please ring and pop into see me. I have settled in now. I have decided to become a member of St. Stephen's Church that is right opposite my flats. They are very welcoming there and I attend with others from our flats. I have not been able to come down to see you all as my back has become very painful again so I cannot drive far. I have seen my surgeon and hopefully he will be able to put it right again.



Tonbridge is a charming town. It is similar to Hailsham in that there are many Charity shops and Nail bars but there are other shops. It is interesting that Tonbridge is a very ancient town. Everyone presumes that Tunbridge Wells is older but in fact it only became a town when Spas became the fashion and it was named Tonbridge's Wells then the spelling changed over the years.

Still missing you all. God Bless.

Dawn Kimpton

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER



The **orange** represents the world.



The **red ribbon** indicates God's love wrapped around the world and the blood Christ shed on the cross.



The **dried fruits and sweets** are symbols of God's creations. For many people, they also represent the four seasons.



The **lit candle** symbolises Jesus, the light of the world, who brings hope to people living in darkness.

SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS @ 10.30AM

Christmas Perspectives - December

We normally read the Christmas story from the gospels of Matthew or Luke but this year as we lead into Christmas we're going instead to listen to John and Paul as they explain the significance for us of Jesus coming into the world.

The Final Word (Hebrews 4 - 10) - January

This next section of Hebrews is once again all about our struggle to keep going, to hold on in the face of so many different challenges and as ever the prescription is the same – keeping looking to Jesus!

SUNDAYS @ 6.30PM

The God of Abraham Praise! (Genesis 12 – 25) – January

So begins a well-known hymn and with good reason! Abraham's story is a remarkable one in so many ways but most of all because through his story we get to see an even better story and can face to face with Abraham's God, the God who so loved the world.

Don't forget you can always listen to our sermons on the website:
www.hailshamchurch.org

SUNDAYS @ HPC:

DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020



1 December ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche
(Countdown! A child friendly telling of the Christmas story)
6.30 pm Advent Carols by Candlelight
- a candlelight service of carols and readings for Advent

8 December 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups
(Joy Shared – 1 John 1: 1-4)
2.45 pm Holy Communion with Carols @ Emmanuel
4.00 pm A Christmas Cracker—the characters of the nativity each have their story to tell. Come and meet them on Sunday 8th December at 4 pm. There will be Christmas crafts, songs and a delicious tea too!
(An afternoon of fun, activity and celebration particularly for families with younger children)

15 December 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups
(Love Revealed – 1 John 4: 7-20)
6.30 pm Christmas Unplugged
A relaxed evening of carols and Christmas music, café style, with festive treats and a glass of wine

22 December (No service at 8 am)
09.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups. (Hope Secured – Titus 3: 4-7)
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight
A traditional service of carols and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies

24 December CHRISTMAS EVE
3 pm, 4.30 pm and 6 pm Christingle Family Carol Service
(Three identical services, choose the time that suits you best)
11 pm Holy Communion

25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Christmas Family Celebration
Informal and fun – Christmas joy for all



29 December 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche
(No evening service)

5 January 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's
groups. (Victory Enjoyed – Revelation 12: 1-12)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
(For God so loved the world - Genesis 12: 1-9)

12 January 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's
groups. (A Basis for Trust -our great high priest – Hebrews
4:15 – 5:10)
2.45 pm Holy Communion@ Emmanuel
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
(A God for Losers - Genesis 12:10 – 13:4)

19 January 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion Morning Service with crèche
and children's groups
(A Solid Anchor – Hebrews 5:11- 6:20)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
(The God of all the earth - Genesis 13:5 – 14:24)

26 January 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's
groups. (An Eternal Salvation – Hebrews 7: 1-28)
2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel
6.30 pm Holy Communion
(The Covenant God – Genesis 15: 1-21)

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.

HOME GROUPS — LIVING CHRISTIANITY

There's more to the gospel than we might think. This Term's home groups will be looking at God's calling for his people to shine as lights in a dark world. We will aim to understand the implications of living as a Christian in today's world and become better equipped to live out our faith in all areas of our lives.

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 on rorygraham@hailshamchurch.org or via the Church Office (01323 442410)



THE WEST END

with the boards removed.

There is still quite a lot of work to be done, but won't it be wonderful when it's completed!



CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 9.15 am

3 December, 7 January

Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Lounge

15 January

Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Lounge,

18 December, 22 January



Fairytale Light Party

Halloween is best known for 'trick or treat' and scary costumes. It all seems like harmless fun but as Christians we recognise that the world is broken, that there is much darkness in the world and so we want to celebrate Jesus, the One who is the light of the world who has overcome the darkness.

One way to celebrate is with a party and so that's what we did! With a fairytale theme it gave children (and adults!) the opportunity to dress up. The children enjoyed themed crafts and activities such as 'plant one of Jack's beans', 'decorate a gingerbread man', 'carve Cinderella's pumpkins', 'Snow White's apple bobbing'. There was also Sleeping Beauty's bouncy castle, face painting and glitter tattoos.

Although the light party was a fairytale theme we wanted to show that Jesus is not a fairytale character. The Bible is not a book of made up stories but the truth. Colin Buchanan has helpfully written a song called 'Jesus is no fairytale' and so we watched the video of this before singing some songs. We then heard the true story of how Jesus showed how powerful he is when he calmed the storm and saved his friends.

It's not a party without food and so what better way to finish than with delicious hotdogs and ice cream factory! A fun morning.....No tricks..... but lots of treats!





ISSUES

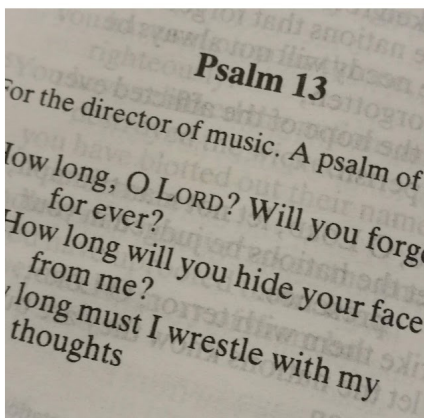
An Informal Evening Service

with an extended focus on a key issue for today.

There are many issues in life with which we struggle, often troubling situations and we're not sure how we should respond as Christians.

Helen Thorne (*Training Director: London City Mission*) was speaking on **When Times are Dark – Living with Depression and Anxiety**

Anxiety and Depression are difficult to deal with and they have a personal impact so many of us today. However, we have a loving and compassionate God, who cares for each one of us – both those who are struggling and others who stand beside friends/relatives who are battling against depression or anxiety. This session was an opportunity to find out a little more of how we can be encouraged (or encourage others) when times are dark or overwhelming... A recording of her talk and hand-out notes are available to download from the website, www.hailshamchurch.org



UPDATE ABOUT THE SMITH FAMILY

FOR THOSE IN HPC WHO HAVE BEEN ASKING

Stephen and Susan Smith

They bought a run-down bungalow in Whittington on the river Wissey and are transforming it into a delightful house with an upstairs flat, barn and other amenities while living in a caravan for over two years. Susan works part-time at a local shop/garage and is fully involved in the work at several churches. Stephen does most of the building work while doing free-lance telecom work.

Simon Smith

Their oldest son lives not far away from his parents in Cambridgeshire with his wife Lucy and children Joshua, Jasmine and Bradley. He has his own electrical business and also helps his dad rewire his house. Lucy does secretarial work.

Stuart Smith

He now lives in Crowborough, East Sussex with his wife Fay and children Alicia, Beth and Abigail. Stuart works for Avon while acting as chauffeur to the family, shopping and cooking, while Fay works as a legal secretary in Buss Merton solicitors, Tunbridge Wells.

Sarah Lakilak

She emigrated to Australia last year with Paul, and children Lily, Annabel and Logan. She nurses and they live in the Sydney area. She and Annabel have recently had a holiday in India with people from their church.

Saul Smith

He is based at the moment with his parents in Norfolk, while working all over the country as a breakdown engineer.

Shula Onions

Shula and Phil live also in Cambridgeshire with their children Alanis, Melika, Ayrton and Emrys. Shula is a trained gardener.

Sophia Underwood

Sophia and husband Sean live in Polegate. Sean is a prison officer at Lewes prison. Sophia trained with the Ambulance Service as an Associate Practitioner but is now taking a break to have a family. Evie Arwen was born on November 7th 2019. Sarah has come over from Australia to see her!

So, Sue and Steve to date now have fourteen grandchildren!

If you would like any further details just ask "Auntie Pam"!

PERCY

Once upon a time there was a lovely prickly hedgehog. On top he really couldn't be touched but underneath he was silky soft. He was also very good. You would think a hedgehog couldn't really be bad but it must be possible because our hedgehog (we will call him Percy) was VERY good. He spoke kindly to his neighbours and cared for his own family but what



he didn't realise was that he was very, very boastful.

You would think he would hear the boastful tone in his own voice wouldn't you, but not Percy. "If I stretch myself thin I can get through a gap in the fence too small for any of you." or "I can burrow deeper into a compost heap than anyone."

One day Percy did just that, he burrowed deeper and deeper into the compost heap expecting to find the really warm spot in the centre but he got tired with all that burrowing and stopped for a little nap. When Percy woke up there was no light coming through the heap and he, Percy the boastful, had made a really big mistake—he had burrowed into the bonfire heap which the children of the house were making ready for a party (with a little bit of help from the grown-ups).

When Percy saw a man coming with a flaming stick in his hand he was horrified, so he did what frightened hedgehogs are meant to do, he rolled himself up into a tight ball. You would think the outcome of that would be roasted hedgehog but no, a little voice piped up "My teacher says we must check the heap for animals." So Daddy, (that's who the man with the flaming stick was) got a rake and pulled the heap over. "There you see," piped up the little voice again. Percy was gently rolled over and

over until he was well clear of the heap, Mummy fetched her gardening gloves, on account of Percy's prickles and Percy felt himself carefully picked up and carried to safety. "Phew", Percy breathed out with a huge sigh of relief. "That was a close thing. Someone knew better than me what to do.



Percy never boasted again.

The End

Love from Grandma Dot

Last time, owing to a slight blip in the printing, the end of the story: "Something to sing about" was omitted in some copies. Here it is.

Have you guessed who and what I am? I am FROG. Now I too will sing my best song which is called "Croak" (I'm told I'm really talented at this one), so that the family will know I am on my way home.



DIANE & DARRYL SEEBY

Diane & Darryl would like to thank everyone at HPC for their friendship, care, support, love and prayers during Diane's illness.

"My right leg does not need bandages anymore – the best news we've had this year. One more leg to go!"

Thank you God for healing.

100 YEARS AGO

From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of December 1919/January 1920

December 1919

Dear Friends

All the Missionary Societies are asking for more help or they must cease. This seems at first, deplorable, but may it not mean, leaving Native Christians more to their own resources; may it not be reverting to Apostolic methods i.e. St Paul's churches. We may be quite sure nothing but necessity will do it, as long as human nature has any prop to stand on it will not try to stand on its own feet – and it is really not much good till it does. This does not relieve us from effort in the least.

Advent is here. Never did the Season speak so solemnly to us. Advent is an Apocalypse, an unfolding – opening to vision what was hidden. The most extraordinary filling up of prophesy today is the Jews' Christians watch it with bated breath "The kingdom of God is come high you." The effect upon the Gentiles at whose hands they have suffered so long and so terribly, and upon their own future must be tremendous. May we, our Nation have a part In it. Prophecy bids us look for the final development of the Jews as something like Life from the dead to a worn-out world. The finale will not be till they say "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord"

Hailsham has taken a decided interest in the Jews for over 60 years and it is increasing, judging by the large meetings on the subject and increased help, and, perhaps, surer still, by opposition and sneers. I hope you will come to the Meeting, December 3rd, at 7 o'clock, on Mesopotamia. With regard to this country generally, I think things are going on pretty well considering!

Armistice Day, Tuesday November 11th was celebrated in the City in a splendid way. All thanks are due to the Lord Mayor who seemed to have touched the hearts and brought out such a response. He had a Band playing in the balcony of the Mansion House (Salvation Army Band) and when it started "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," that beautiful hymn to Jesus, the whole crowd took it up; it rang amongst the masses, right up Cheapside, and men and women found themselves singing it in Cornhill and Threadneedle Street. It curled round Queen Victoria Street, and reached Princes Street, and when "Nearer my God to Thee" was started it fairly rose like a grand Te Deum upwards, followed by "Our God our help.. A simple prayer by the Captain of the Salvation Army was offered and so ended an Outdoor Service such as seldom has been seen. The Cathedrals and Churches were filled, and beautiful music was heard as you passed

their doors. Truly November 11th in the City was worthily kept. Here we had well-attended Services at 11 and 7. There was a solemnity about the whole observance which speaks well.

January 1920

We are all asking, one year since the Armistice, six months since Peace was signed, and the final seal not yet fixed, when shall we be normal? When are the Comrades going to use their Hon. Chaplain? For I hear they appointed me to that post. I suggest they should come once a month January, February and March. March round the town with their band and bring the men in for half an hour.

We hope to do something towards the Church Memorial Window in the spring. It will probably be the South window, exactly opposite Faith, Hope and Charity. We have about £150 and more promised. We want £400. I thank heartily the Magazine Distributors. We began years ago with 600 and Jan. 1st send out 800. We have not dropped much during the War. I have another £1 given to the Deficit and hope 1920 to reduce it to under £12. This is far better than all the parishes around.

The Comrades are in full view! The Women's' Section is arranging a Salf Work for the Hut, and another Whist Drive January 15th. The Secretary asks for gifts. Members' subscriptions are wanted to close the accounts the Generall Meeting (Women) is fixed for Tuesday 13th January at 3pm. They hope to give a Tea and Social to widows and orphans of the gallant heroes early in January.

The Hon. Librarian asks for Standard Works and Books of Reference, and books for Boys and Girls for the Parish Free Library he will arrange for collection.

The Parish Free Library and Institute was opened,, judging by the crowd, with great success. I hope it will be used by all the Parish as the Recreation Ground is. The Speeches were happy and they opened it with Prayer, which to me means a great deal as to its future.

Sackville, or Klondyke, or by whatever name it goes, is really a disgrace and a danger to the Town. How can the School Teachers hope for elevation when their boys and girls return through the slush and dismal surroundings to their homes. Is there no way but by Public Opinion? Then let us begin our Propaganda to get someone, or someones to do something somewhere. Roads are wanted and paths. Even the fish were complaining to a Parish Councillor in George Street last week, opposite the Church Tower, that it was too wet for them, and I joined in, but it was no good.



PEOPLE FOR PRAYER

Vivienne Allan
Evelyn Baldwin
Maureen Barber
Rena Barrow
Roy Bland
Mabel Burton
Daphne Elphick
Dora Green

Virna Hunnisett
Ron Keeley
Pat Pettitt
John Read
Diane Seeby
Michael Tanner
Val Thompson

We give thanks for the life of Dave Adams

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

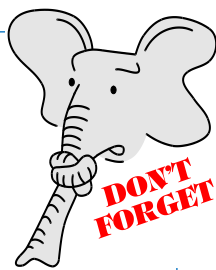
FUNERALS

October 22 Anita Smith

October 25 Louie Jones

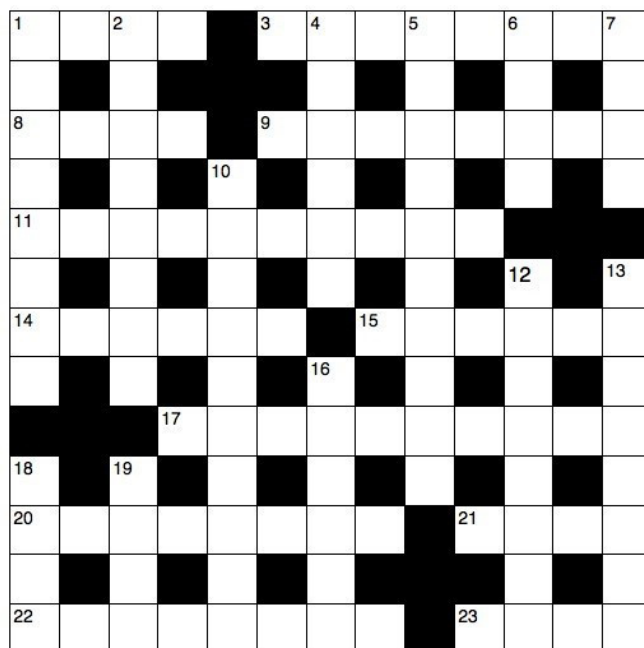
*We extend our prayers and
sympathy to their families*

**Closing date for the
February/March mag is
Wednesday 15 January**
**Email Rosie via the
Church Office**
office@hailshamchurch.org



THE CROSSWORD

(answers next time)



ACROSS

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
21 Rite (anag.) (4)
22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

DOWN

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)

- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SOLUTION

- ACROSS:** 1. Bartholomew. 9, Evil one. 10, Adore. 11, Ran. 13, Oreb. 16, Zinc. 17, Entail. 18, Hung. 20, Lehi. 21, Joshua. 22, Pity. 23, Wide. 25, Age. 28, Alarm. 29, Partake. 30, Sennacherib.
- DOWN:** 2, Alive. 3, Took. 4, Over. 5, Onan. 6, Emotive. 7, Jehoshaphat. 8, Melchizedek. 12, A light. 14, Beg. 15, Strong. 19, Not have. 20, Law. 24, Iraqi. 25, Amen. 26, Epic. 27, Free.

HPC CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We wish you all a very happy Christmas
and invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Sunday 1 December

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Countdown!

A child friendly telling of the Christmas story

6.30 pm Countdown to Eternity

Advent Carols by Candlelight

Monday 2 December

2.30pm Meeting Point Carols

Thursday 5 December

7 pm Lights of Love Service - *St Wilfrid's Hospice*

Sunday 8 December

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Service

Christmas Perspectives – Joy Shared

4 pm A Christmas Cracker

*An interactive Christmas experience for families with younger children,
including crafts, stories, songs and a delicious tea.*

Places should be booked in advance (441868).

Saturday 14 December

2.30 pm A Concert of carols and Christmas music
with Wealden Brass and festive refreshments

Sunday 15 December

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Service

Christmas Perspectives – Love Revealed

6.30 pm Christmas Unplugged

*A relaxed evening of carols and Christmas music, café style,
with festive treats and a glass of wine*

Sunday 22 December

09.30 am Holy Communion

Christmas Perspectives – Hope Secured

A short reflective service to begin Christmas

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

*A traditional service of carols and readings
followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Christingle Family Carol Service

4.30 pm Christingle Family Carol Service

6.00 pm Christingle Family Carol Service

(Three identical services, choose the time that suits you best)

11.00 pm Holy Communion

A quiet, reflective service as Christmas arrives

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Christmas Family Celebration

Informal and fun – Christmas joy for all

Sunday 29 December

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age Service

off the High Street, at the heart of Hailsham