



# Hailsham

## Parish Church

# News



January 19th 2020

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

# February - March 2020

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## CONSCIENCE

When Martin Luther rode into the town of Worms in 1521, he was not a confident man.

Luther had long protested against the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church—most famously in 1517 with the posting of his *Ninety-five Theses* on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. After years of ensuing controversy, Pope Leo X finally excommunicated the German reformer in January 1521. In April of that year, Luther was summoned to appear before the Imperial Diet (Assembly) at Worms to defend his



controversial beliefs before the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

We may think of Luther as big and brash and full of swagger, but he came into Worms so intimidated that on the first day of his defence his statements could barely be understood. The Catholic

authorities were threatening to banish him from Charles's empire—a vast territory centred in Germany and spanning central Europe. Luther's livelihood as a professor, and his very life, were at stake.

Luther knew what the authorities wanted him to do: recant his words criticizing the Catholic Church for its teaching and practices. However fearful he may have been at the outset, by the end of the interrogation Luther had gathered his strength.

**“My conscience is captive to the Word of God,” Luther declared. “Thus I cannot and will not repent, for going against my conscience is neither safe nor salutary. I can do no other. Here I stand. God help me. Amen.”**

On May 26, 1521, the Emperor rendered his decision. Luther was to be placed under a “ban and double ban.” This Edict of Worms implored the men and women of the empire:

- **. . . not to take the aforementioned Martin Luther into your houses, not to receive him at court, to give him neither food nor drink, not to hide him, to afford him no help, following, support, or encouragement, either clandestinely or publicly, through words or work. Where you can get him, seize him and empower him, you should capture him and send him to us under tight security.**

Luther was now a man on the run. The powers that be were adamant that Luther and his writings—and anyone sympathetic to his ideas—must be silenced. And yet, Luther was willing to endure all this—expulsion, danger, maybe even death—for the sake of his conscience. In a very real sense, you could say that the history of the Reformation, the history of Europe, and the history of the entire world was, in God's providence, altered because one man refused to violate his conscience.

Praise God Luther took his conscience seriously.

I wonder if you and I are quite so careful with ours.

One of the joys of being immersed in a different culture for a week is that it causes you to wonder about why as a Christian you hold the views that you do.

Our Uganda brothers and sisters in Christ are quite clear that Christians should not drink alcohol; whereas I think in moderation a Christian may drink alcohol if they wish.

In Uganda, women who follow Christ would only ever wear skirts, whereas I think there is nothing in the bible that prohibits them from wearing trousers.





This isn't necessarily a question of right and wrong but one of conscience. I was interested to think how I had arrived at my views and why.

Many of you will know the story of Pinocchio. I remember the story as I learned it from the Disney cartoon version. The woodcarver Gepetto wants his puppet Pinocchio to be a real boy. Once this wish is granted, Jiminy Cricket

is assigned to be Pinocchio's conscience.

Pinocchio doesn't stay a little boy for long. He falls in with the wrong crowd, and his lack of truth-telling gets him into trouble. His nose grows long as a sign that lies eventually become as plain as the nose on your face.

As he continues to lie and ignore Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio starts turning into a donkey. He blurts out a "hee-haw" in the middle of sentences. He starts braying. Donkey ears pop out of his head. A donkey tail sprouts from his backside. The boy is becoming an animal.

There is more going on in this story than we realize as children. The crux of the tale is that as Pinocchio ignores his conscience, he becomes more like a beast. He becomes something less than human. A conscience is not only indispensable to living a life pleasing to God and enjoying peace with God; it is essential for living as the human beings God made us to be.

*How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:14*

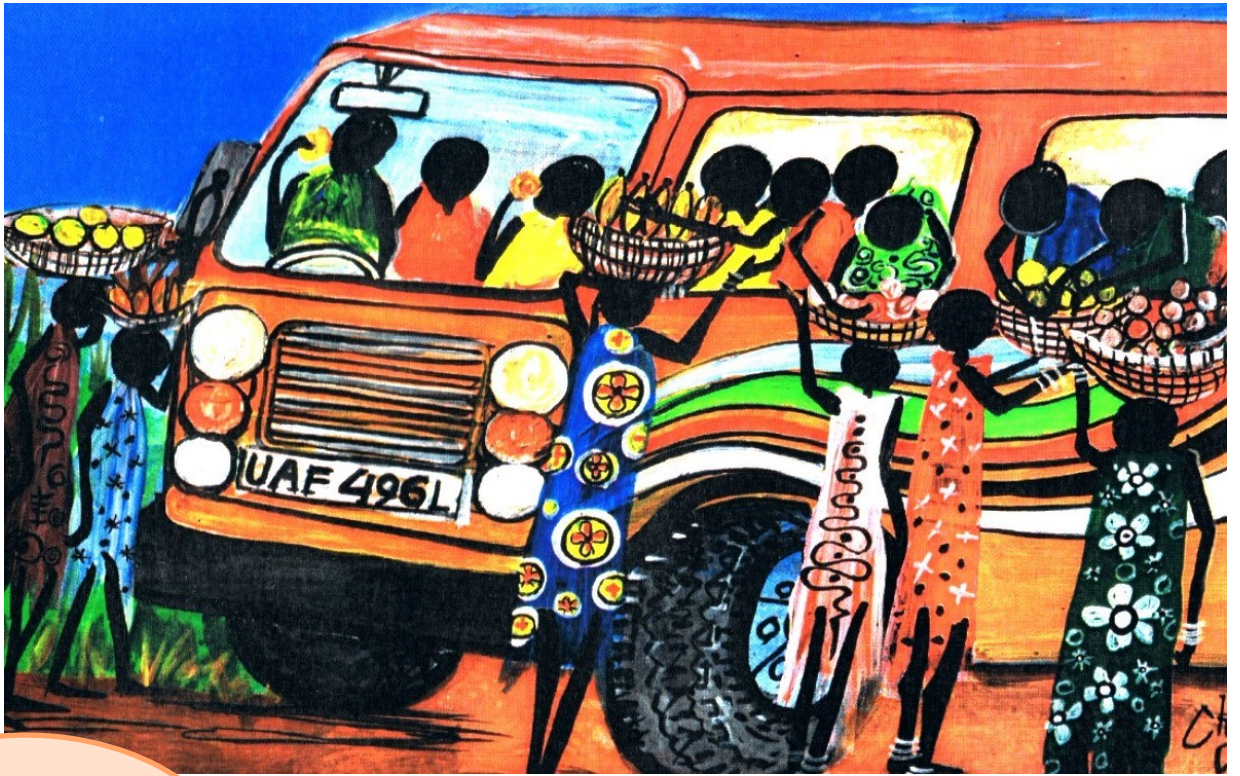
Rory Graham

## **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS**

David and Lilian Rycroft would like to thank the family and friends of HPC for all their love, prayers, cards, flowers and support during Lilian's recent very poor health. We praise God that He is faithful to the prayers of His children.

Thank you  
David and Lilian Rycroft





A message to HPC  
from Chris, Ros,  
Josh, Danny &  
Chloe

Uganda Martyrs Seminary,  
PO Box 31149  
Nakivubo Clock Tower  
Kampala  
Uganda

9/1/20

Dear Hailsham Parish Church family,

Thank you so much for the amazing  
parcel of gifts + goodies, craft + treats,  
books + activities you sent us with Rory  
and the SBT Crosslinks team. They are

so wonderful, + we know they also come  
with your love, encouragement + prayers.  
Thank you too for sending Rory to work  
with us for the week - it has been a  
joy + encouragement to share our lives +  
ministry with him, + an enormous help.  
We truly thank the Lord Jesus for our  
gospel partnership together, and look forward  
to seeing you in the Summer. With our  
love, Chris, Ros, Chloe, Josh and Danny

# **SOME REFLECTIONS FROM MY TIME IN UGANDA**

**Uganda Christians love to sing praise to God.**



Our day started with a short service in which the joy of the delegates spilled over into wonderful sung praise of God. They love Jesus and they love to sing of his love. It was exciting to sing with brothers and sisters in Christ from another culture and think, the new creation will be like this.

## **Uganda Christians love to be in church**

I preached in one of six services that were held on Sunday in a local church. There were over 400 people crammed into the 7am service with some more outside under an awning. They loved being together and hearing God's word, many had got up while it was still dark to be there. I was humbled by their commitment to meeting with God's people. Half way through my sermon the choir stood up and sung an impromptu chorus! I took this as an encouragement. My children wondered if they wanted me to stop!





## **Serving as part of a team is great fun**



Our mission partners Chris and Ros Howles are doing an amazing job in the seminary where they teach. It was such a joy to be able to go out there and strengthen their hands. They are training the next generation of Ugandan church leaders with grace and humility. The men and women who lead the conference were from different parts of the UK but God united us around the gospel of Jesus, helped us to serve the Ugandan pastors and made doing it lots of fun. I'm so thankful that following Jesus is a team sport and that he gives us each other to serve with.

## **Ugandan Lunches are huge.**



Hospitality in Ugandan culture is very important. One delegate said to me that if I came to his house and wasn't given anything to eat, it would be like I hadn't come. Every day we ate with our brothers and sisters, enjoying their friendship and struggling to finish our plates. Being deeply relational they loved the fact that we had come to Uganda and welcomed us whole heartedly. There is something very personal about sharing food together.



## **Suffering is an expected part of the Christian life**



Each day we spent the afternoon sharing testimony of the Lord's work in our lives and praying with each other. Although our cultures are very different, one of the things that stuck me was how all Christians, no matter where they live struggle with sin, the world and the devil. Our brothers and sisters out there were all very familiar with debt, death and disease. They are usually caring for children that they have adopted as a result of parental death. They are poorly treated, poorly paid and full of love for Jesus. I realised again just how much I take for granted, clean water, good healthcare, schooling, security, clean air....

## **The Ugandan Church is growing**



In numbers and in depth, but the challenges are also growing. The rise of the Prosperity gospel is conning many poor Ugandans out of money. Islam is also growing. The need for men and women to be trained to rightly handle the word of God is pressing. The Seminary where Chris and Ros work is doing that and it was a great privilege to be able to partner with them. I am so grateful to everyone at HPC who so generously gave and prayed to make it possible.

*Rory Graham*

# VISION SUNDAY/ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 26 APRIL, 10.30 AM**

Vision Sunday is the opportunity we have each year to set out for the whole congregation the opportunities and challenges which we believe God is calling 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 then leads on to Pledge Sunday – 17 May with the focus on our financial giving which this year will include a Gift Day toward the funding of our new curate.

Vision Sunday is also 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 associated papers which will be sent out to all Electoral Roll members in advance.

## ELECTORAL ROLL 2020

Last year saw a major revision of the Electoral Roll so this year it's just a tidy up. So, if you are already enrolled as a member of HPC there is nothing you need to do.

If you are new to HPC, you come along regularly and consider this to be your church then the next step might well to become a member through joining the Electoral Roll. Do ask David or Rory who will be able to discuss this with you and supply the form!

The new ER needs to be completed by **Sunday 5 April** please make sure any new applications are received before then.

David Bourne



# 2020 CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

As usual, I have prepared a Rota for the year which is pinned to the "INFORMATION & ROTAS" notice board on the South Aisle wall next to the South Porch church entrance.

Arrangements are displayed for two weeks and on average cost £45.00 (for a small pedestal) Anyone wishing to either arrange flowers themselves or contribute towards the cost of a pedestal for a special anniversary or birthday are invited to add their name to the list. If you are unsure about your arranging abilities, please speak to me as help is always available.

My many thanks to all who have helped with contributions and arranging in 2019.

*Please Contact Evelyn via the church office - [office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)*



## EASTER LILIES

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.

*Please Contact Evelyn via the church office - [office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)*



## MEETING POINT

Have you ever wondered what to do on the first Monday afternoon of the month? Why not consider coming along to Meeting Point, a friendly group of older men and ladies meeting in the church lounge the first Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays).

We have a variety of speakers throughout the year including Fire Safety, Dogs in Disability, Street Pastors, Saints Alive Puppets amongst others. You will be sure of a warm welcome at 2 p.m. with tea and biscuits (and sometimes cake)!! Programmes available on request, and on the notice board in the Lounge. Come and give us a visit!

*Margaret Surrey*





# COST FREE FUNDRAISING FOR HPC

Great news! We've already raised over £30 with easyfundraising for Hailsham Parish Mission Trust, and that was from only 4 people. Imagine what we could do with more people signed up!

If you ever do any shopping online - from groceries, books, mobiles, insurance, travel or utilities, you could be raising money for the Mission Trust at no cost to yourself. There are two easy ways you can raise funds for our ministry:



**Easyfundraising** - Over 3,500 retailers will donate a small amount when you shop through the Easyfundraising website. To sign up for an account visit this link <http://tiny.cc/4wxggz> and click 'Support this cause' then create an account. Once created, each time you plan to make a purchase from an online retailer, first visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/), login and then search for the retailer. Once found, click 'shop now' and make your purchase. HPC will receive a small donation. You can also sign up for a reminder which will pop up to tell you when you can get a donation from your online shopping, which makes it even easier.



**Amazon Smile** - If you plan to make purchases from Amazon they have their own scheme. You must first link HPC to your amazon account. To do this visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), log in to your Amazon account and click 'Get started'. Search for 'Hailsham Parish Mission Trust' and select this as your charity. Once linked you're all set. When purchasing from Amazon you must always visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and login before placing your order - all eligible purchases will raise a small donation for HPC.

We look forward to more and more people signing up, so we can raise more money for gospel work in Hailsham. Do speak to me or Colin Dadswell if you have any queries.

Thanks,

*Susie Graham*

# THE DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES ... OR NOT!

## A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE BIBLE BY THE BEACH EVENTS TEAM

"It seems our world is changing all around us and it's often hard to understand what is happening. Yet to that rapidly changing world we preach an unchanging gospel"

So reads the opening paragraph for 'Fearless – advancing the gospel' and although the changing date of the bank holiday to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May took us by surprise and clearly the diary and calendar industry too! - **nothing** is a surprise to our gracious, sovereign God.

The past few years has seen various changes especially whilst our main Eastbourne venue went through a huge refurbishment project and all along conference numbers kept growing, particularly children and youth! How exciting to see the next generation responding and engaging in this way.

And the team serving the event has grown too as we welcomed Ed Drew, Director of Faith in Kids to oversee the children's work and Jo Turnbull in 2020 to oversee youth.

We are so thankful for the prayers of many but most of all we are humbled and thankful to the Lord for His gracious kindness and leading as we look to Him in the years ahead.

Thanks to everyone at HPC who has supported Bible by the Beach in so many ways over the years – it's great to have a large group go each year either as a delegate or being part of a team serving the event. So, it's very much 'business as usual' from 1 – 4 May with a slightly amended programme but definitely with something for everyone.

Alongside the main programme of bible teaching and seminars led by a great team of speakers there is:

- A dynamic children and youth programme
- **Colin Buchanan** will lead Family Praise event on Saturday afternoon
- Concert on Saturday evening (not Sunday) – Yvonne Lyon

And the Sunday Evening Celebration with speaker Ben Kwashi on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 is open to all.



Local congregations are welcome and encouraged to come along to what has always been a real highlight for many.

So, whether your diary for 2020 has the right or wrong Bank Holiday in May printed in it (!) please note **1 – 4 May** in your diary and especially the Sunday evening celebration on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

[www.biblebythebeach.org](http://www.biblebythebeach.org)

See you in May!



## WEST END PROJECT

Progress continues to the completion of the west end project. Inevitably these last few weeks may seem slow as lots of different trades come in to finish off.

We now anticipate completion at the end of February and then a few weeks to get everything ready with new furniture, notices, displays etc. Given those timings our aim is to 'open the doors' and begin using the new entrance on Easter Sunday – 12 April. The official celebratory opening will, it is hoped, now take place at the end of September when the external works to paths and lighting will have been completed.

Once again a huge thanks to Ken Thomas, who has managed the project for us, to Peter Pritchett, our architect, to Parker + Son and to all the individuals who have worked on the project.



We're nearly there! And all praise and thanks to our God!

*David Bourne*



# HAILSHAM BELLS AND RINGERS

As many of you will realise, we were unable to have access to the tower to ring the bells once the work on the west end of the church had started. This was in order to comply with Health and Safety requirements and those of the church's insurance company. This meant that our last ringing before the work started was on Easter Day.

In order for our ringers to keep in practice, which is absolutely vital, we have been accommodated by a number of the churches in the area who have kindly allowed us to ring on their bells on a Monday evening. This has been of great benefit in keeping our band



together and we are most grateful to those churches and to Elizabeth Munday for making the arrangements with them. We were also able to assist two or three less experienced ringers from these churches to progress their ringing.

During the time of silence from our tower, many people were missing the bells and asked when they would be heard again. We were therefore very pleased that Ken Thomas was able to arrange with the builders to give us access to ring over the Christmas period and many people have made appreciative comments on hearing the bells.



Because of the practice he put in over the time between Easter and Christmas, Samuel Canning was able to ring his first quarter peal (about 40 minutes ringing non-stop) before the Carol Service and another on New Year's Eve. Samuel is to be congratulated on the high standard of his performance on both occasions, which requires not only the physical effort but a high degree of mental concentration also.

The control of the tower has now been handed back to the builders while the west end work is completed so there will be another break from hearing our bells but hopefully not for too long this time.

If there is anyone who thinks they would like to consider learning to ring the bells, we would be very pleased to talk to you.

*Alan Baldock*

## THANK YOU TO WAITROSE

Many thanks to Waitrose for donating a large number of mince pies to help with the refreshments at many of the services and Open Church over the Christmas period. We are also very grateful for the very special price on the oranges supplied to make the 460 Christingles distributed over the three services.



With 730 plus adults and children attending the services and many of the adults as well as the children wanting a Christingle we may need even more next year.



Many Thanks

*Roger Booth*

## SERMON SERIES

### **SUNDAYS @ 10.30AM**

#### **The Final Word (Hebrews 4 - 10) - February**

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!

#### **The Scandalous Christ (Matthew 11) – March -April**

It's hard for us to imagine just how scandalous both Jesus teaching and actions were thought to be by many people. Not just his claims and the authority with which he spoke but how he showed and taught God's outrageous grace, reaching out in love and mercy to those who so obviously didn't deserve it – and in turn provoking the anger of those who so obviously thought they did!

A short series that looks at this key section of Jesus teaching and culminates in his wonderful invitation, 'come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest'.

### **SUNDAYS @ 6.30PM**

#### **The God of Abraham Praise! (Genesis 12 – 25) – February-March**

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](http://www.hailshamchurch.org)**

## **SUNDAYS @ HPC:**

### **FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020**

- 2 February** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche  
*(What did his friends think? – Luke 10: 38-42)*  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(The Compassionate God – Genesis 16: 1-16)*
- 9 February** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups.  
*(A New Covenant – Hebrews 8: 1-13)*  
2.45 pm Holy Communion @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(The Covenant God, again – Genesis 17: 1-27)*
- 16 February** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups  
*(A Heavenly Reality – Hebrews 9: 1-28)*  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Facing the Facts of Life – in faith -Genesis 18: 1-33)*
- 23 February** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(A Final Sacrifice – Hebrews 10:14-18)*  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
*(What Sodom does to you – Genesis 19: 1-38)*
- 1 March** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am All Age with crèche  
*(What did the businessman think? – Luke 19: 1-10)*  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(When faith fails – Genesis 20: 1-18)*
- 8 March** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Offence – Matthew 11:1 – 15)*  
2.45 pm Holy Communion@ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Joy, Pain and Hope - Genesis 21:1 – 34)*



**15 March** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Holy Communion Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Verdict – Matthew 11: 16-24)*  
6.30 pm ISSUES - Singleness

**22 March MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche  
*(What did his mother think? – Luke 1:46-55)*  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
*(A Puzzle and the God who Provides – Genesis 22: 1-24)*



**29 March** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Invitation (1) – Matthew 11: 25-30)*  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Endings and Beginnings - Genesis 23 and 24)*

**5 April PALM SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Invitation (2) – Matthew 11: 25-30)*  
2.45 pm Holy Communion @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(The Covenant God, forever – Genesis 25: 1-34)*



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.

## MEN AND SPIRITUAL FERVOUR

**Monday 20th January**

It was great to see 28 men from HPC sit together and enjoy a meal together, enjoying each others company as brothers in Christ. Thanks to all those who contributed to the meal of baked potatoes, various curries, chill and beans followed by pies and cream and ice cream.

This was followed by splitting into 3 groups and studying God's word together and looking at how to help each other to maintain our spiritual fervour. Spiritual fervour is our response to God's mercy, and is threatened by much in this world. To lose fervour is to risk making a shipwreck of our faith. We were challenged to help each other to ensure we do not lose that fervour.

*David Gooding*





# Save the Date – Church Weekend Away

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Come and join the church family for a weekend away in sunny (it usually is!) East Sussex. Coldharbour Meadows is only 10 minutes from Hailsham.



**Flyers available soon!**

An opportunity to join together with the whole church family, to learn more about Jesus and to have fun together.



### BITE-IN

Bite-In is continuing each Friday and numbers have been growing so if anyone feels they can offer the occasional (or more) Friday morning from 8.15am (or later) until 12 noon you would be most welcome to join the team. Come and make new friends and meet lovely customers. If you bake it would be a bonus but it's not in the CV. We would love to have you. Please contact Elizabeth Munday or Ron Timms via the church office - [office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org)  
Thank you.



### CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

**Tuesdays at 9.15 am**

4 February, 3 March

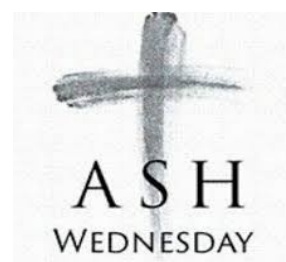
**Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Lounge**

19 February, 18 March

**Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Lounge,**

26 February with communion, (Ash Wednesday)

25 March





# SNAPSHOTS OF HPC'S MUSIC-MAKING FOR CHRISTMAS, 2019



Sussex Carols  
Christmas concert,  
*Shepherds Arise!*,  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December.



Junior Band at  
*A Christmas Cracker*,  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December.



Various singers  
from HPC at the  
*Festive Farmers'*  
*Market*,  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December



Band and mini choir for  
*Christmas Unplugged*,  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December



Choir and instrumentalists  
for *Carols by Candlelight*,  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Youth Band Plus!  
at the 3.30 p.m.  
*Christingle* service  
on Christmas Eve



Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and energy to play an instrument,  
or to operate audio-visual equipment.

*Chris Taylor*



**AND HERE WE ARE. . . . .**  
**RELAXING OVER A MEAL IN CALLENDERS IN JANUARY,**  
**AFTER OUR BUSY DECEMBER!**







\* \* \* \* \*  
 \* It's all in the spelling... \*  
 \* G - God \*  
 \* R - ran \*  
 \* A - alongside \*  
 \* C - carrying \*  
 \* E - everything \*  
 \* \* \* \* \*

# NOTHING TO FEAR

I don't like the look of this, I squeaked. Spike, that's my Dad gave me a little push but I just rolled up tighter so he gave me another little push. "You go first Dad" I said. "You have to do this on your own next year so best get on with it Son" was his insistent reply. "OK then, here goes" I pushed my nose out of the mass of dry leaves which had been my



winter home, then I blinked and blinked again the light was so bright it hurt my eyes so once more I turned to go back in. "O no you don't Sunshine" said Dad and as his considerable and very spiky bulk was in my way there was nothing for it but to venture on.

I heard the song of a bird, then another, then a lot. "Dawn Chorus" said my Dad. A bit further on we came to different sorts of spikes; grass and plants this time. I wanted my Mum but she wasn't quite ready to get up and anyway she still had my young sister to look after. Suddenly we came to an open space; there were trees here instead of my hedge-home but it was beautiful.



I was hungry and set about finding some food, I bet there is plenty under these leaves I thought; and I was right - and started scratching about for my breakfast. After a while I stopped for breath and looked around, my Dad had rambled on and I couldn't see him. Why was I so afraid of this, I'm grown-up now. All I have to do is remember all *I have been taught and I'll be fine so with new-found confidence I continued my search feeling much better.*

The End.

Love from Grandma Dot



## **EASTER CARE HOMES DATES**

1. Bowes House --	Wed 25th Mar	11.00 a.m.
2. Woodside Hall --	Thurs 26th Mar	2.30 p.m.
3. Quinnell House --	Wed 1st Apr	2.30 p.m. tbc
4. Caroline House --	Thurs 2nd Apr	3.00 p.m. tbc
5. Marshview --	Mon 6th Apr	3.00 p.m.
6. Bentley Grange --	Tues 7th Apr	3.00pm

: If you'd like to attend one or more of these services,  
please contact Chris Taylor.

## **A FLAVOUR OF OUR CAROL SERVICES IN HAILSHAM CARE HOMES**

Through December a good number of us from church were made very welcome at seven local care homes (and other similar residential settings) as we led carol services for the residents of each home as well as staff members and guests such as family members who were able to attend.

We visited Bentley Grange, Luke Lade Court, Bowes House, Marshview, Quinnell House, Caroline House and Woodside Hall. A selection of readings, carols, prayers, a musical item or a poem and a talk given this time by Linda Garvican or Margery Luffingham made for a varied service that brought the good news of Christmas and the challenge to respond in faith to everyone present. We were encouraged that the numbers of people who attended the services across all seven homes *not* including team members from church totalled around 125. From mince pies to hot chocolate with marshmallows, we were treated to various seasonal delights as we enjoyed chatting with residents and their relatives after each service!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to or supported one or more of these services. If you're interested in becoming involved in this area of service, please get in touch with me.

Chris Taylor



# 100 YEARS AGO

## *From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of February/March 1920*

### **February 1920**

Dear Friends

As a Church we intend to make our effort this Lent round the Magham Down Mission Room. There has been a revival of village social life, owing a great deal to the energy and unselfish work of a few inhabitants. Why not deepen it by a revival of Spiritual life, then all life will be quickened. I am delighted at the response to the Bellringing appeal. May they take it up as a work for God and go on advancing in the art. It is a great thing to be a Bell Ringer in the House of God; it is better to be a good Bell Ringer.

So Sackville Roads are shelved for a time! No material to be had! "Give them some Beach" I remember when a great statesman said to the Farmers "Make jam". Well, let us keep the pot boiling and perhaps we shall get some jam in time.. it is an open sore! Material was not always so scarce, now, for a time, anyhow, it is perfectly true. Can't we get the owners to put some beach or clinkers down: 30/- a truck?

So the Hut is to be opened, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. A Church Parade is to be held on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm, for all Comrades and others, and the offertories all day will be given to the Hut Fund.

William Weller, who has been Captain of the Ringers since 1890 and has rung the bells since 1885, retires from old age. He has kept the team together splendidly for all that time. The team are a model of what Bell Ringers should be as regards conduct and behaviour. The thanks of the whole Parish are due to William Weller, who lays down his bell or hangs it up pure and unsullied, which he has so long rung to the praise and glory of God. We thank him.

The Ringers' appeal has been answered by five members of our congregation, who are now learning to ring: Sergt-Major Crowhurst, Messrs. Matthews, Mercer, Ringer and Clarke. Mr Simpson is getting up a team of Handbell Ringers amongst the lads of the Church. The Ringers have gone on for years doing the good service of calling the people to Prayer and Praise in the service of God's House. They have been a united, steady and God-fearing lot, and some from age and infirmity have had to give it up. On Tuesday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 1901, the first year of King Edward VII, there was rung in two hours and forty-eight minutes a Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes; three of those now ringing took part in it – Charles Prangnell, John Matthews, Harry Vine. Tom Burgess and Reuben Bignell have retired. Let us hope they will go on to higher ringing still in the future. Campanology is no mean art.

The Clock is to be put into the hands of Mr Sharp of Elmsdown Place and no longer under the care of the Ringers, who do not consider it to be their proper work.

### **March 1920**

Now that the Institute is running, the Obelisk has money enough and the Hut is up and used, I have no hesitation in asking for funds to set to work at the Memorial Window in Church. Please send your donations to Mr Simpson, Churchwarden and Banker.

Easter Day, April 4<sup>th</sup>, will offer you plenty of occasions for Holy Communion, 7 am, 8 am, 12 noon. Do not excommunicate yourselves.

There is, unfortunately, a larger deficit on the Parish Magazine than last year, amounting to over £20. Expenses have gone up. To get rid of this we must ask our friends to organise a Jumble Sale in the Spring; and to carry on we must ask everyone who can to pay twopence, and those who cannot, a penny as before, so as not to let the circulation suffer, for it is such a useful means of communication for the whole parish.

The Comrades' Hut was opened by the Lord Lieutenant, our Member, and others, February 5<sup>th</sup>. It was crammed and all went off well. The Sale of Work later was a great event and took nearly £150. Mrs. Douglas Hogg made her first speech here and spoke very well.

Sackville Roads and Paths reached the Parochial Council and thence back to the District Council. Why not ask the County Council (Roads and Bridges) to inspect it? At any rate, Hope is springing up in Sackville.

An important meeting of friends of the Scout movement was held February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Room, called by Mrs Warner Abbatt, who is an excellent Secretary and will make the thing go. Mrs Abbatt ran the Girl Guides at Slinfold during the War. It is to be on a large scale taking in the District. Two ladies, Mrs Abbatt and Mrs Douglas Hogg have come before us lately, new to Hailsham, and both bid fair to take an active and useful part in Parish activities.

A meeting of the League of Nations was held at the Church Room on 20<sup>th</sup> March. About 60 were present, chiefly men. The Rev. Foster Jeffreys gave an intellectual address which required careful following. The purpose, organisation and machinery of the League seems admirable, but it just wants the motive power. This we must look to Christianity to supply so this League may be the advance guard of a great outpouring of the Spirit. Just as Greece and Rome were used for the spread of Christianity, so this may be. Anyhow, Christians should join..



## PEOPLE FOR PRAYER



Maureen Barber  
Rena Barrow  
Roy Bland  
Mabel Burton  
Daphne Elphick  
Dora Green

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

We give thanks for the life of Evelyn Baldwin

## 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

### BAPTISM

January 12      Lyra Jarvis

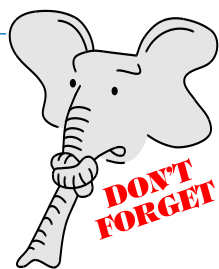
### FUNERALS

November 7	Winifred Ellery
November 12	Dave Adams
December 17	Evelyn Baldwin (106!)
January 14	Joseph Ripley
January 15	Derek Whitehall

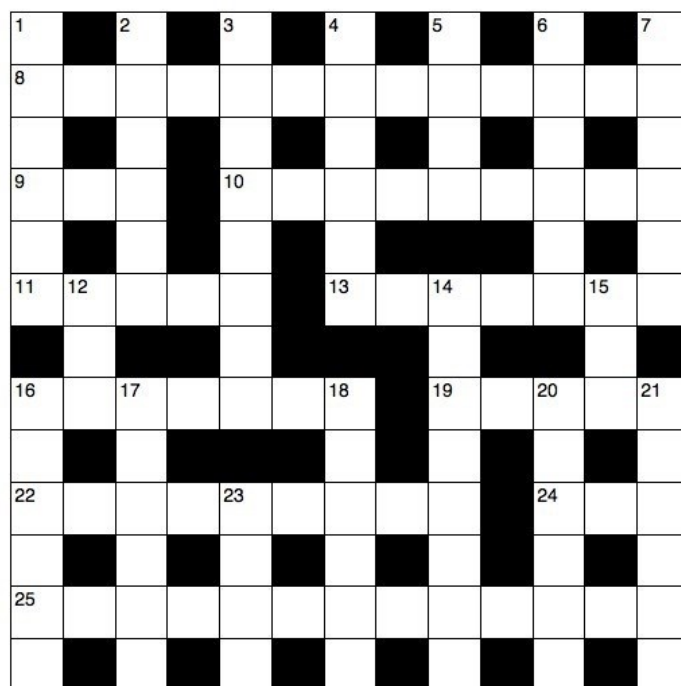
*We extend our prayers and  
sympathy to their families*



**Closing date for the  
April/May mag is  
Wednesday 18 March  
Email Rosie via the  
church office -  
office@hailshamchurch.org**



## THE CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)  
9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)  
10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)  
11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)  
13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)  
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)  
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)  
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)  
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)  
25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

### DOWN

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)  
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)  
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)  
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)  
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)  
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)  
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)  
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)  
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)  
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)  
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)  
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)  
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)  
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)  
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

### DECEMBER/JANUARY SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1, Lame. 3, Obtained. 8, Omit. 9, Merchant. 11, Burdensome. 14, Crafty. 15, Please. 17, Blacksmith. 20, Splendid. 21, Tier. 22, Singeing. 23, Hand.

**DOWN:** 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence. 12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan.

# **EASTER CELEBRATIONS @ HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH**

## **PALM SUNDAY (5 APRIL)**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.30 am Morning Service**

**2.45 pm Holy Communion @ Emmanuel**

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY (9 APRIL)**

**7.30 pm Informal Holy Communion**

**A reflective, informal service**

## **GOOD FRIDAY (10 APRIL)**

**10.30 am 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**

**2.00 pm Meditation**

**A quiet, reflective service following the events of  
the first Good Friday**

## **EASTER SUNDAY (12 APRIL)**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.30 am Easter Communion**

**A vibrant service for all with children's activities included  
followed by an Easter egg hunt**

**6.30 pm Easter Praise**

**A service celebrating the resurrection  
in music old and new**

