



# Hailsham

## Parish Church

# News



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

**June/July 2018**

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## JOIN IN THE PARTY!

It's time to get the bunting out in our house. Not the pretty party bunting we have left over from our wedding, but the tacky green and yellow bunting which we put up every four years in anticipation of Brazilian World Cup glory. The festival of colour, sound and football is about to begin once again. The tears in our household after Brazil's 7-1 semi-final drubbing at the hands of Germany in 2014 are now a distant memory, replaced by the hope and expectation of redemption in Russia this Summer for football's most successful nation.



I reap many positive benefits from being married to somebody from Brazil, not least the fact that I can now legitimately support a team who has a genuine chance of glory on 15<sup>th</sup> July! With a baby boy due 2 weeks later, should it be a Brazilian who scores the winning final goal, they have a high chance of namesake immortality in the Isaacs family – I just hope it's not the defender 'Miranda'.







## WELL, WHAT AN AMAZING WEEK IT WAS!

If any one remembers saying, 'it will never work' or 'no-one will ever come' then please don't worry, you weren't the only one! Indeed, many of us did have our doubts as we launched Connect over 12 months ago. But what a week it turned out to be or should we say rather, 'what an amazing, faithful God'!

21 events throughout the week, large events with well over 200 people and small events of no more than a dozen but at everyone someone telling their own story of God's love for them and explaining what the Christian faith is all about. Brilliant!



*Women2Women were Connecting over tapas at Bucklers*

We were wonderfully supported by Mark Redhouse and a team from All Souls in Eastbourne and by Noel Tredinnick and the All Souls Orchestra from London. There was a magical morning for young families with entertainer Bertie Pearce which got the week off to a great start. That was followed by meals every description and big 'thank you' to Hailsham's restaurants and leisure facilities that served us so well.

But, of course, the point is Connect is not just an amazing week there's a real sense in which it hasn't finished. Connecting with one another and making Jesus known is what we're about 24/7! As the apostle Peter put to be a Christian is to be '*called out of darkness into his wonderful light*' in order to '*declare his praise*', that is to announce to everyone just how brilliant Jesus is!

We're called to do that as Christians, on our 'frontlines', wherever God has placed us! The Connect week has shown us that, with God's help, we can

do it, some people **will** listen, some **are** eager to know more and as we speak God is more than able to lead people to the freedom and joy we find in Jesus.

**So, the lesson of an amazing week – keep on connecting! Speaking of Jesus and expecting God to do great things!**



*Walk & talk on the Pevensey Levels*

(Watch out for more events coming up where you can hear someone talk about Jesus including Pimms and Pudding (Friday 13 July) and Harvest Supper (Saturday 6 October).

*David Bourne*



*Connecting with Pulse*



*Mark Redhouse*



*The Men's Group were Connecting at Ribs & Co*



# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

## **JAMES AND MONICA—ON THE MOVE!**

We are very pleased to announce that James has been appointed as Vicar of All Saints, Riseley and Rector of St Mary, Bletsoe in north Bedfordshire.  
Congratulations!

James will be moving on slightly earlier than some of our past training curates. In Chichester Diocese curates in training have to complete at least three years and then are free to look for a new appointment but with the proviso that they have to move before the end of their fourth year.



In June James will have completed 3 years, a couple of very interesting jobs came up suitable for James to apply, he did and was appointed at the second attempt!

So, yes, we will be very sad to see them leave earlier than expected but delighted with their news as the congregations of Riseley and Bletsoe look forward to this new opportunity for them. Please pray for James, Monica, Rebecca and Isabella and for All Saints and St Mary's.

We expect the Isaacs to be on the move sometime mid-July.

*David Bourne*



*All Saints, Riseley*

# SUMMER OPEN CHURCH 2018

Open Church will run once again during the summer months from June – August on weekdays from 12 noon – 2 pm (Tuesdays/Wednesdays and additionally some Thursdays in the school holidays). Of course the church building is also open every Friday morning too for Bite In café in the Church lounge.

Being in the centre of town is a great opportunity to welcome people who come into the church building for a whole variety of reasons and we pray that this work will be used as an opportunity to share the gospel again in 2018.



Do please sign up on the sheet at the back of church – it can't happen without you!

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 28 July – special events in Hailsham**

As part of special events organised by our local Town Council there will be a lot going on in town on these days so do look out for flyers advertising this event. We would really like to have the church building open for visitors from 11am – 1 pm. If you can be part of a team for an hour or two then do please sign up on the sheet at the back of church asap.

Thank you  
*Denise Sinden*

## CRAFTERS

Would any one from the congregation be interested in attending our Crafty Companions Group? We meet on a Wednesday afternoon starting at 2pm. It is held in the Church lounge. You do not have to be experienced just interested and willing to have a go. We make lots of different things. It only costs a pound and for that you also get tea and biscuits.

*Dawn Kimpton*





**MEN@HPC –**  
**DRIVING RANGE & MEAL**  
**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Join us for an enjoyable evening at Lottbridge Golf Club, Eastbourne for a fun evening on the golf range (bucket of balls included), followed with a meal and a drink.



All men welcome, bring along a friend.



£9.50 per person. Please fill in name and meal choice on form at back of the church. See David Gooding for more information.

**BUILDING UPDATE –**  
**ORGANS GO AND ORGANS COME!**

As most of you will know the old organ, second-hand to us in the late 1950's, has gone to a new home in Yorkshire via Liverpool and a serious overhaul! Just in time, as it more or less died on us just before Easter.

A new digital pipe organ custom made by Romsey Organ Works and providing a very high quality 3-manual replacement will be installed sometime in the early autumn. The beauty of the new organ is that it will do even better in a fraction of the space.

The space created at the west end, the base of the tower already shows the great possibilities we now have to open up the west door and create a new level entrance to the building. The plans will include a new entrance/welcome area with stairs to a new meeting room within the tower space. This in turn will free up the south aisle to provide at least another 30 much needed seats.

Because of the lengthy process of permissions in an historic building we expect this work to be completed in about 12 months.

David Bourne

*(More about the organ and its history on page 20)*



# MEETING POINT NEWS



We usually meet the First Monday of the month in the church lounge, however in March we met later in the month as part of our church Connect 2018 week.

Tea and biscuits, and occasionally cake, is on the menu for our monthly meeting, but in March we hosted a cream tea. 52 people sat down to enjoy scones, cream, jam

and cake and listened to a brief message and testimony from friends from All Souls Eastbourne. A wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead we will again be holding our Holiday@Home on the church premises from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August. All seniors are welcome at this, especially if you are on your own. We have a varied programme, including lunch. Booking forms are available now and Margaret (Surrey) or Pam (Brooks) will be pleased to give you more information and a form. We look forward to seeing you!

*Margaret Surrey*

## **'SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE' SERVICES IN THE LOCAL CARE HOMES .**

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|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 1. Wed 20th June,   | 11.00 am | Bowes House    |
| 2. Thurs 28th June, | 3.00 pm  | Caroline House |
| 3. Wed 4th July,    | 3.00 pm  | Quinnell House |
| 4. Fri 13th July,   | 2.30 pm  | Woodside Hall  |
| 5. Tues 17th July,  | 3.00 pm  | Marshview      |
| 6. Mon 23rd July,   | 3.00 pm  | Bentley Grange |

If you'd like to attend one or more of these services, please contact Chris Taylor ([office@hailshamchurch.org](mailto:office@hailshamchurch.org))

# SONGS ON SUNDAY

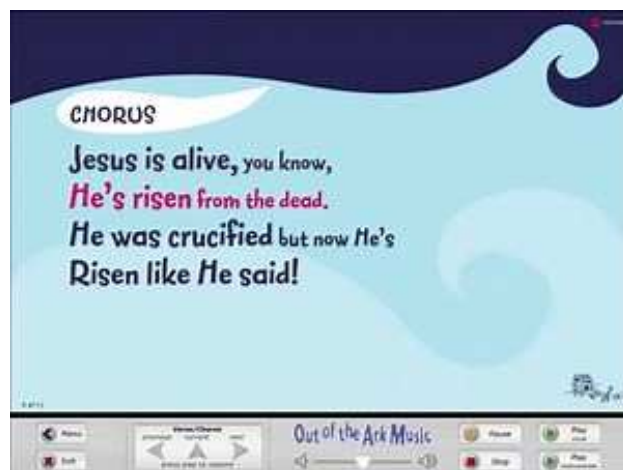
## Celebrate!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovUPYvJ22PY>

This lively action song, from Mark and Helen Johnson's album *Songs for Every Easter*, is a joyful celebration of the truth of Matthew 28: 5-6: 'The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.'" Hallelujah!

The songbook and double audio CD for the album can be purchased here:

<http://www.outoftheark.co.uk/songs-for-every-easter.html>



## You are our Hope

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz\\_6z40EmWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz_6z40EmWw)

With words and music by Doug Plank, *Comfort for weary sinners (You are our Hope)* unfolds comforting, empowering implications of Jesus' resurrection for the lives of ordinary, struggling saints. Hallelujah indeed for our overcoming King!

You can read the lyrics, listen to the song and buy the track or the album it comes from here: <https://sovereigngracemusic.bandcamp.com/track/you-are-our-hope>

## You have called us out of darkest night

Inspired by Psalm 67, *You have called us out of darkest night (May the Peoples Praise You)* is a call to mission for the church and a call to worship for everyone — that all may praise the glorious name of Jesus. We chose to introduce the song in the approach our special week of mission, *Connect 2018* (17th-25th March).

To view the lyrics, click on this link: <https://www.gettymusic.com/may-the-peoples-praise-you/> And to buy the music, click on this one: <https://store.gettymusic.com/uk/product/may-the-peoples-praise-you-7/>

The songs can be found on the church website  
<https://www.hailshamchurch.org/new-songs/>

Chris Taylor



# GOD MADE HIMSELF KNOWN

God made Himself known, through Jesus His Son  
The essence of God, the Omnipotent One.  
Creator of all, seen and unseen,  
All in the future and all that has been.  
Revealing all wonders in science and beauty,  
Bring us to marvel and worship in duty.  
Follow the path that leads to full life,  
Part of Christ's body, even in strife.  
Guide us dear teacher, strengthen, uphold us  
And at our end, gently enfold us.

*Sue Groom*

Sue says: I wrote this poem after a discussion about God and science at one of the Home Group sessions. I didn't sit down intending to write a poem but different phrases kept coming to mind, so writing them down helped me to understand.

## ***Women2women invite you to:***

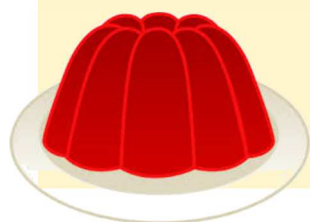
***What?*** Our annual Pimms and Pudding evening for ladies.

***When?*** Friday 13th July 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

***Speaker:*** lovely Liz from All Souls Church, Eastbourne

*An ideal event to invite a friend.*

*(There will be a sign-up sheet in church in due course.)*



# BIBLE BY THE BEACH 2018



## REFLECTIONS

### Phil and Verity Vince:

This was our first experience of BBTB so I'm sure the sun shone especially for us! We had a rough idea of what to expect having heard reports from other people and having browsed the information given prior to the event itself.

For us the highlights have to be the teaching sessions from Jeremy McQuoid and the worship times led so wonderfully by Philip Percival, Liv Chapman and Alanna Glover (Alanna had a 3 week old baby in the wings)... aka Emu Music. In particular we went to the Friday evening late spot where they introduced many of their own songs, all of them having been inspired from scripture. It felt like an extension of the worship time rather than a concert and we only wish more people could have experienced it. If they are invited back next year, we would urge you to go.

### Ann Baldwin:

Over the May bank holiday weekend I had the privilege to serve as a steward at Bible by the Beach. This year's theme was "Faithful – in a



*Ann helping at registration*

changing world". I had a remarkable weekend helping numerous delegates. From registration duties, to the dad trying to juggle pushing an elderly lady in a wheelchair and carry a baby at the same time, sharing a bottle of water with a hot harassed mum, to directing delegates around the venue. It was interesting meeting the different stewards from around the country,



some returning each year.

In my time off between shifts I could attend seminars, Bible readings and celebrations. We were very well catered for with tasty meals, tea, coffee etc and plenty of biscuits! All this was enhanced by the glorious sunshine. It was my second year as a steward and would I do it again? Definitely!! Finally I would like to thank the Events team for making Bible by the Beach possible.

### **Denise Sinden:**

Each year more and more people are part of Bible by the Beach – either as new or returning delegates (around 1000) from near or far, new volunteers (team of around 200 serving the event in many ways to make it all happen) or those who commit to becoming a Friend of Bible by the Beach faithfully supporting the work prayerfully and financially.



*Celebration!*

It's so encouraging to hear people's stories... how individuals have been helped and encouraged by God's Word through the faithful Bible teaching over the weekend... how people have been encouraged by being part of a church group coming for the first time or returning with more of their friends... and for those who served on one of

the teams and the great conversations they had to encourage one another.

We have an amazing, faithful God who leads, guides and shows His goodness throughout the year in the planning and during the conference itself and we give Him all the thanks and praise.

**NEXT YEAR—3—6 MAY 2019**

**"Amazed – sin, grace and an amazing God".**

See you there!



## GROUPS @ HPC

### ABC Playgroup

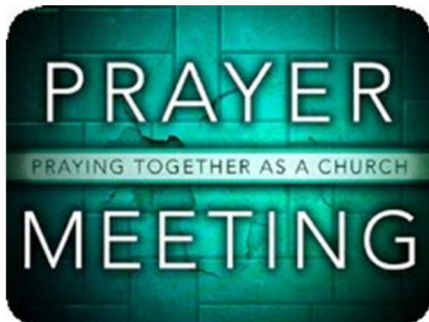
Meets Thursdays 9.30—11.30am  
term time



Meets Wednesdays 7.30—9pm  
term time



Meets Thursdays 8.00pm  
term time



Meets Wednesdays 12 noon  
except 7.45pm on 20 June  
& 18 July  
(No prayer meeting 13 June)



Meets 4pm Sunday 17 June  
& 16 July



Meets Tuesdays 3.15—5pm  
term time



Meets Saturdays 7—8.30pm  
term time



Meets Monday 2 July  
@ 2pm

**The Bite In** 9.30-  
12noon Fridays for  
tea/coffee & cake.

**Bellringing** 7.30pm  
each Monday

For details of other activities do look at  
the back of church or speak to someone  
at the door on a Sunday.





# SERMON SERIES

## SUNDAYS @ 10.30AM

### Meet the King! (The Gospel of Mark)

Mark's gospel is fast moving and hard hitting! The shortest of the gospels, in rapid fire succession, Mark records the key events in the life and ministry of Jesus. He shows us clearly that Jesus is the Christ, the long promised King who served, suffered, died and rose again just as had been announced centuries before. In fact it boils down to simple questions that Mark wants to answer for us, 'who is Jesus?' and 'why did He come?'

So, come along and meet the King as Mark introduces him to us.

## SUNDAYS @ 6.30PM

### Wisdom and Folly - The Times of Elijah (1 Kings)

Elijah stands out as one of God's all-time greats as he stands with Moses on the mount of Transfiguration alongside the Lord Jesus himself. He served the one true God at an epic time in Old Testament history when the nation was mired in idolatry and apostasy in the reign of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. Yet as James describes him he was '*a man just like us*' (James 5:17). His life was marked by weakness, failure, frustration and anxiety and yet God used him to confront and expose the false religion of his day and the murderous corruption that went with it. He felt under enormous pressure, sometimes so insignificant and on occasion abandoned by God. Yet by God's grace he persevered and ultimately his life showed off the grace and power and awesome victory of our God!

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

## THE BITE—IN HELP NEEDED!

The Bite-In has been running now for many years – every Friday morning in the church lounge – 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

We serve tea, coffee, homemade cakes and cheese scones. We also open up the church for any visitors wishing to sit quietly or one of our team is on hand if someone wishes to talk.

Come and visit us – give us a try – see what we do.

We are in great need of helpers – either to work every Friday, or once or twice a month. We also need cake makers – again on a regular basis or occasionally. If you feel able to help, please contact us.

Elizabeth Munday (for cake makers), Dot Pollard (for staff helpers) or Ron Timms



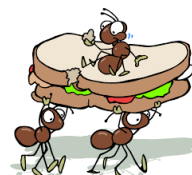
## **SUNDAYS @ HPC:**

- 3 June** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche  
3.30 pm Informal Communion @ Coldharbour Farm  
No evening service at HPC.
- 10 June** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Victorious King – Mark 4: 35-5: 43)*  
2.45 pm Holy Communion @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Counterfeit Religion – 1Kings 12: 25-33)*
- 17 June** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Rejected King –Mark 6:1-29)*  
4.00 Families@4  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(The Rise of the Enemy – 1Kings 16:8-17:1)*
- 24 June** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Shepherd King – Mark 6: 30-56)*  
2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
*(The Beginning of the God War – 1Kings 17:2-16)*
- 1 July** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche  
*(The Purifying King – Mark 7:1 – 23)*  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Do we trust God? – 1Kings 17: 17-24)*
- 8 July** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*(The Recognised King – Mark 7:24 – 8:30)*  
2.45 pm Holy Communion@ Emmanuel  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Will the Real God please stand up! – 1Kings 18:1-40)*

- 15 July** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups  
*(Following the King – Mark 8:31 – 9:1)*  
 4.00 pm Families@4  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(On the run and praying – 1Kings 18: 41-46)*
- 22 July** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
 2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel  
 6.30 pm Holy Communion  
*(Disappointed servant, faithful Lord –1Kings 19:1-18)*
- 29 July** 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups  
*Bring your own picnic lunch—Vicarage garden*  
 2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*(Our God, Forever Faithful! – 1Kings 19: 15-21)*



Bring your own picnic lunch  
 July 29th in the  
 Vicarage garden



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



# **LIVING A GODLY LIFE IN A GODLESS WORLD**

I describe godliness as a way of life, a connection to God and living our life within the standard of the word of God, As a Christian this should be our primary purpose.

I would be lying if I say it's the easiest route to follow; in a world full of sin, disobedience, disrespect, nefarious activities, a world where all forms of dastardly acts has become the norm. A world whereby even presenting yourself as a true follower of Jesus Christ will be frowned upon. A world where universalism has gradually encroached the minds of people that are not even saved in Jesus Christ.

My question is, what do we do? How can we live godly lives in this godless world? I will be very brief.

First and foremost, it is of paramount importance that we do not compromise our faith and beliefs, no matter what negative challenges come our way. I know this is easier said than done!

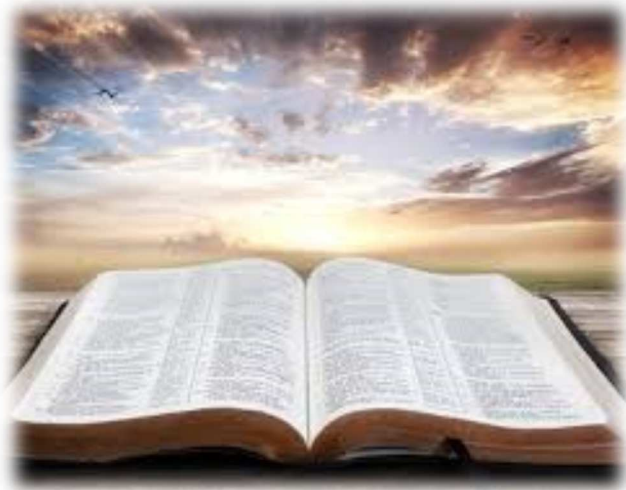
The **bible says in the book of James 4:7, 'Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee'**, further reading 1 Tim 4:7 'Exercise yourselves rather unto godliness'.

Secondly, putting all these verses together shows that for us to live godly lives in this time, we should show commitment and addiction to the word of God, what I mean is that, we should as Christians invest our time with the word of God, and in the process he will help us by putting light on our path (Proverbs 4:18) which will enable

us to deal with the daily challenges of the society/world. When we get ourselves addicted to the word of God, it becomes part of us and it becomes a lifestyle thereby when we are confronted with issues regarding compromising our faith then we can be able to make the right decisions to these issues.

Finally, we should not compromise the truth in the bible. What is wrong is wrong and what is Right is definitely Right. Simply because the whole world says its Right, doesn't mean it is right.

Emmanuel Owherho





# PICNIC IN THE PARK

## Friday 8th June 2018

Western Road Recreation Ground, Hailsham

Bring your rugs, chairs and picnics

Dance from 6.00pm – 9.00pm to the music of

# RECYCLED

50s 60s AND 70s MUSIC

This event is a fundraiser for  
Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

Supported by Hailsham FM, your local radio station,  
and Hailsham Town Council.

Free entry, but donations will be gratefully accepted.  
Tombola will be running throughout.





# HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH PIPE ORGAN

## THE NEXT CHAPTER IN ITS HISTORY

A recent dramatic change to the interior of Hailsham Parish Church has been the removal of the pipe organ that had graced the west end of the building for the last 60 years. Happily, and in contrast to the fate of so many ailing, elderly, pipe organs, it has been transported to the works of one of the UK's foremost organ builders, Henry Willis and Sons, of Liverpool. There it will be fully restored, before being re-installed at the 550-seat Methodist Church, in Malton, North Yorkshire as part of that building's re-development as the "Wesley Centre" a multi-use church, community and concert venue.



*The sign above the organ is translated as  
"Music brings light in the darkness"*

The organ was originally built for the concert hall at the Royal Normal College for the Blind at Upper Norwood in South London. It was built by the Hull firm of Forster and Andrews who were considered to have been one of the greatest northern pipe organ builders, and who built more than 1,300 instruments for cathedrals, churches and town halls. The organ was presented to

the college by Dr Thomas Rhodes Armitage who was a wealthy co-founder of the college and it appears that no expense was spared, as the original records from Forster and Andrews show that the cost of the organ, at £750, was twice that of a typical church organ of similar size in the 1870's. Among the first of the college students to use it was a certain Alfred Hollins, who became world-famous as an organist and composer.

Unlike a normal church organ which is perhaps played for an hour or two each week, the college organ was used constantly by the students for practice, and a college report of 1906 states that after constant use for ten hours per day, every day, for thirty years, the mechanical parts were, nor surprisingly, worn out. It was therefore rebuilt and "modernised" with its original mechanical action being replaced with a new, rather more elaborate pneumatic action. It was extensively re-furbished and extended



again in 1921, with the addition of several new stops, including the dramatic Harmonic Trumpet and the pedal Trombone.

On the outbreak of war in 1939, the college students were evacuated, and in 1940 the college buildings were damaged by bombing.

Fortunately, the organ survived, and when the college site was acquired by Croydon Council in 1945, the organ was dismantled and placed into storage. It remained in storage until 1950 when it was purchased by the Church for £1,800. The re-construction of the organ at Hailsham was a mammoth task and a labour of love, that took five years. The opening recital for the newly-installed organ was held on 29th September 1955.

When the organ was recently dismantled, a ticket for this recital was discovered inside one of the front pipes where it had been used to very slightly adjust the tuning of the pipe. Perhaps less surprising is the note printed on the bottom of the ticket: "Collection in aid of the organ fund"! So, after two major re-builds at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, surviving the Blitz, languishing in storage for five years, being transported to Sussex, being rebuilt over another five years, and then giving sterling service to the parish of St Mary's for over 60 years, a new chapter in the history of the organ is about to begin.

By 2007, and over 25 years since any major work had been carried out on it, the organ was in poor condition, with some sections being unusable. With the developing plans for the re-ordering of the building, expert advice was obtained, and it was agreed in principle by the Chichester Diocese that the organ could be removed to allow the West End to be opened up again. In mid-January 2017, with the funds for the re-ordering likely to be becoming available at last, the potential availability of the organ was advertised as widely as possible. In early May an enquiry was received from Malton Methodist Church. The plans for the re-development of their building were quite advanced, and they were looking for a suitable historic pipe organ to restore. The organ was just what they were looking for, and on the 19th May 2017, four months after it was first advertised, the Hailsham PCC received a formal proposal to re-home the organ at Malton. The proposal was accepted and the complex task of obtaining the necessary permission to relocate it was begun.



Meanwhile, the team from Malton had been hard at work on their detailed plans, and also on the task of identifying an organ builder to do the restoration work. They eventually selected the firm of Henry Willis and Sons, who by total coincidence, were the same firm that had dismantled it and placed in in storage back in 1945, and they still had records of this in their archives! The organ was dismantled by a team of six people commencing on Monday 9th April 2018. By the end of Thursday it was all packed into a very large truck, and it arrived safely in Liverpool on Friday 13th April 2018. This whole process, although taking some time to complete, progressed remarkably smoothly: finding a keen recipient who was ready to acquire it; who had a building to which it was ideally suited; gaining permission; and through to the practical details of the timely removal; all showing clearly the hand of a providential God, who orders all things to achieve his purposes.

The restoration and re-building work is now underway. This extensive work includes some re-arrangement of the organ to suit its new location, and when rebuilt the layout will more closely reflect its original design for the college concert hall by Forster and Andrews. The whole organ, including the richly decorated front pipes, will be fully restored. Following this work, it is expected to have a service life of at least another 50 years before needing anything other than routine maintenance.

It is anticipated that the re-installation at the Wesley Centre will be completed before the end of 2019. In this building, which has excellent acoustics, the newly-restored organ will be highly attractive for use with choirs and with orchestras, as a stand-alone instrument of renown for recitals, as well as making a significant contribution to worship.

The church plans to work with the Young Organ Scholars' Trust, the Royal School of Church Music, and with local schools, by freely offering the



*The "Demolition" team*



instrument for teaching purposes and for inspiring able young organists. Here it will serve a new community for future generations, in a location less than 40 miles from Hull where it was originally designed and manufactured in 1876.



*The church was covered with neatly laid out and numbered parts of the organ*

Ken Thomas

The humorous "hymn" below was given to Chris Taylor by Alan Baldock

# 1

## AURELIA 76.76.D

1. The organ needs rebuilding,  
It's got beyond a joke -  
A lily long past gilding,  
A pig not worth a poke.  
I cannot play my Reger;  
I cannot play my Bach.  
What is there left to live for?  
Ye herald angels, hark!
2. The pedal board is sticking,  
The manuals as well,  
And I am tired of kicking  
The so-called trigger swell.  
The noisy tracker action  
Is fastened up with string.  
We even have a patch on  
A herald angel's wing.
3. The open diapason  
Is jolly nearly shut,  
And someone's drawn a face on  
The place where music's put.  
Our proudly-labelled Trumpet  
Was only ever planned -  
So, blow your own, and lump it,  
Ye herald angels grand
4. If only by next Advent  
They'd try to raise the cash,  
I'd organise a pageant,  
Or something just as rash,  
It seems the angel chorus  
At Christmastide may sing,  
But from our organ porous  
You will not hear a thing.
5. This parable is written  
For all who really ought  
To jolly up those smitten  
With penny-pinching thought,  
So that, with faces gay then,  
You'll have your Christmas fling,  
And hear the organ play when  
The herald angels sing.



# 100 YEARS AGO

## *From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of June/July 1918*

### **June 1918**

A goodly number of our men are now liable to be called up for military service. Already some have had their papers, and before you read this letter they will be experiencing a soldier's life. Is it now wonderful how the Country has responded to this fresh call on its manhood? There is no complaining, no cavilling, but just a steady resolve to fulfil one's obligations.

Hearty congratulations to those gallant Hailsham sailors who took part in the thrilling raids on the Belgian coast! At least three of our boys had a share in that glorious exploit. We are proud to have been represented.

What a number of strangers one runs against in the town! I do not suppose Hailsham has ever had such an influx of visitors.. we extend to them a hearty welcome and trust that they will be happy in our midst.

The Bellringers ask us to state a difficulty. In these days when everyone, even Bellringers, are up to their eyes in work it is highly inconvenient to be called upon to toll the "Passing Bell".

Alexandra (Rose) Day will be celebrated again this year in Hailsham on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. As the proceeds are divided among local hospitals, it is hoped that the public will give it their generous support.

### **July 1918**

The latest pronouncement about the War is Herr von Kuhlmann's, the German Foreign Secretary, and this has been interpreted by Count Hertling, the Chancellor. This process of explanation is not unusual of late! Herr von Kuhlmann's quotation Field Marshal von Moltke in 1870, "Woe to him that sets Europe ablaze" we shall agree with thoroughly – not so well with his description of the Austria-Hungary offensive, June 15<sup>th</sup>, as a dashing onslaught". Perhaps he was referring to the waters of the Piave, which must have been cold on their way back!

Ever week we miss some familiar face from our town. We must feel how much we depend one upon the other. A boiler bursts, a floor gives way, a lock won't work, drains go wrong: we cannot get the job done because the men have been called up; and we learn as we never did before that we depend for comfort and happiness on the artisan, labourer, tradesman, etc.

### **SUGAR FOR JAM . redistribution of surplus.**

In view of the disappointing character of the fruit crop the Director of Sugar Distribution has asked local food committees forthwith to check the amount of fruit which those private fruit growers who have claimed sugar under the Domestic Preserving Scheme actually have available for preserving purposes. Where it is found that the amount of fruit available is less than was anticipated, the permits issued under the scheme will be amended accordingly and where it is found that fraudulent applications have been made, proceedings will be taken under the Domestic Preserving Order. Growers who find that the amount of fruit available is less than that anticipated should at once inform their local food committee of this fact, and return their permits for rectification.

Owing to the Parish Room being hired for the next fortnight by the Local Food Control Committee for getting ready the Ration Books. Many meetings held there usually will meet in the Church Room: some in the classroom, some in the other room.

The Notes and Comments consist largely this time of advertisements of meetings of a charitable nature, etc. This shows how useful the Magazine is, for unfortunately the last three years have left a deficit of £15. So we look for more paying advertisements to wipe it off. There was an improvement

last year.

I am told that lots of useful men might join the volunteers but do not. Does not the Tribunal pass their friends on to the Volunteers? Apparently they don't go!

The Diocese of Chichester suggests ways for war memorials. See Church Porch.

That cheese making is to be considered at the Women's Institute meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup> is a step in the right way. I am told a Farmer offers the Presses for this: that is still better. Now for a small, sharp, prompt Committee and Executive, and then, on we go! Nothing is wanted more in the way of food for the outdoor worker than cheese. I remember cheese made at Amberstone; it was good and I don't think in this case, as so often, "distance lends enchantment."

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** is to be commemorated in several Cathedrals as America Day, and thanksgivings for her joining us in the great struggle are to be offered. We may well be thankful to be united more deeply with America.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, Anniversary of the War**, will be celebrated. We shall have at eleven the Communion Office only, and ask all to stop and join us in that beautiful service. The Choir will sing suitable hymns during the service, in which I hope all the congregation will join.

## **100 YEARS AGO**

**(and a little bit more)**

***From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of April/May 1918***

**April 1918**

If we were in Germany we should see in all our papers that our commander-in-chief had for military purposes "withdrawn his army to prearranged positions". This is what we actually heard after our offensive. We don't like that sort of stuff, so we say straight and that owing to the great offensive of the entire German Nation's strength,, with the help of Austrians and Bulgarians, we have had to retire some way and are in defensive positions, with our line unbroken, facing the enemy. We may have to go back farther before the enemy is exhausted. We must keep cool and not be elated over night by a skirmish, or depressed in the morning by the newspaper columns. Let us be thankful that by the Providence of God we were saved in 1914 and Germany kept, unable to move, on that prearranged line, after the battle of the Marne. Since then we have had three full years to get ready, our troops are seasoned, our ammunition and guns ample and splendid, and we must set our teeth, hold on, and face this blow till it is exhausted. A great deal has been said about "Democracy", but as the Prime Minister said, "Democracy is on its trial." Which is it to be? German Militarism or Democracy? – or let us put it better, - Government by the Military, or Liberty. This great onslaught for a victory which Germany sorely needs, or a German peace, as the Kaiser calls it, ought to weld the Nation together as Philip did with his Armada, and Napoleon with his victories, till we are able to strike the blow, or see the blow struck, which we are led to believe must come on all those who draw the sword, and who must perish by the sword. We did not want war; we never prepared for it.. When it began we had "the contemptible little Army."

The Food Control Committee have their offices at 7 Station Road, and two Branch offices at Heathfield and Herstmonceux. Supplementary Rations are being arranged for, and the Appeal Tribunal has been formed. The work is increasing. All that is necessary is reported In the Local Papers, and information is given by the Executive Officer as soon as he *obtains if officially* but the Committee does not act upon Newspaper paragraphs.

The Allotment Holders and Small Gardeners' Association number over 100, and have applied

to Lewes for more land. That offered by the Parish Council, by the Sewage Farm, was refused as unsuitable. When they are urged by the Prime Minister (and this Magazine) to cultivate every inch of ground, it seems wrong that land which is not being fully used to produce food, should laugh at them!! Why not dig up the lower end of the Recreation Ground. It would interfere with no one and be central.

### **May 1918**

We are getting to the close of the fourth year of the War. The enemy is closing in upon us in France. We are in the Grip. Who will go under first? We have been there before – it is no new thing in our history. We fight best when they close with us. There seem nothing else to do. We can't submit to loss of our liberty; nor can we step down from our place of handling this liberty on to the world. We must be true to our trust. This terrible struggle seems to have been foreseen by our Lord, when describing the end of the times of Gentiles; He said "Except these days were shortened no flesh could be saved."

There is work for everyone now on Home Defence in some kind of way. Defending the Country – every man who is not allowed to join the Army should join the Volunteers and fit himself, in spite of having no time. Every old man should come out of his armchair and offer his experience and brains to assist in organising home work and keeping supply going. Every woman can do something; and the few who are not doing anything public might find a job. Even invalids can pray – and put forth that very real spiritual force. "Lift up the hands that hand down and make straight paths for your feet."

One of Mr Hillman's old Bible Class boys, Harry Adams,, came home April 24th, from the attack on the Mole, Zeebrugge. His account is most thrilling, and as Mr Hillman writes, carries us back to the days of Nelson. They volunteered for the work and a large number never returned. As we get into a tight corner that old English spirit seems to be coming out – the tighter the corner the more the Germans will come up against it. Harry Adams comes home as the outward and visible sign of it in Hailsham.

### **With the Compliments of the Joint Committee, Board of. Agriculture and Ministry of Food.**

#### **Important – the Potato Crop, 1918**

The Joint Committee will be glad, therefore, if you will give this further appeal immediate circulation and use every means in your power to urge upon farmers and others in your County, through the agency of your District Committees and in any other way you deem advisable, the urgent necessity for increased cultivation the potato.

#### **Hailsham Rural District Council**

Resolved, that in view of the urgent necessity for increasing the Food Supply, the Parish

*You may be thinking Clyde Harvey only writes about the War in the magazine. He does often lead with war news and comments, but clearly preaches Jesus each month for his readers. I pick out the "war" bits for our magazine because I find it interesting to find out what was talked about and endured 100 years ago. We get a glimpse of life in those days in Hailsham too! RH*



# ROSIE RAINDROP

Up here in the sky the earth looks vast and so beautiful. Mountains, rivers, streams, lakes and seas, These I call home. You see I break up and re-make; sometimes I'm even ice or snow. At the moment I am up here, a fat raindrop, lifted by the wind which moves gently along. It is warm today so very soon I'll be falling again until I reach the earth. Other raindrops will fall with me as we are never alone in our travels. What a change! Suddenly huge noisy



rumbling and great sheets of lightning are all around and we are part of a great storm.



'Wheeee', off we go again, my companions were enjoying the fun of falling too, but what's going on now; we are moving up again, this is new to me. 'It's ok' called a raindrop who had been that way before, 'no worries, it's just the Alps'. 'Wow, its cold up here' I called as we sped upwards. Just as I was wondering if I was going to be a snowflake for a while, the wind changed and we raced onward, higher and higher until we were over the desert. No chance of falling here at present, we were part of a cloud too high to be seen. 'Whoosh, we're off again, dancing, travelling and falling.'

We fell for a long time until plop, splash, plop, we had reached the earth. Bouncing through the leaves of a tree I reflected all the



colours of the rainbow and then into a merry stream which first trickled then swelled and raced, sparkling in the bright sunshine. We were now accompanied by many creatures, some swimming with us, some resting in the reeds. Growing trees and plants were all around, happy in this glorious creation of which we are all a unique part yet each dependent upon one another.

The End. Love from Grandma Dot.

Genesis 1 v 31 tells us – God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

## PEOPLE FOR

Joan Ayres  
Roy Bland  
Bill Brooks  
John Brown  
Mabel Burton  
Sharon & David Cottingham  
Ann Horwood  
Win Jenner  
Ron Keeley

Ann Keeling  
Dawn Kimpton  
Tony Miller  
Barbara Padmore  
John Read  
Diane Seeby  
Pat Stepney  
Tim Welch  
Les Winchester

We give thanks for the life of Eileen Heseldine

## 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

### MARRIAGE

28 April      Catherine Verrall & Mark  
   Bridger

*Congratulations!*

### FUNERALS

27 March	Joan Debley
29 March	William Burgess
1 May	Joyce Wolek

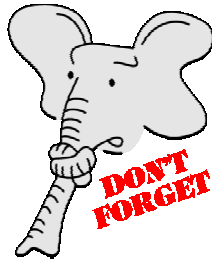
*We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families*



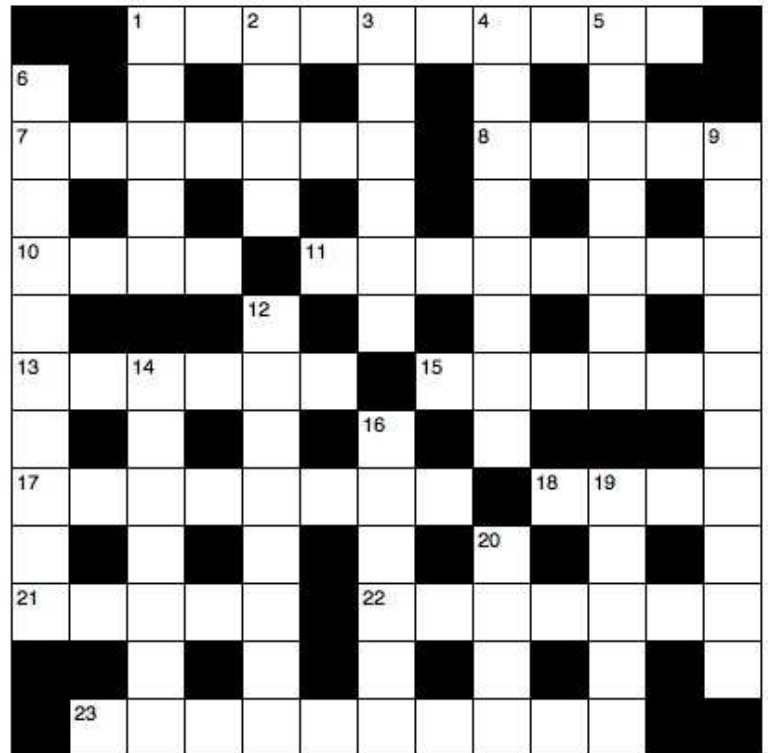
# THE CROSSWORD

(answers next time)

Closing date for the  
August/September  
magazine is  
Wednesday 18th  
July.



Email Rosie via  
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## ACROSS

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

## DOWN

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)

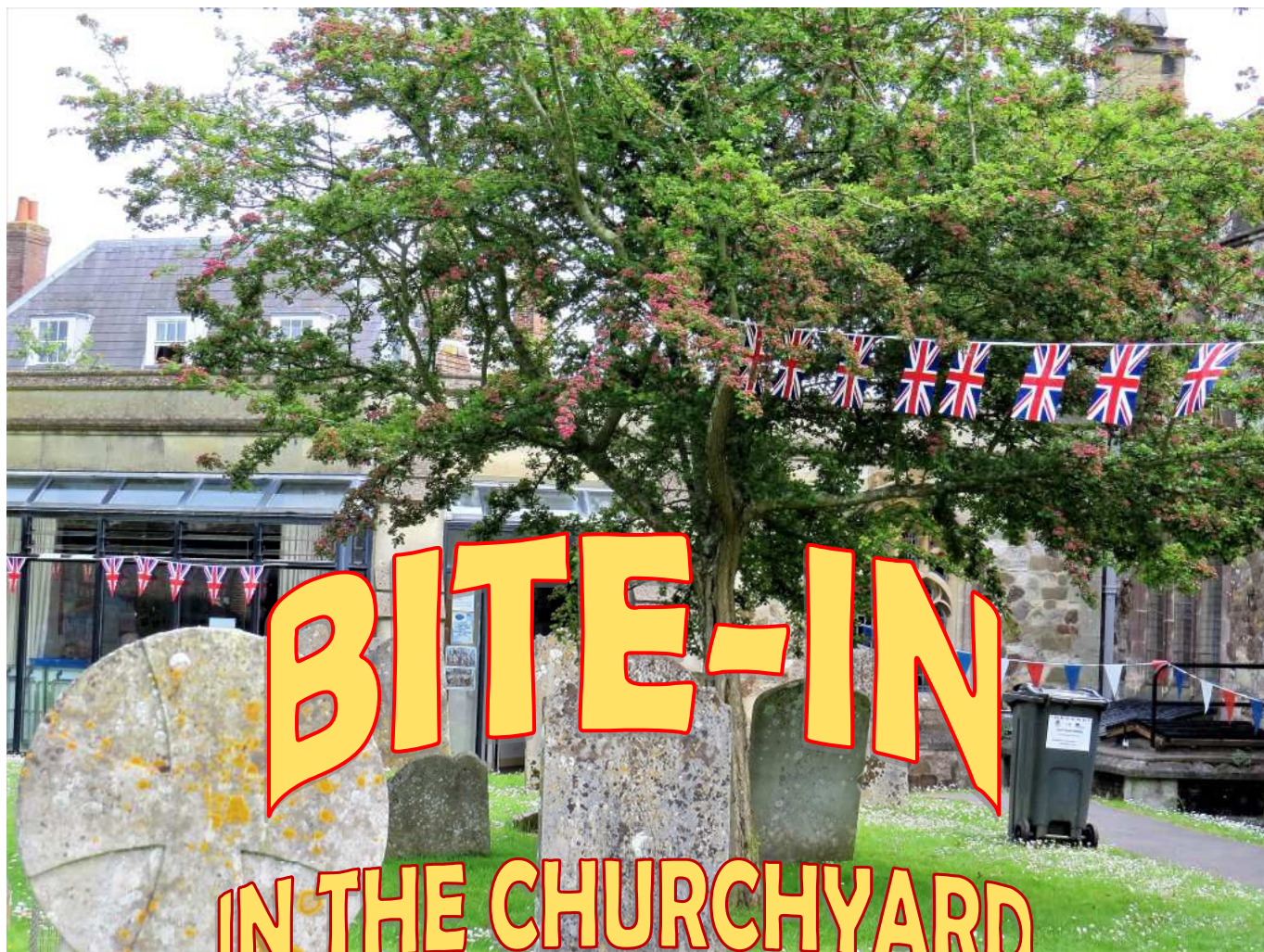
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Ace turn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

## FEBRUARY/MARCH SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

**DOWN:** 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.





[in church if wet]



**FRIDAY 22ND JUNE, 2018**



**HOT AND COLD DRINKS AND CAKES**

**From 9.30 to 12 noon**



**PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES**

**From 12 noon to 2.00pm**

[additional cakes and offers of help to  
set up, wait on and clear away afterwards  
warmly welcomed]