



Hailsham

Parish Church

News



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

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THE GIFT



"Okay boys you need to settle down now; I have turned your lights out and I do not want to have to come in here and speak to you again," John said as he closed the door with a wry smile on his face.

I was secretly pleased that John had got the "lively dorm" again this year on camp.

"I don't know how you do it John", I said. John seemed unstinting in his love for the boys in his dorm on camp and to have unlimited reserves of energy. Despite being in his mid-forties and managing a team of IT specialists at a bank in London, John always took two weeks holiday in the summer to serve on Woolie 4 summer camp and another camp for 14-18 year olds. He usually had just a day in between them to recover and went straight back to work the day after camp ended.

"It is a gift" he said.

I looked quizzically at him, the boys in his dorm were many things but at 10:22 pm there was no way I could consider them a gift.

"It is a gift" he repeated "...to be single. To be able to serve like this."

And he went on to speak with real joy about the freedom he had as a single man to be primarily concerned with serving Jesus, and to be able to support these two camps which his church was involved in running, John was so positive about the gift of singleness which Jesus had given him.

I don't know if John would like to be married; if that is a gift that Jesus might give him in the future, or not. It never really came up in our conversation because he continued to tell me how, in the words of 1 Corinthians 7 his interests can be "undivided". John was full of the advantages of God's gift of singleness, of how he got to be involved in the lives of many different people from his church family, and how he could serve wholeheartedly in a much wider range of ministries than someone who had a family to care for.

About 35 percent of adults who are church members in Britain are single, whether that is through having never married, being divorced, or being widowed. Each single person will have different experiences of singleness. Some people, like John, are enjoying the gift Jesus has given them; others are frustrated and disappointed with it.

I asked John what helped him as a single man to enjoy this gift. He said his church family, when they treated him as part of their family, when they invited him into their homes and their hearts, and when they had him round for meals and to work on DIY or gardening projects.

He said it wasn't so helpful when people in his church family treated his gift

as being somehow second best, and when they asked him if there was anyone 'special' he was seeing.

John liked to provocatively reply that God already has his wedding day planned; that it would be at the end of time when he as part of the whole church would be united to Jesus in the wedding feast of the Lamb.

I'm so thankful for Christians like John who remind me that Jesus is good and he gives good gifts. I came away from camp wanting HPC to be a place where everyone is encouraged in the gift that Jesus has given them.

Rory Graham

ISSUES

When times are dark – living with depression and anxiety
Speaker: Helen Thorne, Training Director London City Mission

Date: Sunday 10th November, 6.30pm

An informal evening, café style, with an extended
focus on a key issue



HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

SERVICES IN LOCAL CARE HOMES

3. Caroline House	Thu 3rd October	3.00 p.m.
4. Marshview	Mon 7th October	3.00 p.m.
5. Bentley Grange	Fri 11th October	3.00 p.m.
6. Quinnell House	Tues 15th October	3.00pm

Please contact Chris Taylor if you'd like to attend one or more of these services

CARE HOMES MINISTRY

If you're interested in joining the team of people from our church who visit local care homes (and other similar residential settings) to take services at key points through the year, please get in touch with me.

Chris Taylor

EMAILS

You may have noticed some changes to contact details recently. There has been a technological update and training during the summer and email addresses have been changing as we moved across to Outlook. This has been driven by recent changes to Data Protection legislation and Safeguarding best practice.

This is to enable a series of generic email addresses at Hailsham Parish Church for the staff team, office team, safeguarding and also for warden team. This also enables the website to be updated to include church-based email addresses for staff and wardens.

You will see details on the service sheets and other publicity too but here is a summary list below:

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Bible by the Beach 2020: Yes, it's that time of year already! Bible by the Beach tickets are now on sale!!! ...

What a great year we had in 2019. SO much to thank God for:

- Record numbers of delegates (well over 1500!), many travelling significant distances.
- Record number of families with children – some of our children's groups were full and had to be waitlisted.
- Being back in the Congress Theatre as it had just re-opened after its significant refurb project
- So many of us at HPC part of a team volunteering and serving the event in many different ways or part of the church group attending the conference.
- So many people of all ages and stages together - learning, being encouraged and refreshed by God's Word, serving the event and enjoying time together. Increasingly churches are making Bible by the Beach its church weekend away!
- For us just up the road at HPC it is a significant weekend in the church calendar. An opportunity for church family to enjoy time together at this wonderful conference.

The theme of this year's conference is:

Fearless – advancing the gospel

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. 'Fearless' aims to strengthen our confidence in the gospel, and to motivate us fearlessly to proclaim it wherever we are placed. That's the challenge and that's the theme for Bible by the Beach 2020.

"What can I expect in 2020?"

Each year, by God's grace, the conference delivers high quality Bible teaching in a lively and contemporary style, with the aim of encouraging, strengthening and equipping Christians of all ages and stages. With a great team of speakers helping to unpack the theme there is a combination of main Bible reading talks, seminars and evening celebrations.

- An action packed, extremely popular children's programme led by Ed Drew and a youth programme runs alongside.
- EMU music will once again be leading our music worship throughout the weekend
- **HOT OFF THE PRESS:** we are delighted to announce that **Colin Buchanan** will be with us for Family Praise on the Saturday afternoon.

"What's happening about the Bank Holiday date change?"

Although Monday 4th May is no longer a Bank holiday it is very much 'business as usual'. We will be running a full programme as normal until Monday lunchtime with some slight changes and ticket prices that reflect that enjoying Monday at BBtB may not be possible for all. E.g the Concert (After Hours) will be on **Saturday evening** in 2020.

"How do I find out more?"

Booking forms are being handed out on **Sunday 29th September** or if you missed it - do collect one from the back of church. We will be organising to go as a group again and benefit from the special group rate of £80 per adult (same price as 2019) Return your completed booking form to Denise **by latest 24 November** to meet the early bird discount deadline.

"Let's go as a group!"

Going along as a group from HPC is great as there is opportunity to spend time together sharing about all we have learned from the different talks and seminars as well as time to relax at a café or enjoying an ice cream on the beach.

Many at HPC have attended in the past, so if all this is new to you then don't hesitate to ask to find out more.

Look forward to seeing you there...

HOLIDAY@HOME, 2019

"Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bangor!"

Well, not quite Bangor, but we did have a lovely time at Holiday at Home at HPC in August. This year we had 24 different attendees throughout the 3 days with Tuesday being the busiest day.



We missed several regular attendees this year due to age or ill health; but it was lovely to welcome some new folk, and all seemed to enjoy chatting, relaxing, eating and laughing together.

We tried something different this year and had a different theme each day. Monday at Costa Del Hailsham at the Seaside,

Tuesday The Theatre, and Wednesday a pretend ramble into The Countryside with singing, entertainment and appropriate "props" each day.



Enjoying the daily sing-song on the theme of the day



Denise gave a daily "thought for the day" in keeping with the Theme. It was a lot of hard work for the committee but there were many favourable comments from our questionnaire including "Would not change anything" "Loved the Themes" "Lovely food". Many said as they were leaving "See you next year" – we shall see!!

Margaret Surrey

Women2Women

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



Wednesday 27 November 7.30pm
Hailsham Parish Church

Ever dreamed of a white Christmas?

Yes? Well we can't offer you
real snow but we can entice you
and a friend to come and build
and decorate a gingerbread
house with a snowy scene!
Then the question is
"to eat, or not to eat!"



The evening will include a reflection on
Christmas by **Jenny Rees**, Women's worker
at All Saints Crowborough.

Tickets from HPC Church Office:
T: 442410, e: office@hailshamchurch.org

Cost: £6 per house Includes light refreshments

**Early booking recommended. This is a very
popular event (in its 3rd year).**

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LOVE THE HOWLES

As Church family we pray for and care deeply about Chris, Ros, Josh, Danny and Chloe as they serve as our mission partners in Uganda Martyrs Seminary, in Namugongo Uganda.

Chris has had a busy term teaching, leading bible studies and the children's ministry for the 400 + children in their church.

Ros is home-schooling the children and has been overseeing the construction of a 32 bed dormitory for the students.



I have been invited to join a team of other ministers who are going out to lead a training week for pastors who have been trained at the college and who are now serving in parishes all over Uganda, Tanzanian and Kenya. I will be seeking to raise funds so that we can pay for them to travel back to college and for their board and lodgings. I went two years ago and it was a time of hard work and great joy.

I would love to take a small care package out to the Howles from HPC, to practically express our love and partnership with them.

So, is there a song, a sermon, a card or a verse, a small craft, a bag of sweets or a short book that has encouraged you in your walk with Jesus? If so please give it to Rory before December 20th and he will get it boxed up and taken out to them.

Rory Graham

OPEN CHURCH DURING TOWN EVENTS

Opportunities to serve as we welcome in the community

Lots of people come to these larger events that are organised in town and we are privileged to be placed in the heart of Hailsham so we can welcome the community in.



Saturday 19 October Hailsham bonfire night

We welcome people into a warm building, to enjoy hot drinks /cakes and games during the hour between the parades. This has proved to be very



popular and many of our families from ABCs and Pulse come along so it's great to continue building relationships with them. We would love to have a team of volunteers to help with set up and be available on the evening to welcome and serve refreshments. Please sign up at the back of church. Thank you.

Friday 29 November 5pm - 7.15pm Town Christmas light switch on

We offer hot chocolate/marshmallows and seasonal refreshments. It needs a team of volunteers to make this happen from serving refreshments to welcoming people in. We are also able to give them invitations to our Christmas Services. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church from 3rd November, thank you.

Saturday 14 December Hailsham Christmas Market

This takes place throughout the day in the town centre. One of the housegroups will form a team available from 10.30 - 12 noon to welcome people and offer hot drinks. A great time for them too of spending time together, building encouraging relationships as they serve alongside each other...

and in addition Wealden Brass will be performing their Christmas concert once again at 2.30pm in the church building.

WOOLIE 4



The HPC group

Towards the end of August, a number of young people from HPC, along with Rory and Susie Graham spent a week at the 'Wooliewood studios'. This was the theme for the 'Woolie 4' venture holiday camp for 10-13 year olds, and enabled plenty of film-related activities and entertainment. Over 80 children + leaders, families and cooks spent the week at a boarding school in Woolhampton, near Reading, having fun together and learning more about Jesus.

The teaching for the week was based on the book of Romans, with excellent talks and Bible studies that made very clear both our need for rescue from sin and the wonderful answer to that need in Jesus. Our memory verse for the week was Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." We had a very catchy song that made it easy to remember.



Whole camp game at Woolie 4.

This was the third year that a group from HPC has been to Woolie 4. In previous years, I (Susie) have been involved in the families' team. This year I was able to lead a dorm of six 12 year old girls. It was such a privilege and a delight to get to know these girls. My highlight was getting to talk to these girls one-to-one, specifically asking them about their understanding of the gospel and answering their questions about Jesus and faith.

I spoke to one of the members, Reuben Taylor, about his experience at Woolie 4 this year.

Q: Reuben, you went to Woolie last year. How did this year compare?

A: *Just as good.*

Q: What were the best activities you did?

A: *There were great activities every day. One of my favourites was the whole camp game of capture the flag. I also enjoyed tie-dyeing a T shirt. And the 'evening ents' (entertainments) were really funny, with a brilliant play followed by things we had to do as a dorm such as photographing locations, building movie sets out of cardboard boxes and lip synching to songs.*



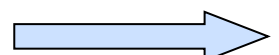
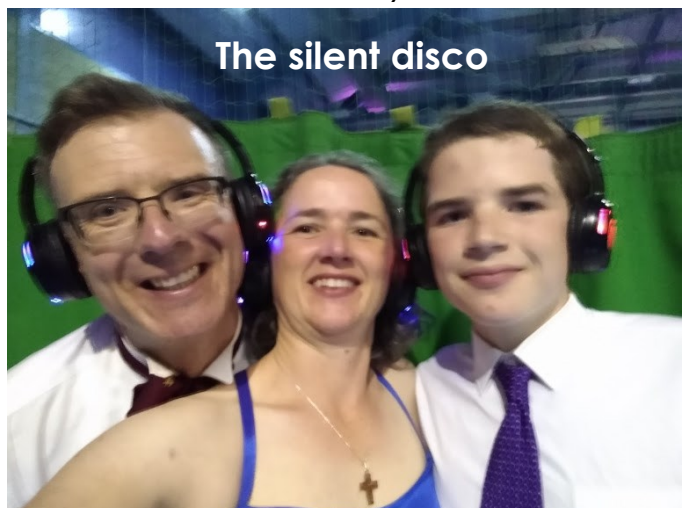
Evening ents - Rory acting as 'Gianni', dangerously in charge of hair and make-up!

Q: What was the most helpful thing you learnt from the Bible?

A: *I learnt from a Bible study in Romans 8, that even though it may be really hard in times of suffering, trusting in Jesus is still the best thing. There was also a helpful talk that illustrated really clearly the idea from Romans 6 that we are slaves to sin, but have freedom in Jesus, so why would we ever want to go back to being a slave.*

Q: Any other highlights for you from the week?

A: *On the last night, we had special evening where everyone dressed up, we had burgers and chips for dinner and then an Oscars presentation. The leaders were all involved in a 'flash mob' dance, and then we had a 'silent' disco. This is where everyone has their own headphones, and gets to choose which music they want to listen to. It was great!*



Q: What would you say to anyone wondering if they might like to go to camp next year?

A: *They should definitely go – it's so great that you don't have time to feel homesick! You get to have fun with friends from HPC, and make new friends from other parts of the country.*

There will be a reunion + taster day later in the year for any who are interested in coming to camp in 2020. However, the location of the camp next summer will be changing. Woolie 4 is so popular, that the camp has outgrown the site. Next year, the camp will be moving to a huge school near Reigate in Surrey. One advantage of this is that it will be big enough for 2 separate camps to be running at the same time: one for the younger age group and another for the 14-18s. This means that in the future, parents will have just one week and one drop off point for children, even if they span the age groups. Do chat with Rory and Susie Graham if you want more information.

GOD'S HARVEST

Now the fields are ripe for harvest,
But the workers are so few.
God's own love once sown within us
Grows and swells when we obey.
But God's word now lies forgotten,
Hid by pleasures, worries and fears.
Love, joy, peace are his to treasure,
Patience, kindness, gentleness too,
Goodness, faithfulness, self-control,
Against such fruit there is no law.
Now the fields are ripe for harvest,
But the workers are me and you.



Words and Music Sue Groom
Music arranged by Chris Taylor

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 9.15 am

1 October, 5 November, 3 December

Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Lounge

16 October, 20 November

Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Lounge,

23 October, 27 November, 18 December



SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS @ 10.30AM

The Final Word (Hebrews 1-4)

Why keep going when the going gets tough? That's the question that lies behind this fascinating New Testament letter. Written to Christians, most probably between the years 60 – 70, possibly during the reign of the Roman emperor Nero. Faced with the reality of how hard it was to live for Jesus it seems they had begun well but were now beginning to slip back, beginning to drift away and, almost unaware, that they were turning away from the living God.

So, Hebrews comes more of a sermon than a letter urging them to remember Jesus. In fact, its restorative medicine isn't lots of sympathy or indeed criticism, nor is it a dose of 'pull your socks up' discipline rather it is a picture of the wonder of Jesus. The One who really is worth following! A timely word for us all – it really does matter that we keep on keeping on with Jesus for nothing and no one can offer what He does! We'll be looking at Hebrews in three blocks over the next few months.

SUNDAYS @ 6.30PM

The Outgoing God (Luke 17-19)

What's so special about Luke's gospel? Maybe it's the way Luke highlights Jesus reaching out with compassion and mercy to the most unlikely people, ten lepers, a blind beggar, a despised tax collector. So, a great tonic for unlikely people like us!

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

SUNDAYS @ HPC:

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

6 October HARVEST SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche
(This earth belongs to God – Psalm 24)
6.30 pm Harvest Praise



13 October 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups
(The True Son – Hebrews 1:5-2:4)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
(Persistent Faith: while you wait – Luke 18:1-8)

20 October 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion with crèche and children's groups
(The True Man – Hebrews 2:5-18)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
(Two Ways to Pray – Luke 18:9-14)

27 October 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups
(Greater than Moses – Hebrews 3:1-6)
2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel
6.30 pm Holy Communion
(Who then Can be saved? – Luke 18: 15-34)

3 November 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am All Age Service with crèche
(Saints Alive!)
4.00 pm A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
especially for those recently bereaved with tea and cake to follow

10 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

09.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups

2.45 pm Holy Communion@ Emmanuel

6.30 pm **ISSUES**—living in Faith with Anxiety and Depression



17 November 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion Morning Service with crèche and children's groups

(The Final Word for Today – Hebrews 3:7-19)

3.00 pm The Link 25th Anniversary Service

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

(Rich Man, Poor Man– Luke 18:35 – 19:10)

24 November 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Service with crèche and children's groups
(The True Rest – Hebrews 4:1-13))

2.45 pm Evening Prayer @ Emmanuel

6.30 pm Holy Communion

(Future Investment – Luke 19:11-27)

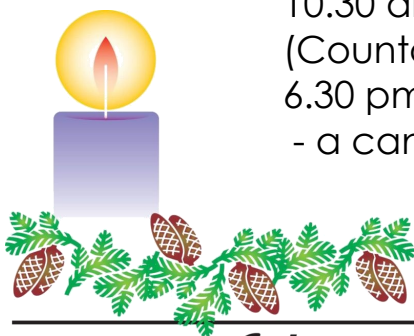
1 December ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age Service with crèche
(Countdown!)

6.30 pm Advent Carols by Candlelight -

- a candlelight service of carols and readings for Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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.

THE LINK COFFEE SHOP AND SOUTHERDEN BOOKS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

On 1st October 1994 the Link and Southerden Books first opened their doors in Southerden House, Market Street, brought into being by the Crosslink Trust – churches working together in Hailsham.



By 1999, they had outgrown Southerden House and moved to larger premises in Sheriffs Place.

As well as serving good value food and drinks, the Link provides a welcoming and safe place and a contact point for the churches and the people of Hailsham and beyond, and for our volunteers with learning difficulties.

The bookshop provides Christian literature to people from the churches and a listening point for those wanting to talk about and explore faith. There will be a service of thanks and recommissioning in November, followed by tea. Those from the Link and Southerden Books hope that you will be able to join them. Watch this space for more details.



As it was in Southerden House



Opening day at Sheriffs Place,
7th August 1999



Councillor Ian Haffenden (Mayor) & Rev Roger Porthouse... "doing the honours"



The Link's much enlarged premises @ Sheriffs Place, Market Square, 1999...

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Work continues and the contractor is making steady progress, with the following now completed:

All the pipework for four new radiators and a new cold water supply for the heating system.

- All the “first fix” electrical work including new power, lighting and fire alarm circuits.
- All the new carpentry to form built-in cupboards at the ground floor and mezzanine levels.
- The fire-resistant ceilings have been installed at the ground floor and mezzanine levels.
- The large crack in the west wall of the south aisle has been repaired and re-plastered.
- The new oak panelled balustrade to the ringing chamber has been built and is ready for the acoustic glazing that will close the arch above it.
- Cable ducts have been installed that connect to the nave and that will allow future alterations to the electrical and AV systems, and the computer network.

In addition, the historic “Commandment Boards” and the paintings of Moses and Aaron have been re-hung on the west walls of the north and south aisles. These used to hang in “double decker” fashion on the west wall of the south aisle, and were removed to allow the crack to be repaired. They have a fascinating history which was recounted by a former Vicar, the Revd. Macklin Chapman, in a booklet about the church published in 1966. He writes:

The Chapel on the north side – which has been converted into a Baptistry – is interesting in that it was used as the first school in Hailsham. The arch into the Chancel and the other into the North Aisle were filled up with plaster and on this latter were painted the pictures of Moses and Aaron now to be seen over the Ten Commandments. These pictures of Moses and Aaron were cut out and put in their present frames when the arch was re-opened. They were, it is believed, painted by an artist called Mortimore and dated from about 1700. When I first came to Hailsham there were no Ten Commandments to be found in the church as is legally required. Through the kindness of Mrs Bowen, daughter of the late Mr William Strickland these pictures of Moses and Aaron came back to the church so I used them as headings for the Ten Commandments. These were painted by the late Mr Frederick Blackman and I am very glad that we have this fine specimen of his work.

The part of the building referred to above as the “north chapel” by the Revd. Chapman and used as a school, is the space that now links the church to the lounge corridor and the kitchen. The reference to it being a “Baptistry” relates to the fact that when the recently-removed pipe organ was installed in 1955 the font was moved from the centre of the tower floor to the north chapel, and hence this is where baptisms were normally conducted. The Infant’s School (now Prezzo) was built in 1862 and the north chapel was restored between 1873 and 1877. So it would appear that the arches were unblocked and the paintings removed when this space was no longer needed as a school. The Revd. Chapman became Vicar in 1930, so it must have been some time after this date that the paintings were returned to the church and the Commandment Boards created to go with them. One cannot but wonder where the paintings were between 1877 and 1930!

They are, as indicated above, literally pieces of plastered wall, made from lime and horsehair plaster on split lathes, which are nailed to the original oak framing members of the wall. These must have been carefully cut out from the wall and mounted in

the oak frames that are visible today. This means they are very heavy, and it took three men and a scaffold tower to get them safely up into their new position. They are now supported by lengths of thick stainless steel bar inserted nearly 12” into the stone of the wall, so should stay put. It will be noted that while the

Commandment Boards have been returned to the south aisle, the paintings are in the north aisle. This arrangement was adopted so that the tops

of the new cupboards, that are to be built at the end of each aisle, could be higher and align with the capitals of the stone columns, so maximising the space in the cupboards.

It’s also worth noting that if in fact the paintings of Moses and Aaron were indeed painted in about 1700, then they are now over 300 years old!



Ken Thomas, HPC Premises Manager

STARSHIP DISCOVERY!

This year the theme for our holiday club was Outer Space. Each day at the end of August we climbed into our space suits, entered the space station, fired up the 'Starship Discovery' rocket and zoomed into space. As well as enjoying cosmic craft, galactic games, meteoric munchies, songs and the Watt Family drama we also opened up the bible and introduced the children to Peter the fisherman. During the week we found out more about the journey he made as he learned about Jesus and what that teaches us. We discovered that there is a personal choice involved when it comes to following Jesus; to turn from our old ways. We also learnt that after turning to Jesus we need to see who Jesus really is and to trust him with all our heart. However, Peter made mistakes and denied knowing Jesus. We all trip up, mess up and turn away from God. But our God is gracious and merciful. Jesus died for Peter's sins and for our sins too so that we can be forgiven. How amazing is that?! On the last morning of holiday club, we saw a transformation in Peter as he was equipped by God to do great things.



The fun week was rounded off with games, songs, short talk and picnic lunch on Eastbourne beach for the children and their families on Saturday morning.



A massive 'Thank you' to the team and all those who helped, supported and prayed for the holiday club. Please continue praying for those children and their families that they may come to church on a Sunday or to Pulse.

A Praying Church

**SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
with full children's programme

**10am - 3.30pm
SATURDAY
23 Nov 2019**

**The King's Centre
Burgess Hill
RH15 9LR**

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

"It's not my voice that can't sing it's your ears that can't hear." My rather nasty retort was not because my hearer wasn't telling the truth but because I was singing as loud as I could with the only voice I had. To hide my hurt I turned away from blackbird and saw him fly to a branch of the nearest tree and sing the most beautiful song. Did he judge everyone's voice by his own, I wondered?



On my way I came across a family of cicadas. Now they can make an awful racket but who am I to judge? It was a lovely warm day and I expected that the little fellow I passed who was also

perched on a branch would make a lovely sound too. I hadn't seen him before but my expectations fell flat when he opened his beak. He was definitely a bird but sounded more like an old



bicycle pump. This was drowned out however, by a very shrill, sweet song which came from a robin sitting up in the next tree. What a variety, I thought and I decided that I really hadn't listened properly before.

I was almost home when I heard the familiar ee aw, ee aw, coming from the field where my pond was. It was my old friend Jack whose voice sounded quite good alongside mine and most of my friends.



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.



The End

Love from Grandma Dot

JOHN BROWN

I would just like to thank everybody in the church family who have supported John and myself at home with their prayers and encouragement during John's long illness. Also at John's Funeral on 5th September.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely Buffet and for making everyone who came so welcome in the Church Lounge.

My family commented how nice it was to have so many in the Church. 'Your voices certainly lifted our spirits.'

Thank you all so much for helping to make the day special.

Frances Brown

CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP **SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 9.30 TO 11.30**



We are holding an autumn clean up of the church yard, all volunteers welcome. Tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be provided. Bring along your garden tools and garden bags. See David Gooding for more information.

menathpc

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
7.30 PM IN THE CHURCH
LOUNGE.

All HPC men are invited to our next men's event where we will be sharing a meal and opening up the Bible together. We will be looking "Men and Their Salvation" - with the big idea being we are naturally dead in our sin, but God has saved us—by grace! We will be serving hot potatoes with various fillings and their could be dessert! Please sign the sheet at the back of the church or contact David Gooding or Rory Graham.

100 YEARS AGO

From the Hailsham Parish Magazines of October/November 1919

October 1919

Dear Friends

Once again there is a change at Polegate. I tried very hard to make it a separate Parish, and got so far as to obtain a conditional consent from the authorities, but Polegate was dead against it and Mr Jackson could make no headway. The Rev Clyde Harvey takes over the charge from October 1st, and Mr Ward will be his *locum tenens* in the Parsonage while he takes a longer holiday after his work in France. I hope Polegate will receive him and give him a welcome.

Mrs Hillman, our Guardian, has an advertisement in this number of the Magazine, and begs me to call attention to it – “A few good home for boarding out small children.” If children have no home, by all means let us get them into good homes with good mothers to care for them – anything better than putting them where the real home cannot possibly exist. I feel very strongly that a Home, be it not up to the mark, is better than a place, however perfect in theory, where the Home does not exist. Good mothers might do this as a Christian work – but I had better stop, for I am getting dangerously near trouble.

I was very sorry to see Mr Holland Southerden in such a depressing condition. 78 years of age, health failing and difficulties. He took such a prominent place here – he took his share in public work till deafness disqualified him. He started the restoration of the Belfry and procured three additional bells. He was instrumental in getting the Victoria Gates put up and helped me in building the Magham Down Mission Room. When he kept the Harriers many of us had some enjoyable runs; and now, surely, we can't see him down! He has got a nice little house, very neat, as everything connected with him must be; he lets lodgings, and his wife makes lodgers very comfortable at that lovely little Sussex Parish, Ringmer, almost touching the beautiful old church.

While I write, the great strike is raging. One million want to rule 40 million. I hope the Government will believe that they are the “Powers that be”, and that “they bear not the sword in vain.” Let them lean on that, and we shall soon see things different.

The Church Room will be much used this month. During five days of the week it will be occupied by the Council School boys from 9 – 4.30. The charges must be raised owing to high price of coal, gas, etc, to 4/- a night; 3/- the Classroom; 10/- the half-day, and 13/- the whole day. Sales will be £1. Saturday only is free for such until Christmas holidays.

The sports of the Comrades of the Great War was a most successful day, carried out admirably and with no tedious delay between the events. It is the first time that our neighbour, Brigadier-General Hessey, has taken part in any function here - he gave away the prizes. The day ended with the huge dinner in Messrs. Green's new factory to 320 service and ex-service men, given by the Peace Celebrations Committee, which will always be remembered as the crown of the celebration, when 320 men were seated, fed, amused, stirred up without crush, confusion, delay, or any hitch whatever. A large number of the ladies of Hailsham waited on them, and men cut up huge joints, and others made themselves generally and particularly useful. A programme of music and entertainment followed, and it broke up soon after 10 o'clock. What many have noticed during this Peace year, everyone was in a good temper, and seemed to have thrown off the care of the last five years.

The chairs at the Church Room are in a very bad condition, Mr Message has his eye on them and on prices. A new stove is ordered to replace that which is worn out. The room, top to bottom, has been thoroughly cleaned and washed by Messrs. Gosden & Lambert; and in addition to all these engagements we may soon expect the Education Committee to arrange Continuation Schools, after the Fisher Act* so this winter should be busy.

The Church Memorial Window Fund is now open to subscribers, and Mr Simpson, of L.C.W, and Parr's Bank, is Treasurer. We shall want a large sum.

**Fisher Act (drawn up by H Fisher)= the Education Act of 1918, raising the school-leaving age to fourteen.*

November 1919

Notes and comments

The Offertory (including donations) for the Memorial Window in Church, October 3rd amounted to £20.16s.5d. The total now is about £154.2s.11d. We ask for subscriptions to be paid to the Vicar or Churchwardens. The Secretary of the War Memorial Committee asks me to call attention to the advertisement for books etc for the Parish Library. They want good standard works in good repair, novels by good authors, and some books of reference: Encyclopaedias up-to-date, a good Webster's Dictionary, some Directories, good Histories, etc. I hope the Committee will go in strongly for this Library. I see a "Democratic Club" is one of the items passed at the large meeting. Here is one now, with a Parish Library, which may be most useful; my advice to the Committee is to put a lot of the money they have collected into this Library and make it a real educational blessing to the Parish - they can't have a more *useful* memorial.
F C H.

Dear Mr Harvey,

It has been decided that the names of all the men of Hailsham who gave their lives in the War are to be placed on the Public Memorial. Can you get a note to this effect in the November Magazine, with an intimation that the names should be sent to me.

Yours faithfully,

A K Burtenshaw.



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 John Brown

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

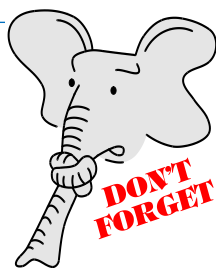
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5	September	John Brown
6	September	Rita Mary Smith
19	September	Fred King
24	September	Winifred Donovan

*We extend our prayers and
sympathy to their families*



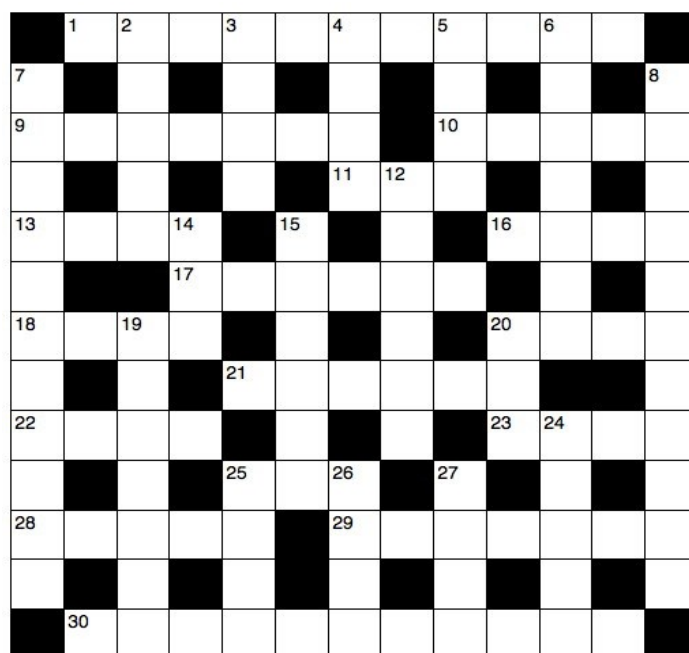
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December/January mag is
Wednesday 13 November**
Email Rosie via:

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THE CROSSWORD

(answers next time)



ACROSS

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

DOWN

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)

- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.
DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.



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Fairytale Light Party

crafts

songs

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games

Bible story



for toddlers & primary aged children

Thurs 31st Oct 10.30am-12pm

followed by hot dogs and ice cream

contact Lyn on 01323 441868 holidayclub@hailshamchurch.org
places must be booked & all children accompanied by an adult