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Dates and Events for Your Diary

2nd April Good Friday 4th April Easter Sunday

10th April Wilmington Churchyard Working Party 10.00 am

(If you know anyone who does not have internet access or would prefer a hard copy, please print one off for them)

FROM THE PARSONAGE

EASTER 2021

Everyone has been living with absences in different ways during Covid. Familiar landmarks in one's days and weeks have gone, contact and conversations with people which tell us where we belong in the world have diminished. When it comes to drawing mental maps of the time that lies ahead, it is as if the pencil and paper have been taken away from us. Whilst none of these compare with the death of a loved one they're still a kind of loss.

Whilst everyone grieves in their own unique way a number of emotions often accompany the experience of loss. These include; shock and denial, pain and guilt, introversion and depression, anger and bargaining. Of course there are other reasons why people may be feeling any of these emotions but when you recognise some of these in others or in yourself you might be able to discern when some of the losses of Covid lie behind them. Some get stuck in one of these emotional states or keep falling into them. However, these can be different stages that are passed through leading to two final stages; 'reconstruction and working through', and 'acceptance and hope'. It is the love and support of others and their willingness just to accompany us that often help us reach these.

The death of Jesus on Good Friday focuses thoughts and emotions on the human experience of loss and the central part it plays in every human life. It highlights the fact that of all the losses that we experience none have as great an impact as the absence of love. Through Christ embracing all suffering on the cross he brings to the various human experiences of loss the healing power of God as love.

Wishing you Easter joy and love

Peter

BENEFICE NEWS

Annual Report 2020 - 2021

The full P.C.C.s met four times during the year. The Churchwardens and Standing Committees met between meetings, and notes of their meetings were received by the full P.C.C. and discussed where necessary.

Revd Frank Fox-Wilson who served as Assistant Priest with particular responsibility for the parishes of Arlington and Wilmington retired during 2020. Up until March when the National Covid Lockdown was introduced the pattern of services maintained worship in all five churches on nearly all Sundays, together with a number of joint services to promote the unity of the Church in the five parishes. Morning Prayer was held on Wednesdays, followed every other week by contemplation and was well attended. Evening Prayer was said on Mondays at Wilmington.

Following the March lockdown video services were published on Youtube and services were also held on Zoom. Zoom services continued throughout the remainder of the year providing the means for congregations to meet each other and to be led in worship. The churches were kept open throughout the year thanks to cleaning and implementation of Covid regulations by laity. The churches were reopened for socially distanced worship between the National Lockdowns. Online, laity participated in worship by leading intercessions, reading the scriptures and playing music.

The Cuckmere Pilgrim Path was promoted through an online Zoom talk for Arts and Christianity in February 2021 which was well attended and the number of people engaging with this walk is increasing. An arts project to commission Thomas Sargeant, a stone engraver and letter cutter, was progressed in preparation for a residency at Berwick in autumn 2021.

Home groups have met via Zoom to strengthen fellowship and promote understanding about Christian faith and spirituality.

A vicar's ministry includes preaching, teaching and offering pastoral care to the sick, bereaved, or those in any kind of trouble - whether members of the church

or not. He is supported in his ministry by his Churchwardens, PCC, members of the congregation and the 'Benefice Administrator'. The Incumbent is also involved in encouraging church members to exercise their own particular vocations and work in the service of Christ and in the service of their community. The Benefice maintains its links with the wider church through the Deanery Synod and Clergy Chapter. The Benefice has produced a Mission Action Plan which covers all areas of church life and identifies a number of aims and objectives. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals are important events in the life of the community and the benefice churches are often full on such occasions. The pastoral care of the church extends to the elderly, sick and those preparing for marriage. Newcomers are welcomed.

Christine Skinner continued as Benefice Safeguarding Co-ordinator and works with Safeguarding representatives from each of the other churches in the Benefice to ensure compliance with Diocesan policy and the implementation of Diocesan SQP. Her role is to ensure that procedures are followed that protect children, young people and vulnerable adults. Significant work undertaken by Christine included C1 training. She has attended PCC meetings of each parish and her dedication to ensuring compliance and giving advice has been invaluable.

The Mission Links with "Networx" are led by Revd Geoff Daintree and Paul Sutton though little activity was possible during Covid. The Diocesan 'Caring and Sharing' scheme is also promoted and individuals subscribe through a local coordinator, Janet Matthews. The Benefice receives newsletters from Dr Ruth Butlin about her work with Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh. Charitable gifts were also made by various PCC's to different causes during the year.

Planned Giving Secretaries for each of the communities are responsible for stewardship, and this work is overseen by Arthur Lewis-Grey, who is the Stewardship Co-ordinator.

Church members are active in producing two of the three parish magazines that are published in the Benefice. These were published digitally during the pandemic.

The Friends of St Pancras Arlington have begun to develop plans for the repair of the spire, electrical repairs and internal re-ordering. The wildlife conservation management plan has been implemented and is coordinated by Helen Proctor, a local botanist. The Friends continue to recruit new members.

At Berwick the major National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) project to restore and conserve the paintings was delayed by the Covid pandemic but the majority of the works were finally completed in November 2020. Crispin Freeman has acted voluntarily as Project Accountant and is a member of the Project Team. His help has been invaluable. The development of this project has continued to require constant oversight from the Rector and Project Manager, Helen Ellis whose position is funded by NLHF.

Berwick's church roof has been insulated and underfloor heating installed to create an environment that conserves the paintings and provides heating for congregation and visiting groups. The energy for the heating is provided by a ground source system of boreholes and provides a sustainable source of heating in the longer term. The Treasurer successfully applied for Renewal Heating Incentive. The conservators Stephen Rickerby and Lisa Shekede completed their work on the conservation of the paintings and published a report on their work. The installation of wifi makes it possible to livestream services and events. The Christmas Carol service and Midnight Mass were live streamed in this way and services continued to be live streamed for the remainder of the year. One of the aims of the project is to make the church more accessible and available for different charitable groups and faith organisations as a place of retreat, reflection and creativity. The aim is to work particularly with groups and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and those who are vulnerable. The project has included the installation of a new kitchenette to provide better facilities for these groups. An audio-visual system has been installed for worship and events. The NLHF activity plan which was designed to launch this new aspect of the church's ministry had largely to be deferred to 2021. However a module with Sussex University students was run by Dr Hope Woolf. Plans for a major project called The Big Sing were resumed in February 2021. The agreement with Firle Estate to lease land and develop a carpark for the church is reaching completion. A collaborative performance based on Virginia Woolf's novel 'The Waves' was recorded in the church in March for release online. The soundtrack will be available for use with visiting groups at the church.

Churchyards are a responsibility of PCC's and a number of these are being managed for nature conservation as well as for the visitors to graves at Berwick, Alciston, Arlington, Wilmington and Selmeston.

Selmeston Church & Churchyard & Berwick Churchyard Books

Both books are fascinating insights into the history of the churches and churchyards and a useful source of information on local and family history. Selmeston book - £12.95 and Berwick - £11. Please let Stephanie know if you would like to purchase a copy.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK: MARCH 2021 UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I write this as schools are reopening to all pupils for the first time since last year. It is fair to say that our families have found this latest period of lockdown and homeschooling very challenging, but overall they have been incredibly resilient and managed to get through it, thanks to the fantastic support offered by our practitioners. As we make tentative steps back into some sort of normality, we are very proud that our families have coped so well over the last year.

We are interviewing candidates this week for the new practitioner roles that were mentioned in my last update and hope to have some good news regarding appointments shortly, which we will of course share with you as soon as we can.

After some hugely generous donations to our food bank over Christmas which kept us well stocked throughout January and February, we are now running low on many items. If anybody is in a position to arrange a food collection, we are in need of nearly everything with the exception of pasta and tinned tomatoes, of which we have plenty. Tinned meats and fish, tinned vegetables and fruit, soup, tea/coffee and table sauces would be particularly welcome. We are able to collect if you have a large quantity of donations – please contact Spencer in the office on 01273 832963 or by email spencer@familysupportwork.org.uk if this is the case.

With the Government's road map giving us some of idea when we may be able to resume our face-to-face activities, we are planning how to do this both safely and successfully, and I hope to be able to share news with you in the next update of our plans for the rest of the year. In the meantime, thank you all for continuing to share our news and support us in prayer during the last month.

February's work in numbers

311 individual visits and 163 support calls with families supporting 33 grandparents, 354 parents and 296 children

18 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely

24 online group sessions held, including half-term activities

396 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray for wisdom for our interview panel in selecting the right candidates for the new practitioner roles

Give thanks for recent funding successes that will provide some stability in the coming months

Pray that our staff remain healthy both physically and mentally after an incredibly tough few weeks

Nikki Kerr FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Good News: Our Churches Remain Open For Private Prayer.

We are delighted that Government regulations now permit us to open our church buildings for services and individual prayer and hope that anyone wishing to do so will feel safe to enter.

All churches in the Benefice are open every day and opening patterns are the same as they were previously in each parish.

The term individual is defined as follows: "A person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not part of a group led prayer or communal act." (Robert Jenrick announcement)

If you do wish to use the church for private prayer, please be mindful of the importance of following government advice in respect of hand washing and social distancing.

Notices have been put up on church noticeboards, on the church doors and at the entry and exit points for each church, to provide specific guidance about the safety and hygiene arrangements in each church, as details may differ slightly due to the differences in the church buildings. For example: in some churches pews may be roped off to limit the amount of routine cleaning required and in some churches there is access to running water. Please read these notices carefully before entering the church.

- Hand sanitiser has been placed in the porch area of each church and also inside the church near the door.
- Please use this before entering and when exiting the church. NB. it is still
 wise to wash and dry your hands thoroughly with soap and water a soon as
 you get home, as an extra precaution.
- Please observe the social distancing rules and maintain a distance of 2
 metres between yourself and others not in your household whilst in the
 church. Individual churches may have additional guidance about this so
 please observe any specific measures which have been put in place in
 individual churches.
- If the church appears too crowded to facilitate social distancing, please wait outside until it is safe to enter.

Please do not enter the church if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19 or if you have been advised to self - isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.

Cleaning schedules have been revised to ensure door handles, light switches and other areas likely to have been touched by others are cleaned daily when the church is opened but please be mindful of the fact that surfaces might have been contaminated later in the day and avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily.

Please note that we now have permission to resume funeral services . Contact the Reverend Peter Blee for further guidance on this. Contact details:

The Reverend Peter Blee – peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk or 01323 870512

WILMINGTON NEWS GOD'S ACRE

Management of Wilmington Churchyard

We are planning for a churchyard working party on Saturday 10th April at 10.00 am. It would be good to smarten up the path so people should bring a spade and broom so we can clear it back to the brick edging.

In spite of the COVID-19 hiatus, we continue to manage our churchyard as a habitat for wild plants and their associated insects, birds and mammals. Many, if not all, of the churches in the area already do this, including all four of the other churches in the Benefice, and Folkington church.

We allow the grass to grow long and to have it cut and removed by a contractor in August after any flowers have seeded. Areas to be excluded from this, and still regularly mown, are the new part of the churchyard, a strip either side of the paths, around the war memorial and a path between the church and the vicarage. If anyone regularly visits a grave in this area and would like a path mown for access, let me, Julie Little (churchwarden above), know.

We have, very recently, had an ecological survey of our ancient yew tree undertaken; it is quite a long document and impractical to reproduce in the magazine so, the .pdf document **(LLD2208-ECO-REP-001-00_PEA (1).pdf)** can be accessed in the covering email of this magazine edition.

LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL

The notes taken from the Unadopted Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting. The Unadopted Minutes are circulated to the Parish Councillors and subsequently considered at the next Parish Council Meeting and if agreed, are signed as a true record. The Minutes can only be publicised after they have been approved,

therefore in order for there to be no undue delay in keeping the residents of the parish informed about the meetings, the notes are printed in the Parish Magazine. The approved minutes are posted on the notice boards shortly after the meeting in which they are approved.

Next Long Man Parish Council Notes Will Appear in The May edition.



The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:

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Clerk's hours are part-time (7 hours a week) and that generally she will be working for LMPC on Monday,
Wednesday or Fridays.

Please feel free to email at anytime but please note they will only be picked up during working hours.

No phone calls after 6.30pm please.

Please let the Clerk know if you need the contact details of your local Councillor.

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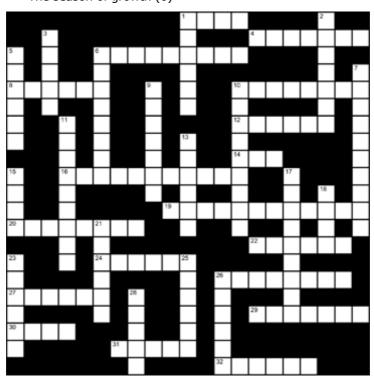
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Our Big April Crossword is Easter-themed

Clues

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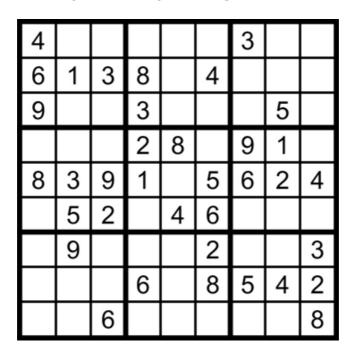
- Traditional pastime seeking some seasonal treats (4) 1 4
- Born again (7) Sunny yellow heads; gifts in Church between Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday (9) 6
- 8 The day before Good Friday ~ Thursday (6)
- 10
- What we all hope for over a Bank Holiday (8)
 Group of human beings (men, women or children) collectively (6) ĪŽ
- 14 Collection of rules imposed by authority (3)
- Severely destructive ~ as in the shaking of the Temple and the rending 16 of the sanctuary screens (11)
- The rising on the third day after the Crucifixion of Jesus (12) 19
- 20 Asked to choose, the crowd before Pilate chose this man to have death sentence commuted, rather than that of Jesus (8)
- A hat tied under the chin (6)
- 22 24 Many buds open together to clothe in summer greens (6)
- 26 Gymnastic exercise performed on the rings when the gymnast supports himself with both arms extended horizontally (8)
- Roman procurator of Judea (died in AD 36) (6)
- 27 29 All of the living human inhabitants of the earth (7)
- 30 Urges on; causes to act (4)
- 31 Came into existence; taken on form or shape (5)
- 32 The season of growth (6)



Down

- 1 Tucked away; out of sight (6)
- 2 Offer of future benefit (7)
- 3 His life & sermons form the basis for Christianity (circa 4 BC AD 29) (5)
- 5 The place of worship ~ specifically of a Jewish congregation (6)
- 6 The time after sunrise and before sunset (8)
- Garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem; where Jesus prayed whilst his disciples slept (10)
- 9 Any amazing or wonderful occurrence (7)
- 10 A chamber that is used as a grave (9)
- 11 Dark brown solid confection (9)
- 13 Container that is usually woven ... and with handles (6)
- 15 Variation on 10 down (4)
- 17 Rising of the body of Jesus into heaven on the 40th day (9)
- The experience of being alive; the course of human events and activities (4)
- A vague idea in which some confidence is placed (6)
- 23 A light evening meal (6)
- A protective covering or barrier that keeps things out or hinders sight (6)
- Young bird especially of domestic fowl (6)
- 28 Rite of staying awake for devotional purposes (5)

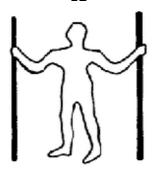
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Tony Wilson, Billie Whitehead, Frank Fox-Wilson,

Ruth Zacharewiz, Kelly Quinell.

Most of the existing members of the committee, are willing to serve for the coming year and may be voted on at this meeting. We will need a Chairman as Tom Jones has moved away. Other members of the club may be nominated as candidates for election at the same time.

Dear Member,

You are invited to join our Wilmington, Folkington and Milton Street Village Club AGM on Wednesday 21st April 2021, starting at 7.30pm. This will take place via ZOOM. For joining instructions please email Claire Church at:

candpchurch@btinternet.com

The club was formed in 1922 to provide a social centre for all the residents of the three villages to meet at various functions and to forge new friendships. We hope that all new residents will take advantage of membership of the club (there is no subscription) and join in all our events this year. We look forward to seeing you.

Claire Church, Club Secretary

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2021

7:30PM

AGENDA

- 1. Chair to open the meeting
- 2. To receive apologies for absence
- 3. To read and approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM
- 4. Matters Arising
- 5. To receive the Chairmans Annual Report
- 6. To receive the Annual Accounts for the year 2019
- 7. To adopt the Annual Accounts
- 8. To elect the President and Vice Presidents
- 9. To elect the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and Committee Members
- 10. To consider any other business





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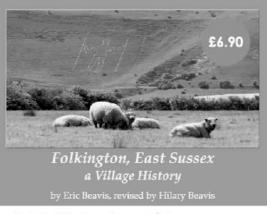
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APRIL SERVICES AND SPRING NEWS FROM FOLKINGTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE

Services for April

SUNDAY April 4th ~ EASTER DAY ~ 11am ~ Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion The Reverend Malcolm Elwis

SUNDAY APRIL 18th ~ 10.30am ~ Mattins The Reverend Neville Manning

SUNDAY May 2nd ~ 10.30am ~ Holy Communion Service to be taken by one of the Cuckmere Churches Ministry team.

Saint Peter's continues to be open for prayer on Wednesday/Friday and Sunday, and for part of Saturday.

On Mothering Sunday we were so happy to hold our first service since Christmas Day! Seventeen parishioners gathered to take part in a lovely service led

by The Reverend Neville Manning, with Nathaniel Best on the organ playing the hymns. The lessons were read by Abigail Sargent and Patrick Davies Jones. The flowers in the church looked beautiful with their spring colours, and posies of flowers set out on the chancel steps were taken home by many ladies.



On March 28th, we held our Palm Sunday Service taken by The Reverend Malcolm Elwis at 10.30am. Palm Crosses were blessed and collected by worshippers from the chancel steps. Nathaniel Best played the organ for the hymns, and gave us incidental music to welcome the congregation before and after the service.

Spring flowers are emerging in the Churchyard, and birds are nesting everywhere in hedges and trees throughout the village.

In March we have remembered the late Tristan Voorspuy and the late Christoff Caffyn, both linked to St Peter's Church. Tristan, formerly of

Folkington, was tragically killed on March 6th 2017 in Laekipia, northern Kenya. Christoff, son and stepson of parishioners Mic and Julia Caffyn, died in March 2017 after a brave struggle with illness. For many years he worked in the woods at Wootton Manor. We remember the families of Tristan and Christoff in our prayers at this time.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting [A.P.C.M.] will be held before the end of the month of May. Details of the date and place will be emailed to parishioners and displayed in the church porch.

Please can you continue collecting bottle tops, wool, ribbon, cards and stamps for The Friends of Eastbourne Hospital. They are still beavering away, more so, since the pandemic. Collection boxes can be found by the organ in church. Thank you.



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Benefice Services for April

April 4th EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m.	Alciston - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
9.00 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer
9.30 a.m.	Arlington - Holy Communion/Morning Prayer (tbc)
9.30 a.m.	Selmeston -Easter Family service
11.00 a.m.	Berwick - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Wilmington - Holy Communion/Morning Prayer (tbc)

April 11th Easter 2

9.00 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer
9.30 a.m.	Selmeston
10.00 a.m.	Wilmington
11.00 a.m.	Berwick

April 18th Easter 3

9.00 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer
9.30 a.m.	Alciston
10.00 a.m.	Arlington – Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Berwick - Holy Communion
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April 25th

9.00 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer
9.30 a.m.	Selmeston - Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	Wilmington
11.00 a.m.	Berwick - Holy Communion

May 2nd ROGATION SUNDAY

10.00 a.m Alciston

Our churches remain open for private prayer and reflection every day. Except for Arlington which is open only at the weekends.

METHODS

SUNDAYS

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion – live and recorded on Youtube

This is streamed live from Berwick Church on Youtube and a link is sent out. This is also recorded and can be watched when convenient. (you can google 'Peter Blee Youtube').

9.00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Zoom

A link is sent out and you simply need to click on this link to join the Zoom.

Wednesdays

9.30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Zoom

If you would like to receive the 'links' to these by email each week please contact Stephanie, the administrator:

benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk or tel: 811136.

Revd Peter Blee is available to talk and to offer help in any way possible tel: 01323 870512 or email peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - Youtube link sent out

Tuesday

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - Zoom link sent out

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020233458? pwd=dmVxS2Y3a0q0bmRxKzhRbnF4OkwyUT09

Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer - please click on following link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89725029977? pwd=cDgrdlhvbkpFdDZTdDQwYnl6amdiZz09

Meeting ID: 897 2502 9977

Passcode: 455148

Wednesday

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - Youtube link sent out

Thursday

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - link sent out evening before

Pastoral Prayer or Talk

I am available to speak to people on the phone and I am also able to pray with people on request in church at Morning or Evening Prayer but keeping Covid restrictions and with no other people present. If you are struggling and would find either helpful please get in touch to arrange.

If anyone needs help of any kind -practical or spiritual - please get in touch.

Tel: 01323 870512

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests please pass them on – they can either be kept confidential or included in intercessions at our online services.

Suggestions or Comments

Suggestions and comments as to what is offered online or what might be offered in addition are welcomed.

Revd Peter is available for visiting outdoors if permitted and available to talk on the phone. Please contact 01323 870512.

The times of the services are subject to change. Please look at the website (www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk) and check carefully on the Sunday link emails. If in any doubt please contact Stephanie Lewis-Grey on 01323 811136 or email at

benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

If you would like to take part, please email the Benefice Administrator to receive notice of each upcoming virtual service:

benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk