

A Magazine For the Villages of Folkington, Milton Street and Wilmington

Village Christmas Bazaar



...fun for all the family!



Wilmington Village Hall



Saturday 4th December, 11am - 1pm

* Seasonal Gifts & Plants

* Raffle (to be drawn at 12.30pm)

* Children's Games & Activities

* Bric-a-Brac

* Tombola

* Homemade Cakes & Preserves



Plus the café will be serving hot drinks,
delicious homemade cakes, mince pies
& sausage rolls and mulled wine too!



December 2021

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Dates and Events for Your Diary

4th December	Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning	11.00am
14th December	Film Night - "Military Wives"	7.00pm
21st December	Candlelit Christmas Concerts	2.30pm and 7.30pm
24th December	Christmas Eve Christingles	3.00pm and 4.30pm
25th December	Christmas Day Services	see back page
30th December	Film Matinee - "Vertigo"	3.30pm
11th January	Long Man Parish Council Meeting	7.00 pm

FROM THE VICARAGE

They say, don't they, that moving house is one of the most stressful things you do in life. Having done just that, I agree, but while thinking about this, it is so much more than having to uproot, move then unpack and settle.

You lose that sense of belonging; seeing familiar faces, knowing how to get to the Post Office, or trying to remember when to put out the bins. New routines, new faces, new places, discombobulating, all of it.

So it has been tremendous to be welcomed so warmly into the village, into the fellowship in the churches, and having friendly salutations at the newsagents and the book shop. It encourages me to believe that this is a good move, it offers promise that the future looks much brighter, that friends will be made here, that God has heard my prayers, that I will, once again, belong.

Much of Cop26 has passed me by in the flourish of personal activities, but I have been warmed by the sight of people and politicians from almost everywhere on earth getting together to address the critical issue of climate change. Even the Olympics have not achieved

this fellowship, each country naturally viewing the others as opponents. Yes, at Cop26 countries have their own agendas, but the acknowledgement that we are all in this together and we have to get it right has been incredibly encouraging.

We belong together in this planet that God has endowed with beauty and goodness. We read in the Bible that God created the earth and filled it with living creatures of every kind, 'And God saw that it was good.' Genesis 1:25b

Sure, we all need to do our bit to make a difference, as individuals, corporations and countries. Let's do that and ask God's blessing on the future that we share.

Reverend Shirley Pearce

Flower Arrangements Workshop

There is nothing like pretty flowers, berries and foliage beautifully arranged, to lift the spirits. In our homes and in church it demonstrates care and affection and many view it as a particular skill.

It is interesting to note that many people feel they do not have such a talent. Well, how about coming to our workshop (with tea and cake, naturally!) and exploring your ability? Or come and fine hone your skills and learn about alternatives to using oasis.

This will take place in January or February at Wilmington Village Hall, date and time to be confirmed, so do keep an eye out for the notice. If you have any queries, please email or phone me.

Be assured of a very warm welcome.

Reverend Shirley

Some Thoughts for The Future

This is a rough sketch of some ideas I have been thinking about; I would call it something like 'Village Engagement':

December: - maybe ask the children & others if they would like to help decorate the Church Christmas tree, but also maybe a 'lights-up' evening with mince pies and mulled wine.

January - Tearfund quiz night (Doug and I have done this annually prior to Covid)

February - Pancake night

March - flower arrangement workshop

April - Easter egg hunt

May - 'what's inside the church'? mainly for kids but you never know...

June - Jubilee flower festival

July - 'what's outside the church?'

Also, Lent course, and would you like a short Advent course next month?

If you feel that you can support these ideas and, perhaps, contribute or add to them please let me know and I will keep you all informed of progress.

Reverend Shirley

BENEFICE NEWS

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK: NOVEMBER 2021 UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Here we are again, busily stocking the foodbank for Christmas deliveries and collecting toy and food donations from churches all over Sussex. It's an exciting time for us as we are aiming to give all of our families a Christmas to remember after last year's more muted events when the country was in lockdown. We will also be holding a carol service at St Mary's Church in Funtington this year, and hope that those who live locally will be able to join us in person.

Between now and then we are still working hard with our families, many of whom are finding finances particularly tight as large heating bills begin to eat into whatever family budgets they have. If anybody feels able to contribute to our Winter Fuel campaign this would make a huge difference so that we can give some direct support with fuel bills. We are also doing an increasing amount of work in schools where we can provide support to specific children in a safe setting away from the home. This is proving very productive and we hope is something we can develop next year if more schools want to work together with us.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer and practical gifts.

October's work in numbers

177 individual visits and 177 support calls with families supporting 27 grandparents, 263 parents and 303 children
 21 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
 37 face-to-face group sessions held supporting 290 parents and 118 children
 118 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray for two of our support practitioners, who have been off work due to contracting Covid. They are both suffering quite badly and we are uncertain when they will return to work.

Give thanks for some very fruitful meetings that have taken place recently between FSW and other groups and individuals, with a view to strengthening community links

Pray for a positive outcome for a large grant application that we hope to receive before the end of the year and will provide some much-needed stability

Nikki Kerr
FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Family Support Work - Christmas 2021 Benefice of Arlington, Berwick, Selmeston with Alciston and Wilmington

FSW support families and children through difficult times in their lives. Many are on low income, suffering from poverty or have other challenges. The need this year is as great as ever and if you feel able to give, your donation will make a real difference to them this Christmas. We are collecting at all 5 churches in the form of food (particularly tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, soup and tea) and new toys.

If you wish to give a financial contribution then FSW will purchase suitable items on your behalf. You can donate using one of the following options:

Via the online donation page at www.familysupportwork.org/single-donation

For electronic donations to the FSW bank account (which is actually the most effective way as FSW don't have to pay any fees) please use:

Account name: Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (CDAFSW) Sort code: 20-12-75 Account number: 40257133

Cheques should be made payable to Family Support Work or CDAFSW (either is fine) and sent to Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA.

People in the benefice have been very generous in the past and we thank you again for supporting this charity. If you could donate by Sunday 5th December (so that gifts can arrive in time for Christmas), this would be extremely helpful.

Thank you,

I've recently had this email from FSW.

"I am writing to let you all know that next week FSW will be launching its first ever crowdfunding campaign. Many of you will know about crowdfunding but for those who don't, it is a chance for us to run an online fundraising campaign that anybody can donate to which has a specific target (in this case £10,000). What is even better for us is that we have also been accepted for match funding, which means that every donation will be matched from a separate pot of money and therefore the amount we receive will be doubled!"

The match funding comes from the National Emergencies Trust Local Action Fund and the Crowdfunding page goes live on 17th November. It is for one calendar month. Please let people know. More details can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/FswFamilySupportWork> "

Tim Berrett / Jane Anderson

WILMINGTON NEWS

POPPY APPEAL 2021

2021 marked the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the British Legion on the 15th May 1921. It only became "Royal" on its 50th Anniversary in 1971. Our Queen is its patron.

This year we came out of the slough into which we had plunged as a result of Covid 19 and were able to raise funds as we had done in the past for the worthwhile causes the Legion has supported since its foundation. Sadly the need for their assistance continues.

On the 14th of November, parishioners gathered for their act of remembrance in our beautiful Downland church which, as usual, had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Single poppies flowed down each corner from the apex of the font cover and a couple of large poppies looked down from the pulpit over all those present. Several poppies were intertwined in a display of leaves opposite the door. At the end of the church the scene was dominated by the powerful image of the altar cloth. A large red poppy starkly positioned on a black background gazed out over all present. Thank you so much to all those dedicated individuals responsible.

At 11.00 am the congregation assembled around the War Memorial for the two-minute silence and to hear the crystal clear notes of the Last Post and Reveille played by Gavin Humphrey resonate around the churchyard before everyone returned to the Church.

This year we raised a total of £1,158.17 to assist with the Royal British Legion's projects made up as follows:

House to House £ 766.10
Static Point £ 28.77
Churches £ 363.30

Total £ 1158.17

Thanks go out to Mrs Greta West and Mrs Vicky Caxton in Milton Street, Mrs C Flowers and Oonah Whittaker in Wilmington and Mrs E Chisholm in Folkington who all sold poppies house to house in our three villages. The Sussex Ox in Milton Street and the Barley Mow in Selmeston accepted trays of poppies for sale and our Churches very generously donated the collections taken at the services.

A big thank you to all who contributed to our donation.

Nigel Willson
Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser

Beowulf - An Anglo-Saxon Poem in an Anglo-Saxon Church

Congratulations to Michael Bloom for his remarkable performance of Beowulf at Arlington recently. The many months of preparation, which included his own work on the translation, resulted in a memorable performance and was a remarkable acting achievement (the epic is more than 3,000 lines long). Also, many thanks to Nicola for all the work involved in promoting and preparing for the performance and the meal afterwards. As well as to Jackie Appleton, Irene Flynn and Friends of St Pancras Arlington for all their work, particularly at the meal following. The event was a great success and launched the fund raising for the fabric works and reordering project in the church.

RICHARD DURRANT CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Tuesday 21st DECEMBER: 2.30pm & 7.30pm
St Mary & St Peter's Church, Wilmington**



Guitarist and composer Richard Durrant heralds the start of the Christmas season with a family-friendly concert featuring great music and special guests.

His sons Django and Felix on percussion & bass will join Richard alongside founder member of Gryphon the legendary Brian Gulland on crumhorns and bassoon and the unforgettable voice of Amy Kakoura.

Join Richard and his special guests for a family-friendly concert full of acoustic, midwinter charm which will include great Christmas songs, early music,

British folk, traditional carols and solo guitar works.

"An all embracing winter tapestry...whether pure instrumental or paired with Amy Kakoura's soothing tones, it's a tasteful celebration." Guitar & Bass Magazine

Tickets £17 & £5 for under 18s.

Available from www.richarddurrant.com or phone Tim on 07771 641856

An update on the Richard Durrant Concert

Tickets for the Richard Durrant concert are selling well, with 29 for the afternoon and 64 for the evening sold so far. Most of these via Richard's website.

I am looking for someone to assist with refreshments in the afternoon. Any help would be very much appreciated. So, if you can help or know of anyone who has a spare couple of hours and would like to hear some good quality, live music, then please let me know.

Donations to Wilmington Parish Church

If you would like to make regular donations by Direct Debit please visit www.parishgiving.org and enter Parish code 103050475 and follow the links.

'One-off' donations can be made by Bank Transfer to Wilmington PCC: Sort Code: 20-27-91, Account: 60970956. There is, also, a new fangled device within the church where credit/debit card donations can be made.

All donations most gratefully received.

LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:

Claire Reynolds, 32 St Mellion Close, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 3UY

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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.

CoronaVirus Parish Assistance

If anyone is requiring assistance during the current situation please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Claire Reynolds, Parish Clerk, Long Man Parish Council in the first instance

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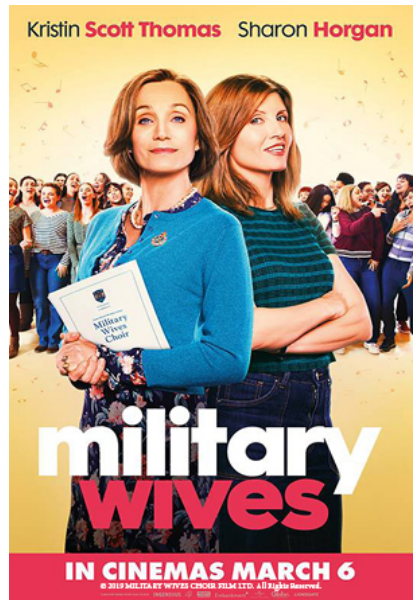
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WILMINGTON, FOLKINGTON AND MILTON STREET VILLAGE CLUB

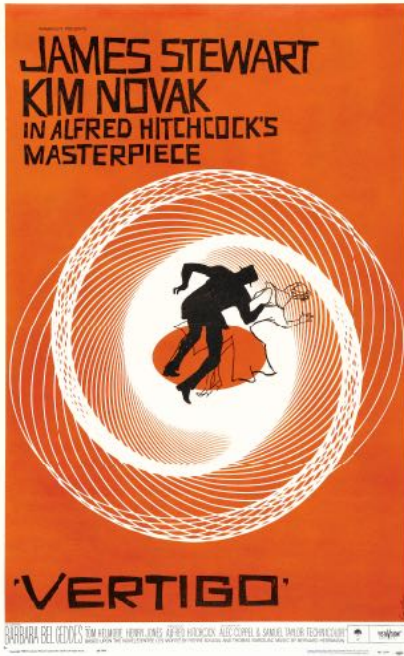
Forthcoming Events

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER:

**WILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL
7 PM FOR 7.30 START
TICKETS (AT DOOR) £5 PER
PERSON**



CHRISTMAS MATINEE: 30th DECEMBER



VERTIGO

**WILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL
3.30 PM FOR 4PM START
TICKETS (AT DOOR) £5 PER
PERSON**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND COFFEE MORNING

All villagers are cordially invited to the ever popular Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning to be held in Wilmington village hall on Saturday 4th December from 11.00am - 1.00pm. This event has always proved most successful due to the support and enthusiasm of many people from Wilmington, Milton Street and Folkington. There will be general refreshments available, tea/coffee/mulled wine etc., plus mince pies, sausage rolls and cakes.

The stalls are varied and include Homemade Cakes, Toys/Children's Games etc, Tombola, a Raffle, Plants/Hyacinths and the ever popular good quality Bric-a-Brac. (This, of course, can include any new unwanted presents) The club always relies on the kindness of it's members to help provide items for these tables and we are hoping again this year that you can generously support and provide for this annual event. We ask that everyone can please check through their cupboards for anything that might sell at the Coffee Morning to raise money towards the upkeep of the Village Hall itself. Home made cakes can be taken to the hall the day before during the afternoon, 2.00pm onwards. Any help that you can offer will be gratefully accepted.

Please 'Save the Date' in your diaries and we look forward to a bumper Christmas Coffee Morning for both adults and children. Contact numbers below as to where to deliver anything you have to give for the Christmas Coffee Morning:



**Village Xmas Bazaar –
fun for all the family!**

**Saturday 4th December
11am to 1pm**

There will be lots of wonderful things to buy, drink and eat at the Wilmington, Milton Street and Folkington Christmas Bazaar!

- Fantastic **seasonal gifts and plants**
- **Raffle with fabulous prizes**, to be drawn at 12.30pm
- **Children's games & activities**, including cookie decorating, paper wreath making and snowball throwing!
- **Bric-a-Brac**, bigger than ever!
- **Tombola**, with lots of prizes for adults and children
- **Homemade cakes & preserves** to take back home with you

Plus the café will be serving **delicious homemade cakes, mince pies and sausage rolls** – plus **mulled wine** too!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Tombola
Bric-a-brac
Raffle
Children's Games/Toys etc
Cakes/Preserves
Coordination
Plants etc

Melissa Abey **870454**
Pari Shepherd **870095**
John and Christine West **870426**
Kelly **07950 109 607**
Belinda Ferretter **871986**
Claire Church **871801**
Sarah de Belder **871620**

Christine West

SPANISH EVENING

Fantastico!! This is the best way to describe the Spanish Evening on the 23rd November in the Village Hall. Numbers were limited to 50 and sadly, people who applied late were unfortunately disappointed. It was a really fabulous evening from start to finish and I understand the last guests wandered home at almost midnight. There were probably a few hangovers the next day!

Spanish Music set the tone for the evening and glasses of Fino Sherry & Prosecco were offered to all guests on arrival, courtesy of the Village Club. A variation of Spanish wines were also available to purchase during the evening. The hall was decked out with Spanish flags and tables were laid with tapas. An enormous table of the most delicious food was available for us all to help ourselves, It was so tasty and colourful followed by Virginia's Spanish cheeses and OJ's amazing homemade chocolates. This had all been possible due to the clever organisation by Annie, her team and cooking from many villagers including Belinda F, Ruth Z, Melissa & Abey, Maggie, Ruth O, Billie & Sarah de B. Apologies if anyone has been omitted here, but a very big thank you to you all.

Once the tables had been cleared away, Sarah Black, our Salsa teacher arrived for the dancing. It was just hilarious to begin with, partners turning in the wrong direction and all with left feet, but after some training the hall was buzzing, really rocking to the music and the dancers were swaying in action together - it was a brilliant sight! Well done to everyone concerned.

This was certainly a very happy village night, a really fun night and for some, an extremely late night, but one that after such a long lockdown was very welcome and made us all feel that our village had come together again. These popular theme nights will be repeated at some point but in the meantime, the Christmas Bazaar & Coffee Morning is next on the calendar, Saturday 4th December. Please help in any way you can.

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Elms to the Downs and Jubilee Planting

We are all encouraged to plant trees between this October and March 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> You can add any trees planted to a nationwide Queen's Green Canopy map. The Woodland Trust is giving away tree packs to community groups and educational establishments.

Alison Cotton, Tree Warden for Long Man alisoncotton1403@gmail.com
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Drusillas' Monsters Raise £1,500 for Wolo Foundation

Drusillas Zoo Park near Alfriston have thanked the community for their efforts in helping raise £1,574 for Wolo Foundation, by taking part in their virtual Halloween fun run - the Monster Dash.



The Monster Dash is a family-friendly virtual fun run, which asked monsters, mummies, ghouls, ghosts and the likes to complete either 2.5k, 5k or 10k over the half term break, whilst wearing Halloween fancy dress. More than 50 of Drusillas' staff and visitors signed up and took part, including the Park's entire Playland Team who walked together in the night as a gang of weird and wonderful Halloween characters.

Drusillas gave special praise to a group of young friends, Florence Bailey (6), Isla Haverly (6), Dorrie Fry (7) and Zoe Chamberlain (6), who alone raised £275 of the total for the charity. The girls cycled the distance along Seaford seafront, and started their own JustGiving page to encourage friends and family to support the cause.

Mum Chloe Bailey said: "The girls are so chuffed about the fun run and the money they raised. It's a fantastic thing and we are very proud of them!"

Founded in 2019 by husband-and-wife team Fler and Justin Wright, Wolo supports families living in Sussex with children under the age of 16 years. They support them by offering practical help and support to make their day-to-day lives easier, whilst going through the hardest of times. In 2020 Drusillas nominated Wolo as their charity of the year, and extended this through to the end of 2022 after lockdowns halted fundraising efforts early in the partnership.



Deputy Managing Director, Cassie Poland, commented "We were so thrilled to finally be able to organise a fundraiser for the wonderful folk at Wolo.

It was frustrating that we couldn't fulfil the plans we had in the face of lockdowns and restrictions over the last year, and so the Monster Dash was a fun, light-hearted, but not-too-gruelling event to kick off a full year of support. The work they do is so important, and it really means a lot to us to be working with a local charity



The people they support are all around us; they are our friends, our colleagues, our neighbours. And, Wolo's motto - we only live once - is something we should all take on board!"

Cassie continued: "We wanted to boost the fundraising as much as possible, and so have pledged to match fund the amount raised on behalf of Drusillas."

Fler Wright spoke about what donations can do for the families they support "Thank you to everyone that took part in The Monster Dash event organised by Drusillas - we are delighted so many of you took part in the challenge. The funds you all helped to raise will help in so many ways; from driving lessons to cleaning, gardening, purchasing equipment, food vouchers, therapy or support sessions - families all over Sussex will really feel the benefit of your kindness - you have helped to improve their quality of life during difficult times. Thank you."

For more information on the incredible work Wolo carry out in the community, head over to their website <https://woloofoundation.org/>.

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston, Drusillas Park is open daily from 10am, and is gearing up for their annual Christmas event from 20th November. For more information please telephone 01323 874100 or visit www.drusillas.co.uk
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Normal Collection Dates			Revised Collections Dates	
Monday	27 December 2021	➔	Tuesday	28 December 2021
Tuesday	28 December 2021	➔	Wednesday	29 December 2021
Wednesday	29 December 2021	➔	Thursday	30 December 2021
Thursday	30 December 2021	➔	Friday	31 December 2021
Friday	31 December 2021	➔	Monday	3 January 2022
Monday	3 January 2022	➔	Tuesday	4 January 2022
Tuesday	4 January 2022	➔	Wednesday	5 January 2022
Wednesday	5 January 2022	➔	Thursday	6 January 2022
Thursday	6 January 2022	➔	Friday	7 January 2022
Friday	7 January 2022	➔	Saturday	8 January 2022

Seasons Greetings
Thank you for all you have recycled this year!



Garden Waste collections are suspended from Monday 27 December 2021 and resume on Monday 10 January 2022.

- ▶ Please ensure that your bins are put out **at the edge of your property by 7am** on the day of collection.
- ▶ **Extra recycling** can be put out in non-black plastic bags next to your recycling bin.
- ▶ Place your **Christmas cards and wrapping paper** in your recycling bin (except foil and glitter).
- ▶ If you do not have a garden waste collection service, you can recycle your **real Christmas tree** at your local Household Recycling Site.

Check your collection days online or download your collection calendar at:
www.wealden.gov.uk



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OUR DECEMBER PUZZLE PAGE

A Seasonal CROSSWORD & SUDOKU for DECEMBER 2021

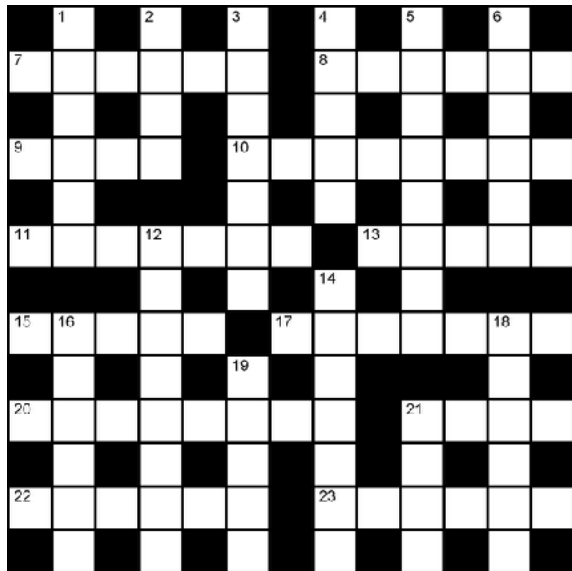
CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 7 Godlike (6)
 8 Type of punch including milk or cream, and egg (6)
 9 Sweet dessert wine usually dark-red (4)
 10 Season for Noel (8)
 11 A day on which work is suspended by law or custom (7)
 13 Female fox (5)
 15 Fill quickly beyond capacity; as with liquid (5)
 17 Engage in uproarious festivities, noisily, often indulging in drinking (best from the cup) (7)
 20 Ruddy-nostrils suit an Arctic mammal (8)
 21 Flexible armour of interlinked metal rings (4)
 22 Greek goddess of wisdom (6)
 23 Flow over or cover completely (6)

Down

- 1 Loose robe ~ origins Japanese (6)
 2 Natural ability or quality (4)
 3 Calendar year just begun (3,4)
 4 The curse for Quasimodo (5)
 5 Act undertaken to increase own power and influence or to draw attention to own importance (3,5)
 6 Cook in nearly boiling water (6)
 12 God is with us (8)
 14 Small, playful beings with magical powers, human in form (7)
 16 Made to be decorative for the Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning (6)
 18 Pendant spear, formed by freezing of dripping water (6)
 19 Wood from coniferous trees, of genus cedrus in the plant family Pinaceae (5)
 21 The members of Zoroastrian priesthood who came from ancient Persians (4)



Our December Sudoku is graded as : EASY

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3			4		9	6	7	
8			7		3	5	4	
		8	2		6		5	1
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	7	1	9		4			5
	8	3	6		2			7
				8			9	

Justine Coley
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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday December 5th. 10.30 am. Holy Communion with the Cuckmere Benefice Team, The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stukes, The Reverend Christyan James and Mrs. Kelly Ellis-Pastoral Minister. Refreshments after the Service.

Sunday December 12th. 10.30 am~Mattins with the Reverend Neville Manning ~ Refreshments after the Service.

Sunday December 19th. 11am~ Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Reverend Christyan James. ~Refreshments after the Service.

Saturday December 25th -CHRISTMAS DAY. 11am. Christmas Day Service with Carols and Readings. The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stukes, Rector of the Cuckmere Churches.

Sunday December 26th. Boxing Day~ No Service at St. Peter's Church. The Church will be open for prayers.

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

Winter News From Saint Peter's Church, Folkington

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday November 14th a good congregation at Saint Peter's welcomed The Reverend Malcolm Elwis to take our service of Commemoration for Remembrance Sunday. We began at 10.45am to follow the National Service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London. Nathaniel Best played the organ for five hymns including 'I vow to thee my country ...' from The Planets by Gustav Holst and 'Thine be the Glory' from the English Hymnal. Many poppy wreaths of past and present years from the Royal British Legion decorated the chancel steps and lovely late autumn flowers lit up the altar. Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Harcourt-Smith read out the timeless words of the Commemoration and he and Mr Morven Voorspuuy laid poppy wreaths at the altar in memory of the fallen from both World Wars and from all other wars.



Morven's poppies were in special memory of his late brother Tristan who laid a wreath at this altar four years ago in 2017, shortly before he was tragically killed in Kenya. He had served in the Army for several years.

In the prayers Malcolm remembered all those who have suffered in war, especially those who are disabled, traumatised and lonely. In his sermon, when talking about the tragedy of all wars, he touched on acts of bravery that shine and give one faith in human nature. He emphasised the importance of remembrance by the present and future generations.



The collection, together with money raised by the sale of poppies throughout Folkington village, will go to The Royal British Legion, who do so much for all branches of the Armed Forces.

In the last edition we omitted to mention that our contributions brought at Harvest Thanksgiving and given to the Eastbourne Food Bank - run by The Trussell Trust — amounted to 24 kilos. We would hope to arrange another collection before Christmas. A plea to all donors! Please - Food only in tins, or in any container that the bold church mice of St Peter's Church cannot open



After last year's hiatus due to the Covid pandemic Folkington parishioners are looking forward to the Advent and Christmas season and to welcoming all and any newcomers to our services, starting with Advent Sunday on November 28th with Reader Alan Packard and our old friend Sylvia and her singers who have been coming to St Peter's for the past ten years to sing their lovely a cappella motets. In early December we will welcome our Benefice Team - Stephen, Christyan and Kelly for Communion and The Reverend Neville Manning for Advent Mattins on the 12th December. Christmas celebrations will be our popular Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols to be led by Christyan and on Christmas Day we look forward to welcoming our Rector Stephen - at 11 am! We hope to gather in to our church as many friends and visitors as possible! to share Advent and Christmas celebrations in Folkington

The Ride and Stride took place in early September, along with the open gardens at Folkington Place and a wedding in the Folkington Manor. We would like to thank all the sponsors of Ride and Stride and those who bought plants, books and cards for their generosity. Our total so far is £1228 of which the church will receive half of the amount and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) will receive the other half.

The SHCT is instrumental in giving tax free loans to help churches needing essential repairs and restoration of historic or architectural interest, in Sussex.

We are continuing to save milk bottle tops, ribbons, cartridges and stamps for the Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals. Boxes can be found by the organ. Many thanks.

BENEFICE NOTICES AND SERVICES

(Service dates and times start on the rear cover of the magazine)

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.

The Reverends Peter Blee and Shirley Pearce are available to talk and to offer help in any way possible; telephones: 01323 870 512, 01323 318 231. or emails: peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk revshirleym@gmail.com

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:

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Benefice Services for December and Early January

December 5th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee

December 12th

8.00 am	Alciston ~ BCP	Peter Blee
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce

December 19th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
3.00 pm	Arlington ~ Carol Service	Shirley Pearce
4.30 pm	Alciston ~ Carol Service	Peter Blee

December 24th

Christmas Eve

9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
3.00 pm	Selmeston ~ Christingle	Peter Blee
4.00 pm	Wilmington ~ Christingle	Shirley Pearce
5.30pm	Zoom ~ Christingle	tbc
11.30 pm	Berwick ~.Midnight Mass	Peter Blee

December 25th

Christmas Day

8.00 am	Alciston ~ BCP	Peter Blee
8.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee

January 2nd

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc

Please note that these service details might well change!

Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9.00 am.

**You can be sent a link to join all weekday Zoom services.
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