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Thursdays	14.00 - 16.00	Knit 'n Natter
Fridays	10.30 - 12.30	Coffee Shop
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A magazine or a newspaper is a shop. Each is an experiment and represents a new focus, a new ratio between commerce and intellect.

John Jay Chapman



Note from your Ed

Today is the third year anniversary of our first Covid lockdown – and guess what - here I am confined (nearly) to home with Covid, an unwelcome hitch-hiker from Liverpool. However, things have moved on in those intervening years. Today’s work meeting went ahead with my joining on Zoom; last night’s book club was managed with a WhatsApp video and I can still manage to walk the dogs wearing a mask and giving the very few people I come across outside a wide berth.

The vaccinations and being reasonably healthy, mean that the virus has just given me a slightly more tiring cough and snivels, so it is what it is and we just get on with life. It also means that I have been able to get the mag done super-early which is a bonus. The chats in and around our ‘chapels’ are still focusing on inclusivity - everyone valued and supported. We have our usual round-up of parish happenings and we are very thankful that our Church Mouse continues to research interesting articles. As always, we are very pleased to receive suitable content from anyone – why not have a go!

Sue (volunteer) x

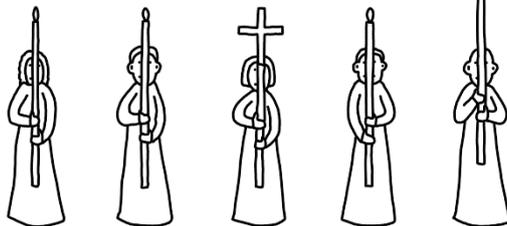
We are always grateful to our volunteers and there is no question that many hands make light work. If you are able to do anything anywhere within our church community however small, please write into the office and I (Sue, with my work hat on) will direct your offer to the right people.

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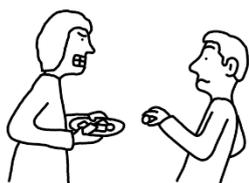
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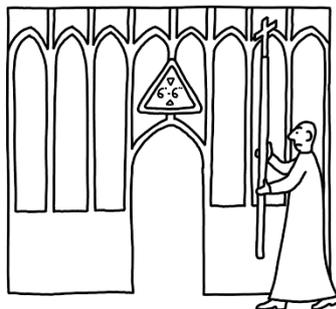
WASHING UP THE 400 YEAR-OLD SILVERWARE



MERGING INTO THE BACKGROUND, AS NECESSARY



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ACTING IN A CONTROLLED AND DIGNIFIED FASHION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES



The Vicar's Voice!

One of the wonderful things I love about my role as a priest is the many opportunities to bless people in God's name. Another joy is to anoint with Holy Oil.

As we approach Holy Week, the week before Easter, congregations and clergy are invited to gather in unity, to renew their commitment to ministry and to collect the Holy Oils at the Chrism Eucharist. There are three oils which, during this service, are blessed by the Bishop.

The oils are used for the sick and dying, for those being Baptised, called Catechumens, and Chrism for Confirmation, Ordination and the Anointing of Kings.

I was interested to learn that the oil to be used to anoint King Charles during his Coronation on 6 May has been made sacred in Jerusalem. A ceremony took place in The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is built on the site where Jesus is said to have been crucified and buried. The holy oil has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives.

Closer to home in our Parish we have prayers for healing and anointing every month; here is what to expect:

Usually after a short talk, following the reading for the day, the priest invites the congregation up one by one to the altar rail at St Nicholas' or the dais/platform step at St Barnabas'. To begin with the priest may place their hands on your head and say a prayer, or say this beforehand -

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.
May Christ bring you wholeness
of body, mind and spirit,
deliver you from every evil,
and give you his peace.

Then the priest places a little oil on your forehead and hands or wrists and says these words -

I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life.
Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant you the riches of his grace,
his wholeness and his peace.

I hope in time that anointing and praying for healing will become a natural instinctive response when we are together.

May the Lord Bless You!

Revd Sarah

All are very welcome to attend the Chrism Eucharist and our nearest service is on Tuesday 4 April 2023, 12 noon at St Mary's, Horsham. Do ask if you want to know more.

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PARISH ROUNDUP



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January to March 2023

We started our year off with a wonderful Buffet Supper. Nearly all our members were able to attend and we had two guests, Fr Francis Pole and David Fry. Mary and David had ordered and collected the main course and the Committee provided the desserts. It was a jolly evening with good conversation and fun. Sadly we were enjoying ourselves so much that we forgot to take any photographs; we made up for it the following month!

February proved to be very busy; we had our AGM, this year Chaired by Revd Greta, when a new Committee was formed. Simon Morris remains as Treasurer, Joan Tick as Secretary and Mary Fry as a Committee Member. Jacky Hemsley has re-joined the Committee after a year or two's break and Nicky Anderson has agreed to be added to our number. Thank you to you all. Sue Wood has decided to step down after a number of years and we thank her for her work with us.

We also began our hectic time of the month with a Shrivng Service on Shrove Tuesday. Two other Branches joined us as we were hosting the Crawley District service, led by Revd Sarah and attended by 43 adults, from the congregations of both of our churches, and including the two visiting Branches, a toddler and some of our Branch Members. We had traditional Pancake refreshments following the service.



At the Eucharist service, on the night of the AGM, we welcomed Carol Musselwhite back to our Branch as a Member; it is lovely to have people returning to our little fold, especially Carol. Then on the following Monday Mary, Jacky and I were at St. Barnabas' to hold a Wave of Prayer, where we prayed for our linked Dioceses around the world, some other Members prayed at home with us.

The next Branch Meeting will be held on 23 March and we are looking forward to welcoming Fr Francis Pole as our Speaker.

We hope some visitors may join us to hear him; we are always open to non-members, who knows we may see YOU there.

We wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Joan Tick and the Committee



St Nicholas' Circle

The next meeting of The Circle will be on Wed 24 May; doors will open at 19:30 for a 20:00 start. Graham, Gordon and Sue will present to you *A Celebration of Spring* an eclectic mix of readings and music. If anyone has any favourite extracts or tracts on this theme please send them into the Office by Easter Monday and we will try to include them. On 21 June we will celebrate the longest day with Cheese, Wine and Strawberries and we will round up for the summer with Revd Greta who will give us an illustrated talk on her Motorcycle tour in the USA on 12 July. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Max Perry max.perry@datamax.co.uk 07435 788127



St Barnabas' Churchwarden Update

We have been running a Lent Course, following the Diocesan Lent Course entitled "Who then is this?". Each week a different bible reading, reflection followed by some taxing questions and finishing with a related hymn and prayer. It has been led wonderfully by Fr Michael, Revd Sarah and Mary – thank you! It has caused everyone who attended to stop, think and re-read texts we thought we knew – I think everyone has come away with a richer sense of understanding and awareness.



Revd Sarah, along with other helpers, has started a Youth Alpha course, running weekly on Friday evenings for 9 weeks. Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage young people in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Discussion time is interspersed throughout the short talks to make it simpler for them to share their thoughts and questions. Each session begins with food, followed by a short video. Throughout the videos questions are asked, with responses from some of the people involved in the video – this provides a prompt for the group discussion which follows each section of the video. So far it has been a gentle introduction but as we progress it will dig deeper into our relationship with Jesus.

For Mothering Sunday, we had an extra "Child Friendly" service and Revd Sarah illustrated the Colossians reading by involving the children in making a cloak of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, all bound together with love. Not only great fun, but a wonderful way of putting the message across, whether young or not so young!

The Café at St Barnabas' continues to be well used by many groups meeting during the week and remains popular on Wednesday and Saturday for coffee and cake. More volunteers are always needed as are cakes – please let us know if you can help.

The Saturday Markets continue and are, as always, popular raising much needed funds for the St Barnabas' project to provide level access throughout the church – thanks to Phyl for organising these events, the helpers and, of course, our customers!



David Anderson

Please think of us as you prepare your gardens and greenhouses in the next few weeks – and consider planting a few extra seeds.



We will be pleased to receive all plants for our plant sale on 20th May. Thank you.



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St Nicholas' Churchwarden Update

Warmth returns to Worth

Your Wardens report that warmth has returned to St Nicholas' Church, Worth. Not that there wasn't always warmth at Worth with our clergy and congregation, always welcoming each other and our many visitors in the warmest of ways. However, just after Christmas our church heating was decommissioned. There followed the best part of two months without heating and didn't we know it! The weather during this period was, as one might expect, cold and wet. Both elements quickly permeated the stone fabric of our ancient building and we felt it daily.



The story goes back to 2018 when we had recurring problems with our two boilers, in our below ground vault. They were becoming temperamental and Tony Chamier, our distinguished engineer, who was then a member of our congregation, recommended that they were replaced. The estimate to replace the boilers was eye-watering, being in excess of £50k, and it was only with very generous legacies and donations that we were able to commission the work. Of course, we were hit with the pandemic and the work was put on hold.

A single boiler to replace the two existing boilers was bespoke made to fit the very limited access to the underground vault. It was manhandled down the very steep steps to the vault with 10mm clearance on either side of the steps.



What followed has been an amazing journey of design and build. Specialist flue designers were commissioned to design and install the new flue system leading from the vault, through the vestry, choir chamber, ringing chamber and out through the stone at roof level. All works were overseen by our Inspecting Architect, and his Structural Engineer. The works required approval from the Diocese, whose Diocesan Advisory Committee have been extremely supportive, especially as our carbon footprint has been significantly reduced.

Seven extremely quiet and efficient convector heaters are now installed and Warmth has returned to Worth.



Progress in other matters continues, which includes the appointment of Mark Harrison as our new Director of Music. Mark became interim DOM when Alex Hiam went off to pursue academic studies in Law. During this time, it is pleasing to note that the choir has grown and our wonderful tradition of choral music seamlessly continues.

We have installed a 'Magrini' baby changing foldaway unit in the utility-block accessible-toilet and, talking about accessibility, work continues on the access path from the Lychgate to the church. You may have noticed that the lighting along this path has been renewed.

A few thank yous are always welcome but this time the list is so long it's right to say that we know who you are and a big thank you for all your support!

Rose Wells Churchwarden and Colin Smith Deputy Churchwarden.



Ring for the King



There are many churches in Sussex that will be ringing the bells for Their Majesties' coronation in May. The national campaign is indeed titled "Ring for the King."

There aren't many where one of the bells will be rung by a ringer who also rang for Her Late Majesty's Coronation back in 1953.

Gerald Sandwell, on the other hand, is no ordinary ringer. As a young man he'd been bell-ringing for only a few years in Essex when he was invited to ring for the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

In fact, he rang twice that day:

- Firstly, he rang a full peal at St Margaret's Church, Downham, near Wickford Essex. (A peal lasts roughly 3 hours.)
- Then he went to Downham WI to watch the Coronation on television.
- Then he and his band of ringers went to All Saints' Church, Rettendon, Essex where they were attempting another Peal. Alas, his rope broke 3/4 of the way through that one.

He didn't let that breaking rope put him off, since he rang for Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977, her Golden Jubilee in 2002, her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and her Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

At Worth, he's also done several stints over the years as both Ringing Master and Tower Captain, and has been a Churchwarden.

He's also been Master of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, and more recently was their Education Officer for 14 years.

He has both a daughter and grandson who currently ring with him at Worth.

He clearly enjoys it!

Mark Harrison

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PALM SUNDAY, 2 APRIL

- 8.15AM HOLY COMMUNION
- 10AM PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6 APRIL

- 10.30AM EUCHARIST
- 8PM SUNG EUCHARIST, FOOT WASHING & WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

GOOD FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2PM LITURGY

HOLY SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

- 3.30PM MAKE THE EASTER GARDEN
- 8PM EASTER VIGIL, BAPTISM AND SUNG EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY, 9 APRIL

- 8.15AM HOLY COMMUNION
- 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY SUNG EUCHARIST WITH EGG HUNT

ST BARNABAS'

PALM SUNDAY, 2 APRIL 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST

HOLY TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 10.30AM EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 6PM MEAL WITH FOOT WASHING THEN HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY, 7 APRIL

- 11AM UNITY SERVICE IN QUEEN'S SQUARE, CRAWLEY
- 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER DAY, 9 APRIL

- 6.10AM SUNRISE AT WORTH PARK LAKE
- 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST WITH EGG HUNT

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PCC Meeting St Barnabas' Church,

PCC Meeting held 8 March 2023

The Rector opened the Meeting with prayers and a welcome. Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising:

A date for Chalice Assistant training still to be identified.

Positive discussions continue for a defibrillator available to the Parish and the Worth Way Runners. A similar arrangement has been proposed for St Barnabas'.

Estate of the late Wendy Sulley is still in hand.

A burial site next to the late Cecil Butcher has been approved.

Changing the name of the Parish is in progress.

Promotion of Inclusive Church with both congregations is in hand.

Bishop Ruth has agreed to preside and preach at St Barnabas' on 11 June (St Barnabas' Day).

Finance

A copy of the Accounts was circulated. The cash position is sound. The Restricted funds, such as the Tower and Fabric Fund, continue to reduce as capital projects (such as the boiler project) are undertaken. Rising energy costs are noted. All bad debts have now been cleared. Accounts and report should be available for the APCM.

A pay increase for the bellringers will be considered.

APCM

To be held on 19 April. Reports from Parish groups to be available before this date.

Nomination forms to be available in churches for nominations for vacant posts on the PCC. MB thanked JT for all her hard work taking the Minutes. MB thanked Joan for all her work with the Minutes.

Fabric – St Nicholas'

Boiler project nearing completion. Arrangements have been made to restore the vestry storage cupboards and to reinstate flue boxing and access platform in the ringing chamber. Fr Michael thanked CS for his work on managing the project, who in turn thanked Fr. Michael, DA, RW and others, all of who have assisted greatly in the project. MB further thanked Anthony Chamier for pushing for us to replace the old boiler thereby reducing our carbon footprint.

The access path from the Lychgate to the West entrance of the church is a path that has become almost inaccessible for parishioners and visitors to the church who may be disabled. An application to remove the avenue of trees was refused by Crawley Planning Committee. An application to remove some of the trees was likewise refused both at Planning Committee and at appeal. A meeting with two of our local Councillors indicates that there may be support for the removal of the two most offending trees and a third tree that is leaning alarmingly. It is requested that the PCC support a further application for planning permission to remove these trees. The Proposal was unanimously approved. Our Inspecting Architect to make the necessary application.

Fabric – St Barnabas'

The Hall floor has been inspected by two contractors. Different solutions were advised. A decision is needed on whether a partial, and possibly short-term fix should be employed, or the whole floor replaced. A complete replacement was proposed.

The statutory 5 yearly electrical safety checks for St Barnabas' are scheduled (*now completed – Ed*) to be undertaken from 9-17 March.



Director of Music

It was agreed to offer the post to Mark Harrison.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

A Lent Course is under way following the Diocesan Course 'Who then is This?'

Easter Services are being finalized, but to include Building the Easter Garden and the children's Egg Hunt.

Health and Safety Nothing to report.

Safeguarding

Regarding members of the church congregations visiting/helping/transporting others, if they are visiting regularly it needs to be defined if that person is doing it as a request from the clergy or as a friend of the person being visited. If as a request from Clergy and regarded as a Church Worker then a DBS or Enhanced DBS needs to be completed and approved, and a decision made as to the type of task/job.

Both churches need to provide a list of 'who' does 'what' within the church and if a DBS is required.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod are looking for both a Treasurer and a Secretary, to replace two people who will be standing down after a number of years' service.

The Deanery Budget Meeting will take place on 18 October.

Coronation Event Planning

Special prayer books are now available in both churches.

Next Meetings

The first meeting of the new PCC will follow the APCM on 19 April; the following Meeting provisionally to be on 10 May (tbc).

The Rector closed the Meeting with prayer.

Holy Baptism

12 Feb 2023 Rowan Douglas Flook

19 Feb 2023 Darcy Mary Iris Carr

During the christening these children were baptized. It's the first step of an amazing journey with God, parents, godparents, friends, family and the church. If you are thinking about baptism you don't have to have been christened yourself, and you don't have to have been a regular churchgoer. Start exploring the possibilities with us. Talk to our clergy after any service or contact the office at office@worthparish.org

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Before and After

We fairly frequently receive enquiries about burials in St Nicholas' graveyard. We hold a database of monuments up to about 1966, although subsequent burials are not listed.

We received a request from Steven Feist searching for the grave of James Feist (d.1925) and Ellen Feist (d.1941), and found them in our records. Although the location of the grave was given, graves can still be difficult to find - in this case because there was no headstone, only kerbstones.



We also identified Sgt Major George S Feist of the Australian Light Infantry, listed on the War Memorial tablet inside the Church.

Steven visited Worth and with the expert help of Jason, Ashley and Paul found the grave after some searching and cleared it; a success! Steven subsequently wrote:

I can't believe we managed to find my great grandfather and grandmothers grave, against all odds, but definitely a team effort! Thanks to Ashley and John for your help. Brilliant to get a chance to meet.

The pictures attached are of James and Ellen and also with their family, including my grandfather and George Samuel.

Prior to the 1st world war my Grandfather, James Henry (James's son) was posted to Leith, the port outside Edinburgh where he met and married my Grandmother. They settled in Scotland. After surviving the war he chose to reduce his term in the army by volunteering for a year in Sierra Leone. Unfortunately he contracted malaria there which eventually did for him. During a period of illness in 1924 he returned to Three Bridges but died while visiting. At his request his body was returned to Edinburgh and is buried at Liberton cemetery.

In cricket whites is George Samuel who died on the Somme and is named on the memorial within the church.

Many thanks again for your help and to everyone involved, - a very special day.

Church Mouse



The Royal Maundy

You will be familiar with the clergy washing the feet of selected members of the congregation on Maundy Thursday. 'Maundy Thursday' because the Gospel for that day includes Christ's command (*mandatum*) at the Last Supper that, having washed the disciples' feet, "ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you."

Another ancient tradition occurs on that day – the Royal Maundy which dates from the Fourth or Fifth Century (some say 660 AD). Originally the reigning monarch washed the feet of beggars and gave gifts of clothing and food. The ceremony evolved over the years, with sums of money replacing the gifts of clothes and food. The feet were pre-washed by various officials and nosegays (still present) employed to mask any offensive odour.

The involvement of the monarch, however, declined by the early 20th Century and was only revived in 1932, although then not consistently. However, HM the late Queen regarded the service as important and attended almost every year of her reign. She also instigated the movement of the ceremony around different cathedrals and by the end of her reign it had been held in every cathedral in England.

In the modern form of the Royal Maundy a number men and women are recommended by local Christian leaders; all are pensioners and selected for their contribution to the community. The number of men and women is in each case equal to the age of the sovereign. There are, in addition, a small number of Maundy Children. The Yeoman of the Guard ('Beefeaters') attend as does the Choir of the Chapel Royal.



Each of the recipients receives two leather purses. The red purse contains £5.50 in lieu of the gift of clothing and food. The white purse contains Maundy coins in total to the age of the sovereign. The coins are specially minted, in denominations of 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence, to a design

hardly changed since 1822. Keen numismatists will notice that the portrait of HM the late Queen is unchanged from the one created in 1952; it has not been updated along with coins in general circulation. The coins are legal tender although worth substantially more than their face value.

In retirement

my late father was an administrator for Southwell Minster and heavily involved in arranging the service in 1984; he also acted as a steward. In recognition he received the appropriate fee in Maundy coins – 10p. (right)

As already noted, nosegays are carried by the royal party and other officials. My clever green-fingered mother obtained the rosemary from the Duke of Edinburgh's nosegay, propagated it, and we still have the 'Duke of Edinburgh's rosemary' in the garden.



From experience I can report that it is a happy and relaxed occasion, with the late Queen chatting with many of the recipients. Many recipients also give her gifts in return; on one notable occasion a jar of marmalade!



Church Mouse

Easter for Pedants

Recently, a loving friend gave me a copy of *The Pedant's Revolt* (by Andrea Barham). Now, why did they think that an appropriate book for Church Mouse? He does admit to committing the sin of being over-concerned with minor details and rules, and is too keen to display academic learning.

But Church Mouse is not infallible. Into adult life he thought a special kind of silver came from Scotland, and only recently discovered that a species of pine did not come from the same country; silly old mouse!

Church Mouse may also have committed the error, in these pages, of believing that 'Easter' came from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of fertility and spring: *Eostre* or *Eostræ*. But apparently not so, although we can blame the Venerable Bede for putting the idea about in the 8th century.

It is now thought that 'Easter' came from Easter week as *in albis* – and via a mistranslation.

Easter week was known by Christians in the West as *hebdomada alba* (white week) as the newly baptised wore their white baptismal robes during this week. Sometimes the week was contracted to *albae*.

When this was translated into German, it was mistaken as the plural of *alba* meaning 'dawn'. This was rendered in Old High German as *Eostarum* (dawn), which is how we got to 'Easter' in English.

I am glad we have that straight!



Church Mouse

Chapel Talks

INCLUSIVE CHURCH?



Most congregations would say they are inclusive and welcoming but I sometimes think their inclusion may be limited to people who are just like themselves, think or look like themselves. They can talk the talk of inclusion but can they walk the walk? So, what does it mean to be a truly inclusive church? How do we let the wider community know we really would not turn anyone away from our door and that we do our best to welcome everyone and anyone?

There is a network of churches, groups and individuals 'uniting together around a shared vision of a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate' called Inclusive Church (www.inclusive-church.org). By joining this network (free, donations welcome) and publicising our membership, we would, I believe, make it easy for those who are looking to join a church but are uncertain about how they might be welcomed, to feel at home. In February 2023, General Synod once again considered the Church of England's welcome, inclusion or exclusion of LGBT Christians. Legislation to allow same-sex marriage in England and Wales was passed by Parliament in July 2013. Ten years ago. I wonder how long parliament will be patient with us?

The closest inclusive churches to us in Crawley are St Matthew's Redhill, St Peter & St Paul's Lingfield and Forest Row Baptist Church.

The recent work in the St Barnabas' complex to level the floor and install a self-opening door has been a great advance in welcoming those with mobility issues. Both churches have large print hymn and service books but can we do more for those with visual or hearing or other impediments? Are we dementia friendly, or even dementia aware? Being an inclusive church is as much about a journey of discovery as a destination.

Liz Gallagher

A Visit to Nuremburg 2011

Mary and I cruised the Rhine and the Danube in early June. On most days, the vessel docked and we were able to explore the various towns, castles etc., etc. We knew from the itinerary that one of the stops was Nuremburg. Neither of us had the feeling that we wanted to visit Nuremburg – it had so many connotations of Nazi rallies, massive Allied bombing and the Trials.

Nevertheless, we did in the end go ashore, having had a tour of what was left of the site of the Rallies, we moved to the old town. We had a superb and sensitive guide and were lucky to sit with her to have a cup of coffee. We stayed on in the City, rather than go back to the ship for lunch and after a much enjoyed Bavarian sausage lunch we visited the church of St. Sebald in the Market Square.

This church had been virtually destroyed by Allied bombing, but what we found in the reconstructed church was very humbling. We came across a Cross made of nails; this had been sent from Coventry and was made of nails recovered from the old and bombed out Coventry Cathedral. There were many prayers and poems about reconciliation and we found this litany on one of the pillars. Stuart

THE LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
(Epistle to the Romans 3:23)

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class **FATHER FORGIVE**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own **FATHER FORGIVE**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth **FATHER FORGIVE**

Our envy of welfare and happiness of others **FATHER FORGIVE**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee **FATHER FORGIVE**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children **FATHER FORGIVE**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God **FATHER FORGIVE**

Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
(Epistle to the Ephesians 4:32)

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Do you know anyone with a financial background or someone good with paperwork? Please ask them if they would consider volunteering to help our parish. They do not need to be Church members, just willing volunteers. Anyone can apply before 12 April 2023 for either position.



Vesture [3]

In the last of this series of articles we will look at some more unusual forms of clerical dress.

To accompany a cassock you may see a **cincture**, a (usually) black cummerbund with long fringed falls – occasionally seen at St Nicholas'. (Confusingly, in the Roman Catholic Church the girdle is known as a cincture, and the cincture as a fascia.)

Another rare sighting may be a **scapular** (right), as one hangs in the Rectory. It is essentially two rectangles of cloth joined at the shoulders (scapula), often controlled with a belt. This is really a monastic garment which acts as an apron to preserve the monastic habit (no jokes please about monks with dirty habits).



The final rarity worth noting is **clerical morning dress** (left), although strictly only for bishops, archdeacons and some deans. It consists of a square-cut knee-length morning coat over a clerical shirt, with breeches and gaiters. A shame it is not more commonly worn.

There are other garments, especially for bishops, including the **rochet**, a floor length surplice with very full sleeves, over which is worn a **chimere**, a long sleeveless overgarment, but we need to stop somewhere!



Clerical Hats

Those of us brought up on mid-twentieth century films know that clergymen wear a black trilby; but no more as hats are decreasingly worn in any situation. Hats now tend to be favoured by those of a High Church tradition. Within the Catholic Church small skullcaps similar to a Jewish kippa may be worn, known as a **zucchetto** (right). Normally black unless you are a cardinal (red) or the Pope (white)



Crossing the denominations there is the **biretta** (left), a square folding hat with three ridges and a pom on top. Coloured poms are now in fashion. Fr Andrew Piper used to be fond of wearing a biretta.



Archbishop Michael Ramsey commonly used to wear a **Canterbury cap** (right), a square hat with sharp corners but soft and foldable. Often worn with a priest's gown and then known as **walking**

dress. In the long-forgotten days when women were expected to wear a hat in church, women choristers often wore a version of the Canterbury cap.



Perhaps the most splendid hat, and much appreciated by Church Mouse is the **cappello romano** or **saturno** (left); a round hat with a low crown and a wide brim. 'Father Brown' wears one in the eponymous TV detective series. This is a smart and practical hat, but never seems to have found favour in the Anglican Church. A pity!



As an academic I used to enjoy dressing up in my doctoral gown and hood for degree congregations, and I even remember a time when black teaching gowns were routinely worn. But the clergy can have so much more fun!





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Happy Easter Everyone!

Come and join us at St Nicholas'.



Have you ever been to St Nicholas' church on Holy (Easter) Saturday afternoon?

If so, you may have seen a few children and adults **building the Easter Garden**, to remind us of when Jesus died on the Cross and was buried in a tomb in a garden. We will be there again this year and looking forward to welcoming you too. We will be meeting **in church at 15:30** and, if you are coming, please bring a small plant to be placed in the garden. Thank you.



On Easter Day (9 April), immediately **after the 10:00** service the children will be invited to go on an **Egg Hunt** around part of the churchyard. It is good fun and it gives the children an opportunity to let off steam for a few minutes, while their parents and guardians are relaxing with a hot drink!



Can you find the eggs?



We hope to see you at Easter.

Joan



Pound Hill Toddlers



What an excellent term we have had at Toddlers. By the time this mag is out we will be on our Easter Break, but all will be clean and ready for the new term starting on Tuesday 18 April (13:00 to 15:00) and Thursday (9:00 to 11:00) Lots of fun is had by all with activities to keep all the toddlers (and carers!) entertained. We have a break in the middle for refreshments followed by singing and more fun activities. The Tuesday session is quieter, but growing, and the Thursday session remains as popular as ever! Why not come along?

Revd Sarah, Jenny Dobson & the team

Sunday School

Sunday School, run by Nicky and helped by other members of the congregation; provides a fun learning environment to get to know Jesus. There are always activities linked to the readings of the day and it is fabulous to see and hear what the children have been doing – and to hear the prayer that they have written – when they come back into church towards the end of the service. On the fourth Sunday they stay and take part in the service.

It was with sadness that in March we said goodbye to Cody as he moved away – he'd been with us from a baby, being Jesus in the Nativity in his first Christmas here.



Nicky Anderson

Child friendly services

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Hunt the Mag



- What** is a zucchetto?
- Which** fantasy game is popular at the hangout?
- When** is our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)?
- Where** has the Holy oil to be used in the coronation come from?
- Who** is our new Director of Music?
- Why** does the amount of Maundy money in the white purse change each year?



12 APRIL WHAT'S THE EUCHARIST?
The meaning of the Bread and the Wine

13 AND 17 MAY JESUS I AM THE GATE
with marshmallow sheep

17 AND 21 JUNE THE LORD'S PRAYER
learning the prayer Jesus gave us

15 AND 19 JULY JONAH & THE WHALE
making peg whales



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Shadow's Blog

Take a look at my photo. Can you see anything different about me? Where might you ask, has all his fur gone? Well, I could ask the same thing! Why oh why did my humans decide to have me sheared...in winter of all times? It's a bit like a church deciding to replace its antiquated boiler system.... in winter!! It needed to be done but I didn't agree with the timing, nor might I add the severity of the cut! Well, that bit wasn't my human's fault... apparently it's safer to shave me than to get the scissors out... something to do with my exuberant nature! However, I must admit that it's a lot easier now for me to look my best at all times. I need to spend a lot less time primping and preening, which means I can spend a lot more time sleeping, even if that is currently under my blanket as opposed to on top of it!

Must go....I need to admire my new visage in the mirror some more (but don't tell my humans that I rather like it).

Shadow



the hangout

The Hangout, meets every Friday in term time from 19:00 to 20:30. Whilst having a strong core membership we're always on the lookout for new members.

Dungeons & Dragons, a fantasy tabletop role-playing game continues to be very popular, and for those playing it has shown considerable teamwork in developing their characters and in playing the game. Pool and indoor tennis are also very popular.

As we move into Spring our activities will move outside into the Jubilee Garden, for football and gardening.

If you're in school years 7 to 11, or know somebody who is, why not come along? For more information email youth@worthparish.org

David Anderson



MARKET



SATURDAYS
1 APRIL
24 JUNE
10-11:30

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Making Memories Together
 These pictures go a small way to show what a wonderful, co-operative young church congregation we have in our Parish. It is a complete joy to see our families spending quality time together and discovering how the written word of the Bible helps to shape our lives. Come and listen, live and love life with us – 12 April, 13or 17 May, 17 or 21 June.

Sue





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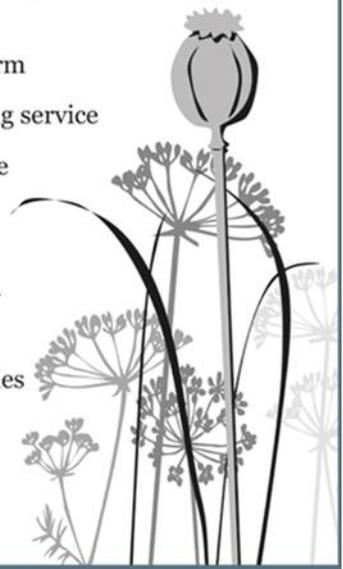


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Magazine	Sue Perry
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APRIL - MAY 23 CALENDAR

Travelling far? - we recommend you check dates/times on our website calendar, or with the Office.

When?		What?	Where?
Sat 1 Apr	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Tues 4 Apr	10:30	Holy Week Eucharist	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Tues 4 Apr	Noon	Chrim Service	<i>St Mary's Horsham</i>
Thur 6 Apr	10.30	Maundy Eucharist (For those unable come later)	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Thur 6 Apr	18:00	Maundy Thursday meal and Eucharist	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 6 Apr	20:00	Eucharist, Foot Washing and Watch	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Fri 7 April	14:00	Good Friday Liturgy	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Fri 7 April	19.00	Stations of the Cross	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 8 April	15:30	Building the Easter Garden	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 8 April	18:00	Easter Vigil	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 9 Apr	06:10	Sunrise Service	<i>Milton Mount Lake</i>
Wed 12 Apr	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 12 Apr	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 19 Apr	tbc	APCM	<i>tbc</i>
Sun 23 Apr	16:00	St George's Day Evensong	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 26 Apr	14:30	Scrabble and Cake	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 26 Apr	19:00	Parish Prayer Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 27 Apr	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 29 Apr	10.00	MU Coffee Morning and Sale	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sun 7 May	10.00	Coronation Celebration Sung Eucharist	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 7 May	12:00	Coronation Barbecue & Shared Lunch	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 8 May	14:00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 10 May	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 13 May	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 17 May	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 20 May	10.00	Plant Sale & Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 24 May	14:30	Scrabble and Cake	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 24 May	20:00	St Nicholas' Circle	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 25 May	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 31 May	14:30	Parish Prayer Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>

At the end of each year, I sit on the floor and go page by page through the old calendar, inking annual events into the new one, all the while watching my year in 'dinner withs' skate by. When I'm done, I save the old calendar in the box of the new one and put it with the others on a shelf.

Sloane Crosley

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