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St Mary's Parish Outlook 2024 April



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(see pages 11-14 for your Easter card)

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BEREAVEMENT

The Church Rooms will be open every 4th Sunday afternoon from 3-4pm for anyone wishing to drop in for a chat over tea. A peaceful place to draw breath or somewhere to share memories of loved ones. Lifts can be provided. Contact Kate 222176

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A message from St Mary's



From The Wilderness to The Resurrection

A Wilderness experience is painful but also necessary for anyone who embarks on a spiritual journey with God. John The Baptist grew up in The Wilderness in readiness to 'Prepare the way of The Lord.' Following His baptism, Jesus was driven into The Wilderness by The Holy Spirit to be tested for 40 days and 40 nights.

The Wilderness is a place where we have no control over the circumstances of our lives. We become dependent on God to provide for our needs and trust Him to turn our troubles into opportunities for positive change. While we may have to suffer for a time, this time is not wasted, but productive and useful, if we are to go on to take on new challenges in life that bring greater rewards from God.

Although The Wilderness may feel like a punishment at times, it is useful to correct errant ways that can destroy the soul, and its purpose is ultimately beneficial. This is character-building and an indication of our strength of faith.

An easy way out of life's problems often presents itself when we are at our weakest. We see that in the temptations that Jesus faced after 40 days. Temptations present themselves to take an easier route to escape life's problems, but these can have long-term consequences. Failure to hold onto faith in testing times can extend our time in The Wilderness.

The Israelites' journey through The Wilderness to The Promised Land took 40 years, rather than 40 days, after Moses led them from slavery in Egypt. The church has meditated on the mystery of their extended journey in The Wilderness during Lent, to learn from it.

God wants a deeper and more intimate relationship with all of us. He has a plan for our lives and a purpose for each to fulfil, which in turn will lead us to a more fulfilled life. When our faith is tested it happens for a reason, and one that will ultimately be for our good.

Death is often the greatest time of testing. Imagine Mary's pain as she watched her son Jesus tortured to death. God doesn't leave us in a dark place of suffering but enters into our suffering, and rises to new and eternal life on Easter Day. He opened the way for all believers to enter His Eternal Kingdom if their faith endures.

"Death is no more!" We rise with joy to the dawning of this New Day, Easter Day, to receive our Risen Saviour, who guides us through The Wilderness of suffering, to behold The Promised Land.

Christine Acock (Lay Minister)

SEND MU

On Monday 8 April members of Send MU will be visiting a garden centre for coffee and a chat. You are most welcome to join us. Speak to Helen or Rachel to find out the arrangements.

For more information about Mothers Union please contact Rachel (rachelwvk.mobile@gmail.com) or Helen (helengalvin467@gmail.com)



WOULD YOU LIKE A TRIP TO THE SEASIDE?

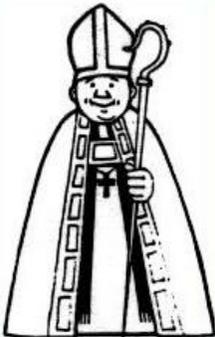
On Wednesday 10 July there is a coach leaving Send at 9.30am to go to Worthing. This has been arranged for Send Over Sixties Club but there will be plenty of spare seats! The cost is £25 (£20 for Over Sixties Club members) and the coach will set back from Worthing at 4.30pm. If you are interested in making use of this opportunity, please contact Christine at chris@lavenderfamily.com and she will send you a booking form with all the necessary information.



SEND MAY FAIR

This annual event organised by Send Scouts will be held on the Recreation Ground on Monday 6 May between 12noon and 3pm. There will be all the usual fun of the fair plus lots of stalls run by local community groups and plenty of refreshments. St Mary's will be running three stalls including toys. We would be very grateful for any contributions to the stall. They can be brought to church on Sundays or delivered to the Coffee Shop on 15 April. For more information please contact editor@sendparishchurch.co.uk

BISHOPS



A vicar's son was asked to entertain the visiting bishop while his parents prepared the lunch. The boy asked him, "Can you tell me how you become a bishop?"

The bishop replied, "Well, first you have to go to church every Sunday. Then be top pupil in Sunday School and later be best student at theological college. Then you get ordained and when you are the best vicar in the diocese you become a bishop."

"Oh, I see," said the boy, "because I heard my dad say to my mum this morning he wondered how on earth you became a bishop."

(from *A Bundle of Laughs*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books.)



Small Steps



St Mary's Church warmly invites you to this Parent & Tots Group in the Church Rooms. This is an opportunity for children to socialize and play and for parents/carers to share a cup of tea and chat. Small Steps will be meeting every Wednesday during term time, between 10am and 11.30am. For more information contact contact Kate by email or text: kmpearmain@gmail.com or 07767 753823.



CRAFT AND CHAT



We meet on the last Wednesday of the month so our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 24th between 2pm and 4pm in the Church Rooms. If you have a crafty hobby - knitting, sewing, embroidery, card making, drawing etc - why not call in and meet us. There is no charge to come along, just 50p for a cup of tea and a biscuit. We look forward to seeing you!

ST MARY'S STROLLERS

Unfortunately there will be no strollers in April. We will next meet at the gazebo on Send Recreation Ground on Wednesday May 15th at 2pm. Why not join us for a stroll around the local footpaths. This is a small friendly group and gives people a chance to walk locally in the company of others while enjoying the fresh air. We finish up at the Church Rooms for tea and cake!



Who said this?

She got her looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon.

Answer inside back page



Everyone welcome!

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Next time in the Coffee Shop
Monday 15th April
Special stall: Toiletries
Proceeds to: Coeliac UK



St Mary's Church Coffee Shop is held in the Church Room on the third Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. If you haven't been to the Coffee Shop before why not call in! We make good coffee and delicious cakes – and a cup of coffee and a piece of cake will set you back the princely sum of £1. Beat that! All the coffee, tea, cakes and items for the stall are donated, so every penny goes direct to the chosen charity.

Each month we have a themed stall and in April it will be Toiletries. Donations for the stall can be given to any of the Coffee Shop Team volunteers at church on Sundays or brought along on the day. We look forward to seeing you!

Coeliac UK is an independent charity working to help people living with coeliac disease. Their vision is that no life should be limited by gluten, and their mission is to improve the lives of people living without gluten.

Need a lift to the Coffee Shop? Then ring Kate on 222176 after 9am on the day and she will see if she can help.

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SEND GARDENING SOCIETY by Linda Davis

With the hum of busy bees and the whistling of birds through the trees, April brings us moments to savour, but do not be fooled by sunny days and rising temperatures as overnight weather can still lead to a damaging frost. The best protection for tender vegetables and bedding plants is cloches or a horticultural fleece. Cover the tender plants until the frost or cold weather has passed. Conversely, on warmer days, slugs and snails are about and they view the young shoots of Delphiniums, Hostas and lettuce as the equivalent of caviar so again, protect the new growth.

For April planting, it is important to distinguish between the hardier vegetables and the more tender. Hardier vegetable such Broad beans, beetroot, carrots, Swiss chard, summer cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring peas and perpetual spinach can be planted outside. Tender vegetables - courgettes, squash, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, celeriac, French beans, sweetcorn - will need to be protected, which means germinated and grown on under glass, in a greenhouse, conservatory or window ledge. To prevent the problem of leggy seedlings, if germinating on a windowsill, physically turn the seedling container around each day. This is because when the light comes from one source on one side, i.e. a windowsill, the seedlings will grow to the light which can make them leggy. By regularly turning the pot around, it helps to reduce this. If you are growing from seed or buy Sweet Peas as small plants, a good tip is to pinch out the growth point. This will make the plant send out extra shoots, prevent it getting leggy and make a bushier plant with multiple flowering stems instead of just the one.

This 'Anonymous' Life's Garden poem always makes me smile at this time of year.

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind, Peace of heart, Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip, Squash indifference, Squash grumbling, Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful, Lettuce be kind, Lettuce be obedient, Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings, Turnip for service, Turnip to help one another

Gardens must have thyme:

Time for each other, Time for family, Time for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



Our next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd April when Jackie Currie will be speaking to us about 'Alliums'. We can be reached by e-mail at f.veybrookcollett@gmail.com or by phone on 01483 765730 (Secretary Fiona Collett) or by coming along to our next meeting. We are not experts, just a bunch of people who enjoy tending our gardens and trying new ideas. We hold bi-monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of alternate months at the Church Rooms, with speakers who are experts and teach us something about the art of gardening.

Sunday Club and YAC News

Back in February Sunday Club and YAC members had a combined meeting with the opportunity to make gifts and cards for Mothering Sunday. The result was a lovely individually designed and decorated tote bag for every mother.



On Mothering Sunday many of our members were in church where they took responsibility for reading the Bible story and leading the prayers. They also helped to hand out small bunches of daffodils to everyone who attended the service and enjoyed a lovely selection of cakes made by members of Send MU along with their drinks.



As this edition of Outlook is likely to be delivered before Easter weekend a reminder that on Good Friday morning from 10 to 11 am families will be very welcome to come to church where there will be several interactive activities based on the events of Holy Week for young people to take part in alongside the Stations of the Cross for adults. Hot Cross buns and drinks will be offered to all those who come along.

Sunday Club and YAC



Summer Programme 2024

Date	Sunday Club 10.30 am	YAC 6pm
28 April Journeying alongside others Acts 8	SC session 1	
6 May	Stall at May Fair	
12 May How God uses our distinctiveness Acts 1	SC session 2	YAC session 1
19 May	Pentecost service in church. Activities for children in churchyard following the service.	
26 May	Half term – no meeting	
9 June Choices and consequences 1 Samuel 8	SC session 3	YAC session 2
16 June	Fathers' day service in church	
23 June Confident in God and ready for anything 1 Samuel 17	SC session 4	
7 July (possibly 14 July)	All Together service followed by summer picnic for all the congregation	
<p>If your family has a child aged 3 – 12 years old who is interested in joining Sunday Club or a young person in School Year 7 or above who is interested in joining YAC, please get in touch.</p> <p>sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk yac@sendparishchurch.co.uk</p>		

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for your Easter card**



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**FROM THE CONGREGATION
OF ST MARY'S CHURCH**

A Voice from The Wilderness

by Christine Acock

There's a whisper in the wilderness, an echo of a cry,
There's a distant trumpet sounding, faintly in the sky,
There's a movement of the earth as God's Army marches by,
There's a crescent that is rising upon horizon's eye.

Meet me at The Jordan and behold the dove's descent,
Meet me in the wilderness where heart and soul repent,
Meet me in the garden to pray when day is spent,
Meet me as I break the bread throughout this Holy Lent.

There's a light that flickers gently on the faces at the gate,
There's a mist that moves between us as we eagerly await,
There's a sound of crashing thunder as the clouds reverberate,
There's lightning flashing from His eyes that no man can escape.

Meet me in the passion, hear the loud cries of my pain,
Meet me in the earthquake where dead spirits rise again,
Meet me in the empty tomb where body once was lain,
Meet me in My Glory as I come to Rule and Reign.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

28 March Maundy Thursday

7-9.30pm Table fellowship and garden 'watch with Me'
(Kate Pearmain, Pastoral Assistant)
(see page 15 for full details)

29 March Good Friday

10-11am Stations of the Cross - reflections and activities
(see page 9 for details)

2.00pm Stations of the Cross
(Christine Acock, LLM)

31 March Easter Day

6.00am Dawn Service *(with hot cross buns)*
(Helen Sloan)

10.30am Holy Communion
(Revd Gerard Mee)
(Easter Egg hunt after the service)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 May 2024

From community events to individual challenges, Christian Aid Week is seven days of fundraising fun - your way, to fund lasting change. The Christian Aid challenge this year for families who like to keep active is to take part and fundraise as part of the 70K challenge - walk, run, jump, skydive, climb, dance, abseil or any combination you choose - this doesn't exclude individual efforts! Why not seek out your sponsors now or even commence the challenge immediately and give yourself more time.

As a curtain-raiser to Christian Aid Week, on Saturday 11 May, you're invited to take part in the London Freedom Walk, following a 10k route around the capital. discovering the history of some of the city's churches and the stories behind the work they do to free people from poverty, illness and injustice. To sign up see their website christianaid.org.uk

Participants also raise money to fund the support Christian Aid gives in countries such as Burundi, one of the very poorest nations of the world, to help communities working to free themselves from poverty and tackle the challenges of climate change.

However you fundraise, together we can beat extreme poverty.

More details about Christian Aid Week in next month's Outlook

MAUNDY THURSDAY GATHERING

An invitation to all disciples of Jesus to share in this special remembrance supper.



On Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday) there will be a gathering in church at 7pm for a simple meal including minced lamb kebabs. There will be some appropriate bible readings, to remember the Last Supper. This will be followed by the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday. A watch will be held for an hour in the candle-lit church, to remember Christ's time in the Garden of Gethsemane before his trial. The proceedings should be completed by 9.30pm.

Anyone may attend for all or part of the event but if you anticipate coming for the meal please let Kate know. (01483 222176 or kmpearmain@gmail.com)

IMPOSSIBILITIES

"Despite our efforts to keep him out, God intrudes. The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through a door marked 'No Exit'."

Peter Larson

THANKSGIVING

In a sermon at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Gary Wilburn said, "In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried 5,000 of his parishioners in one year, an average of fifteen a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children:

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices.
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath led us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

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As ever, we're bringing some inspirational world-class musicians to perform for you including Dame Sarah Connolly who performs a very special programme of Bach and Handel arias with leading early music ensemble, the English Concert (Sat 18 May); the gorgeous Mendelssohn Octet performed by leading chamber players (Sat 11 May) Sharon Kam and the award-winning Sitkovetsky Trio with the Mozart Clarinet Quintet (Thurs 9 May) plus a spectacular concert for two pianos including our Artistic Director Wu Qian and featuring the winning entry in the 2024 Young Composer competition (Thurs 16 May).

To view all details in our online brochure and book your tickets, visit our website at www.shimf.co.uk - and do please get in touch with Festival Manager Tracy Lees at hello@shimf.co.uk if you're interested in becoming more closely involved as a Friend or Volunteer - she'd love to hear from you!





In R.E, Year 3 have been learning about Judaism and had the opportunity to visit a synagogue.





In DT, Year 3 have designed and made their own vegetable tarts using seasonal vegetables. They have used various skills including chopping, grating and peeling.



Joan Betty Pople

It is with great sadness that we report Send and Ripley's eldest resident Joan Betty Pople passed on the 3rd of March aged 104 years young. Joan was strong and independent until the end and passed of old age at her home surrounded by her family, listening to her favourite song, 'On days like these' by Matt Monro.



Joan was born in 1920 to loving parents Elizabeth and John Locke in Hove. The family moved to Tolworth when her father joined the Metropolitan Police after an honourable discharge from the Royal Army Service Corps where he attained the rank of quartermaster sergeant during WW1 in Macedonia. During World War Two Joan, then a talented stenographer, met and married Norman Pople in 1941. Joan was then called up to serve the war effort, working for the American war office in Devizes as a teleprint operator. The couple built their first home on the plot of Mr Pople's mother's house in Douglas Road Tolworth, which was bombed during the blitz. They welcomed two children Keith and Lynda, before moving to Pyford for a happy young family life full of parties, gardening, and holidays abroad. Joan took her Civil Service exams passing with high grades and went on to work at HMP Send until her retirement.

Joan and Norman moved to Send Marsh Green in 1976 where Joan became an active member of the Ripley and Send communities attending St Mary's Church and taking part in many societies including the WI and Over Sixties. Norman and Joan proudly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1991 before Norman passed away. Joan was a devoted wife, mum and Nan who was well known for her epic Sunday dinners and love of music, particularly fond of Radio 2 which was on every day in her home on the green. Joan, Lynda and family went on many happy family holidays in Europe and attended events at G Live up until Joan was 101.

Joan loved her family dearly, she had a wide circle of friends both young and old, many of whom will say that she was like a second mum or Nan to them. Joan had a unique ability to see the best in everything; her sunny, intelligent personality meant she was popular with people both young and old alike. Joan turned 100 in 2020 and received her much hoped for 'telegram' from the Queen who she adored and respected. The day was one of her happiest with a celebration meal at the Onslow Arms and lots of cards from friends. Joan remained independent and at home with the grateful support of her NHS care team and her much respected GP Dr Sharma. While mobility became an issue, she always had a kind word for all her team and was known for being happy to see everyone who visited. Joan will be remembered by a Celebration of Life service at St Mary's Church in Send on 2nd April at 13.45; all welcome, no black and informal flowers only.

Joan, our inspiration, forever smiling in our hearts.

Lisette Barlow

April Services and Events

(all services are held in church unless otherwise stated)

7 April	Second Sunday of Easter
8:00am	<i>no service</i>
10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd Roderick Jones)

Monday 8 April
10.30-12noon Mother Union (see p.4)

Wednesday 10 April
10-11.30am Small Steps (see p.5)

14 April	Third Sunday of Easter
10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd Gerard Mee)
11.45am	APCM follows the morning service

Monday 15 April
10am-12noon Coffee Shop in the Church Rooms (see p.6)

Wednesday 17 April
10-11.30am Small Steps (see p.5)

21 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd Clive Kirk)

Wednesday 24 April
10-11.30am Small Steps (see p.5)
2-4pm Craft & Chat (see p.5)

28 April	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.30am	Holy Communion (Revd Gerard Mee)

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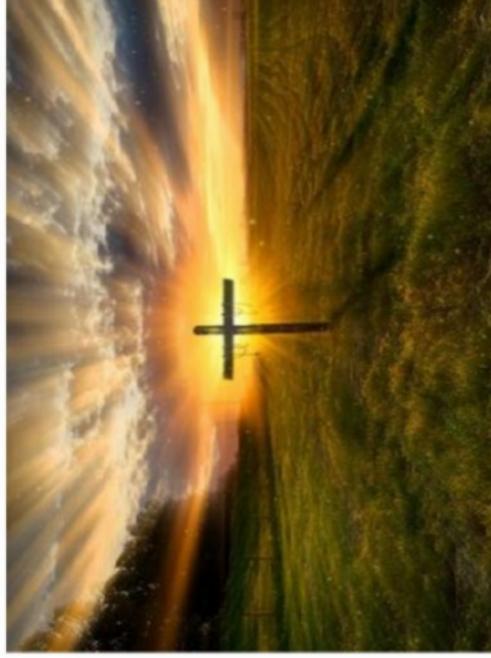
2.00pm Stations of the Cross
(*Christine Acock, LLM*)

31 March Easter Day

6.00am Dawn Service (with hot cross buns)
(*Helen Sloan*)

10.30am Holy Communion
(*Rev'd Gerard Mee*)
(*Easter Egg hunt after the service*)

HAPPY EASTER



**MAY THE MIRACLE OF EASTER
BRING YOU
RENEWED HOPE, FAITH, AND JOY.**

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED
AND HAPPY EASTER!**

**FROM THE CONGREGATION
OF ST MARY'S CHURCH**

A Voice from The Wilderness

by Christine Acock

There's a whisper in the wilderness, an echo of a cry,
There's a distant trumpet sounding, faintly in the sky,
There's a movement of the earth as God's Army marches by,
There's a crescent that is rising upon horizon's eye.

Meet me at The Jordan and behold the dove's descent,
Meet me in the wilderness where heart and soul repent,
Meet me in the garden to pray when day is spent,
Meet me as I break the bread throughout this Holy Lent.

There's a light that flickers gently on the faces at the gate,
There's a mist that moves between us as we eagerly await,
There's a sound of crashing thunder as the clouds reverberate,
There's lightning flashing from His eyes that no man can escape.

Meet me in the passion, hear the loud cries of my pain,
Meet me in the earthquake where dead spirits rise again,
Meet me in the empty tomb where body once was lain,
Meet me in My Glory as I come to Rule and Reign.