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	United Sung Communion	All Saints	1000
16th	United Sung Communion	St George's	1000
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	United Sung Communion	All Saints	1000
30th	United Family Communion	St George's	1000

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and in St George's Church every Wednesday at 9am

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Pause for Thought in Rose and Crown on Wednesdays (See Diary page 26)

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From the Vicarage

I love watching The Great British Menu, if I get a chance - the business of the kitchen, the camaraderie of the chefs and their individual imagination and skills in cooking and presentation. Raw food is transformed into restaurant wonders in such a short space of time. The chefs seem to know what tiny ingredients they need to add in and leave out in order to get the right balance for full flavours and textures.

I also love Tom Kerridge! He is such a positive, knowledgeable and seemingly approachable person *and* he's from the West Country... not quite but nearly Wiltshire! I would love to take time around a table eating his food and chatting with him. I am sure that he would be honest in his reflections about life, personal struggles and perhaps God.

Saint Leo the Great, encouraged followers of Christ saying, "let us be filled with those kinds of food which feed us for eternity."

We take time in Lent, 40 days, to examine our lives within God's love, in order to grow, to be filled again with such spiritual nourishment that our earthly lives reflect a more perfect relationship with God. We consider the things we need to take out or add in. To abstain from or invest more in so that we can be more like the God who made us.

Forbes Magazine lists ten daily habits that can 'change your life!' A morning ritual, that is positive and proactive; prioritising tasks knowing that only 20% of the tasks give 80% of the results; reading; single not multi-tasking; being more appreciative; surrounding ourselves with positive people; making time for exercise; perfecting listening; detox from social media; and promoting self-care.

No mention of seeking God. So what were Jesus habits? Praying, fasting, teaching, healing, refraining from using his power for his own ends, embracing the poor, challenging the rich... you could add more.

So I wonder if you have taken time to think about what you want to do with 40 days - over a month of personal change in the presence of God who knows us and loves us. What habits of mind or voice or action or inaction have crept in that need removing or reinvestment? How will you take time to consume more scripture, fast from hypocrisy, and enter more deeply into prayer.

For two thousand years, the teachings of Christ have called God's people into rhythms of retreating from the world and re-entering into it. We withdraw, like Jesus, to "a desolate place" (the Lenten fast) to commune with God (Mark 1:35), and then return to the bustle of daily tasks and the needs of others. We carve out a season for spiritual respite, in some momentarily sacred space, to feed our souls, enjoying God there in the stillness. Then we enter back in, as light and bread, to a hungry, harassed, and perhaps helpless world (Matthew 9:36).

Have a blessed Lent.

Reverend Becky

Sunday March 2nd 10am St George's

United Communion. Mission through the Mother's Union worldwide.
There will be a Fairtrade stall at this service.

Shrove Tuesday March 4th

A Mardi Gras Pancake Event and Quiz for all the community will be held in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Entry by donation at the event. (Previous quiz tickets have been £10). Wear bright colours!

Tables of 8 quizzers can be booked beforehand via the Parish Office or by emailing reverendbecky@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday March 5th

St George's 10am

Said Communion with opportunity of Imposition of Ashes.

All Saints 8pm

Sung Communion with opportunity for Imposition of Ashes

Pause for Thought

The discussion group will recommence on March 12th at the Rose and Crown at 7.30pm for five sessions on the topic of how to build and sustain community.

Thank You Linda

After 23 years, Linda Baker has resigned her role as Administrator of Harnham Parish.

She joined the Parish on a two-month trial under Revd David Scrace's incumbency and has served the Parish ever since in many different ways: Parish Coordinator, Administrator and PCC secretary. She has worn many hats and hi viz jackets! She has worked on the website and weekly notice sheet, and regularly on hall bookings and admin.

She was a key part of the team that organised St George's 900th anniversary celebrations in 2015 and has arranged several interesting guest speakers over the years, including a very special one last year - a Chelsea Pensioner.

She will be missed. We thank her for her considerable contribution to Parish life. We wish her well as she develops her own business further.

Revd Becky

Please Note.

Following issues with the old Parish email address the new email address for the Parish Office is pccharnham@gmail.com. The phone number is unchanged - 07925 108 856.

First Wednesday Talk

THE RESTORATION OF WINDSOR CASTLE AFTER THE FIRE

Most of us will remember the tragedy of the Great Fire in Windsor Castle in 1992. And we've probably read about the major project to restore it to its former glory. Now we have the chance to hear about the restoration from the inside.

Chris Watson, a near neighbour of the Parish Hall, was the Restoration Team Leader, and he has agreed to give the next first Wednesday Talk on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

No booking necessary - donations invited - come and hear Chris tell all!

Magazine Layout

There have been a number of changes to the layout of the magazine this month.

In order to maximise the opportunity for colour printing several pages have been relocated, including the back cover which is now on page 27.

Also a number of advertisers have withdrawn due to retirement etc but new advertiser have added. Do check them out and use where possible. Let them know you saw the advert in this magazine when you contact them.

We are still in need of an advertising manager so if you think you might be interested do get in touch. My thanks to Julie Scott who has been standing in and overseeing the renewal of advertising for this current year.

Ian Davidson

THE GREAT CARD SALE

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May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.
Psalm 33:22

Our meeting in January was held in St George's Church and began with a service led by The Revd. Pat Clegg, one of our members. This was followed by our Annual General Meeting.

After welcoming all present our Secretary, Liz Goater gave her report outlining the past years activities. Looking back it had been a busy year – with the Community Teas, Soup and Sweets Lunch, the Card and Coffee Mornings and a new venture, designing and decorating a Christmas Tree in the Annual St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival as well as the monthly meetings.

The Treasurer then presented the accounts which was followed by the election of officers and committee members. All the current officers were willing to stand again. The Branch is to continue to be led by the Committee with each member taking it in turns to lead the meetings. The programme for the year was outlined, a variety of speakers have been booked for what promises to be another busy year of activities.

Our theme for the next Triennium is **'Join us and Join in!'**

Dates for your Diary.....

Sunday March 2nd 10.00am United Service at St Georges at which members will talk about the mission of the Mothers' Union.

Friday March 7th 2pm Salisbury Methodist Church
World Day of Prayer service

Saturday March 8th International Women's Day

A day to give thanks and pray for women throughout the world who are building up their own communities. Mothers' Union projects help to equip these women to transform their own lives and lift themselves out of poverty.

Saturday March 22nd Great Card Sale 10 - 12 noon in the Parish Hall.
Members of the Mothers' Union will serve Coffee and Cakes in aid of AFIFA – the holiday scheme run by the MU for families in need of a holiday who might not otherwise be able to afford one.

Tuesday March 25th 12 noon Communion Service in the Cathedral
A service for Lady Day, The Feast of the Annunciation.

Thursday March 27th 2.30pm Parish Hall

We welcome The Revd. Rosemary Fletcher to our meeting to help us in our preparations for Holy Week and Easter

Sunday March 30th Mothering Sunday

We celebrate the role of mothers everywhere.

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With love
Pat Davidson



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World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March 2pm Salisbury Methodist Church

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer service this year. The group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature.

Join us as we pray together and hear the voices, and the music, of the people of The Cook Islands – all reflecting the theme `I made you wonderful`.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

First Wednesday Talks

This year's series of talks got off to a cracking start in February when a large number of people were entertained and enlightened by Heather Sheeley and Jean Lunnon who talked about the colourful history and occupants of Netherhampton House.

Firstly Heather told us about the history of the house from its building in the late 17th century, alterations in the 18th and 19th centuries through to its division into two in the 1950s.

After a break for the customary wine and nibbles Jean then filled us in on the many, varied interesting tenants and visitors that the house had seen over the centuries. These included the likes of Virginia Woolf, E.M.Forster and other members of the Bloomsbury Group along with members of a group called 'The Bright Young Things' which included Seigfried Sassoon, Stephen Tennant and Cecil Beaton. Sir Henry Newbolt lived in the House for many years and Walter de la Mare and Rex and Laurence Whistler were also frequent visitors. Also during the second world war it was used for additional maternity beds for Salisbury General Infirmary. From 1939 until July 31st 1945 some 716 patients were cared for, around 130 each year.

The next (bi-monthly) talk on April 2nd is about the rebuilding of Windsor Castle after the fire in 1992. It promises to be just as interesting. Do come along. More details on page 5.

How do we find the next Archbishop of Canterbury?

It is not a simple process. And now Stephen Knott, The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, has written to members of General Synod to confirm expected timings for the process of nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

He writes: "The Canterbury Diocese 'Vacancy in See' process commenced in December and, late last year, it was announced from Downing Street that the Prime Minister had appointed Lord (Jonathan) Evans of Weardale to chair the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). My colleagues and I are supporting Lord Evans, working with him on the detailed planning.

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“During February and March, Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister’s Appointments Secretary) and I will undertake an extensive consultation exercise and, as part of this consultation, it will be possible for you to contribute.

“The themes that emerge through this consultation will then sit alongside the ‘Statement of Needs’ produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion, in informing the CNC of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.

“It is expected that the full membership of the Commission will be known by mid-March, by which time the names of the three individuals elected from the Diocese of Canterbury’s Vacancy in See Committee, the outcome of the election of the episcopal member(s), the Central Members and the Anglican Communion representatives will be announced.

The election process for the episcopal membership will be overseen by the Central Secretariat and further information on this will be circulated in the next weeks.

“Once the Diocese of Canterbury’s Vacancy in See process has concluded, the extensive consultation exercise has been completed, and the full membership of the CNC is known, the Commission will convene for its first meeting in May, followed by two further meetings – one in July and one in September.

“Through these meetings, the Commission will agree the ‘Role Profile’ and ‘Person Specification’ for the next Archbishop, as well as longlist, shortlist and interview potential candidates.

“While the discernment of the Crown Nominations Commission is necessarily confidential, we are committed to sharing relevant updates and information whenever available. To provide clarity on the timeline and sequence of events concerning the appointment and CNC process, there is a dedicated page on the C of E website for your reference.” <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/archbishops/appointing-new-archbishop-canterbury>

A prayer for the Canterbury CNC process

If you pray, please do hold this important process of discernment – and all those involved – in your prayers:

*Heavenly Father,
shepherd of your Church,
send us a faithful pastor
to lead with wisdom, courage, and love,
proclaiming your Gospel,
celebrating the sacraments,
and guiding your people in unity and truth.
Strengthen your Church, we pray,
and direct us in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Recycle your empty Blister Packs

You can recycle old blister packs at the collection point outside Henderson's Bakery in Salisbury Market Square on Monday March 10th between 10am and 2pm.

Any number of packs are accepted, and the recycling box has been sponsored by donations at the previous collection in January. The box for the collection costs £108. It is sent to a specialist recycling company in Hull.

A donation of £1 for every 50 packs to cover the cost for a further collection is requested

Superdrug in the Old George Mall are once again accepting blister packs but only in small quantities.

Sarum Concern for Israel-Palestine (SCIP)

If you would like to stand in silent witness, with others, calling for Justice & Peace in the Middle East, we gather at 5pm, outside Salisbury Library for 30 minutes - every Saturday.

To join the SCIP email list for regular updates email sarumconcern@gmail.com

Date for your diary

THURSDAY May 15th at All Saints Church - during the evening, we will welcome Miranda Pinch (Christian daughter of a holocaust survivor) and others for 'LAMENTATIONS' - reflecting on the Nakba of 1948.

Correction

In last month's article from Harnham Neighbourhood Association mention was made of the Old Harnham Bridge being closed. This should have read Harnham Bridge (Newbridge Road).

Apologies for this editorial error.

Editor



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Safeguarding and the Makin Report

An Update from Jacqui Brown, Parish Safeguarding Officer for Harnham

Since I spoke on Safeguarding Sunday in November, it seems that there have been reports of abusive behaviour in the news most days – both relating to the Church of England and to society in general. All very depressing.

The Church of England is still processing the Makin Report and the Jay Report and there will be further updates, especially after the next General Synod (the governing body of the Church of England at a national level). Safeguarding may become independent of the Church.

It is now clear that people knew about John Smyth's abusive behaviour towards teenage boys in the early 1980's, both at the Iwerne Camps (in Dorset) and at his family home in Winchester, but following an investigation it was decided not to take any action to protect the reputation of the Church or the families of the boys affected. The abuse was not just physical, but also spiritual, psychological and sexual. John Smyth was an eminent QC Barrister as well as a Licenced Lay Reader within the Church so his offer to be involved was welcomed by the Iwerne Camps and Winchester School. By 2013 his abusive behaviour was known about at the highest level, but the reports to the police were not made effectively and no-one checked that action was being taken. Justin Welby, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, attended the Iwerne Camps in the early 80's before he was ordained a priest and met John Smyth then. He was Archbishop of Canterbury when Smyth's abuse was reported to the police and took responsibility for the failure of appropriate action being taken in 2013 following the publication of the Makin Report.

Many people have been affected by John Smyth's abuse, both directly and indirectly. Safeguarding Teams in every Diocese across the UK have seen a significant increase in the number of referrals and disclosures in the last few months. Many survivors of abuse have also experienced 'flashbacks' to their own episodes of abuse.

The Makin Report found that because Smyth held important and powerful roles, he was able both to control the boys he abused and intimidate the Church Officers who were investigating the claims of abuse. He also chose scripture carefully and applied it out of context to support his coercive behaviour and spiritual abuse.

At that time, safeguarding was not seen as important and was the responsibility of just a few people. The emphasis was on protecting reputations, not caring for the victim /survivor of abuse.

The Salisbury Diocesan Safeguarding Team has asked parishes to consider the following questions in an effort to ensure that a similar situation does not arise again.

- Who holds power and control within my area of ministry? Are they accountable to others and open to challenge?
- Do all areas of ministry have clear governance and lines of accountability?
This includes activities linked to, but not run by, the church.

- Are parishioners actively aware of safeguarding or do they consider it to be someone else's job?
- How would you respond if someone disclosed abuse linked to a person that you know and like or is in a position of power?

Here in Harnham, we have a safeguarding policy on our website, and as a Parochial Church Council, we want everyone to feel able to raise concerns, regardless of the status of the person that the concern might relate to.

If you feel unable to talk to me or Revd Becky, please do contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 01722 438651 or email them on safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org or contact Safe Spaces, a free and independent support service for people who have church related abuse, on 0300 303 1056.

If you wish to read the full report or the recommended learning outcomes, there is a link on the Church of England website in the Press Release section of 'Media'. Please be warned that the Makin Report is very detailed and is therefore an uncomfortable read. Information in this article came from the report and the Seven Minute Briefing notes issued by the Salisbury Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Jacqui Brown, 07909 648 309
 email safeguarding.harnhamchurches@gmail.com

STOP PRESS

General Synod took place during the second week of February.

Amongst other items there was a major discussion about Safeguarding.

Bishop Stephen writes 'All three houses of Synod voted for an amendment which agreed to outsource the national safeguarding team to an external body. A second independent scrutiny body will also be set up to resolve complaints about church safeguarding. This amendment also goes further in that it commits the Church to more work on how diocesan and cathedral teams could also be moved to this new independent body in the future.'

There are recordings of the debates online via the following <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/general-synod/watch-general-synod-live>

Lost in translation

Are you travelling this Spring? Keep an eye out for those delightful translations into English that didn't quite make it...

Danish airline: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Heathrow: No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

Japanese taxi: Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

Kenyan maternity ward: No children allowed.

Beijing shop: Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

What's the Big Idea? -

An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament

The Psalms

'The Psalms have a unique place in the Bible, because most of the Scripture speaks to us, while the Psalms speak for us' (Athanasius of Alexandria).

The Book of Psalms contains 150 prayers or songs of praise, the many attributed to David, although some were composed later. They were mostly composed for liturgical worship. There are songs of praise, in which people joyfully express praise for God's work of creation and sustaining (eg 135 & 136). In others, the psalmist recounts a desperate situation and gives thanks for God's answer to his prayers (eg 30 & 116).

There are a significant number of psalms of lament, both individual (eg 3-7; 22) and communal (eg 44), which begin with a cry for help. Some express deliverance from sin (eg 51 & 130), or point to the certainty that the Lord has heard their prayer (eg 7, but contrast 88). The theme of trust is central in many psalms (eg 23, 62 & 91).

The 'royal psalms' (eg 20, 21 & 72) point to the promised Messiah, fulfilled in Jesus. There are also psalms teaching wisdom (eg 37, 49); 'torah' psalms, focussing on the law of the Lord (eg 1, 19 & 119), and psalms which celebrate the history of Israel and God's faithfulness (eg 78, 105 & 106).

The psalms can help us in our own prayers, by providing us with models to follow, as they express our own deepest feelings as we approach God: *'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul'* (Psalm 23:1-3).

CONCLAVE COMES TO HARNHAM!

Harnham's Film Night for March features *Conclave*. This is a 2024 political thriller directed by Edward Berger and written by Peter Straughan, based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (played by Ralph Fiennes) organises a conclave to elect the next pope and finds himself investigating secrets and scandals about the major candidates.

Reports from those who have already seen it at Salisbury's other cinemas have been very positive. So don't miss the opportunity to see it in Harnham, at the Social Club, Parsonage Green, on Wednesday 19 March at 7 for 7.30 pm. The bar will be open all evening.

You don't need to book, just turn up (but see below). The entrance charge is £5. Free transport from West or East Harnham will be available, thanks to the generosity of All The Sevens Taxis. Just book a place in advance with Charles Woodd, 07962 213494 or harnhamcommunity@gmail.com.

We think this Film Night will be popular, particularly as *Conclave* won 'Best Film' at the BAFTAs. So do arrive in plenty of time, and it'll help if you want to let us know you are coming by contacting Charles Woodd as above.

Word Search

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and to grow closer to Him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?



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| learning | repentance |
| teaching | seeking |
| disciples | finding |
| worldwide | growing |
| flowers | mothers |
| thankyou | love |
| nursing | care |
| family | Nurture |
| Lent | fasting |
| spiritual | prayer |
| Easter | desert |
| preparation | selfdenial |

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2nd June at 2.30 pm

The Trustees of Harnham Memorial Hall invite all Harnham Residents to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Harnham Memorial Hall which will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 2nd June at the Memorial Hall Watersmeet Road SP2 8JH.

If you are a Harnham resident aged 18 or over, you have full voting rights and up to five user groups can also offer a representative as a potential Trustee.

On 2nd June there will be eleven Trustee vacancies, six of whom must be local residents. Any local resident who wishes to be nominated as a Trustee should notify their name and contact details in writing by email please, by 2nd May to:

Mrs J Howles, Hon Secretary Harnham Memorial Hall Trustees
Email: harnhammemorialhall@gmail.com

Spire u3a

MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE

LEARN to Live: *a blueprint for better health and wellbeing*, is a recent report published by the u3a. It identifies the u3a model of non-formal learning as key to people, who are no longer in full-time work, doing amazing things.

The diverse Interest Groups which are part of Spire u3a, here in Harnham, Drawing & Painting, Canasta, Walking in the Countryside, French Conversation, Digital Imaging, Theatre Group, Tipple Time etc, reflect a collaborative approach that sits at the heart of the movement.

Learning opportunities are crucial for active ageing. Where learners are active participants learners become teachers and teachers become learners. This non-formal learning improves cognitive stimulation, social engagement and inclusion.

That is not a bad theory. In practice, if you would like to try us out come along to one of our monthly meetings at Harnham Memorial Hall in Watersmeet Road on the second Monday of the month. Doors open for refreshments at 10am.

March 10th Peter Isaacson - Medical Dogs:

April 14th Phil Whitmore - Animals in War/Unsung Heroes

Salisbury Ladies' Probus Club

We are a friendly group of about 18 members who meet every other month at Sarum College, in the Cathedral Close, for a talk. The subjects ranged last year from The Duke of Devonshire, a Roving Reporter, Body Language and much more. All thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and being informative too.

Alternate months we have social meetings which could be lunch at a restaurant or pub, coffee and cake, visiting a garden or going to the theatre. Social events means getting to know everyone in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you are interested in joining us or want to find out more, please contact Josa Snow on 01722 238806.

And still the potholes grow

It is Spring, and daily it gets easier to walk outside. But not easier to drive. Not on our pothole-plagued local roads.

There are currently an estimated million potholes across the UK. And they need a staggering £16.3 billion to fix them.

All in all, they are a "national embarrassment", according to the chair of a House of Commons committee, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP says: "As well as harming the prospects for our economy and communities' own social wellbeing, highways riddled with potholes pose an increasing safety threat to road users."

Potholes do terrible things to car tyres and wheels, but even worse things to cyclists who cannot avoid them in heavy traffic. Potholes have caused death!

Should the Churches agree on a common date for Easter?

That is the question for the leaders of the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox Churches, as this year (2025) marks the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople believes that 2025 is a 'golden opportunity' for Catholic and Orthodox believers to finally agree on a joint date for Easter, because this year also brings a 'fortunate alignment' of the Easter dates of both churches. "It is indeed regrettable that 1700 years later, we are still debating this issue," he says.

Any agreement would only pertain to the date of Easter's celebration. It would not involve any joint liturgical practices. Those would require ecclesial communion between the churches, something which does not yet exist.

In 2016 the then Archbishop of Canterbury held talks with Coptic Pope Tawadros II in Cairo, when he hoped that a unified date for Easter might be achieved within ten years. He commented that, for the C of E, either the second or third Sunday in April would be acceptable.

Smile Lines

Snoring

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?"

"Well, it's not just me," confided the minister. "She is bothering the whole congregation."

Experience

"Dad," asked little Ted, "what does 'a man's better half' mean?"

"Usually," his father said, "she means exactly what she says."

Bishop

A vicar was waiting for his Bishop who was coming to lunch. He told his small son to be very polite to the visitor, and to address him as 'My Lord.'

As they all sat down, the bishop smiled at the little boy and asked him how old he was.

The little boy gulped and said: "My God, I'm seven."

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month.

Oh, wait, sorry, bad punctuation.

I meant - I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.

All in the month of March

It was:

250 years ago, on 23rd March 1775 that Patrick Henry, a Founding Father of the United States, gave a famous speech at the Second Virginia Convention. He called for America's independence from Britain, saying "Give me liberty or give me death!"

175 years ago, on 5th March 1850 that the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.

100 years ago, on 21st March 1925 that Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.

90 years ago, on 16th March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19th March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

80 years ago, on 24th March 1945 that Operation Varsity took place in Wesel, Germany. The USA, Britain and Canada carried out the largest single-day airborne landing operation in history, involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Allied victory.

70 years ago, on 11th March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin

60 years ago, on 8th March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.

Also 60 years ago, on 18th March 1965 that Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov became the first person ever to make a spacewalk.

50 years ago, on 26th March 1975 that the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.

40 years ago, on 3rd March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

30 years ago, on 2nd March 1995 that the 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank. Four days later, on 6th March, the Dutch bank ING purchased Barings, for the nominal price of £1.

Also 30 years ago, on 26th March 1995 that the Schengen Treaty came into effect in the European Union. Seven nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain) eliminated their internal border controls and tightened their external borders.

20 years ago, on 10th March 2005 that Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.

10 years ago, on 12th March 2015 that Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series, died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.

Harnham Residents Your Hall Needs You



Do you value your local facilities and opportunities?

Harnham Memorial Hall is a very well used facility supporting exercise classes, education, health and weight loss, arts and hobbies. It is also hired by a church group and for family gatherings.

This facility is provided for you and run by a board of Trustees for which there are several vacancies for local residents. Without sufficient trustees to run it there is a risk that the hall will close.

The Trustees would welcome nominations from local residents.

For more information please email
The Secretary to the Trustees at
harnhammemorialhall@gmail.com

Parish Hall Upgrade



Fantastic new Solar panels and cavity wall insulation have been installed in the hall extension so we will be more energy efficient.

Thanks are due to: Solar PV Panels, Inverter and Batteries; SGS Heating & Electrical Ltd; Cavity Wall Insulation: Arrow Insulation and to Wiltshire County Council for the Net Zero grant towards these projects.

Woodhouse Environmental have serviced the air source heat pumps outside of the hall.

HARNHAM COMMUNITY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Contact us by telephone on 01722 326173 or email info@harnhamclub.co.uk

New Membership available - £10 per person

Come along and enjoy a friendly atmosphere

We have a newly decorated Function Room which is available for private hire at a very competitive price.

The room can accommodate 80/100 people.

Discos, Quiz Nights, Weekly Meat Raffle, Bingo every Monday - All held at the Club

HARNHAM GARDEN SOCIETY

MEETINGS HELD IN HARNHAM MEMORIAL HALL,
WATERSMEET ROAD, BEHIND ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING AT 7.30pm. (Coffee from 7pm)

March 21st The history and management of our Water Meadows

Admission to talks : Members £2 Non members £5

New members are always welcome to join the HGS.

Membership is £10 per year

St George's Toddler Group Parish Hall, Lower Street

Monday mornings, term-time only

9.30am - 11.30am

£1.50 per family

includes play, craft, snack, song time, tea, coffee and chat!

End of term visits to St Georges Church for story and singing.

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a great place to meet with friends while your little ones play!

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Parish Prayer Diary for March

- 2 Homeless persons especially those in Salisbury
Poverty Sunday - Advice agencies and volunteers
World Day of Prayer (7th)
Butler Close and Dryden Close
- 9 Friends of Harnham Slope, Harnham Water Meadows,
Lime Kiln Down and Middle Street nature areas
Britford Lane and St Clair Road
- 16 Lay Pastoral Assistants
Chichester Close and New Bridge Road
- 23 Harnham Community Network
The Church Urban Fund
Burford Avenue and Burford Road
- 30 Mothering Sunday
Harnham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and their leaders
Buttercup Close and Harnleigh Green

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A March Prayer

Dear Lord,

In this month when Lent begins, we remember the difficult journey Jesus made to the cross, to take upon Himself our sins and the sins of the whole world, to bring us the hope of eternal life by His resurrection.

Lord, we bring to You our own journeys through our daily lives. We bring our disappointments, our bewilderment, our pain, as well as our happy times. We thank You that You are with us in and through all of it.

We thank you that the message of Christmas is the message of Lent and the message of every day – You, our God, are with us always, giving us hope and life, because of Jesus.

Thank You that He made that journey for us, and all we have to do is trust in Him. Help us to do that and to share His good news with others, especially those in distress.

We pray in His name. Amen.

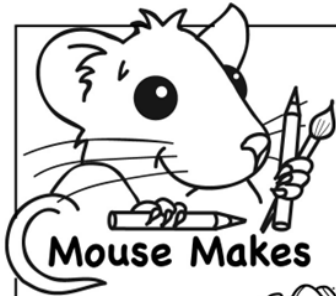
By Daphne Kitching

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A prayer for Lent

We beseech you, O Lord, that as our bodies grow weaker for lack of food during the season of fasting, so our souls may grow stronger. May we learn to fight more valiantly against evil, and to strive more earnestly for righteousness. Thus, through abstaining from the fruits of the earth, may we bear more abundantly the fruits of Your spirit.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary (c. 500), the oldest official prayer book of the Western Church.



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

 Luke 4:1



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

 Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

 Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus? see Luke 4:14-15

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

 Luke 4:8



READ
 the story in
Luke 4:1-13



Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

 Luke 4:12



JESUS • LED
 WILDERNESS
 DESERT
 TEMPTATIONS
 DAYS • DEVIL
 HUNGRY • SON
 STONE • ROCK
 KINGDOMS
 WORLD • GLORY
 WRITTEN
 SCRIPTURE
 WORSHIP • ONLY
 SERVE • LORD
 JERUSALEM
 HIGH • TEMPLE
 THROW • DOWN
 JUMP • ANGELS
 HANDS • HOLD
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Find the words from the questions too!

READINGS FOR MARCH

2	Sunday next before Lent 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
9	Lent 1 Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
16	Lent 2 Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-end
23	Lent 3 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
30	Mothering Sunday 1 Samuel 1:20-end	Luke 2:33-35

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WHATS ON IN MARCH (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200
Wellbeing Walks (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall

FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES SEE I/S FRONT COVER

2	United Sung Communion at St George's The Mission of the Mothers' Union	1000
4	Mardi Gras Pancake Evening and Quiz in Parish Hall	1900
5	ASH WEDNESDAY Communion Service with Ashing at St George's Communion Service with Ashing at All Saints'	1000 2000
7	World Day of Prayer Service at Salisbury Methodist Church	1400
9	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500
10	Spire u3a Meeting in Memorial Hall Peter Isaacson - Medical Dogs	1000
10	Blister Pack recycling in Market Square	1000-1400
12	Pause for Thought at Rose and Crown	1930
13	Pause for Prosecco in Parish Hall Meeting Room	1930
18	Harnham WI Birthday Meal	
19	Film Night at Harnham Social Club (see p16)	1900 for 1930
19	Pause for Thought at Rose and Crown	1930
21	Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall Hadrian Cook - the history and management of the Water Meadows	1900 for 1930
22	Great Card Sale in Parish Hall	1000-1200
24	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall Talk on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Charity	2000
25	MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral	1200
25	Magazine Collation in Meeting Room	1330
26	Pause for Thought at Rose and Crown	1930
27	MU Meeting in Parish Hall	1430
29	NB. Clocks go forward one hour tonight	
30	Mothering Sunday Family Communion at St George's	1000

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