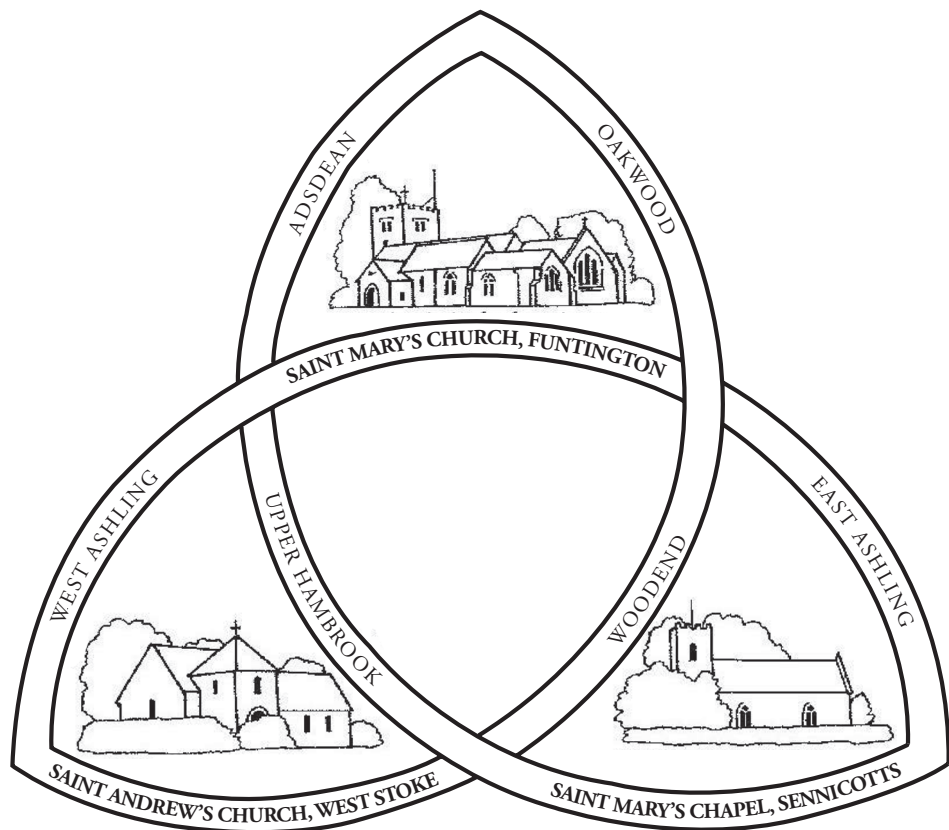


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

So many books have been written about leadership, and yet so few of them grasp this principle that Jesus here teaches—a principle that is at the heart of who is and what the gospel is. A leader without followers is like going for a walk on your own.

However, we should take note of how it is that we Christians are to lead. The greatest is to be like the youngest. And the one who leads like the one who serves. What does this mean in practice? The answer is found in the leadership style of Jesus, “I am among you as one who serves.” A person who leads like Jesus is someone who leads for the benefit of others. In the King’s Coronation service we heard a number of times the word, ‘serve’ being used.

Service to the country for freedom. In the world we live in, freedom is such a precious word, and we have the memories of how that freedom can be threatened. We live today witnessing so much violence and persecution in the world, that we must never lose focus on fighting for peace and the freedom that peace and love will bring us. The greatest commandment Jesus gave us was to love one another.

King Charles’ swore and gave oaths to serve us. He was then stripped down to a simple white shirt and anointed and then ceremonially dressed in the various elements of service. The King was then vested in priestly garments that symbolise both humility (the Colobium Sindonis – a simple white linen shirt with no sleeve), and splendour (the Supertunica, Stole, and Robe); reflecting the two natures of Christ who *‘though he was in the form of God ... emptied himself ... being born in human likeness’* (from Philippians 2: 6–8). The King represents humanity restored to its full dignity and glory in Christ, as *‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation’* (1 Peter 2: 9). Distinct items of regalia are presented to The King, each a visible reminder of his great responsibility under God. There are Spurs and Armills, which would have been worn by a medieval knight, and a Sword which The King first wears and then offers in the service of God. Then come the symbols of secular and spiritual power: an Orb, representing the world under Christ; a Sceptre with Cross, representing earthly power, held in a restrained, gloved hand; and the Sceptre with Dove, representing spiritual authority exercised chiefly in mercy.

There is also a Ring symbolising the faithful ‘marriage’ of a Monarch to his peoples. A simple, but symbolic reminder that over centuries, Kings, and Queens have uttered these same words, and been crowned in the same way. Reminding them of their position of service in the name of Christ for the people they serve as monarch.

We can establish and maintain, by God’s grace, a secure relationship with God. It is hard to serve others if we ourselves are not served by Christ. We must be secure, and have the resources emotionally and spiritually, to be able to give our lives for others. We can pray for those around us—for their spiritual good, flourishing, health, and holy happiness.

We are reminded in the Coronation, that we are all here to serve one another in the name of Christ.

God save The King. Amen.

Father Andrew

Editor’s Note

Just a heads up to say that we are combining the July and August issues again this year so that our contributors, distributors and editorial staff can have a much needed month off. The copy deadline for this will be Friday 16th June.

We are still looking for others to join the editorial team to lessen the burden. First someone to take over the advertising. Its not very onerous, just sending out invoices once a year and finding the odd new to increase revenue. Secondly someone to help sending the ready made copy to the printers. Again we would share this between three or four of us so it may not be every month.

Erratum: If you followed my recipe for the Coronation Quiche you might have realised that it should have be 225 grams of flour to make the pastry (not 125 grams!) So sorry if you have struggled. I am blaming The King’s official website!

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Funtington Parish in the Past

A War Diary - The Whistler Family



Left: Gen. Whistler with Field-Marshal Montgomery in Germany in 1945



Above: Colonel Robin McNish, (1929-2016) Honorary Colonel of the Royal Sussex Society.

In Memoriam.

“True Officer and Gentleman, fondly remembered with the respect that he deserved and desired”

Robin McNish lived in Funtington and knew the Whistlers: he gave me some extracts from Lady Whistler’s diary describing how the Whistler family lived in East Ashling during the Second World War. I have recently discovered General Sir Lashmer Whistler’s biography (1) which makes no mention of East Ashling.

In 1939 at the beginning of the war, Major Whistler had served for more than 20 years in the army and was ready to retire. The Whistlers had bought a house in East Sussex, where their daughters Penelope and Jennifer were at school. All that changed quickly. The Major was lucky to escape from Dunkirk in 1940 and his family spent the next year or so moving about the country away from the South Coast and in order to be close to his battalion. Living in the Midlands they were facing bombing as the German attacks moved away from the South Coast and

began attacking the industrial towns. The Whistlers then moved to East Ashling for four years.

Esme Whistler takes up the story in her diary

“In spring 1941, we packed up again to go to a small house called Meadow Cottage in East Ashling near Chichester. I knew so many people around there, who would have their husbands in the fighting line. When Penelope went back to school, Jennifer and I were alone at Meadow Cottage.

“No sooner had we installed ourselves there with Sally, the spaniel, the cat and the bantams, than the Germans decided to leave the North and the Midlands in peace and switched to the Southern towns. So again, we had the wretched things going over our heads on their way to Portsmouth and Southampton and we could hear the sirens from Chichester.”

“Jennifer went to the High school in Chichester on her bicycle every day and I bought a secondhand auto-bike as it was impossible to run a car. I managed to get enough petrol for my auto-bike as I worked two or three mornings a week at a canteen in Chichester and it was allowed for any kind of war work. With care I was able to use it occasionally for visiting friends as well. However, I remember pedaling madly when I saw a policeman!

“We had lots of visits from German aeroplanes and the whole sky would be lit up by anti-aircraft fire but we loved the little house and Lashmer could get there for his occasional leaves. As well as chickens and bantams we now kept rabbits. We were better off than some with regard to food at our little house in the village as we had the rabbits although we became so attached to them that we could hardly bear to eat them. Then we had eggs from the hens and bantams and goat’s milk from a neighbour”

“Rations consisted of 2 ounces of butter, 4 ounces of margarine and 4 ounces of meat. There was only English fruit. Sugar, flour and sweets and bacon were also rationed. I shall never forget the excitement when a young American came to stay and brought us a large tin of ham and chocolate and sweets.”

“One day Jennifer had gone to school after having had a rather bad cold and cough. In the afternoon it came on to pour with rain. As I was rather worried about

her walking to the bus station and sitting in wet clothes, I sent a taxi for her. It was indeed lucky as Chichester had had a rather nasty short air-raid, a bomb landing near the bus station, just about the time when Jennifer would have been approaching or waiting there."

"In the holidays, the girls made their own amusements, bicycle rides, tennis and a few parties within reach. Each holidays. Penelope would organise a show for a war charity, fetes, exhibitions etc to which all of our nearest friends were invited."

"We had been in Meadow cottage for about a year when Lashmer told me that the 4th battalion was going overseas. It was all top-secret at the time. They were destined for India but owing to the situation in the Middle East they were diverted to the Western Desert, getting there in time to take part in the battle of El Alamein"

"We stayed on at Meadow cottage with Dolly our mother's help. When the sirens went, Penelope and Jennifer went under the kitchen table. Dolly and I sat on chairs and tried to be cheerful and bright. Later on, we acquired an Anderson shelter, which we had as a dining room table and under which Penelope and Jennifer would sleep when the Flying Bombs started. I would crouch on the edge of it when I heard them coming over."

Lashmer Whistler continued to serve in France, in North Africa, in Palestine and in India. Montgomery said that Whistler "*was about the best infantry brigade commander I knew*". In peacetime, his outstanding powers of leadership were shown in a series of roles in the decolonisation process and he reached the four-star rank of a full general without having attended the Staff College. "*Proof that lacking a Staff College qualification was no barrier to advancement for the right man.*"

When he was promoted, Lady Whistler wrote in her diary. "*My pride and astonishment that I was now a General's wife when it seemed such a short time ago that I was a mere Major's wife.*"

Geoffrey Boys

(1) Bolo Whistler - A Study in Leadership by Brigadier John Smyth 1967.

News from the WI

Our May meeting was our Resolutions Meeting. We started with a very funny story and poem from Benny one of our members. Benny is a wonderful storyteller. It was then the vote for the Resolution, 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife', which everyone of course voted for. We had welcomed to our meeting Erika Brighter, our West Sussex Federation Chair, who came to talk to us about what is going on in the area. A number of new WI's have been set up with a number of younger members, which is good. They have sold North Lodge (the head office in Chichester on the Fire Station roundabout) and are moving to Horsham at the end of the year, very sad I shall miss my free parking! We finished with our usual excellent tea with plenty of chat which is what the WI is all about. Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 21st at 7pm. Our speaker will be from Reynolds. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact Sue Nicholson on 01243 574722. ***Jan Dunnett***

The Funtington Parish Council

Since the 4th May 2023 elections there have been some changes to your Parish Council.

Parish Council meetings are held once a month. The meetings give you the opportunity to get involved and to tell your Councillors what changes or improvements you would like to see being made within your Parish. Your Councillors are here to represent you and they really want to listen to what you have to say.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 7th June at The Church Room, St Mary's Church, Funtington, at a new start time of 1830 hrs. We would really love to see you there, so do please come along. Your opinions and views really matter to us. In the future Parish Council meetings will be held in The Church Rooms, St Mary's Church Funtington, starting at 1830 hrs.

The Chairman is Jane Mottershead and Parish Councillors are Richard Littler, Bob Mousley, David Ash, Victoria Cathie, Carol Donnelly and Jack Mousley.

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Jane Mottershead



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Local Gull Conundrum

Ask any birder and they will say identifying gulls is difficult, and some will say that they gave up a long time ago! Gulls are difficult because most species will take up to four years to reach adulthood. In their first year most gulls will display three different plumages and then each year of maturity they will have further slightly different plumages. Most gulls will also have a summer and a winter plumage. The product of this means that each gull will have up to nine different plumages to identify. Roll into that equation the seven reasonably common gulls we have in the UK, the outcome is a mind boggling number of different but similar looking birds to identify. If one then adds in another five rarer gulls that are regularly seen along the UK coast with their myriad of plumages and another potential eight or nine rare vagrants that occasionally visit again with their umpteen plumage variations it is easy to see why gulls can become a birder's headache, particularly when trying to find that rare gull amongst flocks of the more common gulls.

Locally we have six gulls which can be seen regularly: two black headed gulls, three large gulls, two of which are of the 'black-backed' variety and a medium sized gull. However the size of birds is difficult to assess unless one has a comparator sitting next to them. Usefully one often sees different gulls together.



Black-headed Gull (adult winter)



Black-headed Gull (adult summer)

Probably the most common locally and recognised gull is the small Black-headed Gull. However if you look carefully it does not have a black head at all, rather it is a deep chocolate brown and will only sport this during the breeding season. Its bill and legs are red.

Similar, but a gull with a true very black head is the Mediterranean Gull. This gull has a brighter and thicker red bill, a white eye ring and has no black tips to its wings like the Black-headed Gull. In its winter



Mediterranean Gull (adult winter)



Mediterranean Gull (adult summer)

plumage it will look very similar to the Black-headed Gull but it will have a little more black smudge on its head, loses its white eye ring and retains a thicker bill. A decade ago the Med Gull was uncommon in our area but recently has done very well and can now be seen easily locally.



Great Black headed gull (adult winter)



Lesser Black backed gull (adult summer)

There are three large gulls in our neighbourhood. The largest gull in the world, the Great Black-backed Gull which can often be seen around our beaches and we even get a pair visit the pond in West Ashling quite frequently. As the name suggests this is a large gull with a dark almost black mantle and back and importantly its legs are fleshy coloured. This distinguishes it from another large gull seen locally called the Lesser Black-backed Gull which is slightly smaller as its name suggests but has yellow legs and these will also visit the pond in West Ashling and are usually responsible for taking some of the newly hatched ducklings in the spring. Fortunately these gulls winter plumage changes little from their summer dress, the change being only a little grey stippling on their head and nape. The other large gull is the Herring Gull which has a

paler back and mantle and gives the familiar 'sea-gull' call that you associate with the seaside.

The last gull seen locally is the Common Gull, which strangely is not common at all! Its size is between that of the Black-headed and the Herring Gulls and



Common Gull (adult summer)

has almost a gentle demeanour about it, if one can

use that word to

describe a gull. It's back and mantle is a pale grey similar to the Herring Gull but its legs are greenish colour and its bill in the adult form is all yellow, not having the orange mark on the lower mandible the large gulls have on their yellow bills.



Herring Gull (adult summer)

However all rules go out the window when it comes to the juvenile forms of these gulls. From birth over several years the gulls will transform from a mottled brown plumage to eventually their adult plumage. Even leg colour and bill colour are not consistent. Hence the gull conundrum.

Kevin Tarrant

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Funtington Flora

The hedgerows are becoming abundantly flowery; June can be a botanist's favourite month.



White deadnettle has rings of white flowers arranged around its square stem, and is in the mint family. Though its leaves look like a stinging nettle, it is entirely unrelated to the stinging nettle, and does not sting. Find it on any hedgerow or waste ground. Its flowers are popular with bumblebees.

Red Deadnettle is another abundant weed, similar to white deadnettle, but usually a smaller plant. Its flowers are red, and often the leaves are red-purple too, especially when sun-exposed.



Their woodland cousin is Yellow Archangel. The native plant has green leaves, escape or throw-out.

There are a number of wild flowers along the field footpath between East and West Ashling, but the most unusual is Field Pansy. There are a few plants amongst the rape crop this year, about halfway along the footpath on the side nearer West Ashling.



Helen Dignum

The Funtington Parish Coronation Party – Long Live The King!

The King's Coronation was celebrated in style by the parishioners of Funtington Parish on Sunday 7th May, residents of the parish gathered together on West Ashling cricket ground to enjoy a children's crown parade, a BBQ, brilliant music, a bar, fantastic quizzes, games, amazing singing by the children of Funtington school, a children's treasure hunt, a Coronation cake competition, ice creams and picnics.

The event opened with a children's crown parade, the children's crowns were fantastic and I am so glad that it wasn't me having to judge.



The day was enjoyed by over 400 people. Organised by a small team of helpers from all around the parish, the sun shone and everyone had a fantastic afternoon, the children enjoyed lots of games, the children also received small gifts, sweets, cake and ice creams.

An amazing team of helpers turned up on the cricket field on the Saturday evening to set up the gazebos, and then the same amazing helpers all turned out again early on the Sunday morning to shift tables and chairs from the village hall and to set up the event, and then the same team sprang into action once again after everyone had gone home, to take down the gazebos and return everything

back to the village hall, I cannot thank this fantastic team of people enough for everything they did to make the event such a rip roaring success.



Also, a huge thank you to Oz from The Fox and Hounds for his amazing support and for all that he and Robbie did on the day, also thanks to Tim Hoare, Andrew and Amanda Tupper, the Ashling Cricket Club, John Gleadall, Steve Cathie and all of the incredible team of helpers who pulled the whole event together.

It was so good to see so many people from this Parish come together to join in and to help make this special day a very memorable one, thank you to all of you who came along and made it such a very special occasion.



And if that was not enough, there was a terrific response to Monday's volunteering day with many parishioners turning up to do a litter pick around the local area, 15 bags of rubbish were picked up from Southbrook Road, Watery Lane, Mill Road, Downs Street, The Dell and West Ashling Road. A huge thank you to all you who turned up in the rain to make our environment a place in which to live.

Jane Mottershead.

Good Neighbours and the WI gather for a tea to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III



News from the Grapevine

It was lovely to meet everyone at the village Coronation cricket pitch event, I was thrilled to see how many locals are indeed our regulars.



We had a rather good Coronation shindig ourselves on the bank holiday Monday, it was a sell out so thank you for those who came and joined us.

The wine flowed, the musicians entertained and the food delighted all. If you would like to be kept in touch with events at the estate sign up to our newsletter <https://ashlingpark.co.uk/#newsletter>

Meanwhile on the vineyard

The vines are coming along nicely with lots of green growth, we are well and truly out of the frost risk period so we can remove the double buds that were our backstops in case the primary buds were damage by frost nip.

Next on the to do list, is to lift the wires online with the vine grow, with over 96km of wire it's a hefty task.

The vineyard is looking beautiful so do drop in for a drink outside in the sunshine from our airstream bar.

Gail Gardner



Funtington Primary School News



Funtington Primary have had a busy month. We celebrated the King's Coronation with a whole school 'Street Party'. We all had lunch together outside on



the playground. Followed by fun games on the field, coronation cake and a drink.



Bramble Class visited the Black Barn in Hambrook for an Art afternoon and Rosehip Class have done some fantastic work on the Pardoner's Tale and made story strings to retell the story.

Funfington Primary School

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Refreshments provided

I made a huge to do list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it

We're right in the middle of swarming season, although with that dreadful start to Spring our bees weren't that fussed about absconding from the nice, dry hive we give them to take their chances hanging around in a wet tree somewhere in the village. So it's really only been the last few weeks that we've had to proactively manage them.

If you're new to this series of educational and occasionally ~~irrelevant~~ irreverent bee-keeping articles (maybe you just moved into the parish or you skip this page every month to get to the good stuff) then swarming is the honeybees' way of naturally expanding and involves the queen bee along with most of the colony departing the hive and setting up a new nest elsewhere, leaving behind a small colony of bees who will tend to a newly hatched queen about a week later. The bees will look for a dry space with a small entrance such as a hollow tree trunk or behind the timber cladding on a neighbour's house, so it's vital we intervene when we see them getting ready to swarm.

When a colony has decided to swarm there is very little the bee-keeper can do to stop them, so instead we fool the bees into thinking they have swarmed by actually moving the queen and some of her bees into a new bee hive ourselves. Who knows, they aren't fooled, maybe they're grateful the human creature did all the legwork for them, but either way they generally stay put and we can tick the 'haven't annoyed anyone in the village yet' box.

But this swarm management malarky requires a weekly check of each bee hive, for anything longer risks missing a swarm, so we're constantly spinning plates between work, kids, endless mowing, running, and our bees. As with everything, you can't beat a good 'to do' list to prevent that bee-shaped plate from smashing, so before each visit to the hives I make a list of what needs to be done to each colony so I can focus on getting those out of the way first, and if there is any time left then I can mooch around and day-dream. I've learnt to keep detailed notes of each hive in a folder on my desk so when I'm writing the to do list I can remind myself what I did last week, what the bees were up to, how friendly they were, and so on. The notes are also useful as an aide-memoir of the progeny of our friendly queens.

It's also the season when bumblebees, wasps, and hornets will be expanding their nests and out foraging for food. Of course we love them all, aside from the non-native Asian Hornet that we don't wish to see set up home here. Asian hornets have yellow 'feet', like they have walked in yellow paint, whereas our native European hornet have dark legs, so if you do see an Asian hornet it is vital that it is reported here:

https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet.

Jason & Kate Boswell

Book Review June 2023

Rooftoppers, Katharine Rundell (2013)

I read this book following Ms Rundell's advice in 'Why You Should Read Children's Books' (reviewed in April). A ship sinks, an unknown baby is found floating in a cello case and is plucked from the sea, her rescuer is the charming and eccentric Charles who becomes her guardian and names her Sophie.

Sophie is searching for someone and her search takes her to the rooftops where she finds a whole other world.

The identity of the 'goodies' and the 'baddies' is reassuringly clear; the roof top world is a wonder of imagination and it's a refreshing and thoroughly enjoyable adventure story.

Ring of Bright Water, Gavin Maxwell (1960)

Dan Boothby's Island of Dreams (also reviewed in April) as well as a clear out of our book shelves in advance of some redecorating, brought me to this book.

It will be familiar to many of you – first published in 1960 and the (loose) basis for a film of the same name. It is an enchanting book, often referred to as 'the one about the otters'. It records Maxwell's life in Scotland with his beloved otters.

Some observations: first, there is not so much as a hint of an otter in the first 70 pages – but they are well worth a read. Secondly, it is very different to the film. Thirdly, when I asked people about this book (mainly middle aged men) many of them had read it as young boys/teenagers and loved it. This surprised me because it is heavy with description, much filled with a love of nature and very little happens! Having said that, he does manage to bring an otter (live) in a box, stored under his seat on a passenger flight from Basra to Europe. He also lives with it in his studio flat in London.

Maxwell's adoption of the otters as pets is at odds with modern views of animal welfare; it is however a beautifully written and engaging book. And I am now fascinated by the extraordinary and playful otter.

Anita Binning

Funtington Goblins Car Wash and Cake Sale

On Saturday 29th April, the team at Funtington Goblins held a fund-raising car wash and cake sale to raise money for their electric go kart project.

The children designed posters and fliers that they distributed around the local area and welcomed their first customers at Funtington Primary at 10am. For two hours, the children washed and dried dozens of cars of all shapes and sizes and sold countless cups of tea and coffee. Home-baked cakes and biscuits were on offer too and these were all very much enjoyed by the customers as their cars were washed.

By midday, everyone was exhausted but the effort was worthwhile, the children having raised £388 for their club. Thank you to everyone who visited us on the day and gave so generously.

The children will be taking part in their first race of the season soon. The event, at Seaford College, takes place on Saturday 27th May.

Follow our progress @teamfuntington

Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

I can't believe we will be halfway through 2023 by the time you read this! After three evening meetings and the Plant Sale, the next date in the programme is our annual summer social in a member's garden. This will be held on the 8th June in the afternoon for a change, looking at my garden at Alongside, Taylors's Lane, Bosham PO18 8QQ. (No pressure to get the garden looking beautiful!!) We shall be serving tea and cream scones and just pray the weather will be kind!

The Committee is busy preparing for our Annual Show on the 29th July. The Show Programme is on line (www.bcdhs.org.uk) and soon available as a printed version in various outlets in the area. The show is open to everyone and we welcome exhibitors from all around the area. If you take a look at the Programme on line you will see it is not only flower and vegetables, but also classes including craft, photography, domestic and childrens' classes. So please come and join us! A fun day with delicious refreshments, a raffle and cake stall and more!

Now back to those weeds....!

Rozie Bradley

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Let's Dance (for the not so young!)

Monday afternoons (term time) 2.30pm 'til 3.30pm
St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH
Contact: Kathryn Wignall at Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk

Wednesday Coffee Morning, St. Mary's Church Room

Everyone welcome to come and join us for coffee and biscuits at 11am in The Church Room. A good time for meeting others, sharing and laughter.

Funtington and West Stoke W1

Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 21st at 7pm. Our speaker will be from Reynolds. New members and visitors are always welcome.

West Stoke Cream Teas 3pm – 5pm Starting on Sunday 2nd July 2023

Funtington and West Stoke Scouts Sunday 9th July 2023

Stonepillow Sunday 16th July 2023

The Parish Churches of Funtington, West Ashling & Sennicotts Sunday 23rd July

West Stoke Village Hall Sunday 30th July 2023

Queen Mother's Clothing Guild Sunday 6th August 2023

Good Neighbours Sunday 13th August 2023

Kingley Vale Riding for the Disabled Sunday 20th August 2023

East Ashling Association Sunday 27th August 2023

Funtington Bridge Club

The club meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

Solution to Crossword 23 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

ACROSS:

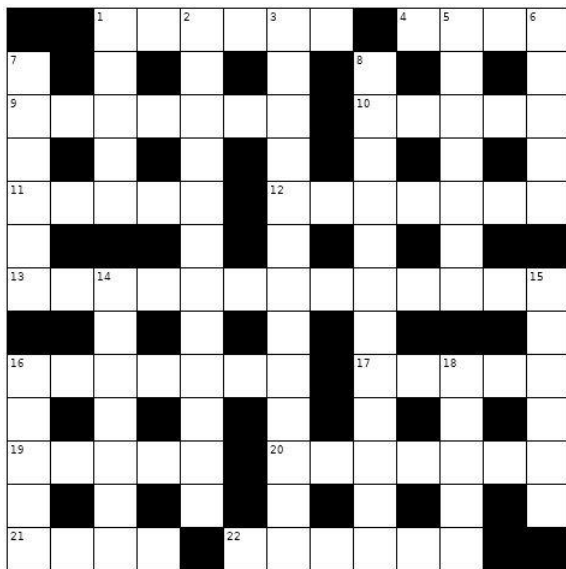
1 Shadow 4 Icon 9 Epistle 10 Inept 11 Altar 12 Informs 13 Knightsbridge 16 Rescuer 17 Horse 19 Neigh 20 Novelty 21 Echo 22 Tenner.

DOWN:

1 Swift 2 Afterthought 3 Overinsurance 5 Cheered 6 Notes 7 Newark 8 Milford Haven 14 Ipswich 15 Evelyn 16 Range 18 Ruler.

Theme: horses named 1A, 4A, 13A, 21A, 7D and 8D pulled the royal coach at the Coronation.

Crossword no. 23 – thematic



ACROSS

- 1 Inferior version – of minister? (6)
- 4 Sacred image, or computer symbol (4)
- 9 Biblical letter(7)
- 10 Bungling, unskilful (5)
- 11 Communion table (5)
- 12 Imparts knowledge; snitches (on) (7)
- 13 Fashionable West End shopping district (13)
- 16 Saviour, or retriever (7)
- 17 *Six named examples of this can be found in the completed puzzle, and recently pulled an 18D* (5)
- 19 The cry of a 17A (5)
- 20 Something new (7)
- 21 Nymph; sound reflection; newspaper (4)
- 22 Second lowest bank note (6)

DOWN

- 1 Quick bird author (5)
- 2 P.S. (12)
- 3 Paying too much for the policy (13)
- 5 Warmed the spirits of, applauded (7)
- 6 Musicians and secretaries produce them (5)
- 7 City in New Jersey with major airport (6)
- 8 Pembrokeshire port known for oil refinery (7,5)
- 14 Town on the River Orwell (7)
- 15 Novelist Waugh (6)
- 16 Shooting ground; cooking fireplace (5)
- 18 Person in charge should be straight (5)

ST MARYS FUNTINGTON CHURCH ROTA – JUNE -JULY 2023

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Element	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesperson	Readers
Sunday 4 th June Trinity Sunday	10 am Family service White JM	Rachel Hammond	Ann Jones		-	Jo Borbonne	Claire Hoare	Jo Borbonne Isa 40.12-7, 27-31 Claire Hoare Matt 28.16-20
Sunday 11 th June Trinity 1	10 am Eucharist Red AB	Denise Foster	Miriam Callas		Kay Knowles	Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Hos 5.15-66 Claire Hoskins Rom 4.13-end
Sunday 18 th June Trinity 2	10 am Eucharist Green AB				Carolyn Watt	Clergy	Anne Maddock Neil Watt	Anne Maddock Ex 19. 2-8a Neil Watt Romans 5.1-8
Sunday 25 th June Trinity 3	10 am Eucharist Green Rev JD	Debbie Hughes	Anne Maddock		Liz Lancaster	Anne Maddock	Jimmy Faure Nick La Hive	Jimmy Faure Gen 21.8-21 Nick La Hive Rom 61-11
Sunday 2 nd July Trinity 4	10 am Family Service Green JM				-	Jo Borbonne	Anne Maddock	Neil Macauley Jer 28.5-9 Mini Elliott Matt 10:40-42 Matt 10. 40-42

Please arrange your own cover if you are unable to help on the day you are rostered

Parish Services June 2023

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sunday 4 th June Trinity	10.am	Eucharist CW2	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10. am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 7 th June	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 11 th June	9.0 am	Holy Communion BCP	Sennicotts
	10 am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 14 th June	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 18 th June Trinity 2	10 am	Morning Prayer	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10 am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 21st June	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 25 th June	10.0 am 9am	Eucharist Holy Communion BCP	St Marys Funtington Sennicotts
Weds 28 th June	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sat 1st July	11.00am	Baptism	St Marys, Funtington
Sunday 2 nd July	10.am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington
	10 am	Eucharist	St Andrews West Stoke
Weds 9 th July	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 9 th July	9 am	Holy Comm BCP	Sennicotts
	10 am	Eucharist	St Marys Funtington

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