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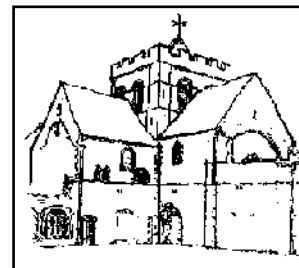


Members of the congregation enjoying the Harvest Lunch on 6 October

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From Father Ian

Remembering

November is a month for remembering; a time when we pray for the souls of those who have died. I don't mean that we fail to pray for them at other times, but it is good to have a time of concentrated prayer, when our hearts and minds recall those who have been special to us; who have loved us, and with whom we have a continuing relationship.



In the case of our own family and friends, we are undoubtedly carrying the scars of bereavement, and in offering prayer for those who have moved from this life to the next, we can find some consolation, a sense of still being able to do something for them, reassurance that death is not the end. (I am always pleased to have conversations with any who are struggling, long-term, with bereavement.)

We pray for 'the departed' at every service, but there are two particular services in November. Firstly Remembrance Sunday, with a Requiem mass at 9.45am, incorporating the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am.

Secondly, we have our All Soulstide Requiem at 7.30pm on Thursday, 7th November. The music for it, this year, is the Faure *Requiem*.

You will be most welcome if you attend. And, please, if you would like any departed family or friends to be remembered by name in the prayers please add their name(s) to the list at the back of the priory by 5th November.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Father Ian



Other useful contact details

Local Police - Emergencies 999 or 112 ~ Other matters 0845 60 70 999 or 101

Citizens Advice - Consumer helpline: 0345 4040506

Action on Elder Abuse - Confidential helpline: 080 8808 8141

Action Fraud - National fraud reporting centre: 0300 123 2040

THE BUGLE

Articles on any aspect of Boxgrove news - village or Priory-based - are always most welcome. The Boxgrove Bugle is distributed **free of charge** to each household within the parish and published on-line; copies are also sent further afield, as well as being available in the Priory for visitors and non-residents of the parish. It has a current print run exceeding 700 copies per month.

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PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets in the St Blaise Centre. Children are asked to arrive promptly so that the objective of the session can be explained to everyone at once. Children should be aged between 4 and 11 and they must already have started school.

There is no charge and parents do not need to accompany the children. They don't need to bring anything with them - just to come along!

For further information about Sunday School please contact Amy O'Leary by email at amy.linden@hotmail.co.uk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES THIS TERM

10, 17, 24 November - 11.00am

8, 15, 22, December - 11.00am



BOXGROVE & TANGMERE JULIAN GROUP

*The group meets on the *second Monday of each month at 3.15pm in the St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove. Notices with details of venue are placed on the church notice board.*

**Please note: the September 2019 meeting (at 2.30pm) and the April 2020 meeting (following Easter) are each on the third Monday of the month.*

11 Nov	Psalm 92, vv 1-5: "Give thanks unto the Lord" (BCP)
9 Dec	Psalm 95, vv 1-6: "Come before his presence with thanksgiving" (BCP)
13 Jan	Psalm 138, vv 3, 7, 8: "Thy right hand shall save me" (BCP)
10 Feb	Psalm 100, vv 1-4: "His mercy is everlasting" (BCP)
9 Mar	Psalm 102, vv 1, 2, 27: "Lord hear my prayer" (ASB)
20 Apr	Psalm 103, vv 1-4, 13, 14: "The Lord is merciful unto them that fear him"
11 May	Psalm 139, vv 1-9: "... your right hand shall hold me" (ASB)
8 June	Psalm 24, vv 1-5: "He shall receive the blessing from the Lord" (BCP)

'Trust, the Highest Prayer'

Julian of Norwich ~ Enfolded in Love series edited by Robert Llewelyn

(BCP - The Book of Common Prayer ~ ASB - The Alternative Service Book)

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**THE PARISH OF
SAINT MARY AND SAINT BLAISE, BOXGROVE
MONTHLY CALENDAR AND MASS INTERCESSIONS
NOVEMBER**

1	Fri	Feria	The depressed
2	Sat	ALL SOULS	The departed
3	SUN	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	Parish & people
4	Mon	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
5	Tue	Feria	Kwa Mkono
6	Wed	Saint Leonard of Limoges, Abbot	Prisoners
7	Thu	Saint Willibrord, Bishop	The Departed
8	Fri	All Saints of England	Confidence in Christ
9	Sat	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Committee	The Diocesan Advisory
10	SUN	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [Third before Advent]	The War Dead
11	Mon	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	Greater use of the Sacraments
12	Tue	Feria	Chaplains to the Armed Forces
13	Wed	Feria	The Departed
14	Thu	Feria	The Bishop of Chichester
15	Fri	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor	The Suffragan Bishops
16	Sat	Saint Gertrude, Virgin	The Assistant Bishops
17	SUN	SECOND BEFORE ADVENT	Parish & people
18	Mon	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary	Wise Leadership in the Church
19	Tue	Saint Hilda, Abbess	The grace to be merciful
20	Wed	Saint Edmund, King & Martyr	Those in East Anglia
21	Thu	Presentation of the BVM	Walsingham
22	Fri	Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Musicians
23	Sat	Saint Clement, Pope & Martyr	Church Historians
24	SUN	CHRIST THE KING	Parish & people
25	Mon	Saint Catherine, Martyr	Visitors to the Priory
26	Tue	Feria	Better Mass Attendance
27	Wed	Feria	The Departed
28	Thu	Feria	The Departed
29	Fri	Feria	The Departed
30	Sat	Saint Andrew the Apostle	The Scottish Nation

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

October Report from the Parish Council



I have mentioned in the recent past a strong desire to create wild flower areas and a tree planting programme. To this end I had a meeting with the property agent for JH & FW Green, who own much of what we know as Boxgrove Common. We established exactly who owns what from a couple of Land Registry maps provided by the agent. We spoke of the demise of the ash trees along the various footpaths and the eventual loss of them. It was agreed that we could plant some replacement trees where necessary, and a suitable area where wild flowers could be planted was identified. Both projects for the not-too-distant future.

The various reports I've received concerning the tipping of rubbish and earth spoil in the "Dell" hole in the south-west corner of one of the fields is actually in the ownership of Tinwood Estate.

The Annual Boxgrove Companion Dog Show was once again a resounding success with, I believe a slightly better than average profit. I would like to extend thanks to all volunteers who helped on the day to make it all happen.

The Clerk to the Council has prepared a lease for the Sports Pavilion, a draft of which is with the Cricket Club for consideration and final agreement. Now serious fund-raising must begin to complete the planned extension of the building.

The recent announcement by Sussex Police means that the newly recruited PCSOs will enable local communities to have, once again, a designated officer who we may see back in the villages. Clearly the change in policy a couple of years ago, whereby these PCSOs were centralised and dispersed to where they were needed most, left the rural communities less than confident in security and safety. On this matter, there has been a spate of thefts from outbuildings in the Lavant valley, East Dean, Charlton and Singleton, just over the hill. Be warned!!

Finally, the development of the 25 houses off Priors Acre is ever nearer completion and as at mid October only three remained unsold and three were already occupied. It will be nice to welcome the new residents into the wonderful Community of Boxgrove.

Henry Potter, your Chairman

Please remember that if you have any unwanted sewing machines, carpentry, garden or engineering tools



Tim Pullan and Malcolm Knight collect such items for "Tools for a Mission" and "Tools for Self-Reliance" respectively to be despatched to Africa to help families and individuals to start or expand their business.

Contact

Tim Pullan
on 01243 532065

and

Malcolm Knight
on 07722 115212

They can arrange to collect

THE BOXGROVE COMPANION DOG SHOW

The 20th Boxgrove Dog Show with Obedience held on 21st September was blessed with all-day sunshine, a happy relaxed atmosphere, lots of smiling people, and dogs with waggy tails. No grumbling or growling!

There are so many people to thank for all their help and support, without whom we could not have had such a successful show. I must particularly thank our marvellous tent erector, movers of tables and chairs, ring makers, car park attendants, kitchen helpers, stall holders and many more - THANK YOU!

I must record my gratitude to Amy and Hazel Peters, who worked tirelessly all day as ring stewards, helping the judges by running to and fro, collecting prizes, recording results and keeping the announcer up to date with the class winners. They are incredible youngsters. I am indebted to my loyal friends who come every year to sit all day taking entries for the 26 classes and collating all the information. This year we had over 200 entries, so it was a very busy day for them. I must also say a special thank-you to all the members of my family who support my efforts throughout the year to keep the show on track.



Each class is sponsored by generous local businesses and individuals, some of whom have been involved for 20 years. Their input means more profit for our charities, Boxgrove Priory and the Village Hall Community Fund. This year they will each receive about £1,200.

Our talented judges, who judge at championship level, give freely of their time and expertise. They certainly picked some superb winners from the lovely dogs entered for competition.

Best in Show was Logan, a Rottweiler

Reserve Best in Show: Milo, a Gordon Setter from Emsworth

Best Puppy: Bentley, a Golden Retriever from Portsmouth

Best Novelty: Blue, a Husky winner of Local Dog class

Reserve Novelty: Dottie a Dalmatian - winner of the Waggiest Tail class

There were many more entries in the Obedience classes than in previous years. It is gratifying to see how many, many people take the training of their dogs seriously, and lovely to watch them enjoying being put through their paces.

Obedience Results

Triers: Missi, a crossbreed from Southampton

Starters: Lulu, a Collie cross

Improvers: Sophie, a Border Collie from Bognor

Advanced: Cody, a Collie cross from Portsmouth

Thank you, judges, for doing a great job!



The **Have a Go agility ring** run by *Mad about Dogs* proved to be very popular and was busy all day with dogs and handlers having fun over the jumps. There was a rosette for all clear rounds, which were worn with pride.

This show was a real community event, and brought together such lovely people and dogs. We hope you enjoyed the day and will come again next year - on **September 19th** - please note the date in your 2020 diary now, and don't book a holiday for that time. We need you!



Below is a list of sponsors of the Dog Show

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Forthcoming Priory events

See also page 6 for service intentions throughout September

Sunday 3 November, 10.00am ~ All Saints celebration
Community Mass

Sunday 10 November, 9.45am ~ Remembrance Sunday
Solemn Requiem

Sunday 24 November, 7.00pm ~ Shopwyke Singers
25th Anniversary Concert
with chamber ensemble. Monteverdi, Handel, Schubert (see page 14)

Sunday 8 December, 4.00pm ~ Christingle Service

THE OPTIMISTIC BEEKEEPER

High Trees - October 2019 - No.28

Let it Bee

I have just finished putting my bees to bed for winter.

There are six months of the year when I have to sleep, eat and breathe all things Bee. Weekly inspections, spinning off the honey, buying in new equipment, collecting swarms, thinking of names for them all, etc. etc. etc. Well this year I had an added worry about one of my hives. Her name was Betty Red (yes - I really do name the queens, and Betty sported a red spot on her thorax to denote she was a 2018 queen).



After a mashed-up attempt at a Demaree swarm control operation (you don't want to know!) I managed to lose Betty Red (i.e. probably squashed her) and in true self-sustaining fashion the bees set about creating a new queen from eggs or young larvae already in the hive. What makes that particular egg into a larger royal personage is what she is fed on - royal jelly. After all, you are what you eat.

To cut a long start short, the bees did manage to raise a new queen and very soon she started laying and her entourage began to produce copious amounts of honey. In fact this hive made about three-quarters of all the summer honey I extracted. What a girl! But - there's a sting in the tail! As the summer progressed I found myself less and less inclined to inspect these bees. At first I thought they were simply feisty because of the weather. Then I decided they were concerned about the growing wasp problem around the hives. Eventually I decided that they had raised a queen with all the charm of Lady Macbeth and that they had to go. I had no love for this colony - they could swarm if they so wished - in fact I hoped they would.

All the books about beekeeping say don't tolerate bad-tempered bees. They need to be re-queened. Well this is a job I had never done before. I didn't know where to start. Firstly I wrote a whimpering email to the chairman of the Chichester Beekeeping Division and waited for a week or more. Then he replied with encouraging news to say that he had a queen at the nearby training apiary (a collection of bee-hives, not apes!) which he would be willing to sell to me. I agreed to meet a fellow beekeeper called Paul that Sunday after church.

The following is from my diary written the next day:

I whizzed away after the last hymn to go to the Aldingbourne Apiary and meet Paul at 11am. When he arrived we chatted a bit and then got the queen, marked with a pink spot, out of the mini-nuc, placed her and several attendant workers into a small travelling cage and stuffed it with fondant icing. I set off for home, avoiding the A27 route and going through Slindon. Part 1 achieved with consummate ease.

After a quick coffee Gerry and I donned the Sherriff suits and went down to the Sodomites (my pet name for these evil tempered critters) to move them 20 metres

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away from the home site and onto the back lawn where the brood box would eventually be left with only gentle nurse bees. I put an empty super (box where the bees store their honey in frames of comb) beside the home site and on top of this the super full of their winter stores and a lot of aggressive guard bees. Part 2 achieved with reasonable ease.

We then left the bees to settle down and went inside to have some lunch.

Then to find the queen - Betty Red's successor. I still call the hive Betty Red even though I am sure this colony has a new queen who is not marked. Who knows? If the procedure works and I end up with a placid colony with their new queen I may call it Lily the Pink! We started by looking through the frames carefully, one at a time and placing them into a couple of nucs (short for nucleus - a small hive). No joy. I noticed that the bees in one half seemed to be more calm than the other but Gerry thought this was simply because they had been left alone for a while.



The queen in her cage

He went and cleaned up the really sticky original brood box and then we had a second look on the frames by putting each one back into the newly cleaned box. Still no joy. Cup of tea. Then we tried putting the cleared frames a few at a time under the queen excluder (q.e. - a frame covered with a metal grid which the worker bees can get through but the queen can't as she is much larger) and shaking bees above this into an empty super adding the cleared frames with brood so the bees would go down to them and leave the queen in the top above the q.e. Even less joy - just a lot of bees all over the place!

I decided to have one more try and, if that failed, return the bees to their original site and have a go tomorrow. I took the empty super and placed it over the original brood box. I shook the bees through a q.e. again and left them covered with a cloth and a crown board but with a bit of space at the top for the flying bees to return to their mum. Then went in for a rest and a G&T and a frantic phone call to Paul to check whether I could leave the queen happily overnight with her four ladies-in-waiting. He apologised for not popping in on his return from inspecting his own bees but claimed two bee stings on the face as his excuse. Reasonable I suppose!

I then rang Angela (fellow beekeeper) to see whether she would be around tomorrow to help me look through for a second time. She has all sorts of commitments over the next few days (2 grandchildren with chickenpox to babysit and a husband who has been ill in bed with tinnitus). However she suggested that she could come over now as the grandkids' father was there with them at present. Not being one to look a gift horse in the mouth I said "yes". After about 20 minutes (pigs to feed, equipment to collect etc) she arrived and after a brief chat and explanation of what I had done so far we got down to it. I showed her the new queen and then we went out - smokers blazing - and set about the task.

On looking in the empty super at the top we saw thousands of bees - literally thousands - suggesting to us that this is where the queen was. But how to get them to abandon her to the safer corners of the frames below? Copious puffs from our smokers - that's how. At first they just looked mildly annoyed as we may do these days

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when someone lights up a cigarette in a restaurant. But then, slowly and surely, they got the message and started to seep down through the queen excluder and back to their charges - the baby bees below. All of a sudden Angela shrieked "There she is!" - just as the queen scurried out of sight beneath the edge of the top box. She was a slight little thing - something of a supermodel of the bee world - so no wonder we hadn't seen her when looking through the frames, each one with hundreds of bees on.

Eventually, with a lot of harrying around the edge of the box with smoke and my hive tool, I saw her for a second time and grabbed her in the queen clip.

I rushed in with my precious, hard-sought prize and into the deep freeze she went. This photo is of the clip the following day after spending a night in the freezer - the kindest way to despatch a queen apparently! I have to say I did not feel one single pang of remorse as I did this. Part 3 achieved with much sweat and tears.



Now to get the remaining bees back into the original brood box. At this stage they were all over the place - in the air, on the sides of the various pieces of equipment we had lying around, in one of the empty nucs and hanging precariously underneath the hive itself. The solution was simplicity itself. We propped a large sheet of metal resting on the ground and sloping up to the hive's entrance, placed a white pillowcase on it (doesn't everyone have bed linen lying around in the garden?) and dumped as many of the clinging bees onto the sheet as we could dislodge. Very soon there was a procession of bees heading up towards the brood box, where they thought they would be re-united with mummy!

After about half-an-hour I brought out the new queen from her snug quarters in the airing cupboard (warmest place I could think of) and opened up the brood box yet again. These poor bees! Never in their entire lives (less than three weeks) have they endured so much bee-bothering! I opened the puzzle cage flaps, which left only the large lump of fondant between the new queen and 50,000 motherless bees. I found a place between two frames with quite a large area of capped brood, and hung the cage with Lily the Pink (as I now think of her) down between the two. Quickly I closed it up and Angela and I lifted the whole box the 20 metres or so back to the original site where the flying bees had all settled down for the night in their honey super - wondering why their mum had left them Home Alone for such a long time. It amazed me that the whole process took less than a minute and there was very little bovver from the guard bees. Obviously it was past their bedtime. Part 4 achieved with incredulity.

Now for the long wait to see whether the bees accept her. I will look again in a week's time to see what is going on in the brood box. If I see eggs in there I will know for sure that she has been welcomed with open wings and is creating a new generation of good-tempered bees.



This photo shows the old queen and a worker after a night in the freezer. Remarkably similar in colouring but definitely 2 different castes.

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Post script

A week later I inspected the Sodomites. In my mind the result was going to go one of two ways. Either she was alive and was now their new queen, or they had attacked her and she was no more, and they had started to raise themselves a new queen from bad-tempered eggs!

I had a strong suspicion that the former was going to be true when I opened the roof and I wasn't instantly enveloped in a cloud of angry bees. And when I took off the queen excluder to do an inspection (moved away from the site), the bees were still much calmer than they would have been two weeks ago. Then - JOY! On the fifth frame I saw the tell-tale pink dot and there was Lily, moving around quite happily.

The cage (pictured right) was completely empty so I removed it and closed the hive up.

Since that day the colony has become progressively calmer and I am now considering carrying on beekeeping! So, as they say on momentous occasions of state:

THE QUEEN IS DEAD; LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

Janet Reeves



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MATCH THIS!

Councillor Paul Addison and his wife Ayumi met up with fellow Boxgrove resident Polly O'Hare and her partner Paul at England's opening match at this year's Rugby World Cup against Tonga in Sapporo, Japan.

Serendipity reared its head at 7am on a July morning in 2018 on the Boxgrove village field, while Paul and Polly were measuring out the stall pitches for the Village Fete.

Polly: "I am so pleased - we've just heard we have managed to get tickets for England's first match in Japan next year."

"So have we", said Paul.



The photo shows them in front of the Sapporo Dome

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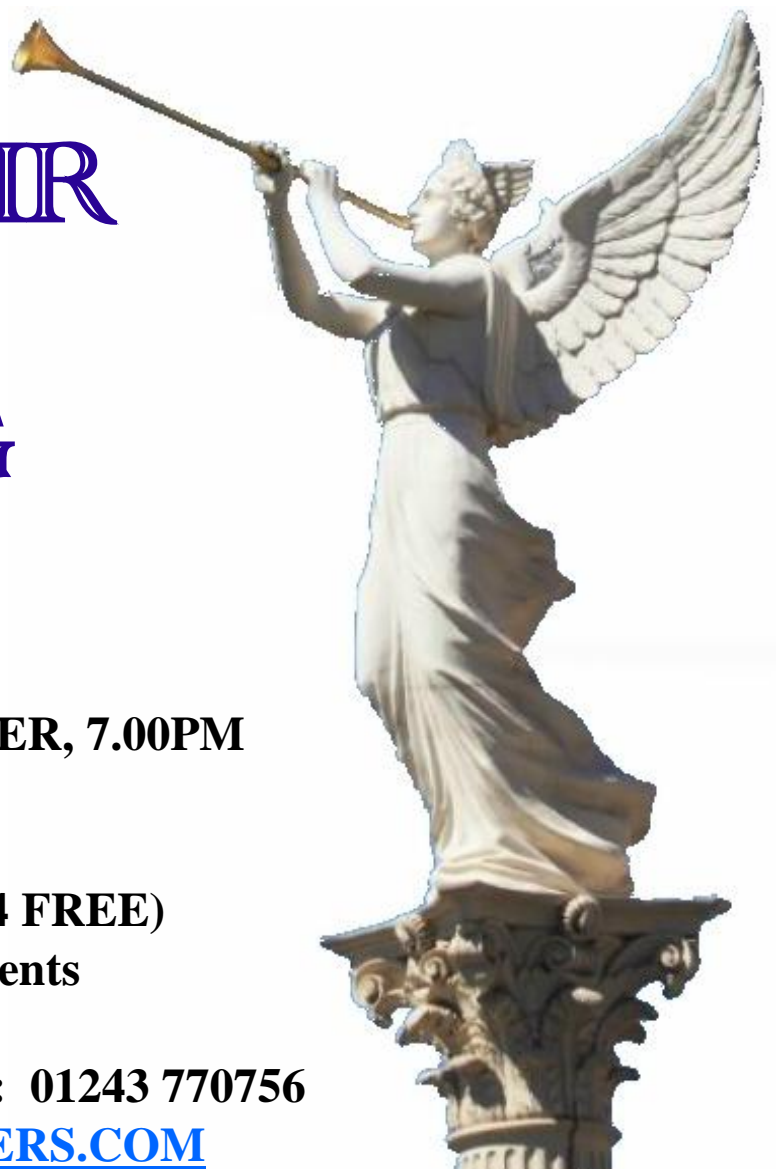
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Boxgrove School Harvest Festival

celebrated at Boxgrove Priory on Friday 4 October 2019



*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

This is how one expects a Harvest service to begin, but Boxgrove is no ordinary school - and this was no ordinary Harvest service.

We assembled at the east end of the Priory, the children congregating around the font and we, parents and friends, gathered around. A large wicker basket containing coloured ribbons took centre stage.

The service began with a hymn singing the praises of all the fruits of the earth and telling us to 'Thank Your Lucky Stars'. Groups of children then circled the basket and began chanting:


*We have water but no food,
We have shelter but no fire,
We have fire but no shelter.*

A child then addressed them, saying "If you work together, you will have all that you need". The children then took the coloured ribbons and joined in harmony to dance. It was incredibly moving. The service ended with us all singing the final hymn 'Harvest Samba'.

Father Ian thanked the children and told us all that this, apart from the day of our Harvest celebration, was also the day when we remember Saint Francis of Assisi, the Saint of the natural world.

Mrs Dommett, the new Headmistress, thanked the children for a thought-provoking presentation, thanked us all for coming, and said that she hoped to meet us all at many more school activities.

Jan Agostino



Please don't forget to put any non-perishable food you can spare in our bin just inside the inner doors of the church.

We take things, including furniture and electrics, at the Restore Shop in Terminus Road. We can also collect large items if needed.

We are also looking for volunteers who don't mind getting stuck in and sorting our donations; this will enable us to make the best use of them. So many people have so much experience that would be very welcome!

NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI

Our 100th Birthday Meeting



October 9th was not only our Annual Meeting - it was also our 100th Birthday!!

We began the afternoon with a really tasty buffet lunch at 12 o'clock. It was so nice to see our Members chatting, smiling and generally enjoying themselves. A donation had been received towards the cost of the lunch, thus helping our funds.

At 2 pm we began our meeting with, firstly, the ordinary monthly business, followed by the Annual Meeting business. Sandra Spinner presented the Financial Accounts and the Budget which were proposed, seconded and agreed. Polly O'Hare then gave the Committee's Report, which reminded us all of how busy we had been during our Centennial. The President's address followed and the Committee's Report was agreed.

The Committee for the forthcoming year 2019/2020 was elected, and Sandy Bannister was nominated as President, which she accepted. The outgoing President, Chris Potter, thanked the Committee for all their hard work over the past year and presented Polly and Sandra with a voucher each as they stood down after three years of Committee membership. They will both be missed. Chris Potter also stood down as President after five years and was given a gift by Sandra and the members. Annie Green will replace Sandra as Treasurer, and Wendy Austin Ward will be the Secretary.

As I write this, we are looking forward to our final Centennial event, a talk by Dr Mark Roberts entitled 'Rhinos by the Lake', which is open to all as the WI wished to give something back to remember all the Members of the past 100 years.

To close the meeting, thanks were given to Members who had helped with the teas, posies and the Raffle.

Please think about joining us! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the St Blaise Centre.

Chris Potter
President

"LOVE ME AS YOU ARE"

Fleury Abbey, France



At the September Julian Group quiet afternoon I used the following prayer. I have been asked to reproduce it: I hope it is of some use. Fr. Chris

I know your unhappiness, the troubles and the struggles of your soul; the weaknesses and the infirmities of your body. I know you are a coward and a sinner; that you fail me at times. Nevertheless, I say to you, "Give Me your heart. Love me as you are". If you wait until you are perfect before abandoning yourself to Love, you will never love at all.

Even if you keep succumbing to those faults you wish you had never known; even if you are cowardly in the practice of virtue; you have no excuse for not loving Me.

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I want the love of your impoverished heart. If you wait until you are perfect before giving Me your love, you will never love at all.

Could I not make, of every grain of sand, a seraph, radiant with purity, nobility and love?

Could I not, with one nod of my brow, cause thousands of saints to arise from nothingness, a hundred times more perfect and loving than those I have created?

Am I not the Unlimited One? And if I am pleased to leave for ever in the void these wonderful beings - and to prefer to these your own poor love?

My child, let Me love you.

I want your heart.

Certainly, I intend to shape you properly -
but in the meanwhile I love you as you are.

And I want you to do the same.

I desire to see love arise from the depths of your unhappiness.

I love the love of the poor. I want to hear this cry rising continually from your poverty,

"Lord, I love You!"

What matters to me is the song of your heart. What need have I of your talents and knowledge?

It is not virtues that I require of you - and if I gave them to you, you are so weak that they would soon be mingled with vanity. Do not concern yourself about that.

I could have destined you for great things: instead you will be the useless servant.

I will take away from you even the little that you have ... for I created you for Love.

Come - Love!

And Love will make you do all the rest without thinking.

Your only care should be to fill every present moment with Love.

Today, I stand at the door of your heart like a beggar - I, the King of Kings!

I knock and wait: hurry up and let Me in!

Do not go on making yourself unhappy.

As for your need ... if you really knew just how great it is, you would die of sorrow.

The only things which could wound my heart would be to see you doubt and lack confidence.

I want you to think of Me at every hour of the day and of the night.

I do not want you to do anything, however insignificant, for any other motive than that of Love.

When you must suffer, I will give you the strength.

You have given Me Love: I will give you the Power to Love more than you ever dreamed was possible.

But remember

Love me as you are.

Do not wait until you are a saint before abandoning yourself to Love - otherwise you will never Love at all.

Date: Middle Ages

BLAISING IN THE KITCHEN

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The 'side'

1 tin kidney beans - standard size

1 small/medium pot double cream (alternatives: olive oil and/or parmesan)

Garlic cloves (the more the merrier, as they will be cooked so more subtle than if raw)

Rosemary or sage (chopped if it's not going to be mash)

Seasoning

Method: Rinse the beans, chuck it all in a small saucepan and simmer until most of the cream has been absorbed. Serve.

The 'mash'

Purée ingredients with a blender and add to your mash. This really does go well with sausages.

THE SHOPWYKE SINGERS

The Shopwyke Singers will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary this month with a special concert in the Priory on **Sunday 24 November at 7.00pm**, when the choir will be joined by Matthew Cooke on the organ and The Little London Ensemble, a small group of professional string players.

The choir, founded by Alex Dichmont, Director of Music at Westbourne House School and the Priory's Director of Music, numbers some forty singers. There is no formal audition for the choir; the ability to read music is desirable, but not essential, and it is a very friendly group of enthusiastic music lovers. Alex would be happy to speak to any prospective members on 01243 770756, or contact him via the website – www.shopwykesingers.com. There are two or three concerts per year, and repertoire spans from the Renaissance to the present day.

See page 14 for further details of the works to be performed, tickets, etc.

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Isabelle Woodard would like to say thank-you to all the people who supported her coffee morning in the St Blaise Centre on Sunday 22 September and helped her raise a magnificent £755.62. Isabelle is aged 8 and a pupil at Boxgrove School.

Very many congratulations, Isabelle - it must have meant a tremendous amount of hard work to achieve such a wonderful result!

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

27-29 September

After many years of saying that I would like to go on this weekend pilgrimage, I finally managed it and am very grateful that I did.

On Friday morning, 14 of us, including Father Ian, met at Boxgrove for a brief service in the Priory before boarding our coach for the long drive ahead - even longer than expected thanks to heavy congestion and accidents en route. Nevertheless, our spirits were not dented, and we arrived ready to worship in the beautiful village of Walsingham.

Pilgrims have been visiting Walsingham in Norfolk for many centuries and over 10,000 residential pilgrims continue to visit each year with a further 300,000 day visitors.

Christians believe that in 1061 a Saxon noblewoman named Richeldis de Faverches who was living in the village had a vision of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Richeldis believed that she was taken by Mary to her home in Nazareth and was asked to build an exact copy of the house back in Walsingham - which is often now called the Nazareth of England. This copy of Mary's home is called the Holy House.

When we arrived in the village, we had time to enter the Holy House to say a prayer and light a candle before we had our first Mass in the Shrine Church. After a delicious dinner - the food on the whole trip was outstanding - we headed for a much-needed early night, ready for a full day of activities on Saturday.

At 8am we enjoyed a private Mass with Fr Ian in the Holy House, where we were approached by five pilgrims from Sri Lanka who asked to join us. The whole experience, in such a small and sacred place, was particularly moving.



Later that day we arrived at the Slipper Chapel, so called because in yesteryear this was the final 'station' chapel on the way to Walsingham and pilgrims would remove their shoes to walk the final 'Holy Mile' to the Shrine barefoot.

We walked the Holy Mile back to the Shrine, but mercifully kept our shoes on as the weather was working against us. We even managed to perform the 14-step Stations of the Cross in the garden while sheltering from the rain!

On our walk we were met once again by our new Sri Lankan friends, who greeted us warmly.

In the evening it was time for the Procession by candlelight of our Lady around the grounds of the Shrine, followed by Benediction in the Shrine.

After attending the Parish Mass at St Mary's Parish Church on Sunday morning and yet another wonderful lunch, we went to the Sprinkling at the Well. Here, water from the ancient well within the Shrine Church is used to sign a cross on the forehead (a remembrance of the cross bestowed at Baptism), given as a drink into cupped hands, and finally poured over our hands as a sign of God's healing.

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This was followed by the laying-on of hands and anointing. We were asked to name a person who we would wish to be healed and I chose a very special but poorly Boxgrove parishioner who has become a dear friend.

I found the pilgrimage to Walsingham very spiritual. The whole weekend was poignant and inspiring, and I know this won't be my last visit.

Margaret Higgins

Note

Next year's pilgrimage will be on the **weekend of 25-27 September**.
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Ed.



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The public consultation closes on **Wednesday 13 November**. It asks people for their views on proposals to cease the mobile library service and to reduce the evening opening hours in the four main libraries (Chichester, Crawley, Horsham and Worthing) by one hour, from 7pm to 6pm from April 2020.

They are keen for as many library users as possible to take part in the consultation and share their thoughts on the proposals.

The consultation will help inform the decision, due to be taken in November by the Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue and Communities. The decision is one of a number of options being worked up to take forward in the 2020/21 budget to help meet the funding gap currently being faced by West Sussex County Council.

To find out more and to take part, visit the [Have Your Say web page](https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/libraryoffer/) (<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/libraryoffer/>). If you need any further information, please contact Tom Batten - tom.batten@westsussex.gov.uk.



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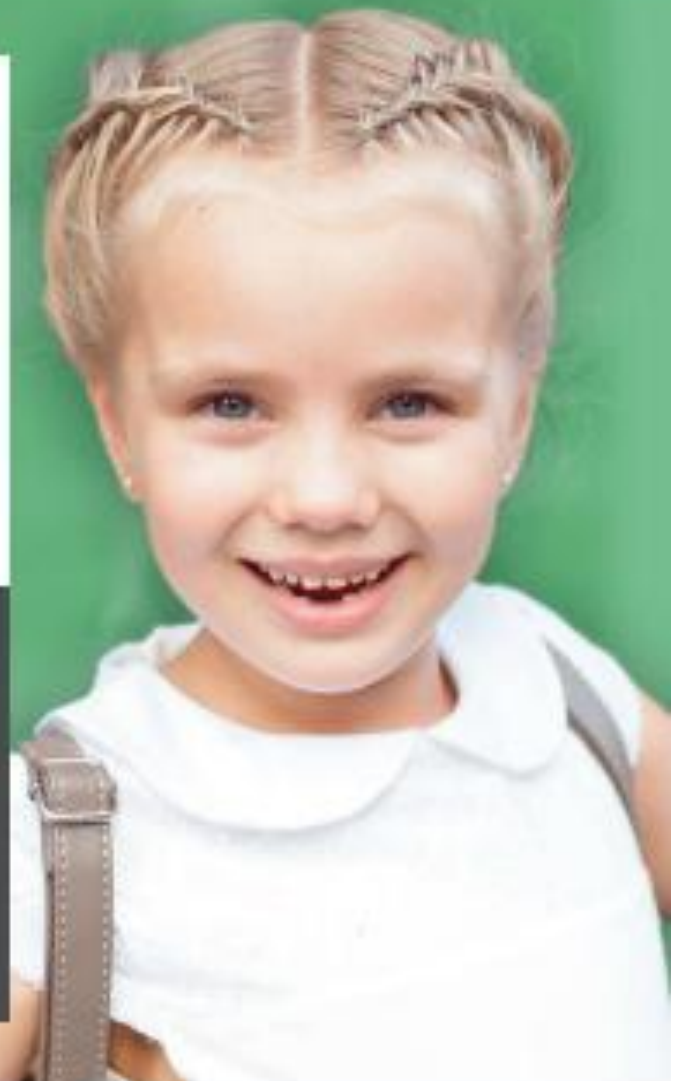
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2002: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
2003: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
2004: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
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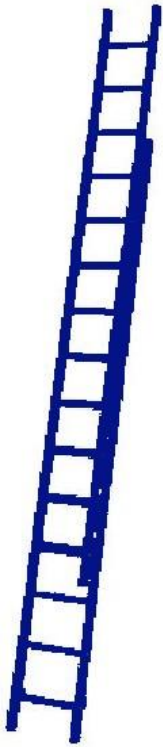
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NOVEMBER 2019

- 3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
8.00am Holy Communion †
10.00am Community Mass
- 7 ALL SOULS-TIDE**
7.30pm Solemn Requiem for the Departed
- 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
9.45am Solemn Requiem
- 17 SECOND BEFORE ADVENT**
8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass
- 24 CHRIST THE KING**
8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass

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DECEMBER 2019

- 1 ADVENT SUNDAY**
8.00am Holy Communion †
10.00am Community Mass
- 8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass
4.00pm Christingle
- 15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass
- 22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
10.00am Community Mass
5.30pm Carol Service
- 24 CHRISTMASS EVE**
4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
10.00am Family Mass
- 29 HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**
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