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From Father Ian

What's In a Name?

I shall soon enter into my twenty-second year as Parish Priest of Boxgrove. There have been joys and sorrows along the way, and quite a lot of changes, mostly evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

The pace of change seems to be increasing, and this is signalled by more building and more traffic; by fewer thriving shops in Chichester, and by the flourishing of online ventures. At the time that I and my family moved to Boxgrove, people had begun to use email, but the necessary reliance on dialup, the precursor to wifi, made all online activity what now seems to be painfully slow.

While all those changes have been taking place, I have continued with the core work of a parish priest: praying for the parishioners every day, ensuring that mass is offered daily in the priory church, preaching, baptising, counselling, ministering to the sick, preparing the dying for death, and conducting funerals. I have chaired the Almshouse Trustees, and continue as a Trustee. I chair the School Governors and the Parochial Church Council, and I watch over the church building and the Saint Blaise Centre, and am involved in various groups and local networks. Life is busy, both professionally and domestically.

But I would achieve little if I were doing all of this alone. I have been fortunate in being surrounded by many lovely people who have shared with me in these various endeavours, and I thank them.

You must forgive this bit of 'stocktaking' on my part, but there is a reason. I was appointed, those years ago, as Priest-in-Charge of Boxgrove, but on March 25th I will become Vicar of Boxgrove. Many have described me as that for some years, but there is a distinction in law.

So at a service at 7.30pm on March 25th I will be made Vicar in the course of a Solemn Mass, celebrated by The Venerable Luke Irwin-Capel, Archdeacon of Chichester, for the Annunciation. Your presence and support would be most welcome.

Father Jan



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THE BUGLE

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Forthcoming special events in the Priory

See also page 7 for service intentions during this month

(For concerts, readers are advised to check final details on performers' websites and other publicity)

Saturday I February, 12-2pm

St Blaise Fair in the Priory (see page 9)

Saturday 7 March, 7.45pm

The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, Harlequin Chamber Choir and Corra Sound: an evening of Sussex-inspired music. (See page 17) Tickets £20 available from www.wegottickets.com/OnWindoverHill

Monday 23 March, 7.00pm

Westbourne House Chapel Choir ~ Rome tour fundraising concert

Music by Chilcott, Goodall, Pergolesi, Mendelssohn, Fauré, Rutter and others

Tickets £10 (including refreshments) from

music@westbournehouse.org or 01243 770756

Tuesday 31 March, 7.30pm

'Hear my Prayer': A Meditation in Words & Music for Passiontide
The Chantry Choir, conducted by Peter Allwood
Music by Alonso Lobo (Lamentations), Purcell, Lotti and Bruckner
Tickets £15 at the door or in advance from 01798 817282
or www.chantryquire.org.uk



David Bathurst, a member of the Priory Choir, writes:

"Many of you will know that I celebrated my 60th birthday in December by singing, from memory, I20 seasonal carols and songs at Eastergate Church. A number of members of the Priory choir and congregation very kindly supported me by attending on the day, providing delicious cakes and other goodies, and sponsoring me to complete both that task and another task I successfully completed at the end of December - walking my new age, 60 miles, in a single day. I actually made it from my home in Yapton to Hastings in I8 hours.

I am delighted to say that thanks to the generosity of so many, I have raised well over £2600 for Stonepillow which helps homeless people in the Chichester and Bognor Regis areas.

May I say a huge THANK YOU to all connected with the Priory who supported me in any way to help make this somewhat unusual fund-raising effort so successful."

The Bugle's better on line:

http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/boxgrove_bugle.html



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!

Please watch the weekly sheets for information about dates, etc.





Pam Smith, who delivers to Stonepillow items kindly left in the Priory collection basket, has received a letter from the Chief Executive, Hilary Bartle, as follows:

Dear Pam,

Thank you so much for your donation. Your kindness enables us to support homeless and vulnerable people across Sussex.

Everyone we meet has a different story and different needs and that's why we tailor the support we offer. That's what makes Stonepillow different. We work with over 130 people every single day, empowering them to rebuild their lives and find independent accommodation they can call home.

At a time when homelessness continues to increase and we are faced with cuts to our funding, your support is needed now more than ever. We can't thank you enough for your donation.

As Pam says, it's nice to know that the donations we make are appreciated. To learn more, visit Stonepillow's excellent website at https://stonepillow.org.uk/





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

1 2	Sat SUN	St Brigid, Virgin THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMASS)	The Sick & Suffering Parish & people
3	Mon	ST BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR	Parish & people
4	Tue	St Gilbert of Sempringham	The Church in England
5	Wed	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Parliamentarians
6	Thu	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	The Church in Japan
7	Fri	Feria	The departed
8	Sat	St Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit	The St Blaise Fair
9	SUN	THIRD BEFORE LENT	Parish & people
10	Mon	St Scholastica, Virgin	Students
П	Tue	Our Lady of Lourdes	World day for the sick
12	Wed	Feria	More joy in Faith
13	Thu	Feria	An end to racism
14	Fri	Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	International co-operation
15	Sat	St Sigfrid, Bishop	World Peace
16	SUN	SECOND BEFORE LENT	Parish & people
17	Mon	Feria	Respect for those of other faiths
18	Tue	Feria	The Catholic Societies
19	Wed	Feria	Oncologists
20	Thu	Feria	Penitents
21	Fri	St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor	Service to others
22	Sat	Feria	Those working in finance
23	SUN	NEXT BEFORE LENT	Parish & people
24	Mon	Feria	Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament
25	Tue	Feria	Penitents & Confessors
26	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY	Parish & people
27	Thu	Feria	Atheists
28	Fri	St Oswald, Bishop	The terminally ill
29	Sat	Feria	Hospital chaplains

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

January Report from the Parish Council

What a sad start to the new year! The tenants of the Anglesey Arms closed the hostelry on the Ist of January after I7 years Unsustainable pressure from Punch Taverns forced the hands of Joules and George Jackson to hand the keys back. As I write this there is no news about the future of the Establishment. We wish them both good luck for their future.



Despite a meeting before Christmas, English Heritage haven't seen fit to honour a promise to attend to the dreadful driveway to the Priory Church and the ruins.

A section of the flint wall in Church Lane fell over and currently has been replaced with a wooden panelled fence! Not really appropriate for a property in the Boxgrove Conservation Area considering any changes in a Conservation area require Planning Permission from the Local Planning Authority. CDC have been alerted and we await their response.

There has still been no agreement with the Boxgrove Cricket Club regarding the lease on the Pavilion, but in the meantime it has been decided to rope off the wooden decking area as it becomes exceedingly slippery when wet. A couple of signs will be added in due course to warn of this hazard.

Those of you who have suffered delays on the 55 bus service into and from Chichester due to the workers' shift changeover at the Rolls Royce plant in Westhampnett may be pleased to know that our Clerk has written to RR to support Westhampnett PC in their efforts to bring an end to this nuisance. Admittedly this hasn't been helped by the works to create a better cycle path into the City, and that will continue with the traffic lights for many more weeks to come.

Looking ahead, hopefully to brighter things, there are currently no plans for a Village Fete in 2020 as there is nobody to lead on this. One suggestion, and I'll outline it here, is that the young parents who wish to improve the play facilities for our children could organise the Fete with a view that the proceeds go towards the fundraising for the Play Area upgrade. With help from many other corners of the community I'm sure this could be a successful step for them.

I also look forward to an end to the wretched weather we've had of late, a decent springtime and a good year ahead!

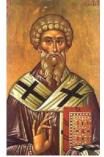
Henry Potter Chairman

From the Registers

The following Marriage took place in the Priory last month

14 December - Katie Brough & Thomas Morgan

Please keep them, and all newly married couples, in your prayers



ST BLAISE FAIR SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020

BOXGROVE PRIORY 12.00 - 2.00 PM

Hot refreshments
Tombola ~ Homemade Produce
Raffle ~ 'Miscellaneous' Stall ~ Books
Stall run by the PTA of Boxgrove School
Jewellery ~ Crafts & Collectables

Morris Dancers

Proceeds in aid of The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre, Kwa Mkono, Tanzania



IN THE CATHEDRAL

Free lunchtime concerts

Tuesdays from 1.10 - 2.00pm during term-time

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 April 2020 meeting (following Easter) is on the third Monday of the month

Psalm 100, vv 1-4: "His mercy is everlasting" (BCP)
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"

II May Psalm 139, vv I-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)

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees - January 2020 - No.30

2020Resolutions

I know it is a bit late in the day but since the Bugle doesn't come out in January my choice of New Year's Resolutions for the garden has to be in the February edition.

We make resolutions every year and by about the third week of January the gym membership has been used once, the exercise bike sits gathering dust and we have not had those 'dry' days during the week when only water is consumed at sundown! Ah well - "To err is human, to drink is divine!"

But I really do think we gardeners ought to have some resolutions about our patches of earth. I look out at the landscape in January and can't imagine the difference that 6 months will make. We leave the dead stems of many of the perennials for the birds to feast on, and the weeds which I didn't get round to removing back when the ground was drier. At this time of year they don't add anything to the picture. But the shortest darkest days are over, at least theoretically, and we need to keep vigilant as those weeds and pests can creep in under cover of darkness.

So my first resolution is 'Keep on top of the weeds.'

I need to get out there now - in January - on duckboards if necessary. Now I know why they are named after the need for webbed feet:

According to one soldier (in World War I), duckboards came by their name because someone walking on wet duckboards was liable to slide off them much like water slides off a duck's back.



It is always very easy to think of a job which needs doing more urgently than the weeding:

- I really must tidy my sock drawer
- I must go out on my daily constitutional it **is** the Ride & Stride very soon (oh no it's not!)
- My stamp collection really needs rearranging ...

...and yet once I get out there I find it is very therapeutic to do the garden 'housework' even if I only clear a very small patch. The secret of success with weeding is persistence; if you regularly hack the weeds to bits they die, whilst the longer you leave them to grow, the stronger they get. Bob Flowerdew (my hero!) cites the old adage: If

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you hoe before you see a weed then you'll never see one. He says that this is true as hoeing disturbs the weed seedlings and chops them up before they have even emerged. He also suggests that a flame-gun or weed wand has its place in the armoury of tools to give the organic gardener for Christmas. Rather than tackling the roots as the hoe does, the flame gun takes off the leaves - which, if done regularly, kills the most persistent of villains. Even ground elder will succumb to the treatment if the leaves are regularly removed twice a week from the beginning of spring.

Thankfully this is one of the more pernicious weeds which we don't suffer from at High Trees. Of course a naked flame is a bit risky to use around your prize petunias in beds where the star performers have fully emerged, but it can be used for pre-emergent weed control after sowing. If the crop takes say a fortnight to germinate then weeds emerging before then can be eliminated by a treatment say twelve days after sowing.

One of the jobs I have successfully use the 'Weed Wand' for is removing any weeds that I don't want from the grouting of the patio and terrace. There are many self-seeded plants which I don't mind and allow to stay - we've had Heartsease pansies, primroses, lobelia and even creeping thyme - but the thugs have to be eliminated or there would be no actual mortar left in there. It takes a very little time and, more importantly, means I can spare the knees in the process. Of course I always look like this when I go out to do the gardening - white jeans for heavens sake - and that patio looks as though it has just been laid!



Weeding in the Winter means you didn't do it earlier in the Autumn - but this year Winter has been so

balmy that many things in the garden haven't really had a break. Take for instance my Hebe - Midsummer Beauty. It is still covered with flowers and could equally be called Midwinter Not-bad-looking. So many weeds have survived and need to be removed before they take hold in the Spring.

The problem (and in my case the excuse) is that the borders which need weeding are very wide and to get onto them would mean somehow treading on the soil. When the soil is wet it causes a lot of damage to the soil structure if it is trodden on, especially heavy soil. It can lead to poor aeration and drainage. If you need to work on the borders it is advised to work from a plank - or those duckboards. Of course what I really should have done when first digging the borders is to make sure that there were paving slabs throughout the deep beds where I could teeter to reach all the areas easily. So now I can only work on the edges of each wide border until the soil dries up a bit. Even then I will have to bring out the boards if I want to avoid compaction. But actually once you have tidied up the edges it looks a whole lot better!

Resolution no. 2 - 'Don't worry about being too tidy'

Now I know this seems to contradict my previous resolution, but in fact I do want a relaxed wildlife-friendly garden. This means that when my first resolution bites the dust, the second one still has a chance!

Janet Reeves

From PCSO Jason Lemm, Local Officer for Chichester North Electoral division

I am PCSO Jason Lemm and I am the new named Officer for Chichester North electoral division. One of the locations within this area that I will be responsible for will be Boxgrove village.

In these early days my aim is to get to know the area and engage with you, understand the issues within the community and work together to identify solutions.

I was very kindly invited to attend Boxgrove Parish Council meeting last week and was permitted to speak for a short while in regards to my role. Whilst talking I reminded those in attendance to be mindful of the growing number of scam and fraud attempts that were being reported to the Police and made reference to an elderly person who I had visited the same week who had been a victim of a scam called 'courier fraud'.

In most cases of courier fraud, a fraudster phones their victim and claims to be from their bank, the police or other law enforcement authority. They then con the victim into revealing their PIN and credit or debit card details. Sadly, the most common victims of courier fraud are the elderly.

A scammer will call you, claiming to be from your bank or a police officer. They tell you either that a fraudulent payment has been spotted on your card that needs sorting out, or someone has been arrested using your details and cards.

You may be asked to call your bank using the phone number on the back of your card. This convinces you that the call is genuine. But the scammer has kept the line open at their end, so when you make the call, you're unknowingly connected straight back to them or their friends.

They'll either ask you for your PIN or ask you to key it into your phone. No bank or other legitimate service will ever ask you for your PIN.

The scammer then sends a courier or taxi to pick up the card from your home. Even the driver may not know they're being used as part of the scam, which is why this is referred to as 'courier fraud'.

The latest variation is where the scammer contacts you and says your bank account has been taken over and you need to transfer all the funds into a 'safe account'. Of course, the new account is operated by the scammers, who then steal the funds.

Are you a local community group in Boxgrove or a nearby village and want to know more about avoiding scams and fraud? Then let me know and we will happily arrange to come along and give a scam and fraud prevention talk.

If you need to make contact with me in regards to a local issue you can make contact at chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk which is my team inbox. Please be sure to mark this for my attention and I will happily come back to you.

The usual ways of contacting Sussex Police remain as follows:

Call **999** if:

- •a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- •a serious disruption to the public is likely

Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service on 18001 101.

* Calls to 101 cost 15 pence per call from landlines and mobiles, no matter how long you're on the phone.

BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE January 2020

Since my last update we have now received a further response from CDC about the continuing delays in their response to our Neighbourhood Plan submission. Below is summary of the reply:

'We hope to be in position where we can submit the Boxgrove documents to the examiner by Christmas. At this stage we cannot provide specific details on the timings of subsequent stages. The next stage will be for the draft examiner's report to be sent to us and the Parish Council for fact checking. Depending on the content of the examiner's report we then anticipate drafting and agreeing the decision statement and subsequently moving to referendum during the first half of next year.

As you are no doubt also aware, we continue to experience resource issues and I am afraid that it has been necessary to prioritise work on the Local Plan Review at various times this year. We are, however, attempting to progress all the various streams of work as best we can.

I hope this provides you with some reassurance that we anticipate the plan progressing positively towards a conclusion over the next few months.'

In a separate development because of the delays Boxgrove has suffered over the past 5 years, Chichester's own plan is now having its planned 5 year review as mentioned above. We are being warned by CDC that our housing numbers could be increased if their plan review is deemed insufficient by the inspector or The Secretary of State.

The Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the dedicated website https://www.boxgrovenp.co.uk/

David Leah

Chair, Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team 6 January 2020



'20+C+M+B+20' - CHALKING THE DOORS

Either on Twelfth Night (5 January) or on Epiphany Day itself (6 January), many Christians chalk their doors with a pattern such as '20 + C + M + B + 20'. The numbers refer to the calendar year, the crosses stand for Christ, and the letters have a two-fold significance:

C, M and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar); they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing 'Christus mansionem benedicat', which means 'May Christ bless this house'.

The chalk used to write the Epiphanytide pattern is blessed by a priest or minister on Epiphany Day; the chalk is then taken home and used to write the pattern over or near the front door.

The picture on the front cover is of the Three Kings bearing their gifts for the Christ Child. The design was by Fr Peter.

BOXGROVE & HALNAKER TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP UPDATE

Boxgrove & Halnaker Traffic Calming Group
Boxgrove Parish Council - https://www.boxgrovepc.org/



WSCC Highways surveyors were seen working in The Street before Christmas. They were making a complete map of the areas to be modified as part of the **Boxgrove Community Highway Scheme.** Detailed design is ongoing and we are anticipating seeing the next iteration of the proposals by late February. WSCC Highways say we are on track to implement the changes in the upcoming financial year, subject to funds availability of course. We will display the proposals when ready. Stay tuned.

A reduced Halnaker Community Highway Scheme based on village gateways, dropped crossings and parking area improvement has now been reviewed and accepted by WSCC. The intention is to deliver in 2021/22 after design in 2020/21. The Traffic Calming Group are now pursuing additional sources of funding to supplement the WSCC £50k allocation to ensure the scheme is fully funded.

Research shows 52% of drivers usually observe speed limits, 33% of drivers occasionally exceed speed limits & 15% routinely exceed the limits – which group are you in? 'Speed Limits not Targets'

The village entrance gates for Halnaker have been approved by WSCC highways. Installation is targeted for spring. There will be a single set of white gates to the north of Halnaker just outside the 30mph area. To the south there will be 2 sets of gates. One set replacing the barriers at the public right of way crossing & the second set inside the 30mph zone

Did you know Potholes and other road repairs can be reported using the 'Love West Sussex' phone app. Download to your phone from your app store and you will be guided through the input requirements. It's simple to use and WSCC Highways respond very quickly





In 2019 the **Speed Watch** Teams in Boxgrove and Halnaker reported 2100 drivers for driving over 35mph and each of these drivers received a warning letter from the Police. *To continue this work we need your help*. So if you have 90 minutes to spare during the week and would like to participate in this community work please contact...

boxgrovecsw@gmail.com
Thank you in advance for your support.



NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI

January 2020

Our December Meeting saw us greeting Lord and Lady Guildford, aka Liz and Tony Gilks. They arrived in their Tudor finery and graciously described how they planned to celebrate their Sixteenth Century Christmas. Some things were similar, but so much was very different from our celebrations. Christmas Day was not a holiday! Feasting was only for the rich, the poor getting the leftovers as a special treat - ie 'the dole'. Mince pies contained meat as well as dried fruits and spices, a boar's head was the centre piece of the meal (the snout being a great delicacy) and sugary cakes were much enjoyed. We then all enjoyed our own Christmas Party, complete with sugary treats.

In January, Michael Gates introduced us to the Art of Corn Dollies. The range of shapes and different types of straw used surprised us all, along with the news that the Women's Institute was responsible for the revival of corn dolly making in the Thirties! We were so enthralled that we plan to run a workshop for members so that we can all learn something of the skill from Michael.

As usual, we've been busy attending WI events - Christmas Parties at other local Institutes, Carols at the Cathedral, where our own West Sussex WI Choir led the carol singing, our Boxgrove WI Christmas Lunch at Brasserie Blanc and a morning of Flower Demonstrations organised by the West Sussex Federation of WIs.

Our future plans include a visit to Chichester Festival Theatre in January to see My Cousin Rachel and getting plants and produce in hand for our Spring Event in May (watch this space for more information!).

However, the WI isn't just about having fun, although it certainly is that: in thinking of others, members donated over £100 for Women Veterans - a group too often overlooked - and we are campaigning on Keeping Local Buses, Plastic Soup and Climate Change amongst many campaigns supported by WIs throughout the country.

So why not come to our next meeting on Wednesday, 12 February at 2.15pm when our Speaker is Margaret Watson, who will be talking (and playing) on 'Life on a Harp String'.

Wendy Austin-Ward

Secretary



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 O7722 115212

They can arrange to collect

The Revd Canon Dr Lawson Nagel, who has recently joined the Priory's team of Hon. Assistant Priests, tells us a little about himself and his family:

It has been lovely for me to be able to help Fr Ian and make new friends at Boxgrove since my retirement last August. My wife Mary and I feel very much at home with the worship and music at the Priory, and you may occasionally see some of our four adult children and five (soon to be seven) grandchildren here too when they are not in their own home churches!

As you may have been able to tell, I was born in America. My early days were spent in the Los Angeles area and my teenage years in Michigan. After receiving my BA degree from the University of Michigan in 1971, I moved to London and began work in book publishing as well as studying part-time for a PhD at King's College London. I was also a keen member of The Sealed Knot, re-enacting battles of the English Civil War!

After training at Salisbury & Wells Theological College, I was ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in 1983, and a month later Mary and I were married at Christ Church Forestside by her father, Fr Bill Thomas. (Mary's uncle, brother, and brother-in-law were also priests, so you could say I married into the family business!).

I first served as curate of Chiswick, then Team Vicar at Holy Trinity Horsham, and finally as Vicar of St Richard's Aldwick for 28 years. For much of that time I was also Secretary-General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. When my friend Fr Roger Jupp went to serve in Papua New Guinea he asked me to represent him here as his Commissary, and when he retired as Bishop of Popondota he made me an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of the Resurrection.

Mary, meanwhile, had a busy life with our four children, the Mothers' Union, and as an elected member of the General Synod, among many other roles. As a former teacher she served on the Church of England Board of Education and became a denominational Inspector of Schools. She is now enjoying her new position as a Governor of Boxgrove C.E. Primary School.



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7 March 2020

The London Marathon
26 April 2020

Sahara Desert Trek, Morocco
11-16 November 2021

To support - or take part in! - any of these events, follow the links online or go to https://stwh.co.uk/support-us/events.

RPO to give World Premiere of cantata inspired by Sussex landmark



(For tickets etc please see Forthcoming Events on page 5)

Entitled 'On Windover Hill', the world premiere of the Long Man of Wilmington cantata by Nathan James will be performed by The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Harlequin Chamber Choir, conducted by Amy Bebbington on Saturday 7th March, 7.45pm at Boxgrove Priory.

From Blake to Belloc and Turner to Palmer the curves and sweeps of the South Downs have inspired poets, painters, printers and writers for centuries. Now, local composer Nathan James joins this host of artists, having spent three years researching and writing a nine movement cantata based on the ancient hill figure the Long Man of Wilmington.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Harlequin will also be giving the first UK performance in over 80 years of 'Wyndore', thanks to the support of the Royal College of Music. Written in 1936 by the sadly much-neglected composer Avril Coleridge-Taylor, 'Wyndore' was inspired by a walk across the South Downs, in much the same way as John Ireland's 'The Hills', which will also be performed on March 7th.

We are privileged to be bringing world-class musicians to your beautiful church at Boxgrove and I do hope you can join us for a unique celebration of the Sussex landscape. You can follow the build-up to the concert on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter by following @OnWindoverHill.

This concert has been made possible thanks to support from Arts Council England, the RVW Trust, and the Ambache Trust.





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BLAISING IN THE KITCHEN

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Lemon Tiramisu

(my own recipe, born out of wanting to use bits up)

Ingredients

There are no specified amounts, as you just do it for as many as you need - or use up what you have

Sponge fingers
Cream - whipping or double (or greek yogurt)
Mascarpone
Lemon Curd - you can use the cheapest
Limoncello - optional
Fresh Lemons - juiced and zested
Dark chocolate - optional

Put the sponge fingers into your container - can be flat a dish. (Glass is nice if you want the layers to show, or you can use glasses or small pots)

Put some of the curd in a small pan with some lemon juice and some of the zest - you want this to be sharp to taste as it needs to cut through all the sugar in the lemon curd and the richness in the cream. Warm the pan very gently until you have a much thinner lemon mix.

Softly whip any cream you have and fold in the mascarpone or greek yogurt or any combination to your taste.

Soak the sponges in some of the lemon mix (and limoncello if you are using it). Pile on the cream mix. Do 2 layers if you want - end with a layer of cream.

Sprinkle the top layer with some lemon zest and/or make some of the lemon sauce (but slightly thicker this time); drizzle on the top and then leave, or feather with a cocktail stick if in a large flat dish and then sprinkle with zest.

Since dark chocolate goes very well with lemon, you can always grate some over it before you serve.





2020 PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

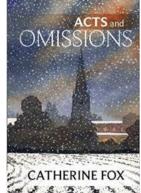
Bookings are now being taken for the **Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham**, which is planned for the weekend of **Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September**

If you would like to book, or just to know more about the Pilgrimage, please speak to <u>David Jones</u>

'Book at Breakfast' returns to Chichester Cathedral

Chichester Cathedral's popular Book at Breakfast meetings resume this February after a break last year. The popular morning get-togethers take a look at a selected book, with a lively and stimulating review and discussion, and of course a continental breakfast included!

The series starts in February with Acts and Omissions (Lindchester Chronicles I) by Catherine Fox and is hosted by the Cathedral Chancellor, Canon Dr Dan Inman. In the book, the Bishop of Lindchester is happily married, with four daughters. But does he have a secret? Archdeacon Matt is inclined to think not. That said, it's obvious to him that Bishop Paul's got a pretty big bee in his mitre about the brilliant but troubled Freddie May ... Welcome to the fictional Diocese of Lindchester!



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The Book at Breakfast meetings are held at 4 Canon Lane in the Cathedral Close. The dates for Acts and Omissions are Monday 17 and Thursday 20 February at 9am and everyone is welcome: tickets are priced at £7.50 and include breakfast of coffee, orange juice, a croissant and preserves. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral website or by visiting the Cathedral Shop in The Cloisters between 10am and 4pm.



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The potholes, too, have potholes, The verges are a bog; If walking, wear a wet-suit Or you'll find you're mired in quag. If you're thinking of complaining, Don't blame the PCC: Just write to English Heritage - And cc your MP!

*Relevant page of EH website:

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FEBRUARY 2020

2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMASS)

8.00am Holy Communion † 10.00am Community Mass

3 ST BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR

7.30pm Solemn Mass

9 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

16 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion †
11.00am Solemn Mass and
Confirmation with The
Bishop of Chichester, The Rt
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23 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

26 ASHWEDNESDAY

7.30pm Solemn Mass and Ashes

MARCH 2020

I FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 10.00am Community Mass

8 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

15 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

29 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass II.15am Parish Mass

† Traditional Rite

