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The Reverend Dr Dominic Keech was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Boxgrove on 19th November

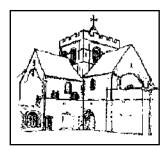
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Who's Who in Boxgrove

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A New Parish Priest for Boxgrove



Above picture shows (L to R) Fr Dominic, Bishop Martin, Katie Kean and David Bannister

On the evening of 19th November, our new Parish Priest, The Reverend Dr Dominic Keech, was licensed at a special Eucharist Service in the Priory, led by The Right Reverend Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester. Despite the freezing weather outside, the church was filled with both familiar faces and newcomers, including worshippers from Fr Dominic's former church in Brighton; all were eager to support Fr Dominic. The Reverend Canon Paul Doick, Rural Dean of Chichester was also present, together with a large number of visiting clergy from across the Diocese. The Duke and Duchess of Richmond played a key part in the service—the Duke (as Patron) "presenting" Fr Dominic to the Bishop in the early formal section of the service, and the Duchess reading a Lesson.

The Bishop preached the sermon, which was followed by the formal Licensing section of the service. This included Fr Dominic taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience, after which the Rural Dean "installed" Fr Dominic in his "Priest's Stall", thus indicating that he was now our Parish Priest. A huge round of welcoming applause was then given by all present, and the service moved on to the Eucharist.

The choir sang beautifully throughout, with music including an anthem by Rachmaninov. A final rousing Wesley hymn "O for a thousand tongues to sing" accompanied the procession at the end of the service and there followed a fine reception to celebrate the occasion and allow the catching up with old friends and new.

Much thanks are due to the Churchwardens, Katie Kean and David Bannister, for their planning, organisation and hard work which made the occasion a great success.

Welcome, Fr Dominic!

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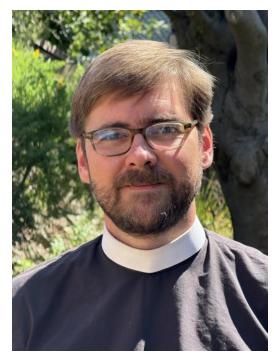


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From Father Dominic.....

Dear friends,

Can you hear the dismissive response, 'Well, what did you expect?' Maybe it belongs to a parent or some other authority figure, and it chides you not to be such a dreamer. Lower your aspirations, and you'll be less disappointed: this is what grown-up life is like. We live in an unhopeful time, which too readily gives credence to this voice, and the follow-on lines it churns out about resources being thinly spread, the economy lagging, people being less neighbourly, and the world getting generally worse.



The beginning of a new Christian year is a good time to close down our conversation with this miserable respondent. Advent is all about expectancy, with bells on. The preparatory 'run up' to Christmas - shopping and twinkly lights and festiveness - can be fun and evocative (and also challenging), but it is minor window dressing compared with the vast hope Christians focus on and practise during this season.

He is coming... the Lord is coming! We know that the young woman is carrying her child and will soon give birth, and God himself will be seen in the beauty, and poverty, of our human state. He is coming! We know too that this same God is returning: presently, through the gift of his Holy Spirit, and at the end of all things in the fulness of his love and power, to judge, heal and renew the whole creation. He is coming! This God is love itself, and all of his coming is good news, for in him all shall ultimately be well. What do we expect? To be made whole by and in his love: yes! Indeed we do.

The thing about this crazy, wonderful expectancy is that it requires the kind of outlook grown-ups (especially dismissive ones) are bad at. But children do it instinctively. Do you remember it in yourself, when the world was so full of possibility and wonder? Sometimes grown-ups comment that 'Christmas is really for children.' In a sense they're right, as long as they mean to include the child which still lives in all of us, just waiting to stand in awe and wonder, and believe that all of this is... well, *true*.

If the world feels like a hard grey place, full of dismissed hopes, standing in wonder by the Crib might be just the tonic you need. You'll find the service times at the Priory on p. 31. All children are welcome: small humans, and big ones. May we all have an expectant Advent, and a Christmas full of joy.

With love and prayer, Fr Dominic



Boxgrove Junior Church

Come and join us at the St Blaise Centre in Boxgrove at 16:30 for 30 minutes of activities before the mass @ 5, every second Sunday of the month (excluding school holidays.)

We use craft activities, games, songs and stories to help us learn more about Christian teachings.

After Junior Church, we walk over to church together, to meet up with parents and carers and to enjoy Mass @5.

We cannot wait to see you at the next Junior Church.

Vicky Willavise



From the Registers Funeral: Chloe Stear

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CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

December		Observance	Prayer Intention	
1 2 3 4 5 6	Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri Sat	S. Francis Xavier S. John of Damascus S. Nicholas	Spiritual expectancy this Advent The gift of penitence The work of USPG The peoples of Syria Peace of the Holy Land Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham	
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Mon Co	UNDAY OF ADVENT nception of the Blessed Vir an Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin S. Damasus S. Lucy	Parish and People Indigenous peoples His Majesty King Charles Love of the Scriptures All who care for the dying All who suffer epidemic disease	
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Sun III S Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri Sat	SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parish and People Boxgrove CE School The ministry of our Cathedral Farmers and food workers The gift of hope Our neighbouring parishes All who work at Goodwood	
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Mon Tues Weds Thurs N	SUNDAY OF ADVENT NATIVITY OF THE LORD tephen ohn the Evangelist	Parish and People Readiness to receive the Lord The expectation of salvation Humility before the love of God The peace of the world Persecuted Christians Theologians	
28 29 30 31		LY FAMILY OF JESUS homas Beckett	Parish and People All who offer pastoral ministry The lonely and isolated The gift of gratitude	

CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

Jan	uary	Observance	Prayer Intention
1 2 3	Thurs Fri Sat	Mary, Mother of God Ss Basil and Gregory Most Holy Name of Jesus	The gift of loving-kindness Anglican-Orthodox relations Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham
4 5	Sun Mon	EPIPHANY SUNDAY	Parish and People Refugees
6 7 8 9	Tues Weds Thurs Fri Sat	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Those who seek light in darkness Care for God's creation Local Councillors The spread of the Gospel The gift of faith
П	Sun	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Parish and people
12	Mon	S. Aelred of Rievaulx	The gift of friendship
13	Tues	S. Hilary of Poitiers	Bp Martin and his suffragans
14	Weds		Vocations to ministry
15	Thurs		Reunion of the Church
16	Fri	of Requiem	Departed of January
17	Sat	S.Anthony of Egypt	Christians of Egypt
18	Sun	II SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHAN	NY (2 nd week) Parish and People
19	Mon	S. Wulfstan	All who live in poverty
20	Tues	S. Sebastian	Persecuted Christians
21	Weds	S. Agnes	Survivors of abuse
22	Thurs	S.Vincent	Deacons
22	Fri		S.Wilfrid's Hospice
24	Sat	S. Francis de Sales	Teachers
25	Sun	CONVERSION OF S. PAUL ((3 rd week) Parish and people
26	Mon	Ss. Timothy and Titus	The gift of companionship
27	Tues		Duke and Duchess of Richmond
28	Weds	S.Thomas Aquinas	The love of truth
29	Thurs		Those preparing for marriage
30	Fri		All who mourn
31	Sat	S. John Bosco	Cared-for children



Festive carols and songs, sacred and secular, from the a cappella quartet Cavatina and lots of carols for all to join in



SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025 ST BLAISE CENTRE BOXGROVE PO18 0EE 2.15pm-4.30pm

Tea, coffee and home-made Christmas cakes and bakes served in the interval

> Admission £10 on the door, to include refreshments

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All Welcome

5.00pm Sunday 7th December 2025

Boxgrove Priory, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

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Hello from the Hall!

By the time this goes to print, our Christmas in Boxgrove event - our last community event of the year at the hall - will be done and dusted! We'd like to take this chance to thank everyone that supported us, not only at this event but at our MacMillan Coffee Morning and at our Summer Fayre, as well as using the hall for private bookings or local classes.

It is all this support that allows the hall to keep running and the booking fees and fundraising efforts all ensure there are funds in the bank to cover the (ever increasing) running costs!



If you don't already follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor, please do search for us to keep up to date on what's going on at the hall and to share your thoughts or ideas of what you'd like to see happening there in the future. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful, modern space and as the saying goes: 'use it or lose it!'

We always welcome feedback and suggestions, so please feel free to get in touch at community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk.

All that's left for us to say is that we wish everyone a wonderfully happy and healthy New Year! See you in 2026.

Until next time...!



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OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm Sunday - closed

Will there be a 2026 Boxgrove Dog Show?

Our dog show is growing in popularity and after 25years it is a big event.

In 2025 we had 174 dogs from W, N, E & S = Salisbury, Bedfordshire, Kent, Heathfield & Eastbourne.

Although there are Novelty classes, it is not just a 'fun' dog show.

- · The Pedigree classes attract top quality (that's Crufts potential) dogs
- I have been told that the Obedience section is the best in West Sussex
- · Competitors use it for major show preparation

This year I spent the 8 weeks before the show stuck at home with a serious knee injury, unable to go out and physically do the tasks that needed to be done. I was forced to organise it from my armchair & computer, changes were made to streamline and reduce the workload BUT it is obvious that if the show is to continue, to be successful, and if there is to be a 26th show in 2026......I need a team to pull it together.

There is too much at stake now to just hope that 'it will be alright on the night'.

I am prepared to, and am capable of, 'project managing' the team, (it's what I did for years at work) and there are lots of templates and advice sheets, all are ready to be used again.

So, without it sounding like a job description \odot ! There are 6 key areas that looking for volunteers. These broadly start in Feb/March each taking circa 4-6weeks to complete. Effort is varied depending on success at the first attempt, but about 5days over 6 weeks is a rough guide.

3 tasks are totally dependent on the one before until these three are all complete, we do not have a show

The remainder run in parallel with each other

Feb - May

Judges & Stewards - Two judges have offered to give advice

Sponsors (old and new) for all classes

Schedule & posters - design & print.

This is totally dependent on the above & must be completed by June

June to September

Stalls - invite, invoice, receipt, site plan & emails to each

Publicity - Facebook, emails, road-side advertising

Gather Volunteers for the day (47 used this year, any time is appreciated, from an hour to all day)

- √ Volunteer agreed Site set-up & equipment Co-ordination of everything used on the day.
- √ Volunteer agreed Rosettes, order and collate
- ✓ Catering Craig & Boxgrove Village Stores
- √ Volunteer agreed On the day organisation

Why not give it a try?

Do we really want the 25th anniversary show to be the last one ever?

Contact Ali B boxgrovedogshow@btinternet.com for more details or Tel: 07836 565 380



An event held to support local charities

From the Boxgrove Belles

Jane Walker from Forge Flowers in Halnaker was our guest speaker for our



November meeting. She delighted us with a demonstration of making a fresh festive wreath. She explained that it's best to use foliage with 'woody' stems as they last longer in the wreath; how to tie the bow with one sided ribbon or double-sided ribbon; and how to keep the foliage from drying out. Jane very kindly donated the Christmas wreath as the, much coveted, first prize in our monthly raffle.

Belles will be having a Christmas buffet for our December meeting with all the members bringing in a plate of food to share. The buffet will be accompanied by an entertainer, promising to be a

fun afternoon and a great 'lead in' to the Christmas festivities.

The Gardening Group continues to meet on the fourth Monday of the month to keep the garden beside the St Blaise Centre tidy and healthy. They then join the Craft Group in the St Blaise Centre for a well-earned tea and cake.

The Craft Group meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of the month. Members either continue with their own projects or two ladies are working on a quilted mug carrier. There will be the opportunity to make a small Christmas decoration suitable for hanging on a festive tree/branch.

Our Book Group continues to meet monthly to read a book chosen by our members in turn. We then meet at the home of a member.

The Sales Table offers a fascinating and eclectic range of items donated by the members. There is always a variety of books from a range of genres. This month has seen a number of Christmas items for sale. The Sales Table helps to bolster the finances of the Belles.

A group of members meet every month for a meal out at various pubs and restaurants around this area of Sussex; a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy good food and great company.

New members are always welcome to come to our monthly meetings at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month; we would love to see you and you are assured of a warm welcome.

The Optimistic Gardener How to make a candle

That time is here again! It only seems moments ago that I was dragging myself away from the Christmas Eve table where much frivolity was ensuing then driving to the Priory with my music, gown and recorders to take part in the Midnight Mass; then weaving home through deserted streets at I.I5am. I never see Father Christmas on his sleigh but am able to trace his route on my Plane Finder app which not only shows the commercial aircraft speeding across the globe but on this very special night shows one very different vehicle!

Anyway I'm getting diverted.

This time of year usually finds me scratching around for an idea for making novel gifts for my friends and family at Christmas. In the past I have made hampers full of tasty homemade preserves and other titbits; another time it was patchwork sown bags,and, still in the sowing line, I also made festive table runners for the family.

But one year I had a massive honey harvest and so I had plenty of excess wax. Any beekeepers amongst you will know the joys of **candle making!** Those hours straining the cappings to purify the wax and the number of pans and other receptacles ruined by melting the wax in. A word of advice - always ask your partner before consigning the best Le Creuset casserole dish to the job; it will never again be able to produce the perfect Boeuf Bourguignon!

It is my intention this year to spend many happy hours in the bee shed ruining a few old pans. Having swapped the old gas cooker for an induction hob relatively recently I have plenty of old pans going spare!

Having now had a little experience of candle making I have honed the process.



It starts with buckets full of the wax cappings taken off the frames to extract the honey back in the summer. The cappings are a thin layer of wax which the bees cover the honey in once they are happy with the consistency of their winter provisions. When they are removed the wax is sticky and may contain body parts of bees so they need to be prepared for candle making by rendering and straining.

In the past I have done this in large pans of boiling water which, as you may imagine, is not the safest occupation for a pensioner! One year I was delighted to see on Free-cycle a slow-cooker being offered and even better - the donor lived in the same village as me! It was during one of those memorable lockdowns so, in exchange for a dozen free-range organic eggs

left on the doorstep, I collected a large, almost-new slow cooker for my hobby.

Next step is to cover the pan of the slow cooker with a fine mesh (or an old pillow-case in my case) secured with string and set the cooker to 'high'. I pour about I pint of boiling water from the kettle through the mesh then load up this fine sieve with handfuls of the goo I have collected over the last few months. The lid then goes on the top and I put my feet up for the next hour! get on with the housework.

Once the wax has all melted I am left with a dark 'gunk' in the sieve, and pale yellow wax floating on the top of the water. When this has completely cooled (more housework in the interim - why is my house so untidy?) I can remove the thin block of cooled wax which, by now, is looking more like the makings of a candle.

As you can tell this whole thing is a very slow process and the wax still is not completely pure. The next stage **does** involve pans full of boiling water and wax but that is quite boring so let's move on to the really fun part - the making of the candles from my beeswax.



Over the course of the last couple of decades I have amassed a fair number of moulds for candle making. There are the metal ones which I inherited from Gerry when he was Master Beekeeper at High Trees. They are quite large and use up a lot of the hard-earned wax for each candle made.

There are small glass containers for tea-lights and - best of all - there are silicone moulds which can produce simple traditional shapes or highly intricate candles which appeals to the child in me.

The process begins with 'wicking' the mould - i.e. choosing the right thickness of wick to use in your chosen candle-mould. They come in various thicknesses and the larger the candle - the thicker the wick that is needed.

The wick is threaded through a small hole at the bottom of the mould and secured by a couple of clothes pegs at the top so the wick remains central and doesn't float around. Meanwhile the blocks of beautiful pure wax have been sitting on a warm setting in the slow cooker so when the actual candle making is ready to take place it is completely melted. Then the exciting bit - pouring the molten wax down at a steady rate until it reaches the top of the mould but before it touches the pegs.



Then I have to curb my enthusiasm and wait until the wax is cold and completely set before the 'Big reveal'! I am always pleased with the results even if some of those 'body parts' have escaped the straining and made it into the candle.

The last time I made candles for Christmas presents I must have had more time (lockdown maybe) as I also made the gift boxes which I put the candles into.



Sadly this year will be my last candle-making as I have waved farewell to the bees who have gone to a better place! Epsom!!

Petworth House & Park News for December & January

Petworth House and Park, Church Street, Petworth, GU28 0AE



Details at https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

A Christmas Enchantment at Petworth House 29 November – 4 January

A midwinter journey through Petworth House, inspired by the Winter Solstice and the shifting rhythms of nature. The grand state rooms transform into a dreamlike world of overgrown wonder, with celestial skies, roaming woodland creatures, towering trees, and spaces to pause and reflect. Look out for a special appearance from the mice of Jill Barklem's beloved book series *Brambly Hedge*!

Normal admission charges apply, no booking required.

Christmas Makers Market

29 November, I0am-6.30pm & 30 November, I0am-4pm

Find your Christmas presents and a treat for yourself at this festive makers market, featuring high quality artisan gifts. You'll find a range of beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. Held in partnership with Petworth Pop Up.

Christmas Late Openings Sat 29 Nov & Sat 20 Dec.

Experience the festive atmosphere of Petworth House after dark, with sparkling lights and a courtyard choir. A chance to enjoy the house's winter transformation in a new light. The House will be open until 6.30pm (last entry at 6pm), with a choir performing at 5.30pm. Normal admission applies, no booking required.

Christmas Workshops

Traditional Wreath Making: Tues 2, Sat 6 and Sun 7 December, 10.30am & 2pm

Festive Block Printing: Thurs 4 Dec, 10.30am & 2pm

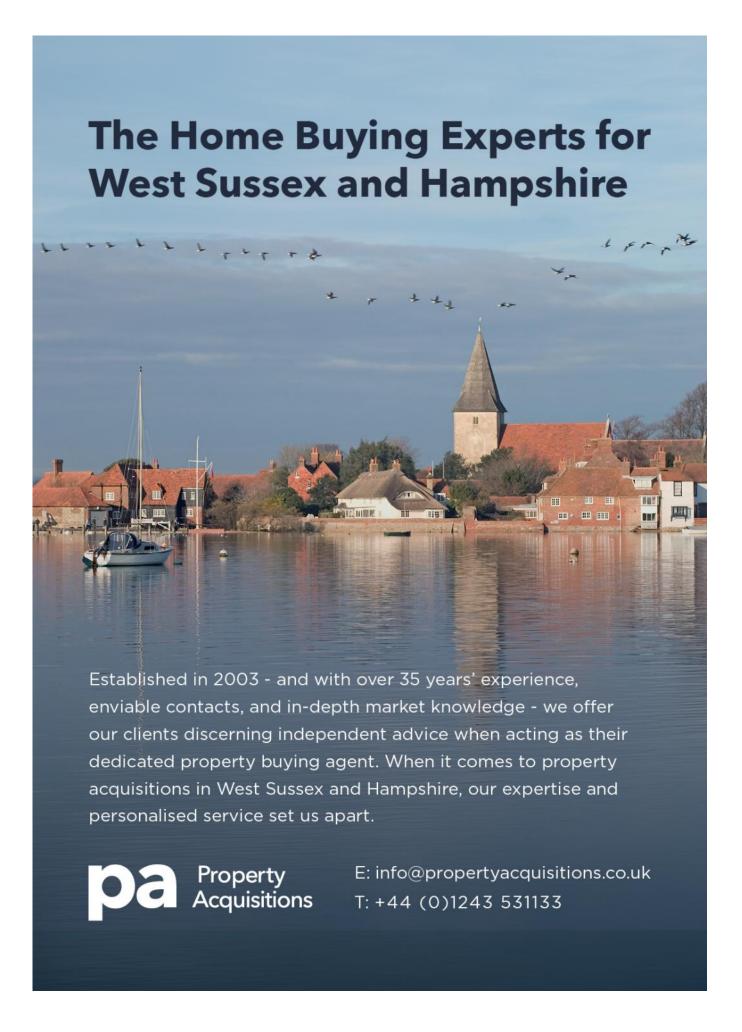
Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Please visit our website or call 0344 249 1895.

Closure - Monday 5th January

Petworth House and Gardens will be closed on Monday 5th January. The deer park will be open as usual.

Christmas Volunteers Wanted

Become a volunteer Room Guide and help us bring Petworth House to life this Christmas. This short-term, flexible role is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills in a friendly, festive environment. For more details, please call 01798 342207 or email petworth@nationaltrust.org.uk



Can You Buy a Home Below the Asking Price?



"Can I get it for less?" is still one of the most common questions we hear from buyers, especially in the current buyers' market where nearly 40% of homes on the open market have been reduced.

During the Covid property boom, paying under the asking price was almost impossible. Demand was fierce, and the best homes were snapped up within days. Fast forward to now, and the picture is quite different. With interest rates remaining high, buyers are taking a more cautious approach. With a high number of fatigued sellers who have been in the market for months and are increasingly open to doing deals, there is more room for negotiation than we have seen in years.

There is still often a gap between what sellers hope to achieve and what buyers are willing to pay, but realistic pricing is key. Well presented, good quality homes continue to attract strong interest, particularly around Chichester, Midhurst, and Petworth. In these sought after locations, we are securing properties at or just below the guide price more often. In other cases, we are achieving discounts of as much as 15%.

When making an offer, it's worth remembering that the strongest bid isn't always the highest. Sellers value certainty and flexibility, so if you are a cash buyer or you can be flexible on timings, that can make all the difference.

For those navigating the current market, a clear strategy, good advice, and local insight are invaluable in achieving the right result.

For more information about finding your next home in West Sussex, contact **Jennie Hancock** jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk



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Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice November 2025

St Wilfrid's Christmas Tree Recycling From doorstep to hospice care: trees collected, lives supported.

With the festive season around the corner, St Wilfrid's Hospice want to remind you about their TreeCycle service!

Between January 9th – 12th 2026, St Wilfrid's tree-mendous team of volunteers will be collecting real Christmas trees across the local area – to be recycled into mulch and wood chippings to support local farmlands.



This is a great way to avoid the hassle and mess of transporting the tree yourself, instead you can sit back and let us do the heavy lifting. If you can, we suggest a donation* of £15 to support St Wilfrid's in providing expert palliative care and compassion to people with a life-limiting illness in your local community. Book your collection now:

www.stwh.co.uk/tree-cycle



*We will still collect your tree even if you're unable to donate.

Christmas Shopping with St Wilfrid's Hospice

St Wilfrid's Hospice charity shops are the perfect place to find some wonderful gifts for the holidays, while also supporting a great local cause, giving your presents twice the impact.

Our shops offer a wide range of clothes, toys, books and more for you to buy as a gift for your loved ones. This will not

only bring a smile to their face, but every purchase made at one of our stores go towards the expert care we provide to local lives.

Get presents that make a difference this festive season: www.stwh.co.uk/shops

Moonlight Walk 2026

On Saturday 13th June 2026, we are once again inviting hundreds of walkers to take on

a 5 or 10-mile in-memory walk around Chichester that helps make a difference to local lives.

By taking part in this event and fundraising, you will help fund the vital care and compassion that St Wilfrid's Hospice provides to people in the local community with life-limiting illnesses.

Get your tickets:

www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight

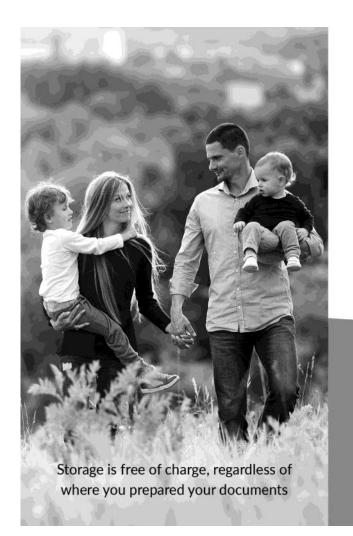
Gifts in Wills

Your kindness could mean less tax and more hospice care.

A gift in your Will to St Wilfrid's Hospice could reduce the amount of tax you have to pay. A gift left to any charity, such as St Wilfrid's Hospice, would be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated. Plus, if 10% or more is left to charity, your heritance Tax rate could also be reduced. Your gift could help protect the future of hospice care in your local community. It's simple to do and we are here to help you every step of the way.

You can find out more about the importance of gifts in Wills and how it can help local charities like St Wilfrid's here:

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A New Year's Resolution to Last Throughout the Year!

As we look forward to 2026, why not make a New Year's Resolution that will benefit the wider local community and the environment? 4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) runs a recycling scheme, saving many items from landfill, and helping to raise funds for its work supporting those living with sight loss across West Sussex.

The Festive Season can leave us with additional food packaging that can be recycled to raise money: this includes cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers, Pringles tubes, mini cheese nets, bread or bakery plastic packaging (inc. zipper bags, plastic packs and closure tags). All those stamps from Christmas cards can be accepted, plus stamp collections.

The scheme also extends to jewellery and watches, (all any condition or age), old or foreign coins and notes, mobile phones, games consoles, cameras, video cameras, sat navs, iPods, MP3 players and printer ink cartridges (except laser toner cartridges). 4SVS would even love to have your old car, as it works with Scrap Car Comparison to turn old cars into cash!

If you receive a gift over Christmas that really isn't for you, 4Sight Vision Support would also be grateful for new and unopened Christmas gifts to use as raffle and auction prizes throughout the year.

So please have a think about how a small resolution to recycle can help make a big difference to those living locally with sight loss, and the environment. For full details of items accepted for recycling visit 4sight.org.uk/recycle. Recycling and unwanted gifts can be dropped at Head Office in Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, or at the charity's office in the Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, all during normal office hours. For further details, or if your business/club/society/café would like to become a public recycling point, please call the Fundraising Team on 01243 828555 or email fundraising@4sight.org.uk





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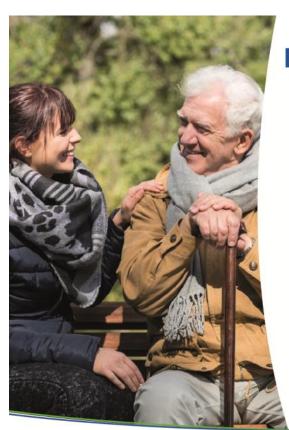


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We are also looking for volunteers who don't mind getting stuck in and sorting our donations; this will enable us to make the best use of them. So many people have so much experience which would be very welcome ...!



Please remember - if you have any unwanted sewing machines, carpentry, garden or engineering tools, Tim Pullan and Malcolm Knight collect such items for 'Tools with a Mission' and 'Tools for Self-Reliance' respectively to be despatched to Africa to help families and individuals to start or expand their business.

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Douglas Bader: Courage Without Limits Talk at Sage House - Monday 22nd December

Discover the extraordinary story of **Douglas Bader**, the legendary RAF fighter ace who lost both legs but refused to be grounded. From his daring exploits during the Second World War to his indomitable spirit in overcoming adversity, Bader remains one of history's most inspiring figures.

Join **Roger Clark**, local historian and former schoolteacher, for "Douglas Bader: Courage Without Limits" — a wonderfully illustrated and informative talk that brings this remarkable story to life.

Date: Monday 22nd December

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Sage House, Tangmere

Tickets: £10 per person – includes tea, coffee, and cake

All proceeds from the evening will go towards raising money for local dementia charity, Sage House, which supports people living with dementia and their families across the community.

Spaces are limited, so early booking is strongly advised to avoid disappointment.

For more information or to book tickets, please visit **Douglas Bader History Talk Sage House** or contact Sage House directly.

For tickets and further information, please contact:

Phone: 01243 888691

Website: https://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE PRIORY

7th December Christingle Service 5p.m.

14th December Mass@5

21st December Carol Service 5.30pm

24th December Crib Service 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

25th December Mass 8.30 am

Mass 10.00 am

28th December Mass@5



Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

Urgently needed items include tinned carrots, peas and green beans, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat, rice, tinned potatoes/instant mash, tinned rice pudding/custard.

Website link for details of food donation points, opening hours, etc: https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/; tel: 01243 773687



Please see the cathedral website for details of the many events being held there: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk
The popular lunchtime concerts held at 1.10pm on Tuesdays continue in term

time. There is no charge for admission but a minimum donation of £7 per person is invited (Gift Aided as appropriate).

13th January- Hannah Lewis, cello & Neil Crossland piano

20th January—Hannah Shivlock, bass clarinet & Viola Lenzi, piano

27th January—Tom Howell, organ

PRIORY SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

Sundays at 8.30am and 10.30am [Solemn]

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10am

(Coffee after Mass on Tuesday)

Wednesday and Friday at noon

On, usually, the first Sunday of the month at the <u>10.30am</u> Mass the setting of the Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei) will normally be congregational, with anthems and motets sung by the choir.

Please see page 6 for Boxgrove Junior Church arrangements.

Readers are advised to check service times on the Priory website (http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/worship.html), as it is necessary from time to time to amend them.

You are encouraged to attend the services in person; however, if you prefer you can still 'join in' the Mass from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be more convenient for you, via the Parish <u>Facebook</u> page.

Youngsters: Come and join in at Boxgrove Junior Church (2nd Sunday) and our new Mass@5 (Usually 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

For details of Advent & Christmas services, please see previous page

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