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# PARISH NEWS

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October 1985

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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The past month was a very happy one for the parishes. We enjoyed our fete and flower festival enormously and everyone worked tremendously hard, achieving the rewards which come from hard work as well as enjoying the fellowship and friendship which comes as a result of seeing friends from the parishes and environs on these social occasions.

For the Rectory Family the end of August brought with it the excitement of going off to see the family in Spain and the prospect of enjoying the sun. (It was reassuring to find that it really still exists above the clouds!!) We had a lovely holiday, the weather was perfect, - not too hot as to be unpleasant, - and the sea was really warm. Our niece and nephew aged 3 and 4 are well and truly bilingual now, and switch from Spanish to English with a facility which puts us plodders to shame. I think that the swimming and the sun has helped Hazel considerably and her arthritic problems have eased while on holiday; may it continue! We have greatly appreciated the ministry of those who are praying for her.

Well, now it's back to work, to a mountain of mail and the pleasant prospect of our Harvest Festivals and Harvest Suppers. We do hope to see many parishioners coming together to thank God for His many blessings to us. It has been a particularly difficult year for the farmers and growers, and when we come to sing, "All is safely gathered in", we hope that the words will have substance and that the harvest is completed.

It was sad to come back to the news of a number of bereavements in the parishes, and I assure those families of my prayers at this time. My thanks to all the clergy who have ministered to the needs of the parishes during our holiday. It is good to know that their care and help is so willingly given.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely, Michael.



SUNDAY SERVICES

<u>Pett Level</u>		
13 and 27	Holy Communion	8.00
<u>Pett</u>		
6 and 20	Parish Communion	9.45
13	Family Service	10.00
27	Morning Prayer	9.45
<u>Guestling</u>		
6 (Harvest)	Parish Communion	11.00
	Evensong	6.00
13 and 27	Parish Communion	11.00
20	Morning Prayer	11.00

On Sunday, 20th October, we will be welcoming Mr. David Edgington of the Church Missionary Society as our visiting preacher at both the morning services at Pett and Guestling. David has taught in a variety of situations both in this country and abroad. These include posts at Dartford Technical School, Chichester High School and Avery Hill College of Education, where he was senior lecturer in History. He has taught in Kumasi, Ghana, and was on the staff of the University of East Africa, responsible for University extension work in North Tanzania. He has considerable experience of both the secondary sector and adult education in Africa.

David is actively involved with VSO, and is also committed to the field of race relations. He has written a book on this latter subject entitled Christian and Colour in Britain. He is a member of the Evangelical Race Relations Group. David is a regular contributor to the Christian Press and has written for Third Way. In his book, Christians and the Third World (p.1982), he says that he aims "to sensitise the man in the pew to the changing mission scene and to the complex issues involved in understanding the interaction between the Third World and the West".

David Edgington joined the staff of CMS H.Q. in April 1983 as Deputy Regional Secretary, Britain, responsible for the work of Area Secretaries, throughout the Country.

David will also be speaking at St. Leonards Parish Church at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, 19th and at Christ Church, Ore on Sunday evening, 20th. Rector.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Pett Level Holy Communion Wednesdays, 10.00 a.m.

GUESTLING FLOWER FESTIVAL

What a wonderful weekend we had at Guestling! Hearty congratulations to Eve Sankey and all the talented ladies who worked so hard and so skilfully in bringing together the floral presentation of the theme, "All things come from the Lord". Many regular visitors to the Festival have commented that the high standard of previous Festivals was excelled this year. The stewards and helpers also felt the warmth of the very happy and uplifting occasion, and many said how pleasant it was to enjoy lunch in the surroundings of the flower arrangements. I was very conscious of the hard work which went into the Festival and the way in which everyone gave unstintingly of their time and efforts in every aspect of the Festival.

The Songs of Praise Service was a happy and beautiful part of the weekend, and my thanks to the choir for their important contribution to the occasion. It was really lovely to have so many friends from Pett and it was a truly combined Service.

The most satisfactory sum of £720 was raised, and this was a very pleasant adjunct to a happy weekend.

..... Michael

Pett Fete

My very warm thanks to all who helped and gave so generously to the fete this year. We had a wonderful amount of goods of all descriptions. The day began with that agonising decision, "Inside, or Outside?" The uncertain start made me opt for "inside". Maddeningly the day was perfect. Even so, and despite the rather tight conditions indoors, by and large it was most enjoyable. We are most grateful to the Village Hall Committee who afforded us the use of the Hall, and to Mr. Dunlop who put his tractor and trailer at our disposal. The very gratifying sum of £1200 was realised, before expenses. My grateful thanks to all.

..... Michael

SUNDAY THEMES

6	The Life of Faith	13	Endurance
20	Citizens of Heaven	27	The Creation



SAINTS' DAYS IN OCTOBER

Oct 4th St. Francis of Assisi  
 Oct 18th St. Luke the Evangelist  
 Oct 28th St Simon and St Jude  
 At the Wednesday Holy Communion Services we will  
 keep the Saint's Day which occurs that week.

SAINTS' DAYS IN NOVEMBER

1st Nov All Saints Holy Communion Pett 10.00  
 Guestling 6.30  
 2nd Nov All Souls Pett 9.30  
 Would anyone wishing to have their loved ones  
 commemorated on All Souls' Day, please give the  
 names of those loved ones to the Rector in advance.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

We congratulate MARK FREEMAN and GAIL PARKS on their  
 marriage at Guestling on Saturday, 7th September.

MARK JONES and AMANDA JANE KILROY on  
 their marriage at Guestling on Saturday, 28th September.  
 May God bless them in their life together.

We commend to God's keeping the souls of  
 MRS EILEEN GUILDFORD of "Tsahmar", Pett Road.  
 MRS IVY SINDEN of "Hermuda", Pett Road  
 MR JAMES ALFRED GOODWIN of Three Oaks Hotel  
 MRS MAISEY WILKINSON of "Brackley", Three Oaks.

Our deep sympathy goes to their loved ones at this  
 sad time.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 4 Guestling Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30  
 October 6 Guestling Harvest Festival:  
 11.00 Parish Communion  
 6.00 Evensong  
 October 12-13 Bible Study Weekend in Rye  
 (see separate notice)  
 October 20 Church Missionary Society Weekend  
 (David Edgington preaches at  
 Pett Parish Church, 9.45 and  
 Guestling Parish Church, 11.00)

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MILES - On March 25<sup>th</sup>,  
 peacefully at his home, <sup>ELMS FARM, ICKLESHAM</sup> Ronald  
 Alfred aged 54 years, after a  
 distressing illness, valiantly fought  
 beloved of his family and many  
 friends. Funeral service at All Saints  
 and St Nicolas Church, Icklesham  
 at 12.30 pm on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 followed by <sup>PRIVATE</sup> cremation.  
 If desired, donations in lieu of  
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A talk, illustrated by slides of Haiti, with ample time for questions, should make for a most enjoyable and enlightening session.

I think that about covers it.

I have enclosed a copy of this letter for your Foundation Officer and will be grateful if you will ensure that it reaches him. And please also ensure that the 'dos and don'ts' listed above are communicated to the host families.

DISTRICT 112  
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## The Sign

October 1985  
The Nationwide Magazine Inset for Church and Parish No. 971

# The Ministry of Healing

Most of us at some stage in our lives have to spend time in hospital. It may be only for a brief spell if we are fortunate, but some people seem to spend much of their lives having medical care and attention. However long or short our stay, we benefit from a vast store of knowledge and experience and also from the giant strides which have been made in medical research.

We often speak of the doctors and nurses performing 'miracles', and though we use the word somewhat differently when we speak of the miracles of Jesus, the achievements of medicine and surgery are no less miraculous. Health and wholeness are central to the ministry of Jesus. He pointed to them as signs of the closeness of the kingdom of God and the passing of the reign of evil.

## Bible Quiz

Find these references to Jealousy

1. 'Godly jealousy'
2. Provoked to jealousy
3. Provoking the Lord
4. Jealous for the Lord
5. Jealous for Jerusalem
6. Jealousy promoting fury

Solution on page 7

### 'Whole people

Wholeness and holiness are central to the gospel, and in fact the two ideas are closely related, both coming from the same root word. We sometimes think of holiness as being no more than growth in personal piety, but it is more than that. It has to do with our total development as integrated people.

The Hebrew mind could only think of man as a single entity, as a body which had been given life by the breath of God. We have tended to regard man as a trinity of body, mind and soul, and have treated disorders in separate compartments. Now, medicine is seeing man as a total person and treating him accordingly. This means that our spiritual dimension is becoming an important factor in our general health and well-being, and we ignore our



photo: Nursing Mirror

spiritual state at our peril. Hospital Sunday which is close to Saint Luke's Day (18 October) is an appropriate time to give thanks for the dedication of our doctors and nurses and for the advancements in medical science, and also to remember the contribution which our spiritual health makes to our wholeness as human beings.

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| 6 S  | 19 after Pentecost<br>(Trinity 18)<br>Dedication Festival<br>(If date unknown) |
| 13 S | 20 after Pentecost<br>(Trinity 19)   |
| 18 F | St Luke the Evangelist   |
| 20 S | Last Sunday after Pentecost<br>(Trinity 20)                                    |
| 27 S | 9 before Christmas<br>(5 before Advent, Trinity 21)                            |
| 28 M | St Simon and St Jude, Apostles   |





The Editor is always glad to hear from readers. If you have any questions or problems arising from topical issues or the practice of the Christian faith, write to The Editor, 'Your Letters', The Sign, St Thomas House, Becket Street, Oxford OX1 1SJ. Please enclose s.a.e. A £4 Book Token will be sent to the writer of any letter published.

## Mercy and Judgement

The recent teaching in the Church seems to advocate God's mercy and forgiveness rather than to try to rebuke and reject sin. While this is central to the Christian faith I do not believe that we should sponge on God's mercy, but rather remember our baptismal and confirmation vows to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. I know we all need God's mercy, but I cannot accept that he must always be expected to accommodate the works of the devil.

B. Betchell, Shrewsbury

*I think you are right that there is not enough preaching about judgement and the consequences of sin. However, Jesus did urge his disciples to forgive their enemies not seven times, but seventy times seven. That God constantly forgives does not mean that sin is condoned but shows the extent of his love. We must also remember that sin does have certain consequences which we may have to face even if we are forgiven. A child may be punished by a loving parent, but that does not mean that forgiveness is ruled out. Ed*

## The Mother of Mary

I would be most grateful if you would tell me the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary's mother and where she is mentioned in the Bible.

L. C. Fletcher, Pontefract

*Mary's mother is not named in the Bible, though a second-century book refers to her as Anne. Her cult has been very popular and a church was built in her honour at Constantine by the Emperor Justinian I. By the end of the Middle Ages the cult had become so popular that it was the object of special attack by the Reformers. There are many Anglican churches dedicated to her, and many of these date from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, though to what extent this reflected the popularity of Queen Anne is arguable. Ed*

## Words on the cross

With reference to a letter from J. Kent in the April Sign you say that the words 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me' were not a cry of desolation, but of eventual trust. Surely it was a cry of desolation, Jesus, the man, having to experience

the agony of being cut off from God and suffering alone, so that we can identify with him when a similar, though lesser experience comes our way?

M. Vegeris, Bridlington

*As the opening words of Psalm 22, these words are an expression of eventual trust in God if the Psalm is taken as a whole. However, it is entirely biblical to believe that Jesus did experience the very worst aspects of life so that we can have confidence in his full humanity. As the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews puts it, 'We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are'. (Hebrews 4.15) Ed*

## The evils of drink

In the Bible it says, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: And whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' Yet our Lord turned water into wine at the wedding feast which, so it seems, was stronger than any other.

H. R. Moore, Derby

*There are indeed many instances in the Bible where the dangers of strong drink are emphasized, but one must remember that wine was the common drink at that time, Jesus must have been used to drinking it since he was chided for it by some of his contemporaries (see Matthew 11.19). Saint Paul also urges Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. The danger is in excessive drinking. Ed*

## FOR CHILDREN

Here is a legend about a sixth century boy. Cadoc lived in a monastery to be educated.



Illustration: Charles Bannerman

## A Mouse to the Rescue

Cadoc sat, trying to study, but he was so hungry! They were all hungry in the monastery. So much rain had flattened their corn, and they could harvest very little. It was dear to buy, and the monks were poor, and tried to live on what they could grow. It was no good! Cadoc could think of nothing but food. He closed his eyes. 'God,' he prayed, 'you sent manna from heaven to feed Moses in the desert. Could you, by some miracle, send us food, for we are hungry, too!'

He heard a tiny sound. Opening his eyes, he saw a mouse on the table. It dropped a grain of corn, and was gone. Once more it came, and a grain rolled down Cadoc's book. 'There is a store somewhere,' he thought. 'If only I could find it!'

He had an idea. When the mouse returned, he gently picked it up - it was quite tame - and tied a length of string to its tail. Holding the other end, he followed. It disappeared into a hole in a grassy bank. Cadoc followed, and found a cave, with a heap of corn in one corner.

The monks never discovered how it got there, but how glad they were to have it! 'Father,' said Cadoc, laughing, to the Abbot, 'you told us God sometimes answers prayer in unexpected ways. It is true! I prayed for a miracle, and God sent us - a mouse!'

**COMPETITION.** Draw a picture of harvest decorations

in your church. Send, with name, age and address, by 31 October, to Jennie, St Thomas House, Becket Street, Oxford OX1 1SJ. Prizes.

## For Children. Prizewinners. May 1985.

Kathryn Hardy, Beeford C. of E. School. Alison Hartley, Birstall. Armaan Sarwar, Walsall. Melanie Thompson, Batheaston C.E.V.C. School.

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# Getting down to prayer

by the Revd John Ryeland

## Visible aids to prayer

One of the most common problems with prayer is that of trying to concentrate. All of us have times when we just cannot keep our minds

on what we are meant to be doing. Sometimes we can help this by using tangible aids in one form or another. Let us look at some things that might be helpful to us.

### A candle

Some people find that a lighted candle can be of great help. For in lighting a candle we remind ourselves that Jesus is the light of the world, and hopefully whenever we look at the candle we will be reminded of this. This can have the effect of bringing our mind back to our prayers should

we get distracted or lose concentration.



photo: Stephen Mayes

### A cross

The great thing about the symbol of a cross is that we do not have to associate it with anything – it is already a powerful symbol of the death and resurrection of our Lord, and whenever we look at it the person of Jesus automatically springs to mind.

### A picture

Suppose that you are praying for a friend who is ill. It can be disheartening to keep praying the same prayer over and over without seeing anything happen. Now and again it might be helpful to look at a painting or a picture of Jesus healing somebody. When you look at the picture imagine it coming to life, with the person you are praying for being in the picture as well. In a very visual way we can see a healing taking place and pray accordingly.

### Using our senses

Most of the time when we are praying, we only use words, and when the words fail our prayers dry up. We should not be afraid of using our senses of sight, touch and smell to help us pray, in addition to speech.

Next time we are going to look at ways of completely withdrawing from our senses and being still before God.

# WOMEN TODAY

by Marjorie Idle

## Unemployment

I have abandoned this month's prepared topics to reply to a letter. The writer says, 'Unemployment means that many women and men are at home all the time together. Often the husband is frustrated, depressed or angry. Somewhere there may be a woman who has learned to live through this ... or a husband?'



photo: Andrew Ward

One thing we can all do, myself included, is to stop at this point in the column and pray that God will bring courage and hope to this family. And to others we know in the same situation.

## Leisure

A family I know who have this problem come smiling and unhurried to share in odd jobs at church, and always keep themselves free for our rare church funerals, both to support the mourners and to act as sidesmen. They also go for a long walk most weeks, because two people being in the same

house is not togetherness; you have to keep working at the relationship (don't we all?) and deliberately share leisure.

## Competition

*Those of you with husbands at home all day, through unemployment or retirement – what constructive steps have you taken towards making this a pleasure instead of a problem? There will be not just a Book Token for the best letter, but an airing of all your ideas, so that we can really help each other.*

## Easter Garden competition

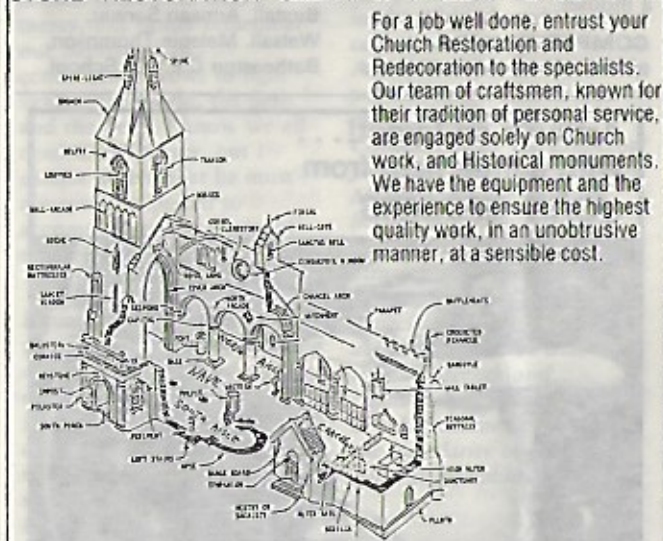
Thank you for all your letters and diagrams and the new ideas you have given me. You all wrote so lovingly that there is no 'best' letter; the Easter Garden obviously means a lot to you. So the Book Token goes to the idea that will suit me best in our rather small Garden – figures made out of dolly pegs. It came from Miss M. Richardson of Scunthorpe. Send your letters to Mrs M. Idle, c/o The Sign, Saint Thomas House, Becket Street, Oxford OX1 1SJ.

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# The Children's Society.



# Great Figures of the Faith

A gallery of portraits from the ASB calendar

St Luke  
18 October

Some details in this picture on the right tell of the fact that Luke, 'whose praise is in the gospel', was a doctor. In the foreground, on the stone upon which he is sitting, can

be seen what appears to be a primitive scalpel, or surgeon's knife. Another instrument, rather like a scissors, suggests a similar use. He is writing with a stylus, and an angel inspires him at his shoulder. Luke was a physician. He was also a Greek from Syrian

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Antioch. Paul, with whom he travelled much, writes of him with affection. 'My beloved physician', he calls him.



15th Century mural of St Luke painted by Philip Gool. photo: Sonia Halliday

There is something especially attractive about Luke, as has often been noted. His gospel, and its continuance, The Acts of the Apostles, speaks of more than a profound faith; it speaks also of a warm humanity. His portraits of people are famous for their insight, and he writes as one who, no doubt in the course of his medical work, was often in close and intimate touch with humanity. He is, of all the gospel writers, the one most clearly concerned to spread the gospel and the witness of the Church to the Gentile world to which he himself belonged. How and when he himself was converted is not known. As to what became of him in his last years, little is to be learnt. But an ancient writer recorded of Luke that, 'after serving his Master blamelessly, having neither child nor wife, he died in Bithynia at the age of seventy four, filled with the Holy Spirit'.

## Story of Our Church

illustrated by C. W. Bacon MSAID



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## What Do You Think?

Are there nowadays too many new translations of the Bible?

Answers in not more than 100 words, should be sent to Question Competition, The Sign, St Thomas House, Becket Street, Oxford OX1 1SJ by 31 October. A £6 Book Token will be awarded to the winning entry.

Solution to Bible Quiz on page 1

1. 2 Cor. 11.2
2. Rom. 10.19
3. 1 Cor. 10.22
4. 1 Kings 19.10
5. Zech. 1.14
6. Prov. 6.34

## Ben would like to say a quick thank-you

Ben is being cared for in one of the special centres for mentally handicapped children Barnardo's have throughout the country.



Though he is nearly twelve his speech is comparable to an infant, and whilst he may never be able to speak perfectly, with proper care his ability to communicate, as well as other talents he may have will be encouraged and developed to an extent perhaps believed impossible. Barnardo's work, however, encompasses much more than caring for and teaching children like Ben. We run day care

centres, fostering and adoption schemes and community projects throughout the country. Unfortunately the costs involved are tremendous. You can help by sending a donation to Dr Barnardo's or by remembering us in your will in the form of a legacy. If you require further information please write or you may telephone.

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# Famous Prayers

Selected by the  
Revd G. Shilcock

## Perseverance

O Lord God, when you entrust your servants with any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same to the end, which yields the true glory; through him who for the finishing of your work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Sir Francis Drake 1540-96)

This prayer is based upon a phrase which Drake used about the importance of carrying through work which one has begun. As an Elizabethan sailor he would know that sticking to a task which may well be hazardous and costly is often more difficult and more important than setting out in the first place. This is certainly true of the dedication and commitment demanded by the Christian life.

### SMILE PLEASE

The Royal Yacht steamed up the river between gaily decorated ships, and later drove in an open carriage through densely crowded streets.

Newspaper Report on  
a Royal Tour

## Light on Old Sayings

### To Cut and Run

To get out of a situation as quickly as possible, without bothering about what might be left behind.

This is a phrase which comes from the days of sail, when, if a ship was overtaken by a sudden and unexpected crisis, the only thing to do was to cut the cable, if necessary leaving the rest of it, including the anchor, behind, and running before the wind.



## Bookshelf

books for you to read

Seekers and Finders William Purcell Mowbray's Popular Christian Paperbacks, 1.95

Canon Purcell has in this book talked with some fourteen people, most of them well known in public life, and asked them how they have managed to live their Christian lives in the world as it is today. It is a very wide gallery of people who are presented in this book and who have honestly and frankly faced the question. They include John Selwyn Gummer, MP, Len Murray, now Baron Murray of Epping Forest, former General Secretary of the TUC, Dr Sheila Cassidy, Frances Cairncross, George Thomas, Viscount Tonypandy, former Speaker of the House of Commons. This is a book which does not avoid the difficulties which many encounter in the living of the faith, while at the same time



fairly presenting the truth as to how in fact they manage to overcome them.

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## PETT FLAGPOLE

Having received a number of donations and a number of requests for the flag to be raised on special anniversaries, we now feel in a position to place an order for the flagpole. If you would like the flag raised on an anniversary, please refer to my note in last month's magazine. Michael

## BIBLE STUDY WEEKEND

12-13 October

Parish Church, Rye

### MAN AND NATURE IN THE BIBLE: A THEOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENT

conducted by the Reverend Professor C.F. Moule formerly Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge.

Saturday 12th October at the Methodist Church,  
Church Square, Rye

- |               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 10.15 - 10.45 | Assemble (coffee)             |
| 10.45 - 12.30 | First session                 |
| 12.45         | Buffet Lunch                  |
| 2.00 - 3.45   | Second Session                |
| 4.00          | Evensong in Rye Parish Church |

Sunday 13th October at Rye Parish Church

Professor Moule will preach at the Parish Communion at 10.30 a.m.

This weekend has been arranged for people of all kinds and all ages who feel that they need help and encouragement in their reading and understanding of the Bible. We hope very much that you will be able to come.

It would be a help to know how many are coming on the Saturday. If you are coming, please inform Canon David Maundrell, The Rectory, Gun Garden, Rye. (Tel. Rye 222430)



Pett Level Naturalists: Mr Barry Funnell will talk on "East Sussex 200 years ago" on Friday, 25th October at 7.30 p.m. in Pett Village Hall. Visitors and new members will be most welcome.

Three Oaks W.I.: The Annual Meeting takes place on 10th October.

Royal British Legion: The next meeting takes place on 7th October at The Smuggler at 7.30 p.m.

Pett Church Hassocks: If anyone will need more wool or if anyone has any to spare, - or if you would like to make a hassock or a second one, - please contact Anne Scott so that supplies can be ordered.

Meeting Point: The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9th October at 2 Woodside, Pett Road at 8.00 p.m. Come and learn how to make Paper Flowers.

Guestling Church Collections: The August collections were £185, and the total to date for the year is £1511.

Guestling Flower Festival: The gross takings amounted to £720.

Pett Church Fete: Final receipts amounted to £1,240. Expenses will be about £180, leaving a net profit of £1,060. Avril Thurley, the Treasurer, writes, "The stallholders have asked me to thank all the kind people who provided goods for the stalls, particularly those who left gifts anonymously. There is an up-to-date list of the stalls and sideshow takings in the Church porch, so I will only mention that the tombola, china and book stalls each made over £100. My personal thanks go to Joan Medlock and Wilfred Slack for their willing help and cheerful presence in the 'office' on the day. As Treasurer I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way; especially Michael, whose weeks of hard work, organisation and attention to detail did so much to make this our most successful Fete ever."

St. Luke's Day Service: There will be a special Deanery Service on St. Luke's Day, 18th October, at 7.30 p.m. at Rye Parish Church. All are invited.

Feed the Hungry Fellowship: The sum collected for August amounts to £57. Grateful thanks to all members. It goes again towards the long-term water projects in the Soudan, where conditions continue to be extremely acute.

J.A.S.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride: Organised by Sussex Historic Churches Trust, this took place on 7th September.

Two members of Guestling congregation took part.

Twenty one visitors checked in at Guestling, thirteen at Three Oaks Methodist Church, twenty-one at Pett and 25 at Pett Level. Thanks to all who manned the churches during the day, especially Mr. Len Polhill who kept Three Oaks open all day. The financial result throughout the county will be known in November.

Hastings Opportunities Group Coffee Morning: This is to be held at 2 Woodside, Pett Road on Tuesday, 15th October from 10.00 to 12.30, with "Bear Necessities", (Children's clothes), and this is in aid of the Bricks and Mortar Appeal. H.O.G. (which takes children from our area), runs 2 playgroups where handicapped and able children can play together and give support to parents. They are hoping to raise £80,000 to buy premises so that the activities can expand and special handicapped groups will have a centre for meetings. There will be cakes and raffle, and if anyone would like to bring handicrafts to sell please contact Anne Scott, (813100).

Vince Graville died in New Zealand on 9th August.

Those who remembered his long service in Guestling Choir and his cheerful help in all church activities send their sympathy and love to his wife, Nora, the church organist for many years.

Pett W.I.: The Annual Meeting with V.C.O. Mrs. J. Payne is on 18th October at 2.30 p.m. Do come along to elect four new committee members. This is an important event and you are asked to attend in strength. Our thanks go to Mrs. Bolt for making us welcome to her home and garden in September. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The November Home and Produce Fair on 2nd at 10.00 will include a Boot Sale. Guestling Special Collections: There will be a special collection this month for C.M.S.

The Late Alice Beeching: Very many thanks to all those very kind people who donated to the R.N.L.I. This was Alice's wish. The total amount collected in church on the day of the funeral was £45.13, and the organist kindly donated her fee. The final amount passed to the R.N.L.I. was £100.14.

Pett Level Preservation Trust: Many thanks to all helpers and customers at the Annual Fete in August. It was a great success and a very enjoyable afternoon and over £900 was made.



# ROTAS

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Pett

- 6 Flowers: Mrs Strickland, Mrs Hickman  
Sidesmen: Mrs King, Mr Underwood  
Server: D. McCarthy  
Reader: Mr Underwood, (Genesis 28, 10-end);  
Hebrews 11, 1-2 and 8-16)
- 13 Flowers: Mrs Pannell, Mrs Harris  
Sidesmen: Mrs Bowman and young people
- 20 Flowers: Mrs Kind, Mrs Appleton  
Sidesmen: Mr Cooper, Dr Butchers  
Server: M. Plank  
Reader: Mrs Trueman (Jeremiah 29, 1 and 4-14;  
Philippians 3, 7-end)
- 27 Flowers: Mrs Rootes, Mrs Phillips  
Sidesmen: Mrs Jury, Mrs Rootes  
Reader: Mrs Scott (Job 38, 1-21 and 42, 1-6;  
Acts 14, 8-17)

## Guestling

- 6 Flowers: All help please for Harvest  
Sidesmen: Mrs Wicking, Mr Jennings  
Elements: Mrs Williams, Mrs Sankey  
Readers: Mrs Griffiths (Genesis 1, 1-3 & 24-31)  
Mrs Mitchell (I Timothy 6, 6-10)
- 13 Flowers: Mrs Brooks, Mrs Moon, Mrs Quaife  
Sidesmen: Mrs Saville, Mr McCausland  
Elements: Mrs Williams, Mrs Sankey  
Readers: Mr Griffiths (Daniel 3, 13-26)  
Mr Tytherleigh (Romans 8, 18-25)
- 20 Flowers: Lady Ashburnham, Mrs Sankey, Mrs Rug  
Sidesmen: Miss Groves, Mr Hughes  
Readers: Mr Barnett (Daniel 10, 2-19)  
Lady Ashburnham (Revelation 1, 1-18)
- 27 Flowers: Mrs Jennings, Mrs Saville, Mrs Williams  
Sidesmen: Mr Barnett and young people  
Readers: Mr Saville (Genesis 2, 4-9 & 15-end)  
Mrs Williams (Revelation 4)

## Pett Level

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| 6                    | Mrs Underwood | 13 | Mrs Hawksley |
| 20                   | Mrs Knight    | 27 | Mrs Moon     |
| Sacristan: Miss Daly |               |    |              |

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