



OCTOBER 1988

From the Rectory

Writing this the day after the very impressive Institution and Induction, I want to say a very big 'thank you' to you all for the very warm welcome Catherine and I have received since our first visit here to see both sets of churchwardens for the traditional 'once-over', which led to further visits and a chance to meet parishioners at the Guestling Flower Festival and the Pett Fete.

We both feel we are very much at home and we look forward to getting to know you in the months and years which lie ahead - DV WP, as one of my Vicars (a Bishop), as it happens) used to say. (God Willing, Weather Permitting)!!

We are particularly grateful for the hospitality shown us by John and Ray Taylor and Sir Denny and Lady Mary Ashburnham during our visits; and also the Revd Ray and Joan Brooks.

I expect many people will be wondering what the new chap will be like and what he will want to do. I can tell you that he does not believe in change for the sake of change. As he obviously has had no experience of how things were run in the past, he may do things slightly differently, but there will be no change in the general outline of services.

You may like to know that the coachload of visitors came from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Brighton, where I have been Honorary Assistant for the past four to five years and they brought a few of my former colleagues from Diocesan Church House. The priest who appeared to have forgotten his robes (actually, he hadn't - that is his proper 'outfit') was Father Alan Cotgrove of the Cowley Fathers, who has been a close family friend for many years now.

The two singers, Bryan and Mary Husband, are our son-in-law and daughter, who both trained and met at the Royal College of Music in London. Bryan teaches music at Malvern College for Girls and Mary also has a full-time job, bringing up three children, boys of 7 and 5, and a girl of 3. They would have had their own way of livening up the service, so they were

left in the care of the baby-sitter. To complete the picture, our other daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Gordon, managed to get time off from their jobs as nurse and agricultural engineer respectively, to enable them to be with us.

Forgive us if we cannot remember your names straight off - we will do our best. Perhaps you would be kind enough to remember us in your prayers from time to time, as we shall you.

God bless you all.

We give our new Rector, Norman, and his wife, Catherine, a very warm welcome to our Parishes. They are settled in the Rectory and we all shared in the Service of Institution and Induction on Monday, September 12th. Pett Church was full to witness this moving Ceremony. We were also privileged to hear Norman's elder daughter and her husband sing together. It was beautifully performed.

A big thank you to all who provided refreshments and helped afterwards at Guestling School. So many friends from the Parishes - Norman and Catherine and family and their many friends from parts further West. Thank you, the Griffiths, for allowing us the use of the Hall and the Kitchen. We would like to mention with gratitude all the help we have been given during the interregnum by the visiting clergy - in taking all the services at our Churches. Canon Peter Harvey and Revd John Read, our Editor Revd Raymond Brooks in particular, who were such wonderful helpers with their pastoral care to us all. Our eldest visiting priest was 83, full of vigour and strong of voice.

Finally, a reminder please to all parishioners. MONDAY is our Rector's day off - so, unless it is really urgent, wait until Tuesday. On behalf of all the Wardens, thank you all for your support during the interregnum. We look forward together to the future.

Mary Ashburnham

Royal British Legion:

The next meeting will take place on 3rd October at 7.30 pm at The Smuggler, Pett Level.

Pett Level Naturalists:

Mr Barry Funnell will talk on 'The Martello Towers' on Friday, 21st October at 7.30 pm in Pett Village Hall.

Guestling and Pett Conservative Association:

October 15th - Autumn Party at 'Stonelynk', Battery Hill. For tickets apply to Mrs Hawksley (812705).

Pett Church Fete:

On Saturday, 27th August, the Church Fete was held in the Village Hall. Despite unfavourable weather and the fact that several projected outdoor events had to be dropped, the nett proceeds amount to £1174.41p. This was indeed an excellent result and all those involved are to be heartily congratulated and thanked for their efforts. Well done.

Ian and Virginia Ferguson.

Pett and Guestling Gardeners:

Do you have a tool which you use only occasionally (e.g. a long-handled pruner or lawn spreader) which you would be prepared to lend to a fellow gardener for a small consideration? Or would you like to borrow such an item? If so, please telephone 813402. Available now: electric lawn-raker.

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Guestling Collections etc:

The August collections, including F.W.O. envelopes for church expenses, amounted to £166. The total for the year to date is £1552. In addition, £45 has been sent to St. Michael's Hospice.

The Flower Festival was very enjoyable. The final figure after expenses has increased our funds by £692.

The Sussex Historical Churches bicycle ride took place on September 10th. The visitors calling at our four churches numbered eleven at Guestling, nine at Pett and Pett Level and six at Three Oaks.

Our thanks to all who helped to man the churches, especially Mr. Len Poehill at Three Oaks. J.M.C.H.

Pett W.I.:

Pett W.I. Members are invited to elect their new President at the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 21st October.

There will also be an election of a new Committee and a talk by the visiting V.C. Organiser, Mrs Barker.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERSGUESTLINGBaptism:

On 18th September - Kate Emma PERRY of 'Sunrise', Morgay Wood Lane, Three Oaks, was baptised at St. Laurence and welcomed into Christ's Flock. Child of Richard and Gillian Perry.

GUESTLING ROTAFlowers and Cleaning

Oct	2nd	Mrs Sankey	Mrs Rugg	Lady Ashburnham
	9th	Mrs Jennings	Mrs Durrant	Mrs Williams
	16th	Mrs Gainsbury	Mrs Groves	Mrs Wickings
	23rd	Mrs Pearson	Mrs Gill	Mrs Jagger
	30th	Mrs Brooks	Mrs Quaife	Mrs Parks

Sidesmen

Oct	2nd	Mr Hughes	Col Parks
	9th	Young People	
	16th	Miss Groves	Mrs Breeds
	23rd	Mr Jennings	Mrs Williams
	30th	Mrs Gainsbury	Mr McCauseland

Elements

Oct	2nd	Mrs Williams	Mrs Quaife
	23rd	Miss Groves	Mrs Sankey
	30th	Mrs Williams	Mrs Quaife

Readers

Oct	2nd	Mr Gill	Deut 8.1-10
		Mr Griffiths	2 Cor. 9. 6 to end
		Rector	St. Luke 12. 16-28
	9th	Young People	
	16th	Mrs Williams	Ezek. 11. 14-21
		Rector	Heb. 13. 1-21
	23rd	Mrs Mitchell	Gen. 1. 1-3. 24-31a
		Mrs. Brooks	Coll 1. 15-20
	30th	BCP	
		Mrs Griffiths	Phil. 1. 3-11
		Rector (Gospel)	Matt. 18. 21-35

PETT DUTY ROTAFlower Rota

Oct	2nd	Mrs Medlock	Mrs Grundy
	9th	Mrs Jury and helper	
	16th	Mrs Strickland	Mrs Hickman
	23rd	Miss Turner	Mrs Harris
	30th	Mrs Pruden	Mrs Parsons

Sidesmen

Oct	2nd	Mrs Rootes	Mr Underwood
	9th	Young People	Mrs Scott
	16th	Mrs King	Mr King
	23rd	Mrs Jury	Mr Pannell
	30th	Mrs Ferguson	Mr Ferguson

Servers

Oct	2nd	Julian Underwood	16th	Mr Bowman
		30th	Mr Plank	

Readers

Oct	2nd	Mrs Rootes	Daniel 6. 10-23. Rom.5.1-11.
	9th	YOUNG PEOPLE	
	16th	Mrs King	Isa. 33.17-21. Rev.7.2-4.9-end
	23rd	Mrs Scott	Prov. 8.1.22-31. Rev. 21.1-7. 22-end
	30th	Mr Cooper	Gen. 4.1-10 1John 3. 9-18

ST. NICHOLAS ROTAFlowers

Oct	2nd	Mrs Hawksley	Oct 9th	Mrs Pannell
	16th	Mrs Butchers	23rd	Mrs Slack
		30th	Mrs Underwood	

SACRISTAN

Mrs Hawksley

SUNDAY SERVICES

Oct	2nd	Parish Communion	Pett	9.45 am
		Parish Communion (Harvest Festival)	Guestling	11.00 am
	9th	Holy Communion	Pett Level	8.00 am
		Family Service	Pett	10.00 am
		Family Service	Guestling	11.00 am
	16th	Parish Communion	Pett	9.45 am
		Matins	Guestling	11.00 am
	23rd	Holy Communion	Pett Level	8.00 am
		Matins	Pett	9.45 am
		Parish Communion	Guestling	11.00 am
	30th	Parish Communion	Pett	9.45 am
		Parish Communion (BCP)	Guestling	11.00 am

Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Pett Level, Wednesdays 10.00 am.

On the 23rd, Revd. Evan France of Westfield will address the services at Pett and Guestling on behalf of C.M.S. He served with C.M.S. in the Sudan.

To my Friends in Three Oaks, Guestling and Pett:

Thank you very much for all your good wishes, your love and support and prayers. Thank you for so many letters, cards, flowers and gifts and for your visits to the hospital and the nursing home during my recent illness.

I am sure you will be pleased to know I am making good progress and I hope to see you all again soon.

Yours sincerely,

LIZ WHITE

The Prayer and Praise Group and the Fellowship will continue alternate weeks during October with the Prayer and Praise meeting on Wednesday 5th at 7.30 p.m.

FEED THE HUNGRY FELLOWSHIP

£130 has been given for May and June and this goes to Save the Children.

We now send the money every two months and it goes to the three Societies that we know to be reliable. They are all greatly appreciative of our support and their thank you letters are mostly put up in one or the other of our Church porches.

We send to Sue Ryder Foundation, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (to help teach the blind children) and to Save the Children.

Grateful thanks to all members. New members most welcome.

(The Editor regrets this was not inserted in last month's magazine, due to lack of space).

For the months of JULY and AUGUST we have sent a total of £125.. Once more to the Save the Children to help the need in the Sudan.

PETT AND GUESTLING CMS

On Saturday, 22nd October, the Hastings and District Association of the Church Missionary Society is holding its annual Social Evening at 7.30 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, Ore.

The Speaker will be Dr. Jim Murray, the Area Secretary, and his theme is an up-to-date account of the lives of Christians in China today. Refreshments will be provided and it is hoped that the whole evening will have a Chinese flavour! Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome and if you would like transport this can be arranged, so please let us know. (Telephone number: 813362).

On Sunday, 23rd October, the Revd Evan France of Westfield, a former CMS Missionary in the Sudan, will preach at both Pett and Guestling and we look forward to welcoming him.

Ian and Virginia Ferguson

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