



PARISH NEWS

15p

Pett Level

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Our prayers and good wishes go to all those who have not been well in recent weeks and we sympathise with them on having to spend a lot of the sunny weather in bed or in hospital. We remember specially Dr. Ewart Butchers, Mrs. Grace Hickman, Mr. John Rootes, Miss Jill Kerr, Mrs. Olive Wilcox, Mrs. Jan Stirling and Mrs. Morton. Those now back in circulation include Mrs. Muriel Grundy, Mr. Lou Parsons and Mr. Noel Taylor and we hope they will continue to make good progress. Mr. Peter Batehup continues cheerful, after a long-standing illness.

In Guestling, Mrs. Bertha White (now in her 104th year!) and her daughter, Miss Doris White, have been on the sick-list recently, but despite this, are moving to Fairlight in the near future. Good wishes to them and we hope they are happy in their new home.

There may be others, not mentioned above. If they would like a visit from the Rector, please let him know.

IS YOUR NAME HERRE ?

Many happy returns of the day to the following children whose birthday falls this month :

2nd Sarah Pattermore	9th James Troughton
7th Gregory Mugridge	12th Christine Osborne
8th Richard Rose	17th Steven Ennis
21st Thomas Jury	26th Damien Ellis
27th Emma Lyttle	30th Samuel Miller

MR. DON BRAZIER of 'White Gables', Butchers Lane, Three Oaks, Tel: 0424 814355 is available to anyone wishing Garden or Home services (internally or externally) carried out. Do call or 'phone and discuss your requirements, a friendly and efficient service awaits you.

The latest date for contributions to the October magazine is TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

AROUND THE PARISHES

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: The next meeting will take place on September 3rd at the Smuggler, Pett Level, at 7.30pm.

PETT LEVEL Preservation Trust: The P.L.P.T. would like to thank everybody who contributed so generously to their recent Fete. It was a successful occasion and will help us to continue looking after Pett Level. Thank you.

CARING AND SHARING: The Treasurer has given the following summary of contributions received from Pett.

The grand total received by the end of May 1990 was £4055.27. The amount received in twelve months ending May 1990 was £796.28. This compares with £558.00 received in 1989. The money received was allocated as follows:-

Casa Guatemala - £796.28

Thanks to all your support Pett contributors. Ellie Elliott

GUESTLING COLLECTIONS etc: The July collections including F.W.O. envelopes for Church expenses amounted to £400. The total for the year to date is £2415.

S.H.C.T. BICYCLE RIDE: This takes place on Saturday 8th September. Pett and Guestling Churches will be open to sign in visitors. Will those willing to act as stewards between 10.00am and 6.00pm please sign the form in the church porches. J.M.C.H.

KEEP FIT: Keep Fit will start again in Pett Village Hall on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30pm. If you are interested please come and meet us and see what goes on.

PETT W.I.: We will be having our 'Garden Meeting' at 2.30pm Sat. Sept. 21st at Birchenknoll Farm, Peter James Lane, Fairlight. J.Z.

THREE OAKS W.I.: On Tuesday 11th Sept. the W.I. will be giving a Coffee Morning in aid of Charities at the Village Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Newman will be giving a talk on her 'Holiday in Canada' at the W.I. members meeting 13th September at 2.15pm. Visitors very welcome. A.Q.

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:

Thursday 6th: Deanery Outing to Chichester and Fishbourne, organised by the Revd. John Read. Return fare £6.50 [Phone 814440]

Saturday 8th Sponsored bike-ride

Sunday 9th	Pett Family Service 10 a.m. First anniversary of Junior Church and Prize-giving.
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Monday 17th: Pett PCC meeting 7pm

Wednesday 19th Pett Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 21st: Pett Naturalist Society 7.30 pm

Sunday 23rd Pett Harvest Thanksgiving. Matins & Holy Communion 9.30am. Evensong (no sermon) 6pm. Followed by Sale of Produce.

Sunday 30th	10.15am at Pett. Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion for Pett and Guestling. Preacher: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Luxmoore. Archdeacon of Lewes. Stay behind for coffee afterwards
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THANK YOU

I just want to say "thank you" for all the good wishes and offers of help I had and still have after my operation. I am really overwhelmed, I can't tell you how much it is appreciated. Muriel Grundy.

The next PRAISE AND PRAYER meetings at 'Sunnyside' Eight Acre Lane are on Wednesday September 5th & 19th. Would those intending to come please beforehand, select a hymn from Mission Praise and a Bible reading.

GUESTLING ROTAFlowers and Cleaning

Sept. 2nd	Mrs. Wicking	Mrs. Parks	Mrs. McCausland
9th	Mrs. Sankey	Mrs. Rugg	Lady Ashburnham
16th	Mrs. Quaife	Mrs. Brooks	Mrs. Lee
23rd	Mrs. Williams	Mrs. Jennings	Mrs. Durrant
30th	Joint Service at Pett		

Sidesmen

Sept 2nd	Young People		
9th	Mr. Barnett	Mrs. Breeds	
16th	Mrs. Gainsbury	Mr. McCausland	
23rd	Sir D. Ashburnham	Mrs. Sankey	
30th	Joint Service at Pett		

Elements

Sept 9th	Mrs. Quaife	Mrs. Williams
23rd	Mrs. Quaife	Mrs. Williams
30th	Joint Service at Pett	

Readers

Sept 2nd	Young People	
9th	Lady Ashburnham	2 Kings 4. 32-37
	Col Parks	Rom 8. 28 to end.
16th	Mr. Gill	Exod 3. 1-10
	Andrew Gainsbury	Hebs 3. 1-6, 12-19
23rd	Mr. Tytherleigh	Job 10. 1-12
	Mr. Griffiths	Acts 20. 7-12
30th	Joint Service at Pett	

PETT ROTASServers

2nd	Mr. Bowman
12th	
16th	Mr. Bowman
23rd	Mr. Plank
30th	Mr. T. Coby

Sidesmen

Mr. Underwood & Mrs. Slack
Mrs. Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Greenfield
Mr. Cooper & Miss Deasy
Mr. & Mrs. Coby Mr. Pannell (Evensong)

Readers

2nd	Mr. Underwood	Genesis 7.17 end (ASB p.262)
9th		
16th	Mrs. E. Greenfield	Gen 11. 1-9 (ASB Pentecost)
23rd	Mr. Cooper	Deut 8. 1-10 (ASB Harvest)
	Miss Deasy	1 Tim 6. 1-10 (ASB Harvest)
30th	Mrs. Coby	Ephes 3. 13-21 (B.C.P.)

Flowers

2nd	Miss Turner & Mrs. Harris
9th	Mrs. Pruden & Mrs. Parsons
16th	Mrs. Rootes & Mrs. Phillips
23rd	Mrs. Medlock & Mrs. Grundy
30th	Mrs. Jury & Mrs. Carr

PETT LEVEL

	<u>Cleaning</u>	<u>Sidesmen/Reader</u>	<u>Reading</u>
9th	Mrs. Moon	Mrs. Hawksley	Ephes 3.14-end
16th	Mrs. Slack		
23rd	Mrs. Hawksley	Mr. Underwood	1 John 4. 15-end
30th	Mrs. Butchers		

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PARISH REGISTERS

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We welcome into the church by baptism:

12th August - Christopher John and Justine Rachael Townsend
c/o 12 Higham Gardens.

Thomas Simon Wickens of Hastings.

We congratulate on their marriage and send our best wishes to:

28th July Mark Calder Orford of St. Leonards on Sea and
Beverley Ann Soan, 13 Higham Gardens

18th August Andrew John Bantock of Hastings and
Gale Elena Songhurst, Stocks Green, Guestling
Thorn.

WHY I DON'T GO TO CHURCH

No.3. You don't have to go to church to be a Christian.

This is said so often that people really believe it is true. But is it? It all depends on what you mean by 'a Christian'.

If you mean 'a person who does good, or at least, doesn't do anybody any harm' then it's true. You don't have to go to church to be like that. Many atheists do a great deal of good in one way or another. But they would go purple at the thought of being called a Christian, as they don't believe in God or Christ.

Many Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs are good and kind and helpful, but it would be obviously wrong to call them Christians, too. So it is quite clear that a Christian must be more than a person who does good.

Christ said it

It is true that a Christian ought to be good and to do good. Christ made this quite plain in the parable of the Sheep and Goats in St. Matthew's Gospel (ch.25). In that story, all those who refused to help others were consigned to hell. And it is because Christians have been noted for doing good in the past that that side of Christianity has become magnified to the detriment of the other. For there are two sides to being Christian.

Accepts the teaching

A Buddhist is a person who accepts the teaching of Buddha. A Mohammedan (or Moslem) accepts the teaching of Mohammed. A Christian is a person who accepts the teaching and copies the example of Christ. How does this work out in practice?

* Christ lived a perfectly good life and helped others, regardless of who they were. Therefore all Christians are called on to do the same.

* Christ, as founder of the movement, made a number of orders. All those who want to be Christians are called on to carry out those orders. (It won't be easy, and they will often fail, but that's another matter). A look at the Sermon on the Mount (St. Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5-7) will reveal many of those orders, but perhaps the most important of all was the order Jesus gave to his followers at the Last Supper. There, he took bread and wine, blessed them and said, "This is my Body ... this is my blood ... Do this as a memorial of me."

There can be no mistake about the order to 'Do this'. And to 'do this' necessarily involves attending a place of worship. (An exception is obviously made, of course, in the case of invalids or elderly, at home or in hospital, who can ask for the Sacrament to be taken to them by the clergy. Some people are regularly doing this in Pett and Guestling).

So, being a genuine Christian means doing good and being good and 'doing this'. Jesus practised what he preached. St. Luke tells us he went to his place of worship every week. He also said, "When you pray, say 'Our Father....'. Notice, not 'If you pray', but 'When'" and he said his prayers night and day.

So it does depend on what you mean by 'a Christian'. People who live good lives, but never attend a place of worship to 'do this' are being Christians of a kind, but not 100%. Similarly, those who go to church but are not particularly noted for living good lives are also being Christians of a kind, but not 100%.

What % are we?

THE PETT CHURCHES CREAM TEA

The sumptuous cream tea on the Methodist Church Green on the 21st July was part of a wonderful afternoon sat in the sunshine enjoying each others company. The clotted cream (all the way from Cornwall) was delicious and the ice creams slid down a treat.

Altogether we cleared £46, of which we donated £23 to the Parish Council and £23 to the Methodist Church for much needed paint. Keep your diaries open for the next effort.

'CANON HARVEY'S FAVOURITE HYMNS AND THEIR STORIES'

The good Dean's 'Harvest Home' 'Come ye thankful people Come'

Michaelmas is 'Harvest Thanksgiving' time and wherever this is held (where is it not?) it's a pretty safe bet that amongst the Harvest hymns will be the ever popular 'Come ye thankful people, come'. It is precisely 145 years old and was written by Dean Henry Alford of Canterbury, a devout man and a great scholar, if somewhat eccentric - as a young man he wrote love letters to his betrothed in the form of a Greek Grammar! Much earlier, at the tender age of only six, he had written 'The Travels of St. Paul (illustrated)' and at eleven he published a 'Collection of Hymns for Sundry Occasions'. Later on he was to edit The Contemporary Review. So

At first Alford's famous 'Come ye thankful people, come', had some seven eight-lined verses, but now only four of them are usually sung. With modern farming methods it is a bit difficult to find any season in the year when we can genuinely sing 'All is safely gathered in', but nonetheless the Dean's words are eloquent in summing up the message of the harvest in a meaningful way, both for here and now and for the final Judgement. 'Let thy saints be gathered in, free from sorrow, free from sin'.

The one (and only) tune, 'St. George' was composed by Sir George Elvey, organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, who also wrote the popular 'Diademata' for 'Crown him with many crowns'. 'St. George' is often sung also to Leeson's 'Christ the Lord is risen again', but such is its 'Harvest' association that it somehow seems odd now to sing it at any other time.

Back to Dean Alford - he also wrote the fine All Saintstide hymn Ten thousand times ten thousand, very popular at the time, but seldom heard now and one wonders why? It is such a joyful hymn when faced with the inevitability of death and the life to come. The same theme of glorious hope is evidenced by Alford's own tombstone at Canterbury where the inscription reads 'Deversorium viatoris proficientis Hierosolymam' - 'The Inn of the pilgrim travelling to Jerusalem'. We can learn a great deal what appears on people's tombstones: what a splendid epitaph this one is! Let us remember it as we sing the good Dean's hymn.

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NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

QUESTLING

11 a.m. Family Service (1st Sunday)
Parish Communion (2nd and
4th)
Matins (3rd)

ST. NICHOLAS, PETT LEVEL

8 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)
10 a.m. Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

PETT

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
(1st and 3rd Sundays)
Matins (4th)
10 a.m. Family Service (2nd)

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