



GUESTLING

May 1996

PETT

PARISH
NEWS

15p

Pett Level

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**All hail the power of Jesu's Name
Let Angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**



'CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL'

THERE ARE SOME hymn writers renowned for their great contribution to our hymnody - names such as the Wesleys or John Mason Neale immediately spring to mind. Similarly there are composers of the tunes (always so important in establishing the popularity of any hymn) e.g. Bach, Dykes or Monk etc. On the other hand there are authors and composers remembered today for just one hymn or tune only. This is certainly the case with 'CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL' - the Ascensiontide hymn par excellence. The author was Edward Perronet (1766-1792) a product of the great Evangelical Revival of the 18th Century. Wesley himself thought highly of him for he knew very well that to write a good hymn was no easy task and his judgement has been confirmed by the few that have remained from among the vast number written at this time by all and sundry.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESU'S NAME first appeared in the *Gospel Magazine* in 1780 and was quickly recognised as a really great hymn. In fact Perronet, son of the Vicar of Sundridge (Kent), like many others of his day forsook the Church of his fathers and annoyed Wesley by publishing a very harsh satire on the Church of England in which he referred to it as 'a tottering edifice which I despise' - shades of today's popular Press! (John and Charles Wesley both remained loyal Anglicans at the time). Perronet attached himself to a strongly Calvinistic Sect known as 'The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion'. Later still he became an independent minister at Canterbury where he died at

the age of 66. He had an adventurous life. On one occasion at Bolton he was set upon by the mob and rolled in the mud. At Canterbury he met William Shrubsole formerly a chorister at the Cathedral (and one time organist at Bangor Cathedral) but likewise now disenchanted with the 'C of E'. Shrubsole wrote a stirring tune for Perronet's verses called 'Miles Lane'. Elgar said he considered it the finest hymn tune in the English heritage. The names of Perronet and Shrubsole are now largely forgotten but their fine hymn remains and retains its affection amongst Christians of all denominations. The 'C of E' was much kinder in the end than either of its critics, for it allowed Perronet to be buried in Canterbury Cathedral cloisters. All is past now and they are together (we hope) in the presence of the glorified Lord. To sum up - CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL is indeed a great hymn of praise to the Risen and Ascended Christ (drawing on the imagery of the Book of Revelation) and speaking of 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords', angels, saints and martyrs and all redeemed mankind paying tribute to the Lord of all. The complete wording was subsequently revised in 1787 by Dr. John Rippon, a Baptist minister who called it the Christian 'Coronation Hymn of Jesus'. Whilst 'Miles Lane' is indeed a great tune still rightly sung in many of our churches today, many also believe the Welsh have an even finer tune 'Diadem'.

*Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout with universal tongue
The crowned Lord of all.*

PARISH DIARY * MAY 1994

P = PETT * L = PETT LEVEL * G = QUESTLING

Sun. 1st.	9.30 - P - Parish Communion	Easter 4
	11.00 - G - Family Service	
Mon. 2nd.	Trans. from 1st. - St. Philip & St. James	
Wed. 4th.	10.00 - L - Holy Communion	
Sun. 8th.	8.00 - L - Holy Communion - Rogation Sun. - Easter 5	
	10.45 - P - Family Service - Methodist Church	
	11.00 - G - Parish Communion	
Mon. 9th.	7p.m. - P - P.C.C. meets	Rogation
Tue. 10th.		Rogation
Wed. 11th.	10.00 - L - Holy Communion	Rogation
Thu. 12th.	9.30 - G - Bradshaw School Service - Ascension Day	
Sun. 15th.	9.30 - P - Parish Communion - Sun. after Ascension	
	11.00 - G - Matins	
Mon. 16th.	7.15p.m. G - P.C.C. meets	Christian Aid Week
Wed. 18th.	10.00 - L - Holy Communion	
Sat. 21st.	12.00 - P - Marriage - James Scott & Alison Crisford	
Sun. 22nd.	9.30 - P - Parish Communion	Whit Sunday
	11.00 - G - Parish Communion	
Wed. 25th.	10.00 - L - Holy Communion	
Sat. 28th.	10.00 - G - Spring Fair - until 12.30	
Sun. 29th.	9.30 - P - Holy Communion B.C.P. - Trinity Sunday	
	11.00 - G - Holy Communion B.C.P.	

ROTAS FOR MAY 1994

QUESTLING - 1st. FAMILY SERVICE - (WHITE) - EASTER 4
FLOWERS - Mrs. Wicking - Mrs. Parks - Mrs. McCausland
SIDESMEN/READERS - Young people

PETT - 1st. PARISH COMMUNION - (WHITE) - EASTER 4
FLOWERS - Mrs. Jury - Mrs. Spore
SIDESMEN - Mr. W. Cooper - Mr. W. Slack
READER - Mr. W. Cooper - Ephesians 1 - 3 to 14
SERVER - Mr. T. Coby

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs. Moon

GUESTLING - 8th. - PARISH COMMUNION - ROGATION - (WHITE)
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Carpenter - Mrs.Rugg - Lady Ashburnham
 SIDESMEN - Mr.Barnett - Mrs.Breeds
 ELEMENTS - Mrs.Gainsbury - Mrs.Quaife
 READERS - Revd. Brooks - Deuteronomy 34
 - Miss Gainsbury - Romans 8 - 28 to end

PETT - 8th. - FAMILY SERVICE - METHODIST CHURCH
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Medlock - Mrs.Grundy

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs.Slack
 - SIDESMAN/READER - Miss Deasy
 - READING - Romans 8 - 28 to end

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 GUESTLING - 15th. - MATINS - SUN. AFTER ASCENSION - (WHITE)
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Brooks - Mrs.Lee - Mrs.Greenwood
 SIDESMEN - Miss.Groves - Mrs.Page
 READERS - Mr.Greenwood - Jeremiah 31 - 1 to 13
 - Mr.Griffiths - Philippians 2 - 1 to 18

PETT - 15th. - PARISH COMMUNION - AFTER ASCENSION - (WHITE)
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Hogan - Mrs.Jury
 SIDESMEN - Mrs.P.Bowman - Miss M.Deasy
 READER - Mrs.P.Bowman - Ephesians 4 - 1 to 13
 SERVER - Not listed

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs.Hawksley

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 GUESTLING - 22nd. - PARISH COMMUNION - WHIT SUNDAY - (RED)
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Williams - Mrs.Jennings - Mrs.Griffiths
 SIDESMEN - Col.Parks - Mrs.Gainsbury
 ELEMENTS - Mr.Barnett - Mrs.Williams
 READERS - Col.Parks - Exodus 19 - 16 to 25
 - Mrs.Brooks - Acts 2 - 1 to 21

PETT - 22nd. - PARISH COMMUNION - WHIT SUNDAY - (RED)
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Ainsworth - Mrs.Carr
 SIDESMEN - Mr.J.Underwood - Mrs.D.Balcombe
 READER - Mr.J.Underwood - Acts 2 - 1 to 11
 SERVER - Mr.M.Plank

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs.Balcombe

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GUESTLING - 29th. HOLY COMMUNION BCP - (WHITE) - TRINITY SUN.
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Groves - Mrs.Gainsbury
 SIDESMEN - Mr.Fowler - Mr.McCausland
 ELEMENTS - Mrs.Page - Miss Groves
 EPISTLE - Mrs.M.Smith - Revelation 4 - 1 to 11

PETT - 29th. HOLY COMMUNION BCP - (WHITE) - TRINITY SUNDAY
 FLOWERS - Mrs.Hickman - Mrs.Jackson
 SIDESMEN - Mrs.E.Greenfield - Mr.J.Greenfield
 EPISTLE - Mrs.E.Greenfield - Revelation 4 - 1 to 11
 SERVER - Mr.T.Coby

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PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the church by Baptism :

Mar.27th. Hannah Louise Crew, Oakhurst, Pett Road, Pett.

We offer our sympathy to the relatives and friends of :

Apr.15th. Alva Tree, 3, Guestling Green Cottages.

Apr.20th. Diana Elizabeth Whelan, Oakbridge, Butcher's Lane,
 Three Oaks, who died aged 79 years.

WHITSUNDAY

Someone suggested that whatever Sunday Whitsunday fell on, we should observe it with a Parish Communion at both churches. So there will be no Matins at Pett on 22nd May, and consequently, no 8a.m. at Pett Level. Guestling's service is not affected.

 The Children's Society Box Holders' Collection 1993/94 amounted to £226.17. Many thanks all box holders. If you would like a collection box ring 812251. D.C.R. Hon. Sec.

 Joyce Groves wishes to thank all who sponsored her swim. 3400 metres achieved. So far the splendid sum of £152.54 has been raised.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

A happy birthday to those born this month and specially to :
[Anyone inadvertantly missed out - please let us know.]

1st. Eleanor Page	19th. Marianne Holden
5th. Katharine Clements	21st. Thomas Chinnery
7th. Rebecca Knight	21st. Stacey Ward
9th. John Tytherleigh	22nd. Tanya Thomas
14th. Robert Taylor	27th. Louise Catt
15th. Holly Lindon	28th. Nicola Edwards
16th. Laura Bailey	30th. Caroline Jones
17th. Carly Thomas	31st. Frederick Seeley
19th. Cameron Brook	31st. Jonathan Seeley

I have been given the following list of names to add to my list of Guestling sidesmen. I assume those named are prepared to bring up the elements at Parish Communion. If this is not so, please let me know.

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John Jennings - John Jury - John Hughes - Marguerite Smith.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS - GUESTLING CHURCH :

Feb.13th.	Contingency Fund
Apr.10th.	St.Michael's Hospice
Jul.10th.	Missions to Seamen
Sep.11th.	To be decided
Oct. 9th.	A children's charity - (Harvest sale)
Nov.13th.	Royal British Legion
Dec.18th.	Diocesan Family Social Work - (Carol Service)

AFTER CARE - (Page 5 - April Parish News)

I read the above entry and I would like to put my feelings down having been there after Allan died in Oct.1992. I found that my friends and many others kept a discreet distance while my family were with me. But from the day my daughter-in-law and grand-daughter flew back to Switzerland people were truly wonderful starting with that very evening. The care and compassion shown to me was so very welcome and today, 18 months later, is still there. I have had great support and friendship shown to me. I feel truly sad for anyone who might feel they have been forgotten.

My house is all but sold and I will leave Pett having lived at Baydon for nearly 15 years - 13 shared so very, very happily with Allan who loved Pett, his house and his garden. I look forward to moving close to my elder son and family in Cheshire. I must just say that when my grand-daughter went to live in Switzerland at the age of three she thought for quite a while that England was Pett and the fields and sea shore were a delight to her.

I wish everyone happiness and that includes the Rector and his wife in their move to Eastbourne. Lastly, Pett does badly need that new Village Hall - get on and build it, I want to see it in a future visit.

Sheila Swift.

FAMILY SOCIAL WORK SPONSORED WALK

On Easter Monday a group of intrepid hikers from Pett and Icklesham walked part of the South Downs Way to raise money for holidays for needy children. You no doubt remember what the weather was like over the Bank Holiday, so I will only add that wet chalk is extremely slippery, as three of our party soon discovered to their cost. On the plus side, the howling gale dried us out between downpours, and in the brief sunny intervals we had superb views from the top of the Downs. Frances Read organised us most efficiently, right down to the welcome flask of coffee awaiting us in the car when we got back to Jevington.

We would all like to thank our many sponsors, and my personal thanks go to Ray Taylor who raised nearly £40 in sponsorship for me at the Pett APCM. If anyone missed the advance publicity and would still like to contribute, donations will be gratefully received by the local FSW representatives - Frances at Icklesham and Ray at Pett.

Avril Thurley.

PETT PARISH COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Pett Parish Council will be held in Pett Village Hall on Tuesday, 24th. May at 7.30p.m.

S.A. Ennis - Clerk.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid's Director, Michael Taylor, writes about "A kind of resurrection" which he witnessed in an ashram (religious community) he visited near Delhi in India:

He noticed the ashram gates immediately, despite the noise. They were made of iron: tall, strong and rather handsome. The noise came from a crowd of boys, chanting songs and banging drums.

Only months before these boys had been all but dead. Coming from desperately poor homes, they were handed over as children to carpet-makers, and that was almost the last that was heard of them. They were taken far away, and taught how to knot carpets sitting at a frame for hours on end. Eyes straining in poor light, lungs filling with dust, fingers sore, they were virtually slaves.

Mukti Pratishthan is an Indian organisation supported by the churches through Christian Aid. In the last few years they have become expert at tracking down these lost children and freeing them from carpet factories. They take them to the ashram, feed them up, and put some brightness back in their eyes.

The ashram is also temporary home to adults who have been freed from virtual slave labour. They are taught another trade, so that they can go back to their villages with money in their pockets.

The men he met had helped build the ashram where they were staying, with its workshops, kitchen, dormitories, washrooms and cool courtyard area for meeting and prayer. It was the same men who had made the iron gates, and the children, freed from carpet factories, who sang as they opened them.

Isn't that a story worth telling in Christian Aid Week? The week is May 16th-21st: may we ask for your support? There will be a house-to-house collection in Guestling and Pett, and to get the ball rolling, a Coffee Morning at Paxstead, Pett Road (opp. Pett Recreation Ground) on Saturday May 14th from 10am-12noon, with bring & buy, raffle, and sale of Traidcraft (Christian Aid) goods. Do come if you can, and help to make it a happy social event as well as a successful one.

Rosemary Gainsbury & Ray Taylor

NATURE NOTES

Have you noticed that our orchid bank by the garage is now officially a Conservation Verge? The verges at Pett end of Rosemary Lane are also now protected, which is especially pleasing as last year we were unable to prevent the orchids there getting their heads cut off.

March was quite an exciting month for 'sightings'. On the 8th. at 10p.m. we saw two tawny owls while driving home along Pannel Lane, then had a lovely view of a very handsome stoat near Pannel Bridge. A week later I was shown a Pipistrelle which had been found dead in a friend's garden. When you see one close up you realise how tiny and delicate these bats are. I also saw my first butterflies of the season - two Small Tortoiseshells - and heard my first Chiff-chaff, so in spite of the inclement weather I feel that Spring has really arrived.

Garlic mustard is now in flower, and the leaves make a tasty addition to salads if you like the taste of garlic. The lanes have been awash with primroses, celandine and wood anemones, and the woods will soon be a sea of bluebells. Aren't we lucky to live in this beautiful area!

Avril Thurley.

AROUND THE PARISHES

SPRING FAIR : at Guestling Village Hall on Saturday, May 28th., 10a.m. to 12.30p.m. Items for all stalls needed please - plants, cakes, bottles for Tombola, White Elephant, refreshments, nearly new clothes (good quality please), sideshows. Volunteer helpers please contact Lady Ashburnham.

GUESTLING & DISTRICT WELFARE ASSN. A.G.M. : Monday, May 16th. at Icklesham Village Hall - 2.30p.m. Bring & Buy, Raffle, Tea. Speaker - Mr. Gamble - Rye Health & Care.

PETT STOOLBALL CLUB : Would anyone like to join us? We play ladies and mixed games throughout the season, May - August, at Pett Recreation Ground and nearby villages. Our tournament at Pett will be on June 5th. Please phone Paula 812707 if you are interested.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION : The next meeting will be at the Smuggler, Pett Level on Monday, May 9th. at 7.30p.m.

PETT & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDENING CLUB : Our A.G.M. will be at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday, May 10th. in Pett Village Hall. Are there more things YOU wish to get from our meetings? Are you prepared to put more into it? Come along and let your voice be heard.

PETT W.I. - will meet at Pett Village Hall on Friday, 20th. May at 2.30p.m. This is a Resolution Meeting with a V.C.O. Visitors are very welcome.

THREE OAKS W.I. will meet on Thursday, 12th. May at 2.15p.m. in the Village Hall. A V.C.O. will explain 'Resolutions' for the Triennial Meeting in Birmingham.

Other meetings at THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL :

WHIST : Mondays at 2p.m. YOGA : Mondays at 7.30p.m.

KEEP FIT : Friday evenings at 7.30p.m.

BINGO : Wednesday, May 18th. at 7.30p.m.

PLANT MARKET : Saturday, May 14th. at 2.30p.m.

LIBRARY VAN : visits on Monday, May 16th. 9.30 to 10.30a.m.
No visit on Bank Holiday.

QUESTION : Would one arrive in Scotland more rapidly by the High Road or by the Low Road? Did the composer of The Bonny, Bonny Banks of Loch Lomond have reason to know?

The song refers to the spiritual roads to Heaven. Later verses suggest the lovers have parted and will not meet until they find their final resting place.

The High Road is followed by High Church folk, while the Low Road is used by those with an evangelical leaning.

Nonconformist Scottish churches would naturally find the Low Road quicker.

Paul Davies - British Assn. of Barbershop Singers.

A thief was about to break into the Vicarage study desk when he was frightened out of his wits by an eerie voice saying, "Hello Beautiful! Heaven's watching you!"

Shining his torch around, he noticed a parrot perched in his cage in a corner of the room.

Much relieved, he said, "Hello there Mr. Parrot, what's your name then?"

"Hello Beautiful!" replied the parrot, "my name's Henry. Heaven's watching you!"

"That's a stupid name for a parrot!" said the thief.

"Maybe", said the parrot, "but what can you expect from a Vicar who's named his Bull Terrier 'Heaven', that one that's just crept up behind you! - Hello Beautiful!"

A large poster on the notice board outside a church asked, "Do you know what Hell is really like!!?"

Underneath was pinned a small notice : "Remember choir practice every Friday - 7.30p.m."

Closing date for June issue - Wednesday, May 18th.

Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, thou has given us the hope of a glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to thy faithful people life is changed, not taken away, and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Best wishes to all,

Sincerely,
J. Pitt

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING [all at 11 a.m.]

PETT

1st.Sunday - Family Service
2nd.Sunday - Parish Communion
3rd.Sunday - Matins
4th.Sunday - Parish Communion
5th.Sunday - H.Communion BCP

9.30a.m. - Parish Communion
10.00a.m. - Family Service
9.30a.m. - Parish Communion
9.30a.m. - Matins & Address
9.30a.m. - H.Communion BCP

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PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

(Family Service - Methodist)
(Church alternate months at)
(10.45a.m.)

8a.m. - 2nd. & 4th. Sunday
10a.m. - Wednesday

GUESTLING -- CHURCH OFFICERS -- PETT

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