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GUESTLING

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'Brother Sun' and 'Sister Death'

THE ELOQUENT SONG OF GOD'S 'LITTLE FUNNY MAN'

YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS

CANON PETER HARVEY

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH when Christendom remembers one of its greatest lights of all time - **Francis of Assisi** whom God raised up to call the 12th century Church back to a new vision of her mission and who in a wonderful mystical experience was destined to bear in his physical body the 'marks of the Lord Jesus'. From him came one of the most glorious hymns we can ever hope to sing - the *Canticle of the Sun* and upon it, in due course, a number of other hymns have been based. Beethoven wrote his finest music when he could not himself hear a note and Francis praised God for 'our brother the sun who brings us the light' at the very time that he was almost blind and near the end of his earthly pilgrimage. It was a profound theological truth which enabled this remarkable man to so make his own *Benedicite* and see in all nature around him the handiwork of his God. To him, earth, sun, moon, stars, fire, wind and water, were indeed 'brothers' and 'sisters' and he could see the natural order infused with the super-natural and a daily miracle for which he could only sing in thankfulness.

THE TRANSLATION I like best is by **Matthew Arnold** and has been set to a lovely chanting melody by **Martin Shaw** which the composer in turn based on the Plainsong original. It is in the *Songs of Praise* hymnal and I always find it very moving every time it is sung in church. (No. 434)

Fair is he, and shining with a very great splendour, O Lord, he signifies to us thee' - so Francis hymns the sun he could no longer see. And I love too the lines towards the end of the canticle - Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his love's sake; and who endure weakness and tribulation. And the glorious faith and hope which at the close welcomes the transition to the 'other side' with such peace and assurance - Praised be my Lord for our sister the death of the body, blessed are they who are found walking in thy most holy will. Francis died soon after he had written his lovely swan-song. It was the night of October 3rd, 1226. The story has it that as he died 'a multitude of larks came about the roof of the house where he lay and, flying a little way off did make a wheel like a circle round the roof, and by sweet singing did seem to be praising the Lord along with him'.

ANOTHER TRANSLATION will be familiar to most of our readers I expect - that by **W.H. Draper** who died in 1933. He wrote it for a Whitsuntide festival of school children at Leeds when he was rector of a Yorkshire parish and it is included in most of the modern hymnals. Like the original it avoids sentimentality and is a fine example of good hymn writing.
*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him.*

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GUESTLING ROTAS - OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2nd FAMILY SERVICE - Pentecost 19 - (Green)
FLOWERS - Mrs Williams, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Griffiths
SIDESMEN/READERS - Young People

OCTOBER 9th PARISH COMMUNION - Pentecost 20 - (Green)
HARVEST FESTIVAL

FLOWERS - All help please - Saturday 8th
SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds
ELEMENTS - Mrs Quaife, Mrs Gainsbury
READERS - Mr Griffiths - Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11
- Mr Barnett - 2 Corinthians 9:6 - end

OCTOBER 16th MATINS - Last in Pentecost - (Green)

FLOWERS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Groves
SIDESMEN - Mr J Jury, Mr Hughes
READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Isaiah 33:17 - 22
- Lady Ashburnham - Revelation 7:2 - 4 and 9 - end

OCTOBER 23rd PARISH COMMUNION - 5th before Advent (Green)

FLOWERS - Mrs Gill, Mrs Jagger, Mrs Pearson
SIDESMEN - Col Parks, Mrs Gainsbury
ELEMENTS - Mr Barnet, Mrs Williams
READERS - Mrs Brooks - Genesis 1:1 - 3 and 24 - 31a
- Col Parks - Colossians 1:15 - 20

OCTOBER 30th HOLY COMMUNION B.C.P. - 4th before Advent - (Green)

FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Parks, Mrs McCausland
SIDESMEN - Mr Fowler, Mr McCausland
ELEMENTS - Mr J Jury, Mr Hughes
EPISTLE - Mrs Wicking - Ephesians 6:10-20

PETT AND PETT LEVEL - OCTOBER ROTAS

OCTOBER 2nd 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PREACHER/CELEBRANT - Robin Balch
 READER - Mr W Cooper - Romans 5:1-11
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs P Bowman
 SERVER - Mr T Coby
 SIDESMEN - Mr W Cooper, Mrs P Bowman
 (Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs Slack)

OCTOBER 9th 8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Robin Balch
 READER (SIDESMAN) - 1 Corinthians:19-27
 (Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs Balcombe)

10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE (Pett)
 PREACHER - Mrs Eileen Balch
 SIDESMEN - Mrs P Bowman

OCTOBER 16th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PREACHER/CELEBRANT - Robin Balch
 READER - Revelation 7:v2-4 and 9 -end
 INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
 SIDESMEN - Mrs A Scott, Miss M Deasy
 (Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs Slack)

OCTOBER 23rd 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 PREACHER/CELEBRANT - Revd Derek Owen
 READER - A Hawksley - Colossians 1:15-20
 (Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs Hawksley)

9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
 PREACHER - Revd. Derek Owen
 READERS - Mrs A Hawksley - Proverbs 2:1-11
 Mrs K Jury - Luke 12:35-48

OCTOBER 30th 9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (1662) (Pett)
 PREACHER/CELEBRANT - Robin Balch
 READER - Mrs B Vick - Philippians 1:2-11
 SERVER - Mr M Plank
 SIDESMEN - Mrs D Balcombe, Mr W Slack
 (Pett Level Cleaning - Miss Deasy)

FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

You seek him here! You seek him there!

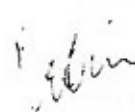
The early days in the United Benefice has been like "chasing my tail"! It certainly takes time to find the way around, and become familiar with the regular programme. I have never had so many keys, lists and files. Fairlight is an obvious port of call with my established ministry there already. I am having to keep things going there, while I get to know Guestling and Pett. The trivial round and common task is keeping me very busy. I am very much looking forward to **Derek and Eileen Owen** joining the staff at the end of the month and living in Church House, Fairlight. He will be my non-stipendiary assistant in the **WHOLE BENEFICE**, and you will be getting to know them very soon.

I am aware, as the Bishop hinted at my licensing, I cannot do all the task by myself. I have my **Eileen** and you are getting to know **Ken Holmes** as well. I am grateful to Frances Taylor for doing some secretarial work for me and help in the large garden has been appreciated. I am concerned that **Pastoral Visiting**, as well as my study and prayer life may be the first things to suffer, as the administration increases. Do please keep an eye on the congregations for me. Keep me informed of the sick and those in need. Visit them yourself and explain the situation. Be aware of newcomers. I would specially like to know of them.

I am hoping as time unfolds, that I will be able with my colleagues, to arrange for training for those who would like to help, but need some encouragement. Offers of help would not go amiss. Please write things down for me. In these early days I am bound to forget who you are and what you are offering. Please **bear with us**. It will take time to get to know you.

In these early days I am rushing about in my car. I will eventually have to get out and about on foot and meet you all. In the meantime, if you see me driving by, give me a wave to show you are friendly! I look forward to Harvest services and other occasions to meet people. If you are passing the Rectory and have some time, come and introduce yourself. We would be happy to say "Hello".

With every best wish.



Robin Balch
 (Priest in Charge)

INTRODUCING DEREK AND EILEEN OWEN

(As appearing in Fairlight Church News)

Derek was born and brought up in Worthing, so is a good Sussex man! After leaving school he worked for 25 years in farming, latterly in forestry work. For 12 of those years he had his own small rented farm in Kent. The coming of the M26 across the farm put an end to farming. There followed three years in retail greengrocery.

A few years before this Derek had become a fully committed Christian, which led to increasing involvement in church life and work. In 1974 he started Ordination training at Oakhill Theological College. His first Curacy was at Holy Trinity, Eastbourne followed by a period as Team Vicar at Walthamstow, and then a short time as a Rector in the West Country.

Eileen was born and brought up in West Horsley near Guildford and after Grammar School went on to train in London as an Occupational Therapist, working for several years on the spinal injuries unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, where she was present the first time Jimmy Saville came! She became a Christian as a teenager and has been active in both church life and Christian Unions.

Earlier in their lives both Derek and Eileen have been through divorces and now remarried have five children between them and four grandchildren, living in various parts of the country. For the past eight years Derek and Eileen have been working as joint wardens in sheltered housing for the elderly, first in Brixton and then for the past six years in Tunbridge Wells, where Derek has been very involved in local churches.

Derek is particularly interested in gardening and Eileen is a very willing helper. Both share a great interest in country life. Eileen's particular interests are in choral singing and sewing. They are very much looking forward to coming to work in the United Benefice and living in Fairlight. They will be fully operational by 23 October, and Derek will be licensed by the Bishop of Lewes on 22 November at Beacon View. Please give them a warm welcome to Guestling and Pett.

ON FIRE HOLIDAY CLUB

Lights! Camera! Action! The stage was ready - the backdrop painted - an endless supply of shoe boxes, cardboard rolls, coloured paper and paint had been neatly arranged on the resources table - all we needed were the children!

Once again our annual Holiday Club was ready for action! This year we decided to amalgamate the clubs at Pett and Fairlight, and to hold one club at Guestling Bradshaw School - and what a fun time it turned out to be! From Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August the hall was alive with the sounds of over 60 children who spent their time exploring the world of television and the Bible!

Every day we were visited by various Bible Characters - Norman Burt, you have talents - who were interviewed on our television set by a lady called Corrie very ably played by Jennifer Annetts! The children became reporters and camera crew - and we were even entertained to a video which was recorded by the older children during the week. Each day we welcomed Roy Castle into our studio, via a video, as he took us through various Bible Stories, in his own entertaining style.

We also had our messy moments! Have you ever tried to eat jelly without using your hands and a spoon! Would you be brave enough to taste food blindfolded!

Sadly, all good things must come to an end, and at the end of the week we had to say goodbye to the children and to the happy band of helpers. We hope and pray that they have all been able to take with them the love and understanding of our Lord, as He guides their lives from day to day.

Ann Hohenkerk

Ann from Fairlight was a co-leader with Wendy Hatch from Pett Methodist Church, being held at Guestling Bradshaw it proved a truly United Benefice Holiday Club.

Many thanks to all who helped.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

It is time to say a great big thank you to our local SHOP KEEPERS. They have always been willing to support the activities of Pett and Pett Level. However, this year it seems that the community has made even more demands on them. **Pett Puzzle, Norman's retirement collection and card, posters, leaflets in the newspapers, advertising for all our activities - on it goes.**

A GIANT SIZE "THANK YOU" to:

THE BUTCHER'S SHOP

THE COUNTRY STORES

THE POST OFFICE

NORRIS'

GRIFFEN'S FARM SHOP

THE MARKET STORES

Let us hope that we will all support you in the way that you support us.

PETT FLOWER ROTA

October 2nd	Mrs Medlock	Mrs Grundy
9th	Mrs Jury	Mrs Hogan
16th	Mrs Carr	Mrs Ainsworth
23rd	Mrs Hickman	Mrs Turner

This and That

Guestling Church is holding a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 22nd October at 2.00 pm** at Guestling Village Hall. We need all the jumble we can get including bric-a-brac. Also needed are cakes for the cake stall. If you can help at this event, please put your name on the list in the porch. Anyone with enquiries or jumble that needs collection, please ring **KATHLEEN GREENWOOD (812790)** or **KEN TYTHERLEIGH (751516)**

Guestling Harvest decorating will take place on Saturday 8th October. We would welcome everyone's help and also donations of flowers, foliage and produce. All produce will be sold after the Harvest Service in aid of "Save the Children".

Guestling Harvest Supper will be held at **GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL ON 7th October at 7.00 pm**. Adults £2.50 -Children £1. Tickets available at the church from Margaret Barnett or on the door. Raffle prizes are needed to cover the costs. Offers of potato salad, sausages, sausage rolls, green salad and puddings would be appreciated. Lists are in the porch. Proceeds go towards our contributions to the **GUESTLING BRADSHAW C of E SCHOOL**.

Guestling Church Flower Festival was a tremendous success raising £1,835. Many thanks to ALL who helped, but special thanks to the few who put in many hours before and over the three days, creating a lovely friendly atmosphere; namely Kathleen Greenwood, Margaret Barnet and family, Ken Tytherleigh, Alan Parks, Monica Betson, Lady Ashburnham and, of course, Hazel who is already helping me with next year's.

If you have your 1995 diary, the dates for the Guestling Church Flower Festival are **AUGUST 18th - 20th**.

Rosemary Gainsbury

NEWS EXTRA - From Christine Harris

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the stallholders and everyone who helped and supported our recent Fete at Pett Rectory. We made a profit of £1,238.55 from the stalls and donations.

Thank you all again.

Jumble Sale - Including cakes, raffle, tea/coffee with biscuits to be held on **5TH NOVEMBER** (Saturday) in Pett Village Hall from 2-4 pm. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall between 11 am and 12 noon or phone 812443 if collection is required.

Cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received.

PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE HALL IN PETT

A further public meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**. The District Planning Officer, Mr Robinson, has agreed to be present.

Catharine Hollman
(Area Secretary, Management Committee)

RECORDED IN THE REGISTER

Marriage at St Mary and St Peter Pett

Saturday 3 September - Anthony James Whiteman and
Mickalla Patricia Miles

(Conducted by Canon John Read)

Funeral (at Hastings Crematorium)

19th September - Peter John Batehup of 12 Glebe Cottages, Elms Lane
(62 years)

A MESSAGE FROM ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Again this year our grateful thanks go to **ANDREW DUNLOP**, his family and friends for their hard work and support.

For the Pett Village Evening Party which Andrew so successfully organises each year after the lovely Pett Flower Show.

A splendid £800 was handed to the Chief Executive, Mr Roy Tucker, when Andrew visited the Hospice recently.

Money is so urgently needed all the time, everything possible is done for the comfort of the inpatients and the Day Care patients.

This gift, to which so many local people have contributed, is very appreciated by everyone concerned with the care and comfort of the patients, and their loved ones.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

Liz White
(St Leonards)

COPY FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE SHOULD REACH THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING [all at 11 a.m.]

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

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 PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

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

11.00 am Wednesday

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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

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

GUESTLING --- CHURCH OFFICERS --- PETT

CHURCHWARDENS

Lady Ashburnham - 813085
 Mr. K. Tytherleigh - 751516

SECRETARY

Miss J.M. Groves - 813341

TREASURER

Mr. K. Tytherleigh - 751516

FREE WILL OFFERING

Mrs. K. Greenwood - 812790

ELECTORAL ROLL

Mrs. B. Wicking - 438027

CHOIRMASTER

Mr. K. Tytherleigh - 751516

ORGANIST

Miss H. Gainsbury

DEANERY SYNOD

Mrs. & Mrs. D. Greenwood

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs. A. Hawksley - 812705
 Miss P.M. Deasy

SECRETARY

Mrs. K. Jury - 812537

TREASURER

Mrs. P.J. Gerreli - 812699

STEWARDSHIP RECORDER

Mrs. P.J. Gerreli - 812699

ELECTORAL ROLL

Mr. M. Plank - 812154

ORGANIST & CHOIR

Mrs. J. Medlock - 812173

DEANERY SYNOD

Mrs. F. Taylor
 Mr. W. Cooper

Rev'd. Robin Balch (PRIEST IN CHARGE), The Rectory, Pett - 813124.
 Rev'd. Derek Owen (ASSISTANT), Church House, Waites Lane,
 Fairlight, Hastings - 813104