

April, 1999

GUESTLING

PETT

PARISH NEWS

Pett Level



ROBIN WRITES:

SPRING-CLEANING

As a dull, wet, windy and unpleasant winter draws to a close, the sun streams through the windows and the accumulated dirt begins to show. The plants begin to grow in the gardens, the grass needs cutting and the weeds, in abundance, appear. Everything cries out for a major effort to be made. THE TIME FOR SPRING-CLEANING is upon us.

Following the studies of Lent and the necessary business of Annual Meetings, the Church is ready to move on in vigour and faith. Some of us are off to SPRING HARVEST and our Methodist friends to EASTER PEOPLE. Whatever our Christian style or emphasis, Easter is the time to stir up action and faith. We believe Christ has risen and by His Spirit He is alive and working among us.

Just as nature recommends that we clear away the old, the leftovers from the past, to make way for the new, so our faith tells us that we are to RENEW our faith with the aid of the living Christ among us. As we press on with faith and confidence into the new millennium of Christianity, I think a description of a SPIRITUAL SPRING-CLEAN is given by St Paul to the Church at Philippi (3:13,14) "Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead I press on towards the goal ... for which God has called me."

We need to put behind us past hurts, disappointments, failures, mistakes and downright sins, and with renewed effort STRAIN towards the future for a GOAL that is pleasing to our FATHER GOD. I am really encouraged that as we approach the new Millennium all our churches in this Benefice are taking on projects that will provide for more effective church life in the future.

(a) FAIRLIGHT has its major REORDERING PROGRAMME now approved and waiting ratification and implementation.

(b) PETT (at last) has the urgent work of repair specified, and as we read this magazine we should be expecting the first estimates back for the PCC to consider. We need great courage and faith as our funds are very limited. BUT IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THE MATTER IS BEING ADDRESSED!

(c) GUESTLING has experienced a fresh confidence and desire to move forward. The Church is increasingly popular for its unique character and the question of better facilities for visitors is under review.

All this is a sign of new life. Now is the time not to look back with regrets but to move forward in FAITH.

GUESTLING ROTAS FOR APRIL 1999

2nd 2.00 - 3.00pm - GOOD FRIDAY - LAST HOUR AT THE CROSS

4th PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - EASTER DAY - (White)

PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson

FLOWERS - All help please (Saturday 3rd)

SIDESMEN - Col Parks, Mrs Betson

ELEMENTS - Miss Groves, Mrs Gainsbury

READERS - Mr Barnett - Isaiah 12 - all

- Mr Tytherleigh - Revelation 1:10 - 18

11th MATINS - LOW SUNDAY - EASTER 1 - (White)

PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Roger Morgan

FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson Mrs Gill, Mrs Jagger

SIDESMEN - Miss Groves, Mrs Barron

READERS - Mr Greenwood - Deuteronomy 11:1 - 15

- Miss Groves - 2 Corinthians 4:5 - end

18th FAMILY COMMUNION - RITE A - EASTER 2 - (White)

PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson

FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull, Miss Quaife

25th PARISH COMMUNION - RITE B - EASTER 3 - (White)

PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch

FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Mrs Jean Perry

SIDESMEN - Mrs Williams, Mrs Smith

ELEMENTS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mr Jury

READERS - Mrs Smith - Isaiah 61:1 - 7

- Mr Griffiths - 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

May

2nd

MATINS - EASTER 4 - (White)

PRESIDENT/PREACHER -

FLOWERS - Mr Greenwood, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Brooks

SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds

READERS - Mr Barnett - Numbers 22:36 - 23 - 12

- Mr Tytherleigh - St Luke 16:19 - end

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS APRIL 1999

- 2nd 9.30 am GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS AND MEDITATION (Pett)
SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy
- 4th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Revelation 1:10 - 18
- 9.30 am EASTER PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
PRESIDENT - Revd Michael Townroe
PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mr J Underwood
SERVER - Mrs A Hawksley
READER - Mr J Underwood - 1 Corinthians 15:12 - 20
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 11th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
PRESIDENT - Revd Humphrey Newman
READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - 1 Peter 1:3 - 9
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 10.30am SONGS OF PRAISE (Pett)
LEADER - Miss Meriel Deasy and John Taylor
SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Miss M Deasy
- 18th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
INTERCESSIONS - Mrs R Taylor, Mr J Taylor
SIDESPERSONS - Cdr T Clarkson, Mr W Slack
SERVER - Mr J Taylor
READER - Miss M Deasy - Revelation 19:6 - 9
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Miss M Deasy
- 25th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - (Pett Level)
PRESIDENT - Revd Robin Balch
READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11
Pett Level flowers - Mrs M Parsons, cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
LEADER/PREACHER - Mrs Eileen Balch
SIDESPERSONS - Mrs A Scott, Mrs P Bowman
READERS - Mrs A Scott - Numbers 22:1 - 20
- Mrs P Bowman - Acts 17:16 - 31

"ACTION YEAR" HIGHLIGHT DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9 May 4.00pm ROGATIONTIDE WALK and SERVICE (times for leaving each parish church will be announced). Assemble at Fields Barn, Peter James Lane (by kind permission).
- 30 May 10.30am at ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, FAIRLIGHT - **UNITED BENEFICE**. Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the formation of CMS. Featuring the CHURCH IN KENYA with CROSSLINKS and "FRIENDS OF NAKURU and NYAHURU.
- 6 June 4.00pm MARRIAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE followed by tea at ST LAURENCE, GUESTLING.
- 24-27 June DEANERY "WALKING THE WAY" INITIATIVE
24 June 6.30pm-10.00pm BARN DANCE, BARBECUE 'FUN EVENING' at Church Field, Fairlight (see the handout for details)
- 26 June CONCERT at St Laurence, Guestling
- 20-22 August GUESTLING CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL
22 August 6.00pm SERVICE of SONGS OF PRAISE (St Laurence)
- 29 August 10.00am BENEFICE SERVICE at PETT CHURCH
- 19 September Return visit of the ARCHDEACON of LEWES & HASTINGS
9.30am at Pett followed by preaching at St Andrew's Parish Communion.
- HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES
- 26 September Pett Parish
2/3 October Fairlight
9/10 October Pett Village (10th at Methodists)
15/17 October Guestling Church, supper and service
- 31 October 11.00am BENEFICE MISSIONARY GIFT DAY (service at St Laurence, Guestling)
- December Distribution of Millennium and Christmas invitations followed by the normal Christmas services
- NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION from 9.00pm at St Andrew's Church and Church Field. Details later.
- 2 January First Sunday in 2000 UNITED SERVICE at St Laurence, Guestling. Special invitations to community.

APRIL IN THE BENEFICEEASTER WEEKEND

Good Friday 9.30am Meditation with hymns at Pett Parish Church led by Canon Michael
 10.30am Service of Prayer & Meditation at St Andrew's, Fairlight led by the Rector
 2.00-3.00pm Last Hour at the Cross at St Laurence, Guestling led by Frank Rowson

Easter Saturday - Churches decorated

Easter Day 8.00am Holy Communion at both Pett Level and St Peter's, Fairlight Cove
 9.30am Parish Communion (Pett)
 10.30am Family Communion (Fairlight)
 11.00am Parish Communion (Guestling)
 6.30pm communion and Healing Ministry St Peter's Fairlight Cove

- 6 - 10 BENEFICE PARTY at SPRING HARVEST in Skegness
- 11 10.30am EASTER SONGS OF PRAISE at Pett Church
- 12 2.30pm PASTORAL VISITORS at the Rectory
- 13 7.30pm the MILLENNIUM/APPRAISAL GROUP meets at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove
- 17 2.00-4.00pm PETT CHURCH JUMBLE SALE (Village Hall)
 1.30pm Wedding of Charles Padfield and Julia Foy, St Laurence
- 18 6.30pm SPRING HARVEST "follow up" Praise and Worship service at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove (all from Benefice welcome)
- 21 3.00pm BENEFICE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE at "Beaulieu", 8 Meadow Way, Fairlight
- 22 7.00pm JOINT PCCs meeting commencing with Holy Communion and then outlining Benefice concerns and policies for the coming year (St Peter's)

RECORDED IN THE REGISTERS

We are delighted to welcome into the Family of the Church through infant Baptism:

14 March Jamie Hall son of Kevin and Lorna from 129 St George's Road, Hastings (by permission of Emmanuel, Hastings)

Our deep sympathies to the relatives and friends of

22 March Raymond Brooks of "Brighnorton", Eight Acre Lane, Three Oaks (87 years). Service at St Laurence followed at the crematorium.

REVEREND RAYMOND BROOKS

We are all sad to lose Ray, who has been a good servant of the Church in this area for many years. We convey our sympathies to his wife Joan and her family as well as Ray's own children, Rachel and Andrew.

Ray's life was full of incident, both happy and exciting, but also dangerous and tragic. Trained as an architect, he married his first wife before the war, but she died in childbirth in 1941. During the war he worked for the Air Ministry at Whitehall. After the war he went with his second wife, Evelyn, to the Belgian Congo, she as a nurse and he as a missionary for the Region Beyond Mission. When trouble flared up in the Congo, they returned to this country where Ray trained for the Church of England ministry at Clifton College, Bristol. He served his title at St George's, Worthing and then the rest of his ministry as incumbent of Emmanuel Church, Hastings from 1969- 1982 when he retired. During his ministry there, his wife Evelyn was tragically killed in a car accident. Towards the end of his time at Emmanuel, the other church in the group, St Mary in the Castle, closed. Joan was a member of that church and joined Emmanuel. Ray and Joan were married a few weeks before he retired. Joan and Ray have lived happily in Three Oaks for many years until increasing illness meant that he needed constant care in Tusker House over the last few years.

Ray has been a great blessing to many through his ministry. The Rector, Robin Balch, conducted the service at Guestling Church. A member of the family, Ralph Mann, now a non stipendiary minister gave the eulogy. Frank Rowson read a lesson (Frank and Marjorie knew the Brooks as a member of Emmanuel in the early days). Eileen Balch read a poem by Christina Rossetti. The service was followed by cremation at Hastings Crematorium.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY - are having a quiz on 15 April. If you are interested please ring Maureen Griffiths on 751558.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - (9-15 May) is rapidly approaching! More details next month, but right now a note for diaries - **COFFEE MORNING** on **Saturday 8 May** 10.00am - 12.00 noon at Paxstead, Pett Road. All the usual attractions, everyone welcome, please come and bring your friends!

Ray Taylor

PETT PLAYGROUP - thank everyone who came to the quiz, we had a great time and are pleased to be able to donate half the proceeds to the New Village Hall Fund, splitting the remainder between Mencap and the Playgroup. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11.00am in the Two Sawyers' garden on Sunday 4 April. All welcome. The Playgroup AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 April at 7.00pm at Church Farm. Anyone wishing to attend please notify Ali Hudson on 814175 by 4 April. Table sale on 2 May at Winchelsea Beach 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Enquiries and bookings please phone Ali on 814175.

PETT BOWLS CLUB - our Open Day is on Saturday 1 May at 2.30pm and our members are looking forward to the start of the season. We would like to welcome new members, of all ages, to join us this season and if you would like to come along on our Open Day and find out if you would enjoy playing bowls, we will be very pleased to see you. Most people think of bowls as a retired person's game, but this is not so. It is a very enjoyable, friendly, competitive and skillful game that young people would also enjoy. We are happy to give tuition and advice to beginners and discuss all aspects of the game. So why not come along and "have a go". We also have roll-ups on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm and Thursday evenings at 5.30pm and tuition is also available at these sessions. We would also be pleased to welcome experienced bowls players and we look forward to seeing you all on 1 May. For further information please telephone 812615 or 813086.

Joy Hankin, Hon Sec

PETT WI - next meets in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Friday 16 April. Well known local speaker Mr Brion Purdey - almost a regular visitor to our Institute, will talk about Sussex Seaside Entertainment. This should be an enjoyable afternoon and visitors will be made welcome.

PETT GARDEN CLUB - welcomes a return visit from Lyn Beaney who farms organically in Guestling and will continue her talk about herbs. Tuesday 13 April at 7.30pm. A warm invitation to new members.

JUMBLE SALE - on Saturday 17 April in Pett Village Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall between 11.00am and 12.00 noon or telephone 812443 if collection is required. There will be a cake stall, raffle and tea/coffee etc will be available. Cakes and raffle prizes will be

gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Pett PCC

PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY - next meet on 16 April in Pett Village Hall at 7.30pm. This month's talk is by Ian Rumley-Dawson and his subject is 'Wildlife of the Sussex Coastline'.

THE FAIRLIGHT PLAYERS - will present "Look Who's Talking", a comedy by Derek Benfield at the Fairlight Village Hall on Thursday 22 April, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 April 1999 at 7.30pm. Admission by programme, £2.50, available from booking office, Fairlight Post Office Stores, tel 813221 or at the door. Any query in this connection please ring Mrs J Wren, "Stonedene", Pett Road on 813098.

NEW VILLAGE HALL IN PETT

The Committee's Project Group for the new Village Hall is in the process of completing the new application for funding, including a business plan, to the National Charities Board. We now have firm commitment for funding from Rother District Council, £30,000, East Sussex County Council, £10,000 and Pett Parish Council, £30,000. Sale of the existing Village Hall will raise approximately £50,000.

Now that Spring seems to be here and the appeal for the church clock has been so successfully completed, an initial plan for fundraising has been drawn up which, hopefully, will not compete with other fundraising in the area.

The first event was a Fashion Show in the Village Hall at the end of February. This was such an enjoyable evening that we have been asked to repeat it. Tim Jury is organising a raffle and hopefully tickets will go on sale between May and mid July, winners to be drawn at the Flower Show at the end of July. Coach trips are being organised by Win Lovejoy to Haver Castle on 22 May, Batemans in Burwash for the open air Proms Concert on 7 August and to Thorpe Park on 11 September. A sponsored wildlife walk, a race night and tours of local residents' gardens are also being considered along with other ideas. Posters and details of all these events will be circulated so watch this space (and the notice board outside the Village Hall).

We look forward to your support and do please contact the following if you have any queries or wish to get involved in our efforts:

Catharine Hollman	813228
Jack Saunders	813385
Win Lovejoy	812244

Sharon Harden

ACTIVATE NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Activate Youth Centre was held in St Peter's Church Centre on Tuesday 9 March. Over the past 14 months or so an enormous amount of hard work and negotiation has been undertaken by a small but dedicated team of workers under the able leadership of Mrs Wendy Hatch. It is to their credit that so much real progress has been made, not only in establishing a weekly youth group but being well on the way to providing premises for the young people to meet in.

I can report that the initial building work is due to begin on the Fairlight Recreation Ground in the week of 12 April. Further construction work will follow in the putting up of a mobile unit with all accompanying essential services. This project has received a considerable amount of support from our local community, including the Fairlight Parish Council, the local churches of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett and Pett Methodists. Further promises of financial support are expected from Rother District Council, The Arthur Rank Centre, The Lions Club and Rye Police Group. All this, together with the generous lottery grant of £19,560 and other donations, have made this project possible and viable.

The Management Committee consists of Mrs Wendy Hatch (Chair), Mrs Betty Snow (Secretary), Mrs Kathy Dossett (Treasurer), one Anglican representative, one Methodist representative, two parent representatives and two young people representatives. In addition there are four trustees who are co-opted from the local community to assist and advise where necessary. Wendy Hatch reported that the group was up and running with 24 names and an average weekly attendance of 15 young people. The venue for the club has varied over the winter from the Rother District mobile unit which had visited for a number of weeks at a time to the hut opposite St Andrew's Church, to various local homes. Wendy has been assisted and supported by a committed body of helpers who come on a rota basis and when the premises are fully operational they hope to extend the club to two evenings a week.

Over the forthcoming summer they plan to hold two fundraising events as follows:

Jumble Sale on 1 May in Fairlight Village Hall

Barbecue at 'Hysted', Fairlight Road on 24 July (tickets will be available)

All this represents a huge commitment and effort on behalf of all involved and a special vote of thanks are due to Wendy whose vision and hard work has spearheaded this for the young people of our area.

Eileen Balch

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to all the ladies who supported our local service. In spite of the very cold afternoon, approximately 35 ladies joined us in Pett Church for a most enjoyable time together. The Committee is most grateful to all who took part as readers, singers and prayers but our special thanks go to Joan Medlock who played for us and to Dr Catharine Hollman for her very special and helpful talk. It was a great privilege to see Catharine's slides of India where she and Arthur have made several trips, and to appreciate some of the illustrations of God's Tender Touch in that huge sub-continent. Although many miles from Venezuela, where the service was constructed, Catharine captured the essence of the theme from her very personal experiences, which it was good to share. Thanks go to Catharine and Arthur too for his technical assistance in showing the slides!

It is always a blessing to share world-wide in this day. Next year, to celebrate the Millennium, the local Pett/Guestling Group plans to unite at St Andrew's Church, Fairlight when we shall welcome Mrs Lindsey Benn (our Bishop's wife) as our guest speaker. We look forward to being together again on **Friday 3 March 2000.**

Eileen Balch, Secretary

PASTORAL MATTERS

As I write I find myself in an unusual set of circumstances which I would like to share with you. Both myself and Frank and Marjorie Rowson have elderly mothers of similar age who are struggling to cope with increasing problems of ill-health due to old age. Frank and Marjorie originated from the Manchester area and both their mothers still live there which means regular visits north. In addition, Frank and Marjorie's nephew of 32 years dropped dead suddenly on 1 March which has meant extra concerns for them. We do assure them of our prayers and concern at this sad and difficult time.

I have been extremely grateful to all those of you who have kindly voiced concern over my mum who currently lives in Burgess Hill and whom I have visited weekly for years. Recent illness with Phyllis, my mum, has meant that I have not been available for pastoral concerns as I would normally wish.

Having shared all this, the pastoral care is undertaken by a team of people from each parish and I am pleased to report that our concern and care goes on. The group meets on a regular basis approximately every six weeks or so, to review our current needs and make forward plans. Over the next few meetings the group will be prayerfully planning for a Celebration of Marriage Service to be held on 6 June at Guestling Church and also to arrange a visiting project in Three Oaks later this summer. More details later.

Eileen Balch

NATURE NOTES

I recently changed my ground level bird bath for a posh new pedestal one (excellent value from Pett Pots!) and the birds took to it immediately. My blackbird certainly prefers it to the old one - he must be the cleanest blackbird in Pett. He defends it fiercely against the female blackbird, which is interesting because she has undisputed superiority when it comes to food.

Don't forget, if you stop feeding the birds in the summer, that they will still need water, both for bathing and drinking. A muddy patch of ground might even encourage martins to build. I do hope my martins will come back this year!

For the last few weeks there have been greenfinches everywhere, and also quite a number of coal tits. Several people have had visits from parties of long-tailed tits, arguably the most attractive of all our bird table visitors. This winter I have seen only two siskins, and no bramblings at all.

April is a lovely month, with so much happening. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica:- the derivation of the name is unknown, though as far back as Varro we find the traditional etymology - 'omnia aperit', 'it opens everything'. A walk round the lanes on a sunny April day will confirm the truth of this, as wildflowers, trees and shrubs will be 'opening' in profusion, and birds will be singing everywhere as they proclaim their territories.

The powerful, joyful burgeoning of life seems to me so purposeful that I can't believe creation just 'happened'. As Samuel Taylor Coleridge put it:

So will I rear my altar in the fields
And the blue sky my fretted dome shall be;
And the sweet fragrance that the wild flower yields
Shall be the incense that I offer Thee -
Thee, only God, and Thou will not despise
Even me, the priest of this poor sacrifice.

Avril Thurley

Copy for the May magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, telephone 813437 by Wednesday 14 April 1999 please.

PARISH PUMP

Our local police officer, John Marshall, will be retiring shortly. He has been very helpful and supportive to the Council and has nipped several village problems in the bud without having to resort to heavy-handed methods. Thank you very much, John, for all your help and advice and our best wishes for a peaceful and happy retirement. Our new Community Beat Officer, PC Ray Turvey, introduced himself at the February Council Meeting.

He asked me to publicise the fact that bogus builders are targeting this area. These are 'cowboys' who will do a poor job at vast expense. We are lucky to have several reliable builders within the Parish, but apparently some people are still taken in by the cowboys. Advice from the police is not to let anyone in unless you know them and never to agree on your doorstep to any work being done. If you are troubled by these people, ring a neighbour or friend or the police. It goes without saying that you should have a chain on your door, and use it!

You may have noticed that the bus turning point has had a short back and sides. I must admit I had no idea it was so big! After years of fruitlessly asking the bus company to do something about it, the Council decided to have the work done locally. Steve Harris cut and removed the jungle (before the birds started to nest) and Andrew Dunlop used his tractor to scrape a couple of trailer loads of accumulated gunge off the ground surface. It will certainly be much easier for buses and heavy vehicles to turn there now, not to mention the inevitable caravans whose owners think better of it when they see Chick Hill.

People have been really good about parking only on the church side of the road near the Village Hall. Well done! There has been a slight change of plan with regard to coning off the road when large events are held. The police are happy to do this on request, so the Council has no need to purchase cones. Organisers of jumble sales etc should phone the Rye Police and ask them to cone off the Village Hall side of the road only. Thank you for your co-operation.

Avril Thurley, Clerk to Pett Parish Council

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE - OPEN GARDEN SCHEME 1999 raises significant funds for the Hospice each year and also provides enjoyment for many.

4 May - Bluebell Walk, Little Park Farm Hooe Road, Ninfield

18 May - Henley Down House, Henley Down, Crowhurst

25 May - Little Haven & Timber Lodge, Station Road, Northiam.

Admission £1.50, open from 10.30am - 4.00pm. No dogs, refreshments on sale and the usual variety of stalls, cake, crafts, plants etc. For further information please call 01424 717968.

CHURCHWARDEN'S DIARY

Friday 19 February - yet again, I do know that the clock is/has fast/slow/stopped. Quite clearly this is all my fault.

Saturday 20 February - clock - Eric gallops hotly up the steeple, followed, not so hotly, by me! Vic phones to offer his services.

Sunday 21 February - it is agreed that the clock has stopped. Promise to phone Clock Repairers in the morning - well, we do have a guarantee.

Monday 22 February - phone Clock Repairers. Meanwhile all remains suspiciously quiet, apart from the pigeons who are trying to regain access to the steeple. Go to PCC meeting.

Tuesday 23 February - go to Millennium Group meeting. Am feeling a bit Millenniumed out! There are still 265 days to go. Have been sent a pair of socks from Australia saying "Sydney 2000". These could become a collector's item if I don't wear them - the Archdeacon won't be able to accuse me of being a 'trendsetter'.

Friday 26 February - remind Clock Repairer to come.

Friday 5 March - It's the Women's World Day of Prayer and we are hosting the service. Remember to set the central heating! The Clock repairer arrives and wonders why there is a service taking place! I endeavour to point out that it is a church and that one of its functions is to be a venue for services - have doubts about my success.

1 - 12 March - so far, so good!

Saturday 13 March - another happy Playgroup Quiz Evening. This time the Church fields a team - The Holy Huddle! We are saved from an ignominious defeat by certain members of the team who have more knowledge of children's stories and nursery rhymes than I do! WELL DONE CHAPS!

PS - am beginning to develop affectionate feelings for pigeons! This is a worry and I intend to visit local hostelry as soon as possible. Pam says that the cow shed is still providing a comfortable residence!

The CW would like to wish all pigeons a very happy Easter.



KENYA CHURCH ASSOCIATION PRAYER FOCUS

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" - Philippians 1 v 3-6.



Most Holy God
through Jesus you call us back to yourself
reconciling our wayward humanity
to your perfect love and justice,
make that same power to change things
alive in us
where oppression reigns
where hostilities divide,
where hurt and loathing dominate,
bring to birth the fragile shoots of reconciliation,
And give us the resolve and the patience
to tend that plant of healing
until it bears the fruit of
solidarity restored.

From USPG's Prayer Resource.

Almighty God
To turn away from you is to fall,
To turn towards you is to rise,
and to stand in you is to live for ever.
Grant us in all our duties your help
in all our problems your guidance,
in all our dangers your protection,
and in all our sorrows your peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Kenya Liturgy



Merciful Father we pray for our nation,
protect and guide the President,
and all who are in authority,
that we may be governed in the way of peace love and unity,
May justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an overflowing stream.
Graciously hear our prayer.



Servant Christ, help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism,
to link our lives with all those
grieved about man's unjust way of life,
to break free from the chain of past wrongs,
to become fit to face your coming new age,
to be renewed by your Spirit,
anointed to preach good news to the poor, the oppressed,
and the prisoner;
Help us to follow you, Christ the Servant.



NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING (ALL AT 11 AM)

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

PETT

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

PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

8.00 a.m - 2nd & 4th Sunday

6.00 p.m. - 1st Wednesday in each month

GUESTLING

CHURCH OFFICERS

PETT

CHURCHWARDENS
Mrs M Barnett - 754974
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

CHURCHWARDENS
Mrs A Hawksley - 812705
Miss P M Deasy

SECRETARY
Miss J M Groves - 813341

SECRETARY
Canon M Townroe 813381

TREASURER
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

TREASURER
Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

FREE WILL OFFERING
Mrs K Greenwood - 812790

STEWARDSHIP RECORDER
Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

ELECTORAL ROLL
Mrs B Wicking - 438027

ELECTORAL ROLL
Mr M Plank - 812154

CHOIR MASTER
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

ORGANIST & CHOIR
Mrs J Medlock - 812173

DEPUTY CHURCH WARDEN
Mr J Jury - 812584

JUNIOR CHOIR AND CLUB
Mrs E Greenfield - 813370

ORGANIST
Miss N Cordery

DEANERY SYNOD
Mr & Mrs Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD
Mr & Mrs D Greenwood

Rev'd. Robin Balch (RECTOR), The Rectory, Pett - 813234