



PARISH NEWS

ROBIN WRITES:

THOSE WHOM GOD HAS JOINED!

Last month we focussed on the farming community in our ACTION YEAR programme. We were reminded at our ROGATIONTIDE SERVICE by a local farmer, that their industry is **driven by change**. We were told how supermarkets had completely changed the lot of the farming community. Together with the European markets and BSE, many have been in despair. I was struck by that phrase 'driven by change'. As I write this, I sit at my computer and muse at the tremendous changes that have happened in the clergyman's study since my ordination 31 years ago. The 1662 Prayer Book still remains the normative statement of the Church of England, but as you read through the pages of the services, it seems strangely out of touch with the World Scene of the coming Third Millennium. Yet within it is enshrined **unchanging biblical principles**. One of these is the "SOLEMNISING OF HOLY MATRIMONY" (1662 book).

In less than 5 years since the formation of the Benefice, more than 50 couples have come to me asking for marriage or for a service of blessing after a civil ceremony. Thirty years ago single people tended to be living with their parents up to their wedding day. As you well know styles and customs have changed dramatically, but I believe that the majority come with a very serious intention to commit themselves to their partner for life and to seek "God's blessing on them" and have prayers that "strengthened and guided by God they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together" (1980 ASB service).

A part of our Action Year before the onset of the New Millennium is to declare that the Church believes in **TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**. We want to contend for the sanctity of marriage and to work hard to keep couples together, learning to love each other and overcome the problems of life. We desperately want to see a secure haven for children to be brought up within a safe marriage and strong family life. With all this in mind we call **EVERYBODY** who believes in the principles of **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE** to support our **Marriage Celebration Service to be held on SUNDAY 6 JUNE at 4.00pm at ST LAURENCE CHURCH, GUESTLING** followed by a picnic lunch.

The churches want to make it abundantly clear that the service is for **EVERYBODY**, whether married or single. In fact all who believe in the institution of Christian marriage are warmly invited to stand with us. There will be a chance for married couples to renew their vows to each other within the context of the service. We are grateful for members of Guestling Church in providing a picnic tea either in the Church or else in the churchyard (depending on the weather). After the encouraging service last month praying for the farming community and the environment, we are hoping for an enthusiastic response. Please come and bring your friends as we witness our belief in the centrality of **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**.

GUESTLING ROTAS FOR JUNE 1999

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| 6th | MATINS - Pentecost 2 - Trinity 1 - (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas
FLOWERS - Mrs Coppins, Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Jean Perry, Mrs Rugg
SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds
READERS - Mrs Barnett - Deuteronomy 30:1 - 10
- Mr Tytherleigh - St Matthew 18:10 - 22 |
| 13th | PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - Pentecost 3 - Trinity 2 - (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
FLOWERS - Mrs Greenwood, Mr Greenwood, Mrs Brooks
SIDESMEN - Mrs Betson, Mrs Smith
ELEMENTS - Mrs Williams, Mr Jury
READERS - Mrs Smith - Deuteronomy 6:17 to end
- Mr Griffiths - Romans 6:3 - 11 |
| 20th | FAMILY COMMUNION RITE A - Pentecost 4 - Trinity 3 - (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Roger Morgan
FLOWERS - Mrs Jennings, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Jill Perry |
| 27th | NO SERVICE - WALKING THE WAY |
| July 4th | MATINS - Pentecost 6 - Trinity 5 - (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER -
FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Jagger, Mrs Gill
SIDESMEN - Miss Groves, Col Parks
READERS - Miss Groves - Isaiah 43:14 - 44:5
- Col Parks - St Mark 2:18 - 3:6 |

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS JUNE 1999

6th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
 INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
 SIDESPERSONS - Cdr T Clarkson, Mr W Cooper
 SERVER - Mr J Taylor
 READER - Mr W Cooper - 1 Peter 2:1 - 10
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack

13th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Revd Frank Rowson
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Romans 6:3 - 11
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon

10.45am FAMILY WORSHIP (Pett Methodists)

20th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael Townroe
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs R Taylor, Mr J Taylor
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mr W Slack
 SERVER - Mrs A Hawksley
 READER - Mrs M Newton - Galatians 3:23 - 4.7
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Miss M Deasy

27th WALKING THE WAY SUNDAY
 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION FOR BENEFICE (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs C Hollman
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs P Bowman, Mrs D Goodsell
 SERVER - Mr T Coby
 READERS - Mrs P Bowman - Ephesians 5:1 - 10

SERVICES IN BENEFICE**11.30am COME AND PRAISE (Staplecross)****6.30pm FINALE SERVICE with CONFIRMATION (Rye)****JUNE DAY BY DAY**

5 2.00pm Wedding of Stephen Plummer and Melanie Waters at St Laurence, Guestling

6 4.00pm THE MARRIAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE (Guestling)

7-21 Robin and Eileen's summer break. Please address queries to the NSM Assistant, Revd Frank Rowson on 01424 439802.

14 10.45am Pett Methodist Church Anniversary Service. Family Service at Pett Parish Church cancelled. Congregation welcome at the Methodists.

17 7.30pm The Pett House Group meets at Paxstead, Pett Road. All members of Pett Church welcome.

20 6.30pm Praise and Worship for the whole Benefice at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove led by a group from Rye Baptist Church.

21 7.30pm The Millennium Group meet at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove.

24-27 **The Deanery "Walking the Way"**. This event takes priority over other things during this time

24 6.30pm Fun Evening with barn dancing and a barbecue at Fairlight Church Field with Bishop Wallace.

25 8.00pm Youth Event at Thomas Peacock Community College

26 "How Can We Share Our Faith" (Workshops at Northiam Village Hall and the Oasts Conference Centre)

8.00pm "Christianity Has Failed" - the Bishop in the dock! - Thomas Peacock Community College

27 Coaches will arrive to take people to the TWO SERVICES

11.30AM "Come and Praise Together" followed by picnic lunch at Staplecross Recreation Field

6.30pm Final Celebration (and Confirmation) at St Mary's, Rye
 (More details, invitations and tickets from individual churches).

BENEFICE WORSHIP PROVISIONS FOR 27 JUNE

8.00am Holy Communion (1662 Prayer Book) at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove (NB no 8.00am service at Pett Level)

9.30am Parish Communion Service at Pett Parish for any who would like a communion service before going to the "Walking the Way" services)

NB There is to be a special Concert by Molly Townson and her singers on Saturday 3 July at Guestling Church. More news next month.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM IS COMING!

(A moment of reflection by the Rector)

I really cannot believe that it is nearly with us! It will soon be the year 2000. This is to be very significant for me, for many reasons, but one of them is that early in the New Millennium I come to retire from my full time ministry as an Anglican Clergyman! In the 80s I rarely gave this day a thought. I had a lively successful church and my children were moving on to University with good grades behind them. We had a brand new Vicarage built for us and I was a Rural Dean. A decade or so later I am near to retirement and thinking about the Benefice of three parishes and five churches that I will be passing on to a new incumbent in a few years time! For the first time in our lives, Eileen and I have been seriously thinking about MONEY FOR THE FUTURE. We have to provide ourselves with a home in retirement and make sure that I have sufficient pension for the future and for Eileen if she is ever left as a widow. A bit morbid isn't it, but "needs will have". I also cannot help thinking about the future of this Benefice. Five years here has made me suggest different ways of managing the job. The Diocese and the PCCs will consider them and come up with their own ideas.

Recently I have had some interesting letters and information sent to me. The Church Commissioners sent their annual statement. They have recovered their lost assets which brought so much publicity at the beginning of the decade. They are handling these so that the Church will have sound finances into the new Millennium. However, nowadays the Parishes have to pay all their incumbents' stipends and the pensions of those who are now retiring. In fact this Benefice is nearly up to Full Responsibility contributing over £35,000 a year plus almost £3,000 in fees (as well as a similar amount returned to the Churches). I have also received the lowest estimate for the urgent repair of Pett Parish Church. It is almost £40,000. If, as recommended over the next 5 years we were to complete the repair of the building, it might easily be double that amount. At present Pett has some £15,000 to meet this challenge. What do we do? Also through my door has come a letter about the new Pett Village Hall. What should be our priorities in Pett Village? My responsibility is for 4000 people over an area of some 10 miles x 7 miles with 275 on the electoral roll and an average of 170 people attending on each Sunday, not just here!

As I plan for my future I will need "to cut the coat according to the cloth". As a retired clergyman I will need to be wise in managing my finances. The time has come for the Benefice to plan wisely for the future. A lot of prayer, planning and discussion is needed. This includes, as the PCCs already know, where the Rector should live to best manage the benefice. Where his assistance should live. (We are thrilled that Frank and Marjorie have pledged their commitment to us until at 2003). Could we manage our finances better or arrange the services so that more would be attracted to our worship? In what ways can we encourage people to increase their financial support of the Church? None of these questions have easy answers. But it is no good just burying our heads in

the sand about the future. The Church of England says "The Responsibility is Ours" (TRIO), for it is surely no one else's!

RECORDED IN OUR REGISTERS

We congratulate on their marriage at St Laurence, Guestling
17 April Charles James Padfield and Julia Karen Foy
(Those who God has joined, let not man divide)

PARISH VISITATION

The Pastoral Team of Visitors in the Benefice are planning to do some house to house visiting in Three Oaks later in the Summer in time to invite people to the Flower Festival and Songs of Praise at the end of August (20th-22nd). Literature and handouts about the Flower Festival are being produced. We hope to visit in twos. Eileen Balch is the coordinator and if there are any who would be willing to joint us, we hope to visit the weeks commencing 12 July and 19 July. Eileen has all the details and she can be reached on 813234.

GUESTLING CHURCH FACILITIES

It has now become common knowledge that the Guestling Church Council have been looking at the possibility of providing a toilet within the building of the Church. The architect was asked to look at a suitable site and provide drawings. He felt the best place was within the tower, both for convenience and economy. The Diocesan Advisory Committee, including a representative from British Heritage was visiting the Benefice and came to see what was proposed. They verbally approved the scheme. Subsequently concern has been registered and the Archdeacon, Nicholas Reade, together with the DAC secretary made a recent visit to talk to some who were unhappy about the scheme. Following this the PCC has decided to ask the architect to speak at a public meeting to show his plans and answer questions. The Council do not want to proceed until they have gained the majority support of the Church and the community. If you are concerned about this project, please keep alert for the date and time of the meeting and do attend.

WILLIAM FLETCHER CHARITY

Mr Richard Leonard, Major Roger Brice and the Rector have been left as Trustees of a small minor charity set up to provide for general need in the Parish of Guestling. The income from Charinco shares and a tiny deposit account amounts to about £3 a year. The Trustees have begun the process to dissolve the charity and make the capital available to give charitably gifts at Christmas to any in need in the Parish of Guestling. If you wish to make representation regarding this charity, please do so at once to Mr Trevor Brown, Charity Commission, Harmsworth House, 13-15 Bouverie Street, London EC4Y 8DP. Notices regarding this can be found at the Church and on various notice boards in the Parish. The Rector announced his intention to do this at the Guestling Parish Assembly this year and there were no objections.

THE STROKE ASSOCIATION - needs more volunteer car driver escorts and helpers for the dysphasia support group at the Arthur Easton Centre, St Michael's Hospice on Tuesdays from 10.00am-12 noon.

Volunteers are also needed to work with people with dysphasia on a one to one basis in the patients' homes.

This work is most enjoyable and rewarding. Guidance and support are given and volunteer meetings take place from time to time. For information please contact Barbara Hine, Dysphasia Support Organiser, Coastways, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill on Sea TN40 1NR. Telephone 01424 214814.

THREE OAKS WI - the next meeting will be held on 10 June at 2.15pm in the Village Hall. The speaker for the afternoon will be Jo Priddo, her subject being 'Shopmobility'. Visitors and would be members will be made very welcome.

PETT JUMBLE SALE - many thanks once again to everyone who helped, donated and supported our Jumble Sale in April in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. After expenses had been deducted the amount raised was £430.

PETT WI - Mrs R Jordan will be our guest speaker in the Village Hall on Friday 18 June at 2.30pm. Her subject is Shiatsu and the audience is invited to 'participate'. The mystery will no doubt be revealed during the afternoon.

PETT GARDEN CLUB - we are arranging a visit to The Lodge Gardens at Cottage Lane, Westfield on the evening of 8 June by car(s). Please ring 812615 for details.

BADMINTON - come and join us at Pett Village Hall every Wednesday from 10.00am-12.30pm. Beginners welcome. Racquet available. Very friendly group.

PETT PLAYGROUP - Playgroup Supervisor required with appropriate qualifications for Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9.00am-12.00 noon. For further information please phone Ali Hudson on 814175.

BOOT SALE - Sunday 6 June. 8.00am for booters and 9.00am for public in the field next to the Two Sawyers. Pitches £5 in advance £6 on the day. Enquiries and bookings phone 814175.

FAMILY SOCIAL WORK - many thanks to Avril (author of Nature Notes and Parish Pump) for another valiant effort in joining the annual Easter South Downs Walk in aid of Knowles Tooth Children's Centre. Thanks, too, to those who so generously sponsored her. They raised £62 - enough to pay for a week's badly-needed holiday for 1 3/4 children (it costs £35 per child).

Dare I ask for your help again? On Saturday 19 June Family Social Work will have its usual stall at the Charities Fair at White Rock. Could you perhaps provide a home-made cake or pot of jam or preserve as a contribution towards its stock? Any items reaching Paxstead, Pett Road by Friday 18 June would be most gratefully received - or they could be collected if I was contacted in advance. Thanks so much!

Ray Taylor, 814674



HASTINGS PHILHARMONIC CHOIR - Gala Concert - Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana". Also music from the Last Night of the Proms. Gala Orchestra and Guest Soloists. Conductor: Shirley Carey. Saturday 12 June at 7.30pm at the White Rock Theatre. Tickets £10 with concessions.

KOSOVO APPEAL - thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the recent Kosovo Appeal. It has been lovely to see so many bags and boxes of donations piled high at the back of the church. We pray for all those involved in Children's Aid Direct and ask that they have a safe and successful journey.

Meriel Deasy

THE BIG FISHERMAN - we should call him that because he was big and bold in leadership and we here need both qualities. In our village we have a fine building dedicated in his name. Remember him when he is honoured worldwide on St Peter's Day, 29 June, and reflect on his special hymn:

O Rock of ages, one Foundation,
On which the living Church doth rest;
The Church whose walls are strong salvation,
Whose gates are praise - thy name be blest.

Meriel Deasy, Angela Hawksley, Michael Townroe

FACTS ABOUT THE FARMING COMMUNITY

These are some of the problems that face modern agriculture today:

- 1 There needs to be more understanding from the supermarkets and they need to source more of their supplies from Britain.
- 2 The Government needs to have a greater understanding of the countryside and how it works.
- 3 Small and mixed farms and family farms need to be retained because it is the farms that have a mixture of livestock and crops that give the countryside its varied beauty of a green and pleasant place to live in.
- 4 There needs to be less bureaucracy and more common sense is needed in the way that agriculture and other industries are administered. If not it will make people give up.
- 5 Farmers themselves must become salesmen of their produce and must be prepared to go and meet the people that are the customers.
- 6 The right to roam worries many farmers. Those people that will decide on this matter need to take these fears into account and not do it for some ideological reason. Most of the countryside is a working environment for someone and home to many.
- 7 All farmers, big or small, do not mind working hard for a just reward. So we need to see that all farm produce is bought at a price that enables the farmer to earn a living and to invest for the future. Mankind cannot survive without a good supply of food.
- 8 The growers of fruit have had some difficult years, mainly due to the late frosts which kill off the new buds, so let us hope that there will be no frost this year and that they have a good harvest.
- 9 Pig farmers have had a very difficult year with very low prices for their produce, and many have gone out of business.
- 10 Let us hope that the mix of farming practices that we have in this part of the country can continue and we can all enjoy the beauty of the countryside that we see around us today.
- 11 We all hope to see an end to the BSE crisis that has brought such havoc to the beef and dairy farming which has also had a dramatic effect on many other industries.

Produced for the Rogationtide Service on 9 May

APATHY

The Euro election takes place on Thursday 10 June 1999. Many people feel apathetic about voting because they are either totally against Britain's inclusion in the European Community or against the Single Currency. Alternatively, they may feel totally confused by the proportional voting system. My view is that it is very important for us to exercise our right to vote. Not voting will not influence any politician or any decision. I keep remembering the suffragettes who struggled to win the votes for women and, more recently, the men and women in South Africa who queued for days in the sun just waiting to vote.

Angela Hawksley

GUESTLING & PETT CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

18 June - Go Kart racing on the Stade in Hastings

17 July - Lunch at White House, Pett Level. Tickets from Mrs Hawksley 812705

25 July - Garden fete at Fairlight Place Farm. Stalls and games of all sorts

18 September - picture auction at Winchelsea

A MEMENTO WORTH HAVING!

Does the prospect of a multi-million pound Millennium Dome which is only scheduled to last a few decades, leave you less than enthusiastic? Would you prefer a memento which is unique, beautifully executed, affordable and which can be passed down to your great-grandchildren and beyond?

Joan Zeepvat has drawn a most wonderful map of Pett and Pett Level in the year 2000, showing many local features such as the Inns, the Churches, the Village Hall, farms, shops, the Recreation Ground, the Rescue Boat and much, much more! The black and white version at £2, is a work of art. The coloured version, at £8, is simply stunning. Joan has kindly offered to give the entire profit from the sale of this masterpiece to the Church Restoration Fund.

You can buy your copy of the map from either Paul at the Upholsterers or Tony at the Post Office. You might even find yourself on it!

Avril Thurley

NATURE NOTES

It was 8.30 on a Sunday morning and the woods were carpeted with anemones and bluebells. There was no wind, so I was surprised to see what appeared to be a ball of dead leaves blowing about on the footpath further ahead. As I drew nearer I could see that the thing was alive. At first I thought it was a hedgehog, perhaps entangled in something and rolling about trying to free itself. I removed my anorak, intending to throw it over the struggling creature. By this time I was only yards away and I stopped in astonishment. The thing seemed to be a whirling ball of legs and tails. Then it suddenly resolved itself into two weasels, who stood glaring at me fearlessly for a moment before pitching into each other again. The fight rolled off the path and into the undergrowth and I wondered how long they would keep it up before one did the other a permanent mischief.

I went with some friends to Warehorne on 2 May and we had a lovely walk along the Royal Military Canal. We heard no less than four nightingales singing. I used to hear them daily in May in Guestling Wood on our lunchtime walks, but never so many close together.

My garden is awash with baby birds and I can't garden in peace without either an anxious parent scolding me for getting too near the nest, or the older fledglings getting under my feet. The blue tits raising a family in the box a couple of feet from my kitchen door are far too busy bringing beakfuls of green caterpillars to take any notice of me. They have nine babies in the box, of whom at least seven will be dead before next spring if the blue tit population is to remain stable. Nature is not sentimental.

To end on a happier note - last night I went to sleep to the sound of tawny owls calling, and this morning I was woken at 5.30am by a blackcap singing right outside my bedroom window.

Avril Thurley

Copy for the July magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, telephone 813437 by Wednesday 16 June 1999 please.

PARISH PUMP

Our local Community Beat Officer, PC Ray Turvey, attended the April Meeting and answered questions about the Crime and Disorder Strategy. One of the points he made was the importance of members of the public reporting incidents to the Police. He assured us that the Police would rather hear about the same incident from half a dozen people than not at all. One of the problems in country areas is fly tipping. If you see anyone dumping rubbish, please inform the Police, if possible with the vehicle registration number.

Still on the subject of rubbish, there have been complaints about people dumping garden refuse, either near public litter bins or - worse - in farm gateways. You can buy large paper sacks for garden refuse, which the dustmen will then take away. The sacks are obtainable from the Rother Office in Rye and although they cost about 70p each they are good value, as they hold an amazing amount of hedge clippings or whatever.

The sewage leak into the Recreation Ground has now been dealt with and the mud holes at the entrance gate have been levelled courtesy of the Cricket Club. The problem at the gate is made much worse by people taking their cars into the field when the ground is obviously too soft to take a car's weight without damage. In future the gate will be kept locked during bad weather.

It was good to see so many parishioners at the April Council Meeting. I hope you found it interesting and will come again.

Avril Thurley
Clerk to Pett Parish Council

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE needs more volunteers. Two Volunteers Information Evenings are being held on Tuesday 6 July 1999 and Friday 10 September 1999, Day Care, St Michael's Hospice, 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea. You are warmly invited to come along and find out about the vital work of volunteers within many areas of the organisation and ways in which you could help us to continue to serve those in need of Hospice care in the Hastings and Rother area. For more information, please telephone Mrs Andrea Garrick, Voluntary Services Coordinator on 01424 445177.

Forthcoming fund raising events:

Charity Bowls Tournament on 26 September
'My Pictorial View' - a talk by Roy Stubbs on Black and White Photography and a talk by Raymond Harris on the history and manufacture of Fire Bellows and some Country Tales.

CHURCHWARDEN'S DIARY**Sunday 25 April - Poet's Corner:**

There's a pigeon in the steeple,
How it got there I don't know.
But one thing I am sure about -
That bird will have to go!

Alexander, he being younger, more nimble and more agile than I, volunteers to deal with this problem. Actually, I think he got coerced! No matter, pigeon is removed and hole is blocked up! WOT!!! - no pigeon!

Sunday 2 May - Canon Michael introduces the service by saying that time cannot stand still - has he realised that the clock has stopped?!! Fortunately, Vic has returned from his holiday and, once he has stopped laughing, leaps up the steeple to do something about it.

Saturday 8 May - Christian Aid Coffee Morning - for the second year running John has got the weather wrong for me; no storms, gales, flood or tempest. Am able to sit comfortably in the garden and while away the morning with Ken and Eric; also manage to sell some plants. Eric, despite his reputation and much teasing, does not win a raffle prize; Ken, his rival, gets six of his tickets drawn!

Sunday 9 May - Christian Aid service in the morning followed by Rogation walk in the afternoon. Am I the only person who can remember doing Rogation walks! I have to admit it was a long time ago and in a previous existence.

Joan gives us a Botany lesson as we go; we wave to the gang from Guestling, they are in Peter James Lane and we are crossing a field. Fairlight, Guestling and Pett arrive at Fields Barn at exactly the same time. Was this a coincidence? Wonder what Divine Providence had to do with it. Jolly good tea! Who was Peter James?

Friday 14 May - Kosovo appeal going well. Gill has already removed two car loads of donations, there are several more loads to go. Well done chaps.

Wednesday 19 May - all the CWs have to go to St Leonards to be "sworn in". This is a legal requirement, you are now stuck with us for another year!

Friday 21 May - the Archdeacon comes to visit. I decide **not** to wear my trainers, but opt for my Winnie the Pooh socks! Does he realise that WP is this year's trendsetter? Remember to remove the fire extinguisher from its hiding place behind the altar to a more obvious site. This will ensure that all CWs everywhere are doing the right thing, at least as far as Archdeacons are concerned.

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in the head.

I've got used to my arthritis
To my dentures I'm resigned
I can manage my bifocals
But oh God, I miss my mind.

Sometimes I can't remember
When I'm standing by the stairs
If I should go up for something
Or if I've just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often
My mind is filled with doubt
Now, did I put some food away
Or come to take some out.

And sometimes when it's night time
With my hairnet on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.

If it's not my turn to write dear
I hope you won't get sore
I may think that I've written
And I don't want to be a bore.

So remember that I love you
And wished that you lived near
But now it's time to post this
And say goodbye my dear.

At last I stood beside the post box
And my face it sure got red
Instead of posting this to you
I've opened it instead.

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

Mrs A Dawson 812977

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

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DEANERY SYNOD

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