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The Benefice of Lower Beeding and Cowfold

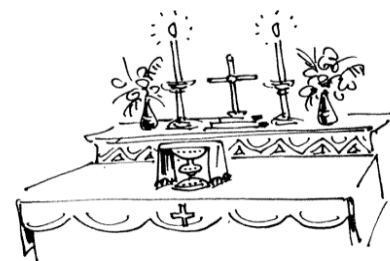
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Fathers' Day 20th June

JUNE 2021

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Readings & Worship Services
June 2021



June 6th First Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 3: 8-15.

2 Corinthians 4: 13- 5: 1.

Mark 3: 20-end.

June 13th Second Sunday after Trinity.

Ezekiel 17: 22-end.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-13.

Mark 4: 26-34.

June 20th Third Sunday after Trinity

Job 38: 1-11.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13.

Mark 4: 35 - end.

June 27th 4th Sunday after Trinity

Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15.

2 Corinthians 8: 7-end.

Mark 5: 21-end.

From the Registers

Times of services – Sundays

Lower Beeding

Eucharist: 8.30 at St. Johns

Eucharist: 10.00 at Holy Trinity

St. Peter's, Cowfold

St Peters has an 8 o'clock service on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday

All churches have reopened for Services.

6th) 10am Eucharist
13th) 8am BCP Eucharist; 10am Short & Sweet
20th) 8am BCP Eucharist; 11.15am Eucharist
27th) 10am Eucharist

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Welcome to the June 2021 edition of the Parish Magazine for the Benefice.

At the time of publication, all our three churches are open for worship. As we don't know how the new variant of Covid will spread, our area seems to be less infected than it was. Let us hope we can remain open.

Cowfold are having a Celebration of St.Peter on Saturday 26th June. I hope there will be many attendees and the sun shines for them.

Many of us have now been doubled dosed and there is hope that the vaccines will keep us safe from further infection.

As you know Alison Ulloa has been doing sterling work on the organisation of adverts. If you would like to put in an advert, please let Alison know. Her mobile number is: 07721098255. You might need to be quick as there are only few spaces left.

It is Fathers' Day on June 20th, and we wish all fathers a good day.

Keep well and keep safe – Covid 19 is still around and will be with us for some time

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The Vicar's Letter



Dear Friends,

I can well remember a history teacher at one of my schools, saying that history repeats itself, and empires rise and fall.

I have always enjoyed history and I hope that like me you have enjoyed Ken Eglinton's series on famous people and the influence they have had on history. As I said in the March letter, history is what forms us, whether it is pleasant to recall or not! I suppose in some ways one of the enjoyable parts of history is that we read or study it with the benefit of hindsight and often understand or know the consequences of the actions taken many years ago.

How many remember the old family bibles, our grandparents or even parents used to have, full of photos and lists of births, marriages, and deaths, but sadly usually because of their size and weight left on a shelf to gather dust. How many of us in this present time read the Bible or to give it its correct title The Holy Bible, as the word bible only refers to a collection of books, which of course is what The Holy Bible is, but these stories are special and hold our history and are worthy of reading and reflection.

As we now enter the halfway mark of this year, we have celebrated the festival called Pentecost, which Fr martin talked about last month and the forming of the early church. Of course, the early church was formed during the occupation of Israel, by the Romans, whose empire stretched across most of the then known world and because of it spread across the lands occupied or influenced by the Roman empire, but which like all empires did not last. But Christianity did last and spread even further afield. But one of the points which can be lost when reading The Holy Bible, is that it is amongst other things, full of what happened at certain points of history and the consequences of people's actions. It also tells of the rise and fall of many earthly empires, the empires of the Ancient Egyptians, the Meads and Persians and of course of Rome to name a few.

The history related to in The Holy Bible covers a vast span of history of the human race, sometimes it can make unpleasant reading, especially in the Old Testament, when battles between different countries were commonplace. However, if you wish to find parallels to modern day life, it is there in The Holy Bible, along with lessons to be learnt even today. it is well worth a read and study and reflection. After all history for good or bad does repeat itself.

God bless, Geoff



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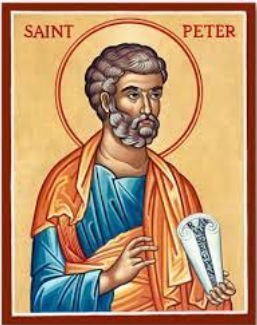
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News and Views from St. John's, Coolhurst



June 2021 Kay Croll writes:



St Peter's Day - June 29th Peters Tide

Feast of St. Peter and Paul in honour of their martyrdom in Rome of the apostles St Peter and St Paul which is observed on the 29th June. In the Anglican Church Peters Tide is the major one of two traditional periods for the ordination of new priests and deacons (the other being Michaelmas)

Despite St Peters many mistakes, he knew how to hold on and recover and was called by Jesus 'the Rock' who learned that every betrayal can ultimately be restored by love. A powerful tool for new ordinands as they remember a man who recovered from his mistakes and openness to love can give them courage as they start their ministry.

Ordination training can follow three different pathways, residential, non-residential and part time. It is reported that 560 title posts most stipendiary will be available to match the



ordinands emerging this year. This is good news as Covid 19 has caused so many problems for parishes.

Let us remember these ordinands in our prayers as they emerge and take up their posts within the Dioceses as they fulfil their calling



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Fathers' Day, a time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on 19th June, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.



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Lower Beeding Parish Council News

June 2021

Dear Parishioners

As we move towards brighter days it is still important to keep vigilant in keeping the COVID virus at bay. The last thing we want is yet another lockdown!

In June the Parish Council will be holding the AGM on 15th. This is a slightly delayed meeting as we were not allowed to hold public meetings throughout the lockdown. The meeting will be held in the church at 7:30pm and all are welcome to attend. We have two councillors leaving us at the end of May. Councillors Hough and Lloyd have decided to stand down after serving on the Council for many years. We would like to thank both for their dedicated service and wish them well for the future.

One topic that has been prevalent over the past few months is the increase in dog waste on the many paths and bridleways. May we remind all dog owners that it is your responsibility to pick-up and dispose of your dog waste and not leave the waste bag hanging in the bushes.

Finally at the time of writing there were no new planning applications in the Parish just the results from the Horsham Planning Department as below: -

DC/21/0459 Holme Farm Orchard, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath, West Sussex, RH13 6LZ.

Formation of vehicular access off Winterpit Lane.

Decision: Application Refused

DC/21/0382 Cisswood Racing Stables, Sandygate Lane, Lower Beeding, West Sussex, RH13 6LR.

Formation of new private access road and widening of existing section of private access track.

Decision: Application Permitted

DC/21/0376 Woodland Cottage, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, West Sussex, RH13 6NQ.

Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/20/1842 (Replacement of pitched roof with a flat roof to create an additional first floor habitable space. Erection of a first floor extension and rear balcony.

Decision: Application Permitted

If you need any advice on any issues pertaining to any issues please contact me on: -

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Keep Safe!

Peter Knox

Clerk to Lower Beeding Parish Council

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**“It is like driving on the moon”**

Some of our British roads are beginning to resemble “the surface of the moon”, according to the RAC. It has recently reported that an average of 52 drivers a day are breaking their cars on potholes and needing to be rescued.

More than 4,000 drivers have needed assistance since January, despite the fact that lockdown has meant many fewer cars on the road.

After years of underfunding and patch-up repair jobs, and despite the fact that councils are currently filling a pothole every 19 seconds, the RAC says that the Government and local councils face an ‘enormous task’ to get our roads “anything like reasonable” again.

Potholes are nasty to cars. They can break your suspension springs, distort your wheels, and damage your shock absorbers, among other woes.

# Lower Beeding Association News

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## Village Hall Activities

During the 1980s the cricket, football and tug-of-war teams were all very active with sponsored walks, mini minor football tournaments, discos and so on. In 1978 weekly Youth Club meetings was set up at the Hall by Ken Laidler and Ian & Ann Kirkham who arranged various outings, games, table tennis, inter-club competitions. In April 1985 Ken, Ian & Ann handed over the club to Adrian Barraclough and Jeannie Lillywhite who added occasional trips to Streatham Ice Rink.

Also in 1985 a full public meeting was held at the hall and it was agreed to raise the funds of £20,000 for a Club Bar. The fund raising was promoted by Tom Tyler, Charlie Hempstead and Ken Laidler, to have a car lottery at £60 a ticket. The first big draw prize was a long weekend for Two in Jersey at the Chelsea Hotel with Flights by British Airways. Other prizes were cameras, radios, and dinners for two. The final draw was held at the hall disco. The long awaited prize of a brand new VW GTi (negotiated by Geoff Fry) was won by Daphne Poupart, who was not at the event but was contacted and at 11 pm her husband brought over a very excited winner. Daphne drove the car, festooned with ribbons, to several Summer Fetes with guess the mileage and a special prize (not the car!)

**Daphne Poupart receiving the keys for her VW Golf Gti lottery car prize presented to her by Alan Edwards of Empires Motors, Petworth.**





For a number of years in the 1980s we held New Year's Eve family parties, Tramps Ball and Fancy Dress were very popular. Classes included First Aid, ballroom, self-defence, keep fit, flower arranging, dog training and Art. Whist drives, Cheese and Wine evenings, Mini Auctions, Horse Racing, Jumble Sales and more. Lamb Roasts, BBQs and Barn Dances were very popular plus a Caribbean Evening (organised by Rita) with a steel drum group from Brixton.

**Photo of Caribbean evening.**



**Wanted: New Treasurer**

The LBA is looking for a new treasurer as Gwynie is stepping down. This position is ideal for someone with accountancy background who is semi-retired and interested in the activities of the village. Gwynie is happy to help the new person into the role. Everything is up-to-date and she has introduced online banking.

Please contact Jean Black on 01403 891523 or Roy Wicking on 010403 891710.

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Jean Black 01403 891523
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# Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

There is no update this month, so I thought that I'd share a little history instead. Back in 1960 one of our members went back through our archives and prepared a summary of the shows that had been held between the years 1928 and 1960.

A Condensed History of L.B.H.S. from 1928-1960

|      |                                                                                                          |             |    |             |                       |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1928 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 9  | Newells     | Mr-Mrs Graves         |
| 1929 | Thursday                                                                                                 | July        | 25 | Leonardslee | Sir Giles - Ladyhoder |
| 1930 | Wednesday                                                                                                | July        | 23 | South Lodge | Dame Alice Godman     |
| 1931 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 6  | Selehurst   | Capt - Mrs W.W. Otter |
| 1932 | <i>It was Decided to hold the Annual Show over for one year on account of the Present Economy Crisis</i> |             |    |             |                       |
| 1933 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 10 | South Lodge |                       |
| 1934 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 3  | South Lodge |                       |
| 1946 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 8  | Leonardslee | Affiliated to the RHS |
| 1947 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 9  | Newells     | Capt - Mrs Lang       |
| 1948 | Thursday                                                                                                 | August      | 7  | South Lodge |                       |
| 1949 | Thursday                                                                                                 | July        | 23 | Leonardslee |                       |
| 1950 | Saturday                                                                                                 | July        | 29 | Newells     |                       |
| 1951 | Saturday                                                                                                 | August      | 11 | South Lodge |                       |
| 1952 | Saturday                                                                                                 | July        | 19 | Leonardslee |                       |
| 1953 | Saturday                                                                                                 | August      | 1  | Newells     |                       |
| 1954 | Saturday                                                                                                 | August      | 7  | South Lodge |                       |
| 1955 | Saturday                                                                                                 | September 3 |    | Leonardslee |                       |
| 1956 | Saturday                                                                                                 | August      | 11 | Newells     | First Spring show c   |
| 1957 | Saturday                                                                                                 | August      | 3  | South Lodge | Saturday March        |

*Notes from the Minute Book:*  
 \* Mrs Fowler presented the association with a Silver Cup as a tribute to her late husband. To be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the 'Cottage Division' Now known as: N.A. Fowler Cup.  
 \* Our Diamond Jubilee Year: Mr Alan Melville spend our Summer

Of particular interest is the fact that our main show was held on a Thursday until 1950 when it moved to Saturday. I've written before about the fact that the show was a major village occasion, with the school having a half-day so that children could attend, and the local estate gardeners also getting the day off to prepare for their participation. Added to this, the society also ran a fete alongside the show, and the event was, during these years, a major village event.

Other items of interest in our archive include handwritten and coloured charts of prizewinners. One of these includes a summary of all the children's special prizes for the period 1928-1934. If space permits in the future perhaps some of these can be included in the magazine.

Tom

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# Gardeners' World



Cold and dry weather this past month have not helped the progress of our gardens so far this spring. We are now in for a week of wet weather and, if we can also get some warmth, this will give things the chance to catch up. Right now though the lawn, for example, really isn't putting on much growth and the fresh greenness seems a long way off still. There has still been plenty to do in the garden this past month, it's just that the plants aren't sprinting on in their growth as we saw last spring, when we were in the middle of a very warm period that coincided with the first lockdown of this long and drawn-out response to the virus. The bluebells are now in full bloom and make a spectacular display for us on our regular walks, the trees too are coming into full leaf, and the wistaria and early clematis are both coming into spectacular bloom.

In June there is still plenty to occupy us in the garden, with first planting out of some crops and succession planting of those crops that we want to continue to harvest well into the early autumn. As well as the planting there is the opportunity for first pickings of broad beans and peas. Picking as soon as they are ready will encourage further production of the same crop, rather than the plant's energies going into seed production in unpicked crop. Both these vegetables can also be sown directly into the ground this month, if a longer cropping season is what you want. Succession planting is particularly suited to a variety of different crops, including beetroot, carrots, broccoli (and tenderstem has become very popular), lettuce, and spinach. If you have sown your potatoes directly into the ground then continue to earth up during June. This isn't necessary if you sowed them in growing bags and filled the bags to the top initially. And if you planted out your first early potatoes in early-mid April they could well be ready for harvest by the end of the month, requiring just around ten weeks to reach harvest after planting. Tomato plants will require the regular job of pinching outside shoots, and start to feed these once the first truss has set. Choose a feed high in potash – Tomorite or Chempak 4 for this – to promote strong fruit. Continue with hoeing to keep weeds in check. Widely spaced crops such as sweet corn and brassicas can be mulched both to prevent weed growth and to reduce water loss.

This month should see the daffodil stems sufficiently died down for them to be cut down. Once this is done the bulbs can be lifted and stored for replanting in the autumn. Other early-flowering plants benefit from such cutting back, for example removing the flower stems and old foliage from hellebores. Cut these back at the base to reveal soft, tender new foliage emerging from the centre of the plant – keep this, as it will replace the tough outer stems and leaves that you cut off. The new foliage might appear a little limp and weak, that's because it's been growing underneath the shelter of the old foliage. Just give it a few days in the wind, rain and sunshine and it will toughen up. Maintaining hellebores in this way will also help prevent diseases, keeping them healthier and stronger. And they are keen self-seeders so allowing some to go to seed will result in more plants next year. There's every chance that annuals were planted out in May, however early June will still allow these colourful plants to give a great display in the coming weeks. Once the bluebells have died down these can be thinned out by lifting excess bulbs and replanting to provide a wider bed of colour next year. Dead-heading comes into the list of jobs this month, roses and annuals will be among the plants that will benefit from this work. So too will aquilegia, a vigorously self-seeding plant that is worth keeping under control.

Finally, continue to be wary of the "plant predators" in their many forms that will prey on your hard work – the thrips, numerous aphids and mites, snails and slugs, and be sure to control these with whatever means you are comfortable with that works for you. The garden is something for you to enjoy, not these visitors!



# Holy Trinity Primary School



After 9 weeks at home, everyone is back and ready to start learning. For some people, it took a little bit longer to adjust to the routine. Everything has also changed or adjusted a bit because of the new rules. For example: sanitising/washing hands regularly, spaced out tables, windows and doors open at all times etc.

Our science teacher, Mrs Jameson, has been planning on making a wild garden outside Eagles’ classroom. It will include lots of little bits ‘n’ bobs to make insects and creatures feel at home. We are putting this plan into action to mainly help increase the population of insects and mammals in the school grounds. We know this won’t be world changing but as they say ‘every little helps’.

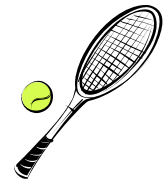
The Year 6’s of 2021 have had their residential trip Fairthorne Manor cancelled, which means that they can’t have all the fun and games that they would have had away from home. Luckily, their teacher, Mrs Cranfield, is working with them to plan a few big days out. For example: they’re hoping for one day at Southwater Country Park, doing stand-up-paddle boarding and kayaking. They are also hoping to do lots of other activities. Year 6’s will also be going camping with Mrs Cranfield. They are all very excited to hear this news. They will be roasting marshmallows, lighting a campfire, and possibly ordering pizza for dinner.

Sadly, Mrs Kane left the school before the Easter holidays. But, we are happy to welcome our new School Business Manager, Mrs Cornfield. We all wish Mrs Kane the best of luck at her new job and hope it goes well!

Unfortunately, when the Year 6’s leave at the end of the school year, Mrs Cranfield will sadly be retiring. But it is also exciting for the Year 5’s to have a new teacher arriving, in September.

Maisey and Lois -Year 6





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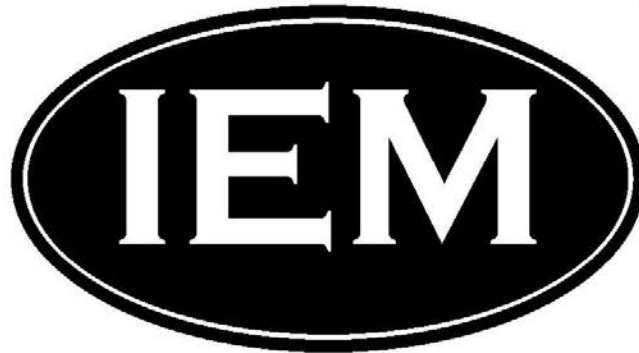
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## 74. Sir Robert Peel 1788 – 1850

### Part 1: A liberal conservative



Peel was born in Bury, the son of a wealthy textile manufacturer. Peel was the first ever person to take a double-first in Classics and Mathematics at Oxford. At the age of 21 he entered parliament as a Tory, sponsored by Sir Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington. Peel's maiden speech was a sensation, famously described by the Speaker as "the best first speech since that of William Pitt."

With a brilliant mind, coupled with his skill in debate, Peel held a variety of appointments before entering the cabinet at the age of 34. As home secretary he introduced a series of important reforms of criminal

law, removing the death penalty for 100 minor crimes, and repealing a large number of criminal statutes, consolidating their provisions into what are known as Peel's Acts. He also reformed the prison system, introducing payment for jailors and education for inmates. The Seditious Meetings Prevention Act (barring large assemblies) and the Combination Act (banning trades unions) were also repealed.

When Wellington became prime minister he and Peel came to recognise that the anti-Catholic laws were leading to disorder in Ireland. Peel drew up the Catholic Relief Bill and guided it through the House of Commons, while Wellington did the same in the Lords. Many Tories voted against, and the bill only passed with Whig support.

Wellington and Peel then had to threaten to resign in order to force George IV to grant the Royal Assent.

Peel had previously been firmly against lifting these laws, but now explained that "though emancipation was a great danger, civil strife was a greater danger". This established a pattern. Like most Tories, Peel was wary of reform, but he understood better than most that Britain was changing and, when change became inevitable, that managed reform was better than disorder. Unfortunately, most Tories were not so pragmatic, and came to distrust him.

In 1829, Peel established the world's first professional police force, based at Scotland Yard in London. In his honour, the constables were nicknamed 'bobbies' or 'peelers'.

Although unpopular at first, they proved very successful in cutting crime in London, and by 1857 every British city was obliged to form their own police force.

Repeal of the anti-Catholic laws raised expectations for wider political reform. Many parliamentary seats had few electors, and some represented towns that no longer existed. In lots of seats a local noble effectively decided who the MP should be. Although a number of other seats had a broader franchise, the new rising towns of Birmingham and Manchester had no representation at all.

Wellington's government refused any reform and a wave of riots swept the country. At the same time there was once again revolution in France. The Whigs won the 1830 election and passed a reform bill through the House of Commons.



When it was defeated in the Lords a wave of near insurrection swept the land. Although Peel had previously spoken against reform, his understanding of the national mood meant he became one of the first Tories to accept the need for reform.

The 1832 Great Reform Act increased the size of the electorate from about 5-6% of adults to about 9-10%. Or put another way, 19% of adult males, as the Act disenfranchised those few women who previously had the vote.

Enormously industrious and always open to reason, Peel also tended to be stubborn, thin-skinned, and poor at conciliating colleagues. This, together with the fact that his wealth came from commerce and not land, meant he was never popular in parliament. Yet his brilliance and strong personality enabled him to dominate the Commons for 25 years, even when he was out of power.

Many Tories by now distrusted Peel, but he had the support of Wellington and the king. The strength of the relationship between the middle-class Peel and the aristocratic Wellington was curious. When they first served together, Wellington commented "I have no small talk and Peel has no manners, how shall we ever get along". Get along they did! When the Tories returned to power, Wellington refused to be prime minister and insisted it must be Peel.

In order to widen support for the Tories, Peel issued the *Tamworth Manifesto*. This laid down the principles upon which the modern Conservative Party is based, pledging that the Tories would endorse modest reform. Peel's second term as prime minister commenced during an economic recession and a large budget deficit run up by the Whigs. Confidence in banks and businesses was low, trade was in deficit, the recession was causing widespread distress in the industrial towns, and Britain was at war in China and Afghanistan.

Peel proved to be as superb in his grasp of fundamental issues as he was adroit in handling administrative detail. To stimulate trade and also reduce the cost of food for the industrial workers, Peel lifted many restrictions on foreign trade and cut a wide range of tariffs. To replace the lost government revenue he reintroduced income tax, which had been abolished at the end of the Napoleonic War. The rate was just under 3%. These policies were immediately popular and soon stimulated economic growth. They also enabled Peel to reduce government debt, and take further measures to progress the establishment of free trade and also a modern banking system.

Next month, I shall describe how Peel's responses to economic, humanitarian, and political crises underpins his immense reputation.

| 1813                                             | 1818                                                               | 1818-25                                                                        | 1821                                                 | 1825                                                     |
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Miscellaneous observations on life

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Scratch a dog - and you'll find a permanent job.

Every seven minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a muscle.

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

Learn from others' mistakes. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

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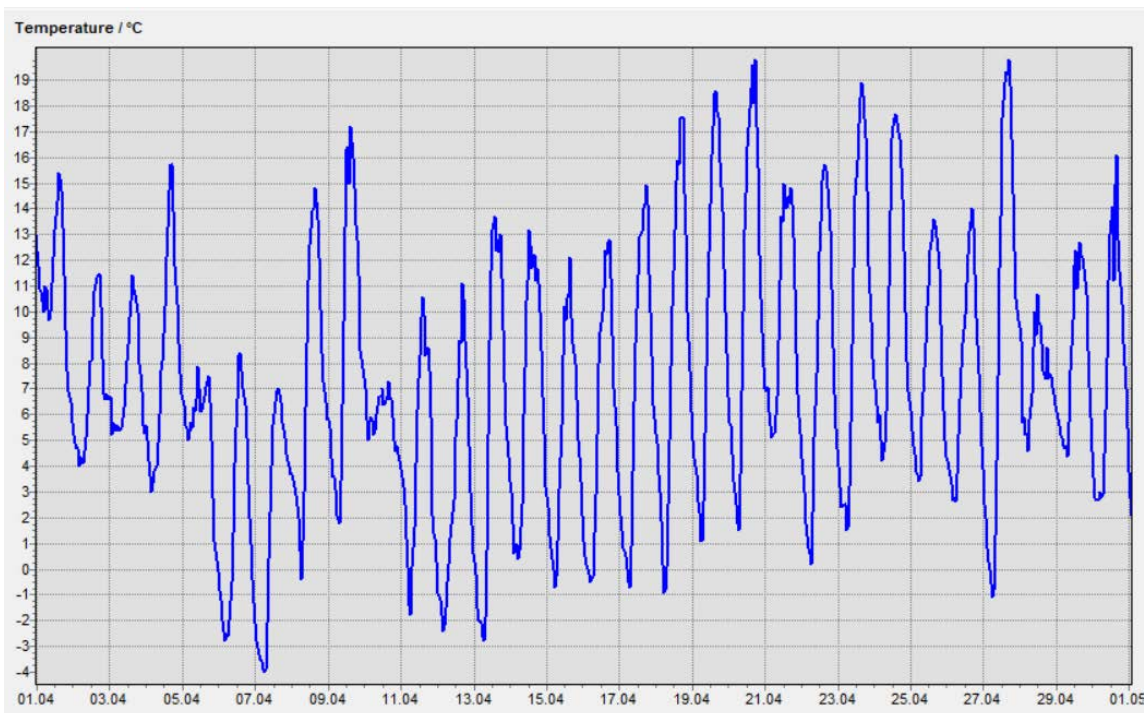


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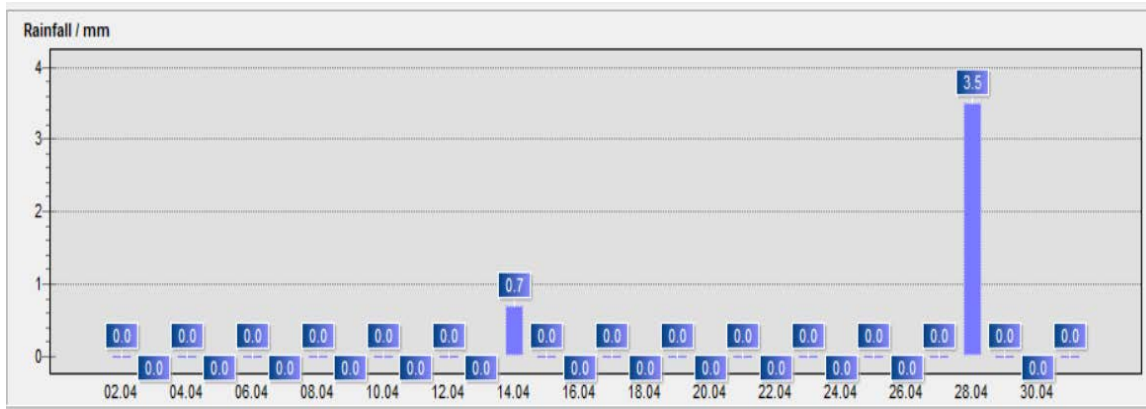
Rainfall in April 2021	0.17"	4mm
Rainfall in April 2020	2.64"	67mm
Rainfall for 2021	9.03"	229mm
Rainfall for 2020	15.52"	394mm

Warmest day 19.8°C on 20th
Warmest night 5.2°C on the 3rd

Coldest day 7.3°C on the 10th
Coldest night -4.0°C on the 6th



Much was made in the press about the number of frosts this month. As can be seen, we had sub zero air temperatures on 11 nights. Less than some areas certainly, but definitely unusual. Rainfall was very low however April can see very low rainfall. Records show that in 2017 we had 5mm, in 2011 8mm, and in 2007 3mm (although this was prior to electronic recording so perhaps might be less accurate).



As forecast, we did have settled weather during April, however it was significantly colder than expected.

From the MetOffice:

“April began settled, but soon turned very cold, and a notable feature throughout the month was the number of air frosts. Daytime temperatures did recover from the middle of the month, but it was cold and showery in the closing days. Overall it was an unusually cold, dry and sunny month.

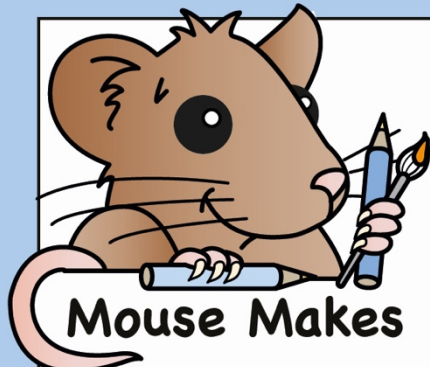
The provisional UK mean temperature was 5.7 °C, which is 1.7 °C below the 1981-2010 long-term average, with April being colder than March for the first time since 2012. Mean maximum temperatures were within a degree of average except in eastern England, but mean minimum temperatures were widely around 3 °C below average away from westernmost coastal counties. The number of days of air frost across the UK was the highest in a series since 1960. Many areas were very dry, with only parts of Wiltshire and northern Scotland exceeding 50% of average rainfall, making it provisionally the UK’s fourth driest April in a series from 1862. Sunshine was well above average everywhere, especially across northern England and southern Scotland, with 152% of average overall, narrowly beating 2020 to become the sunniest April in a series since 1919”. From their data it seems that Central South and SE England had 32% more sunshine than average.

As we move into the Summer months it becomes harder to predict the longer term weather due to the more unreliable weather patterns experienced at this time of year. This month there is little agreement between the various international organisations, however the Met Office Contingency planning report shows that there is a stronger than average chance of a warmer/ hotter conditions (in line with general Global warming), with a slightly increased chance of wetter conditions.

Elizabeth Ogg

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*June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. Sol + stice come from two Latin words meaning ‘sun’ and ‘to stand still’. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.*

# Children's Page



## Mouse Makes



### JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person Jesus healed?  
*John 4:46-54*

Who did Jesus heal from fever?  
*Mark 1:29-31*

How was the the paralysed man brought to Jesus?  
*Mark 2:1-12*

Jesus healed and made the...

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| SICK      | ABLE     |
| DEAD      | WALK     |
| BLIND     | FORGIVEN |
| DEAF      | ALIVE    |
| CRIPPLED  | SPEAK    |
| SINNER    | MOVE     |
| MUTE      | SEE      |
| PARALYSED | WELL     |
| DISABLED  | HEAR     |

Where did the demons ask Jesus to send them when he drove them out?  
*Mark 5:1-20*

How long had the man by the pool been disabled?  
*John 5:1-15*

What did Jesus say made the woman well?  
*Matthew 9: 20-22*

"There are **many** things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."  
*John 21:25*

How many men were healed from leprosy?  
*Luke 17:11-19*

What did Jesus heal Bartemaus from?  
*Mark 10:46-52*

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how many days had he been buried?  
*John 11:1-45*





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## 29<sup>th</sup> June St Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.



It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others.



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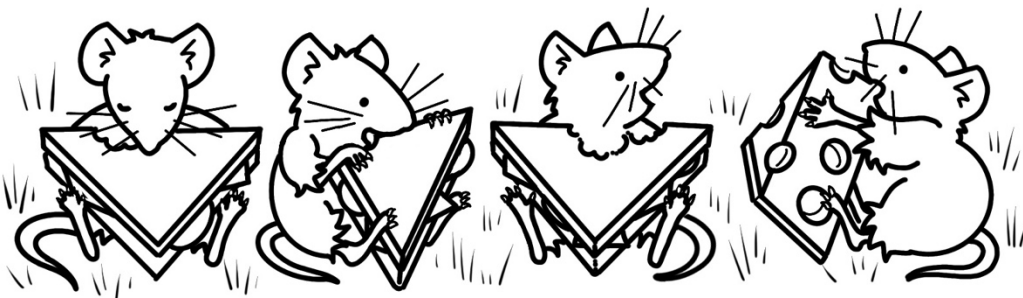
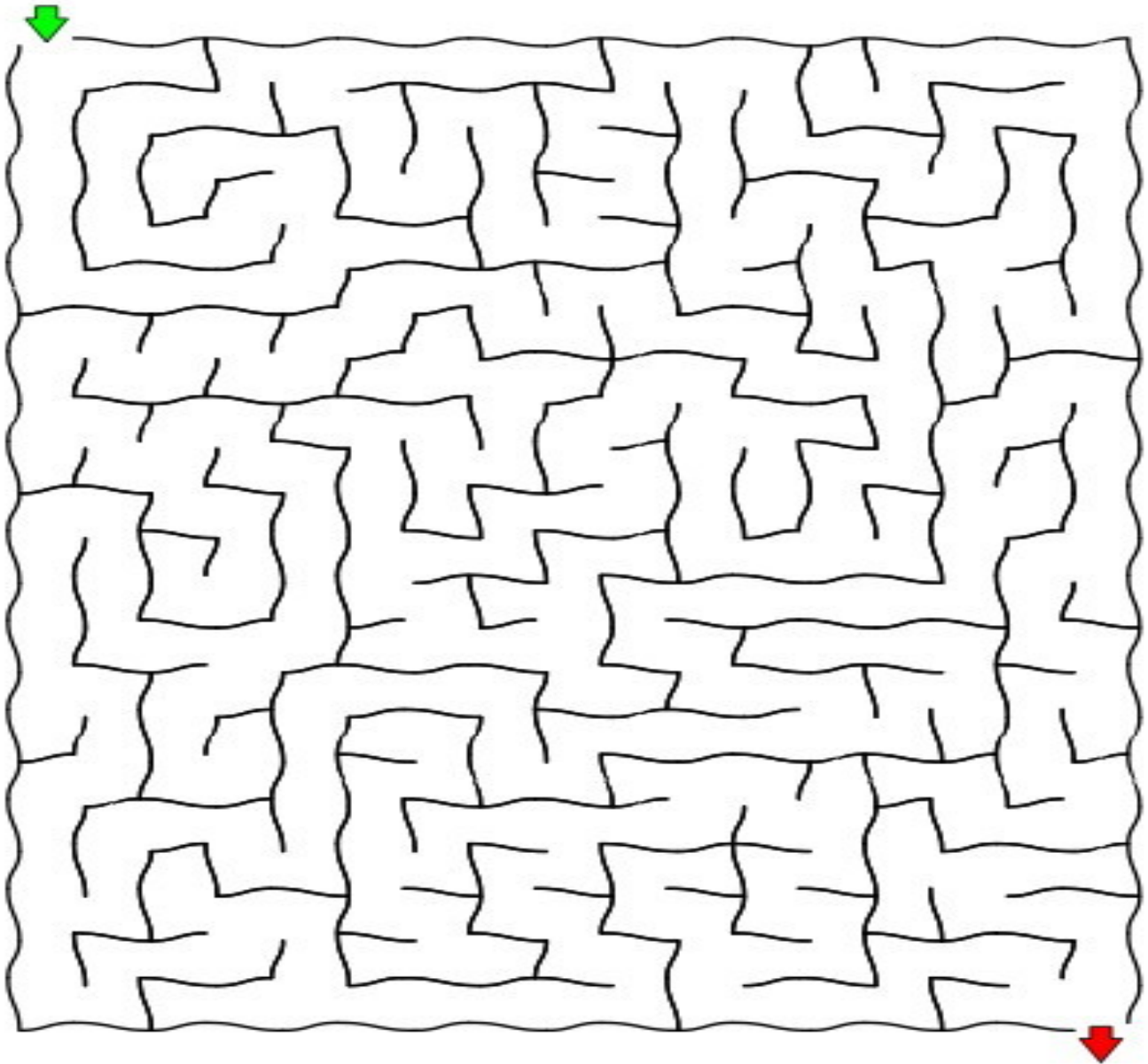
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At last, that new normal that we have spent the last year talking about is a step nearer to us.

As the restrictions are lifted we have started to think about the future. The big question is how we can best use our resources to help the families that we work with.



We know that there are more families out there needing our support, that's why we have appointed more Practitioners. This brings its challenges for FSW as we manage the work on a greatly reduced central office team. Over the coming months we will be watching very closely to ascertain where the real need is and what we are best placed to do. Will it mean more group support for families or an increase in the provision of more direct 1-1 family support? Elaine and I will be talking to every Practitioner to find out what they see as the needs of their areas and how best we can meet them. The other side of the coin is that we also need to ensure that we can open up our fundraising events and engage with new people too. As the demand for our support increases, the need to be able to meet those demands means we need to keep the money coming in.

I am sure that just as FSW came through the last year a little weary but stronger, the next year will be met with the sense of togetherness and determination to succeed that we have experienced in 2020.

As always best wishes  
Martin and the FSW team

## Foodbank update



As you can see from the picture, our foodbank shelves are looking pretty bare at the moment. We would be very grateful to anybody who might be able to help by organising a collection of the items we need the most. These are:

- Rice,
- Breakfast cereals,
- Tinned fruit, vegetables and pulses
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- Jam.
- Table sauces,
- Pasta sauce
- Baked beans
- Toiletries

Please note that we **do not** currently need any:

- dried pasta,
- tinned tomatoes
- or nappies.

If you are able to arrange a collection this can be brought to our Brighton office during normal working hours (please phone in advance) or if you are unable to deliver yourself, please phone the office on 01273 832963 and we will try to arrange a collection. Thank you very much for your help.

# Poetry Cornered

## **'June Thunder' by Louis Macneice**

The Junes were free and full, driving through tiny  
Roads, the mudguards brushing the cowparsley,  
Through fields of mustard and under boldly embattled  
Mays and chestnuts

Or between beeches verdurous and voluptuous  
Or where broom and gorse beflagged the chalkland--  
All the flare and gusto of the unending  
Joys of a season  
Now returned but I note as more appropriate  
To the maturer mood impending thunder  
With an indigo sky and the garden hushed except for  
The treetops moving.

Then the curtains in my room blow suddenly inward,  
The shrubbery rustles, birds fly heavily homeward,  
The white flowers fade to nothing on the trees and rain comes  
Down like a dropscene.  
Now there comes catharsis, the cleansing downpour  
Breaking the blossoms of our overdated fancies  
Our old sentimentality and whimsicality  
Loves of the morning.

Blackness at half-past eight, the night's precursor,  
Clouds like falling masonry and lightning's lavish  
Annunciation, the sword of the mad archangel  
Flashed from the scabbard.

If only you would come and dare the crystal  
Rampart of the rain and the bottomless moat of thunder,  
If only now you would come I should be happy  
Now if now only.





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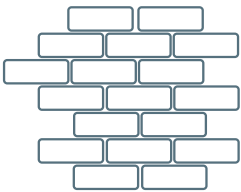


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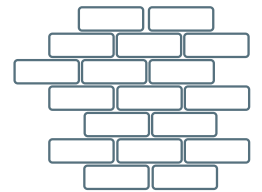


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Burial grounds can be surprisingly rich in biodiversity, supporting a fantastic array of different species. Whilst some plants and animals may move into a well-managed burial ground it is more likely that most have been there for a long time, a reflection of the timelessness of these places and the consistent management that they have received. Burial grounds were never set up to be **havens of wildlife** so why have they become them? The answer lies in the changes that have taken place to the rest of our crowded country rather than changes within our churchyards and cemeteries. Agricultural intensification, development, pollution and the everyday use of chemicals has inexorably reduced our biodiversity, in particular in the last 60 years. Burial grounds tend to escape these changes and offer us a glimpse of a past world. Look out for **stonework covered in lichens** which may have taken centuries to grow. Start with the encircling wall then move onto the monuments where different rock types and nooks and crannies created by carving give a perfect substrate for lichens to colonise. **Ferns, mosses and liverworts** may be there too and all sorts of invertebrates; spiders beetles, snails and solitary bees and wasps all find a niche within the stonework of a burial ground. Larger animals such as **slow worm, lizards, frogs, toads and newts** may hunt and shelter amongst the stones as may **hedgehogs, mice and voles**.



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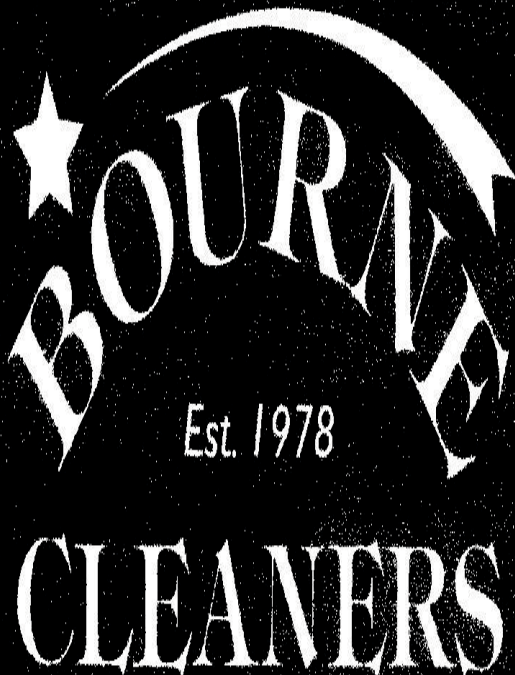
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## Stag Beetles: Two Falls, Two Submissions or a Knockout

I've only ever had one sporting hero. In the red corner, standing 6ft 6 and weighing in at 365lbs, Big Daddy kept my Gran and I glued to the TV set on wet Saturday afternoons as he wrestled Giant Haystacks or Kendo Nagasaki in his sequined spandex.



In June, Stag Beetles – the big daddies of the beetle world – are emerging from the ground and getting ready to rumble. There's around 3,000 different species of beetle in Sussex and an estimated 29,000 species across Europe. Just as Big Daddy's 64-inch chest earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records, the 2.5 inch long Stag Beetle holds the coveted title of Europe's Biggest Beetle. And, like a 26 stone man in a spangly leotard, the adult male Stag Beetle is equally impressive and ludicrous. Its 3-segmented black and maroon armoured body is crowned with a ridiculous pair of trademark stag-like 'antlers'. They are actually modified mandible mouthparts and are used to impress the antler-less females and to grapple rival males. Before these tiny titans step into the ring they have to put in some long hours in training. The beetle's larvae spend an incredible 5-6 years munching on a deadwood diet of buried logs and roots, building the bulky body that will sustain them to survive above ground. As adults they will live for just a few weeks without feeding, relying solely on the fuel tanks accumulated underground. In early summer, after pupation and transformation, they burst from the ground and go looking for a fight. I always find it incredible that these chunky, bulky beetles can fly but on warm evenings they whirl through the air with the grace and subtlety of a Chinook on aerial reconnaissance for females. But if another male beats them to it that's when things get nasty. In my fantasies I imagine these beetle brawls to play out on a dead tree stump. A crowd of over-excited elderly invertebrates gather 'round; the grasshoppers and crickets chirping in with a chorus of "We shall not be moved" while the earthworms and earwigs chant "Eas-eh! Eas-eh!" The fighters face off before charging and locking antlers. With incredible strength a Stag Beetle can lift his opponent into the air, holding him there heroically before spectacularly body-slammng them down onto the stump.

We're fortunate that the Horsham district is a hotspot for these Herculean heavyweights but sadly our Stag Beetles are on the ropes. The loss of old trees from the countryside has had dramatic impacts on the survival of the beetles' underground larvae and their numbers are declining. So, if you see a Stag Beetle we'd really like to hear about it. Send details and a photo to [wildcall@sussexwt.org.uk](mailto:wildcall@sussexwt.org.uk)



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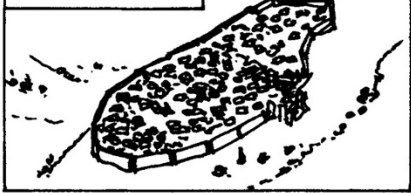
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A short story from the Bible

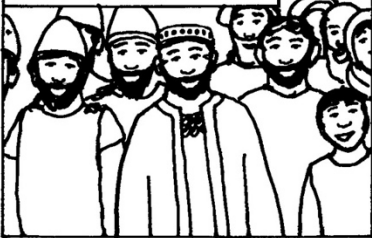
It can be read in the Bible in  
2 Sam 6: 1-10, 2 Chron 13, 15: 1-28

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When King David made Jerusalem his capital, he decided to bring the Ark there.



David brought his soldiers and a huge crowd came too



They put the Ark on a new cart and set off down the hill.



The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah thought the Ark might fall off the cart.



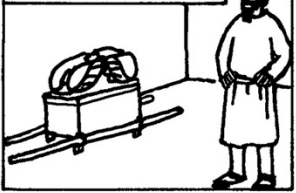
He forgot the Ark was holy and held on to it.



David was very angry with God that Uzzah had died

Then he thought of God's power and was very afraid.

So he left the Ark stored at the house of Obed Edom.



David realised that they had not treated God's Ark with respect.



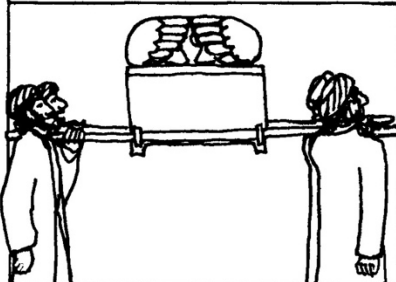
He talked to the Levites, the tribe that God had chosen to be His priests.



They organised musicians and trumpeters, and people to carry the Ark.



God's holy Ark was treated with respect.



Everyone cheered and sang as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem.



## **PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Although Revd. Sue Wharton works part-time there is an answer machine which is checked regularly, although Friday is always a day off.**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

Enquiries about Baptism are welcome for those of all ages who live within the parish or who have a family connection with it.

In the baptism of your child, you as parents are: thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

Making a decision later in life to be baptised is a commitment to a life of faith, which is completed by being Confirmed in the Church.

Being baptised at any age you become part of the worshipping community of the church and we look forward to welcoming you at our services.

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Marriages are celebrated between couples, one of whom is resident in the parish, who have a family connection to it, or whose name is on the Electoral Roll.

Enquiries are welcome subject to the regulations of the Church of England, more information on which and on getting married in church can be found at the following website: [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Holy Communion can be brought by members of the church to any who are sick or housebound, regularly if desired.

Relatives, friends or neighbours should feel able to pass on information about those known to be sick or in any other need. As well as receiving Holy Communion, those in need can be anointed with Holy Oil as a sign of the prayer of the Church for the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Please contact us immediately where anyone is in danger of death.

### **MINISTRY OF ABSOLUTION**

Advice and counsel can be requested and Absolution can be given by the priest to those wishing to make a special confession of sins. The Sacrament of Forgiveness and Reconciliation is an established part of the life and teaching of the Church of England.

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