



CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

Sunday, 2 December 10 am (the next Family Service)

Everyone is invited to bring presents for needy children which will be distributed through the Salvation Army locally in the Worthing, Littlehampton and Petworth areas.

A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sellotape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help Salvation Army staff give presents to appropriate children.

CHURCH DIARIES 2019 are available at the back of Church. Please take one for yourself and for any family or friends who would like one, placing a suitable donation into the collection plate in Church.

"PARISH VISITING TEAM" are a group of volunteers commissioned by St Mary's Church to visit any person in our parish who might benefit and welcome some friendly company. If you or anyone you know would like such visits please contact the Revd Rob Wall (743713).

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

A skeleton draft MAP will be discussed at the PCC meeting on 20 November (7.30pm). This part of the meeting will be open to anyone to make a comment if they wish. If anyone is particularly interested in the draft at this stage then I would be happy to email you a copy (simon.ann@hotmail.co.uk). There are also a couple of printed versions at the back of the Church and I hope to place a copy on the Church's website. The draft is rather "thin" at present. The draft will be amended in the light of the discussion at the PCC meeting and we will then share it (after Christmas) with the whole congregation for further comment. It is still very much a work in progress.

Simon Emerson

St Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee

Melodies of the Great War

Classical and Popular Compositions of 1914-1918

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Sat., 17 November 2018 7.30pm

"the music that kept the homefires burning"

Harp * Violin * Piano * 2 sopranos

Tickets £10 (to include a glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles)
from Fowlers or King & Chasemore Estate Agents

Storrington & District Museum Society

PRO-AM ART SHOW & SALE

Sat. & Sun., 17 & 18 November 2018

10 am ~ 4 pm each day

Free parking * Work by local artists * Home-made Refreshments
at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL

Cafe in the Church

**WED,
21 November
10 - 11.30am**

A monthly Coffee Morning in the Church at which you will be warmly welcomed

COFFEE AND BISCUITS ... TABLE QUIZ ... BRING & BUY
cakes, preserves, craft items, books

Please come and join us for a friendly 'cuppa' with the Rector



MAGNIFICAT Sandgate Singers

present their Autumn Concert on **Sunday, 25 November at 7pm** at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane, Storrington. Rutter's Magnificat, with Anthems and Psalms from Holst, Parry, Elgar and Mendelssohn. Tickets £12 from The Card Shop or 01903 741984.

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDARS have arrived.
Those who ordered them please arrange to collect.
Phone or speak to Chrystalle Kersley (744269).



CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

Conversation! Autumn Language Programme restarting

From Monday, 15 October - Monday, 10 December (but NOT 12 November). Please email to say if you can manage any Monday. languageprogramme.uk@chemin-neuf.org

Prayer Group A time of worship and praise with a charismatic flavour 8-9pm on Tuesdays. We do have to change dates occasionally, so worth ringing beforehand.

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THE CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY will be hosting a course entitled **On The Road with Jesus** or something similar at The Priory in January for about 7 weeks. Anyone, from any church, who wants to deepen their life of faith and prayer will be very welcome.

Charles and Felicity with Iwona Peda, Head of the House, will be leaders. We are thinking of Thursday evenings, but will not decide a day until we know what interested people can manage. More details from Charles or Felicity or Iwona.

CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW 2018



Many prizes including £100 cash! Raising money for essential Church Tower renovation.

The draw will take place at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Saturday, 8 December 2018 at the Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Tickets: £1 each (books of 5 available) which can be purchased from the Rectory Office, Churchwardens, Gwen Fisher (01903 744642) and at Church events.

We would welcome anyone taking a quantity of tickets to sell to their friends and neighbours - the preservation of the Church Tower will benefit the whole community.

Any donations of draw prizes or cash donations towards the £100 cash prize would be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH for those who would otherwise be alone - **1.00 pm at the Old School;**
Transport available if needed; Admission £10 by ticket only -
Further details from David and Jacque Richardson (744178).

THREE HERALDS PARISH MAGAZINE - Early Deadline

Please submit copy for the January issue to Amanda Hislop (3heralds@gmail.com) or Viv Stuart at the Rectory Office by **Saturday, 1 December** (early owing to Christmas break).

Message for November from Bishop Richard ...

A Christian poet once wrote, "History repeats itself; it has to, no-one listens!" These are words we do well to remember in our current political climate, especially as we remember the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI this month.

Looking back on the political context that led to war it is striking how much our culture has changed. A lot of the warlike rhetoric and posturing; the appeal to patriotism; and the sense of our individual identities being tied up with national ones seems strange and dated. At the time, these attitudes combined with the arrogance of empire were a toxic combination that led to the horrific conflict with the loss of so many lives. However, elements of these attitudes remain. We always have a preference for our own tribe. In the current Brexit debate there are rational arguments on both sides, but the xenophobia that has been unearthed is deeply troubling.

Christians are instructed to pray for our political leaders and to live in peace where we can, but one of the things that got the early Christians into trouble was their political subversion. Christian religious practices declared that Caesar wasn't Lord; Jesus was. That sort of talk could (and did) get you killed. The personal security that sustained this was a conviction that they were first and foremost citizens of heaven. In Jesus they had experienced the power of the other country break into their experience. For Christians, unlike our wider culture, this hasn't changed.

With best wishes +Richard