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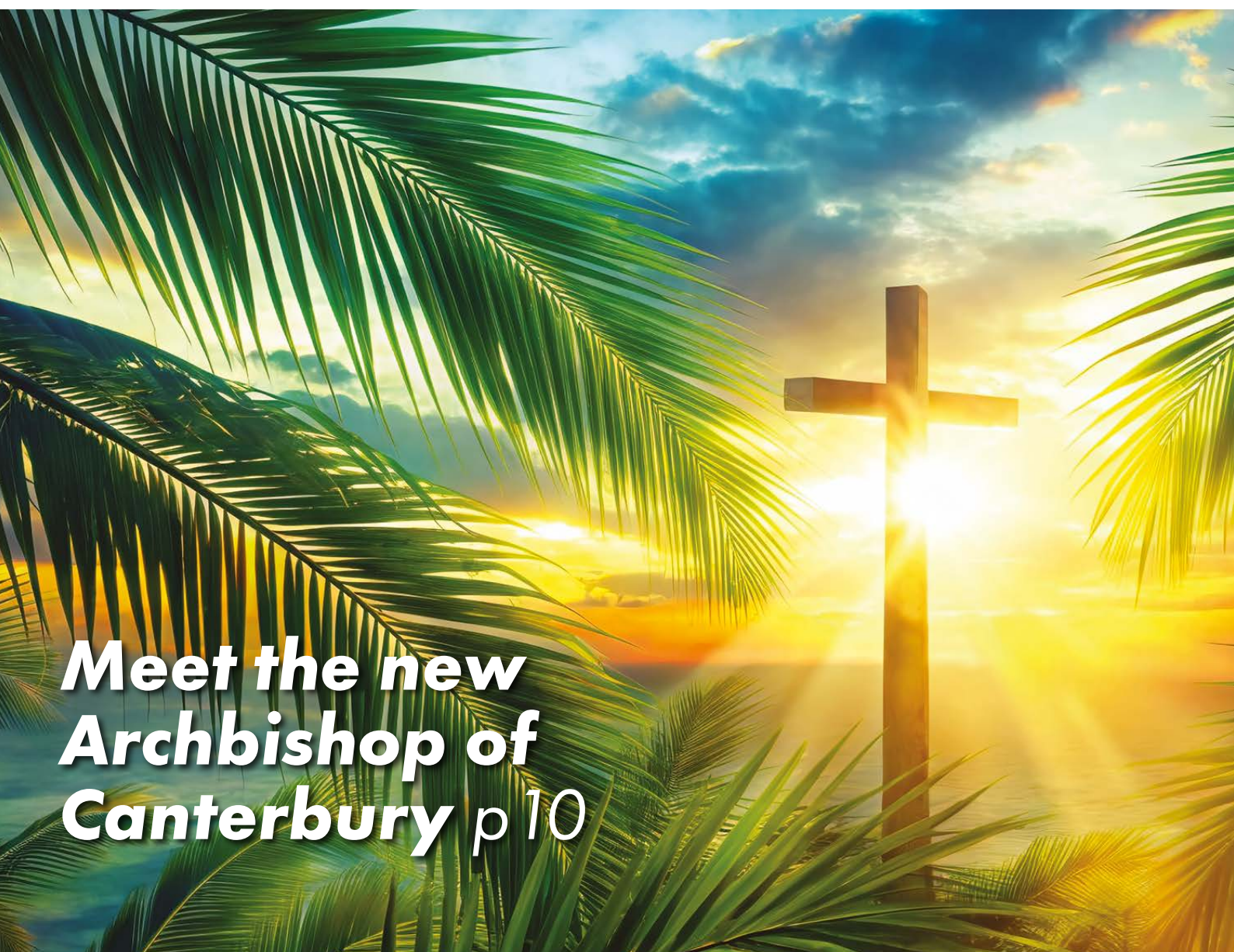
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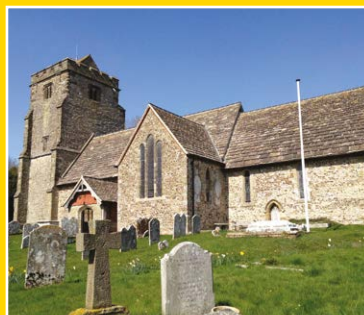
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This month we celebrate the festival of Palm Sunday, and reflecting on the events of Palm Sunday 2000 years ago has also made me reflect on our life here in the UK today. I'm sure many of you are aware of what transpired on Palm Sunday, but here's a brief recap. The festival of Passover was approaching and so Jesus with his disciples was making his way to Jerusalem to celebrate at the Temple.

When the crowds saw Jesus they recognised who he was and responded by cheering him, waving palm leaves in the air and casting their cloaks on the ground before him. Now this response may seem strange to us, especially as we remember, the presumably similar crowd, will be calling for his execution at Easter.

Now you might be wondering what this has to do with us in the UK today, so let me explain. As I write this article the papers are filled with headlines calling for the resignation of various individuals involved in the political life of our country. The most prominent name being called upon to resign is our Prime Minister (at least at the time of writing) Sir Keir Starmer. What is also striking is where the calls for resignation are coming from, as many of the most vociferous cries are coming from within the Prime Minister's own party. We, the public, have probably grown pretty immune for calls for a Prime Minister to resign from the opposition parties, how else can they generate headlines, but it is fairly unusual to see such calls from within a party which won a huge majority in a General Election less than two years ago.

If we examine the reason for these calls then I think it helps us understand events of 2000 years ago, and I hope provides us with a reason for hope. Sir Keir Starmer seems to have promised all things to all people on both fringes of his party. That tension was manageable whilst the government seemed to be in control, and when they could agree on what was being delivered, however as his party has been forced to face up to the realities of being in government, and the hard choices that this entails, he has been unable to satisfy anyone with his approach, and seems to have resorted to governing by suggesting something and then seeing how bad the fallout will be before promptly conducting a U-turn. This has meant that large numbers of his supporters in the Labour Party feel not only discouraged, but betrayed. They don't think this is the same person that they selected to lead the party, and this level of disappointment of course leads to acrimony.

Something similar was happening 2000 years ago. The Jewish people had been incredibly poorly served by their political leaders. Leaders who were often so desperate to hang on to their power that they would do whatever their Roman masters commanded, and who seemed to think nothing of executing their own children if it secured their grip on power. In fact, Herod the Great killed three of his sons, something which even the Roman Emperor Augustus felt was going too far! So when Jesus appeared and was performing miracles it was natural for the people to seize on him as their hope for the future. On Palm Sunday they were trying to convince him to take political power and free them from oppression. Of course they misunderstood how Jesus came to save them, but there is hope for us today in this story. Jesus didn't come to take political power, but he did promise that in the end he would rule. So if you find yourself frustrated by the political machinations of Westminster, and feeling far from hopeful that there will ever be meaningful change, maybe it's worth exploring the story of Jesus who

when begged to take political power spurned it, knowing that in doing so he wrote his own death sentence, because he truly sought the greater good of all people, knowing that in his death he would one day rule.

JOEL WILLMER

Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst

YOUR NEW EDITOR!

Hello, I am delighted to be given the opportunity to edit the 3 *Heralds*. Amanda will be a very hard act to follow, she was so efficient and she so effortlessly put the editorial side together. I wish her much happiness in all she undertakes!



We moved here in 2015 with our cats, all rescue! Over the years, we have given a home to many senior cats, usually in pairs, they are the best! I have a passion for keeping owners with their pets and therefore support the **Cinnamon Trust**. The Trust was set up in 1985 and has celebrated the special bond between the owner and their pet, especially when the owner goes through a difficult time that leaves them unable to provide the care for their beloved pet. The Trust understands that a pet is so much more than just a pet, it is a family member! **Support Dogs** specializes in providing a dog for children with autism or epilepsy. Dogs are trained to be a calming force or to detect that their owner is about to have a seizure, these dogs are, literally, a life changer. Read more about Support Dogs on page 22.

Happy reading, Maria

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ALPHA COURSE

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2 Corinthians 5:17

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Arabella at the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage.
Parish Office open Monday and Tuesday from 9.30am to 5pm.

We're delighted to see Thakeham Church thriving under the inspiring leadership of our new priest-in-charge, Joel. Over recent weeks, our services have explored the fascinating Old Testament story of Jacob, including the well-known tale of Jacob's ladder, which explains why Nigel Barnes recently found himself dressed as an angel and standing at the top of a stepladder!



We'd love to welcome you to Thakeham Church. Our Sunday services vary in style, from traditional to more relaxed, but each one is warm, friendly, and open to all. Whether you're new to church, returning after a break, or simply curious, you'll find a genuine sense of community and a very special church family. Do come along. We'd really love to meet you!



Upcoming social and fundraising events

- 16 May **Plant sale 11am to 1pm**
- 10 Jun **Tea with tales from the Palace 4.40pm**
- 3-5 Jul **Flower Festival**
- 6 Oct **Bridge day**
- 14 Nov **Christmas Fayre**
- 12 Dec **Beer and Carols**
- 13 Dec **Christmas lunch**



Full information for all the listed events will be available on the Thakeham page and in future editions of 3 Heralds

CÈILIDH AND CURRY NIGHT

Last month's "Cèilidh and Curry" was an absolute cracker. The "Unreel Ceilidh Band" struck up, and before anyone could say "strip the willow", 100 people in Thakeham Village Hall were leaping about with varying degrees of rhythm and success. Some of the dancing was energetic, some of it inventive, and for a few of the gentlemen, telling left from right became a personal challenge, best tackled with enthusiasm rather than accuracy.

The curry was outstanding and enjoyed by all. The profits, for church funds, reached £1,500. Enormous thanks to the band, our brilliant

guests and helpers, and above all to Liz Whitehead, the ringleader who made the whole glorious chaos possible. Book early for next year. Stretching and a quick left-right refresher course are strongly recommended.



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group

Tuesday 17 March 2pm - 4pm

Thakeham Church Room
Everyone Welcome



If you don't knit or stitch you are welcome to come along for company and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake
Further information from Wynn Lednor 01903 743025

Special Service for
Mothering Sunday
with Communion

Thakeham Parish Church
10.30am March 15



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

St Mary's Sullington



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Email stparish@gmail.com. Details of Church Services on page 18

EASTER TRAIL AT ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON CHURCHYARD

Come and follow the Donkey Trail – the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

From Palm Sunday onwards, can you spot the donkey on the trail posters?

On **Easter Sunday**, after the **10.30am service**, please join us for our **Easter Egg Hunt** – for children and adults alike!



LILIES FOR EASTER AT ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON

Lilies and spring flowers will decorate St Mary's Church over Easter. As part of our tradition, you are invited to sponsor a lily in memory of loved ones. Names will be displayed in church throughout Easter.

Suggested donation: £6 per lily.

To request a lily, please contact Heather Cotton by **15 March** on **01903 745751**, or add your details to the list in church.



SULLINGTON REGISTERS

Baptisms – we welcome into the Lord's family ...

Aug 16 2025 Romeo Alistair John Geal, son of Presley & Lucy

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

Dec 6 2025 Callum Male & Georgina Price

Funerals – we commend to God's nearer keeping ...

Oct 13 2025 Lorne Raymond MacPhearson Smith (76)

Nov 19 2025 Christine Ivy Margaret Dawson (92)

Jan 27 2026 Stephen Grist (79)

Interment of ashes only:

Dec 17 2025 Geoffrey Lewis Austin (84)

Dates for your Diary

6 March **World Day of Prayer** (Sullington)

15 March **Mothering Sunday**

21 & 22 March **Pop-up preloved clothes sale** (see advert page 10)

29 March **Psalm Sunday**

29 Mar - 6 April **Easter Trail** at Sullington

5 April - **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow the 10:30am **EASTER DAY** service

9 & 10 May **Pop-Up Preloved clothes sale**

19 June **Quiz**

6 August **Hymns & Pimms** (watch this space)

3 & 4 October **Pop-Up Preloved clothes sale**

11 October **Harvest Festival**

21 November **Christmas Fayre**

Full information for all the listed events will be available on the Sullington page and in future editions of *3 Heralds*



**MIDWEEK CELTIC
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For details contact the churchwardens; see top of this page.





St Mary's Storrington

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Holy Communion and Café in the Church:

2nd Wednesday at 10am HC; 10.30am Café in the Church
4th and 5th Wednesdays at 2pm HC; 2.30pm Café in the Church

Choir: Fridays, 6.40pm – 7.45pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir please contact the Revd Jacquie Peal – 743083.

Altar Servers: Michael Taylor (742218)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

Sunday Lunch Club (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month.
See page 18.

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School.
Contact Barbara (741236)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Interment of ashes only:

30 Jan Thomas Frederick Dean (86 years)

1 Feb Mavis Anderson (86 years)

LENT COURSE – see page 9 for details

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 15 March

Families are especially invited to the **Mothering Sunday All-age Service** on **Sunday, 15 March, at 10 am.**

LENT LUNCH CURRY

in aid of Family Support Work

Saturday, 7 March – 12 noon to 2pm



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There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of Church – also, please let us know if you would like a lift to Church.

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Lilies for Easter at St Marys, Storrington

Would you like to make a donation towards the lilies used in the flower arrangements at St Mary's, Storrington, this Easter?

Donations towards these flowers will be gratefully accepted from 1 March (suggested donation £5). Donations should be placed in a small envelope labelled "Easter Lilies" and put in the "Donations" box at the back of Church.

Should you wish to remember a special person on our display board at Easter please add the name to the list at the back of Church. The list will be removed from Church at the end of Palm Sunday (29 March) so that the display board can be prepared for Easter Sunday.



PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Stuart Lee. Please contact Stuart on 743661 if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings

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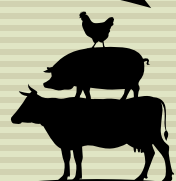
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PALM SUNDAY, 29 March (with distribution of Palm Crosses)
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Palm Sunday Parish Communion

WEDNESDAY, 1 April
7pm Stations of the Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2 April
7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
 with washing of feet and vigil until 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 April
9.30am Good Friday Procession (inter-Church), starting at
 Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane
12 noon Good Friday Meditations
1.45pm Reflections through word, music, art and silence
2pm Liturgy of the Cross
 A service at which we are invited to "survey the wondrous cross"

HOLY SATURDAY, 4 April ?? TBC
 Easter Vigil
 ???.....

EASTER DAY, 5 April Alleluia! Christ is Risen
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Easter All-age Communion

CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON

would like to invite all Christians in Storrington
 to participate in the annual
**Good Friday
 Procession
 of Witness**

**3 April
 starting at
 9.30am**



It starts from Our Lady of England Roman Catholic Church in Monastery Lane and follows the cross around the village, pausing for worship at various points before finishing at Trinity Methodist Church on Thakeham Road.

The whole event lasts about one hour and is an excellent start to the Easter weekend. Transport along the route is provided for anyone who is unable to walk the distance. You can join and leave the procession at any point along the route.

CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON SHARED LENT COURSE

All are welcome
 Come to just one or to all the sessions!
**Every Saturday from 28 February
 to Saturday 28 March**

The Priory Hall, Chemin Neuf Community,
 School Lane, Storrington.
 9am – Croissant and Coffee
 9.30am to 10.45am – Course



Our shared commitment to keeping a good Lent together as Christians in Storrington will be based on the contemporary spiritual Christian classic *God on Mute* by Pete Greig. The book, supported by YouTube videos, explores the profound struggle of unanswered prayer and God's silence during times of trouble and need, stemming from his wife's serious brain tumour diagnosis, and offers an honest and profoundly hopeful reflection on faith when prayers seem to go unheard. The sessions will address deep questions about suffering, doubt, and finding God's presence amidst pain, providing biblical insight and comfort for any feeling distant from God. The book also includes a 40-day devotional guide to complement the Lent Course.

For more details and to register your interest text Jonathan 07538 011579 or email frj.stmary@gmail.com

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O gracious and holy Father,
 give us wisdom to perceive you,
 intelligence to understand you,
 diligence to seek you,
 patience to wait for you,
 eyes to behold you,
 a heart to meditate upon you,
 a life to proclaim you,
 through the power of the Spirit
 of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.



Prayer by St Benedict (480-543)

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Cafe in the Church

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 11 March
 10am Holy Communion
 10.30 Cafe in the Church

Wednesday 25 March
 2pm Holy Communion
 2.30pm Cafe in the Church

All welcome to either or both.
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 cuppa and good company.



Storrington Macular Society Support Group

24 March

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MEET SARAH MULLALLY

On 25 March 2026, the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, will be Installed (sometimes referred to as an 'enthroned') at Canterbury Cathedral, which denotes and marks the start of the new Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry.

Learn more about the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Sarah Mullally.

Born in Woking in 1962, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She became a Christian at the age of 16.

Nursing and leading

Bishop Sarah was educated at South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London. Before being ordained, she worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

Becoming a Bishop

While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, in the Diocese of Southwark, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her Government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made". She became a full-time priest, serving as Team Rector of Sutton Team Ministry, Surrey, in 2006.

In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England. She was consecrated at Canterbury Cathedral, alongside the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek. On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.

Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24 May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am." She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.



As Bishop of London, Bishop Sarah has spoken regularly of enabling "every Londoner to encounter the love of God in Christ". Bishop Sarah led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making, which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and

Faith for same-sex couples. She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.

As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.

This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.

Family and private life

Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace. She has continued her interest in the health service, having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital. She is Chair of Christian Aid. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

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Thu 1: No diary entry

Fri 2: Fine and frosty, bright. Long letter from Annie she is in high spirits. A meeting here about the Church Fast Day and the school questions. George forgot all about it! So, I had Hards, Agate and Hardwick – unanimous, but not business like.

Sat 3: Fine and dry, dull. George drives me down to Worthing in my own trap with 'Comet': the pony went well, but is hardly up to my carriage in weight, and his shoulders were a little galled. Paid our first visit to Mrs Cholmely and were pleased with her; she is young, lively looking with considerable 'go' in her, and does not know bashfulness. She has a little too much assurance, if anything. Garfit much delighted with the news that his father is going to take a country place, near Louth, in addition to his Boston house. Think of preaching on 'The Humiliation Day' from, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." What God is saying to us in this Cattle Pestilence.

Sun 4: Lent 3. Fine and hazy, cold. A fine Sunday is quite a treat: my congregation good, and my morning sermon on the "Children of Light" plain: my afternoon an old one, on the 'Farewell to the 2 Corinthians,' not so satisfactory; old sermons very seldom are so.

Mon 5: Dull but fine and pleasant, still and cold. GD sprains his ankle yet goes out all afternoon jumps a hurdle and then "wishes he had taken my advice" and had stopped at home. Garfit had more evidence about the [.. for Eliza...] Mrs. Charman was thought to be dying today, after a severe bleeding fit but she seemed to rally again comfortably: she said that she 'had not long to live'.

Tue 6: Very heavy rain in morning, afternoon fine. Old Thom asks one to Marlborough and I shall try to go. Mrs Charman very faint and weak, but she may rally. Called on Knight and found him photographing, he has done some excellent pictures of Washington church. Garfit wins the 7th game being 4-3.

Wed 7: Snowstorms and sunny intervals. Day of Humiliation – Cattle Plague, aghast at the weather this morning but the afternoon turned out sunny and warm and the evening quite pleasant. Dalton gives one much annoyance by his shuffling, lower school tricks. Garfit and I walked to Washington for an afternoon service and found an excellent congregation. Knight preached a good, though too rapidly delivered, sermon from Ezekiel 18:31-2. My service was at 5.30. The evening cleared up and was very pleasant and the light just suited for an hour. We had the Litany, a part of the Communion service and a sermon on 'He that hath ears to hear'. The farmers excused most of their men after 5 o'clock, and we had a very crowded church. May God Almighty bless the attempt made to call attention to His Holy Name.

Thu 8: Stormy sky occasional hail showers. A parcel of clocks, long corresponded about with Hodgkinson, arrive. I am pleased with one by George Carew Gibson and am much pleased with his generosity. Mrs Charman sinks: she could hardly listen to me this morning for ten minutes. Attended the annual meeting of the Storrington Flower show and had some very knotty points brought before the meeting to settle: the chief one. Is it desirable to continue the Cottage prizes? Dined with the mother (in the wood!) at BBB's [Bartelot], meeting Cholmely and wife, the Carr Lloyds and Mr Barttelot.

Fri 9: Dull, cold, stormy sky and some hail showers. Vesey mentions Vaughan as a rumoured candidate for the vacant Mastership, but I should say he was deficient in Quality, the income is about £3000. Dalton and I have an afternoon with apple stems and remove them successfully, letting light in upon the scene. I mount the clock and am much pleased with it.

Sat 10: Very cold and dry. Stiff N. not any sun. We are having very seasonable weather, but colder than all the past winter. To Cobden to visit Mrs Brooks, just confined. Then by Highden home; Mr C goes to

Paris on Monday. The Commons have had the Total Abolition of Church rates bill a second time.

Sun 11: Lent 4. Fine, dull. Two very nice congregations. I preached a second sermon on 'Children of Light', and an old one on "Forgive us our trespasses." Letters from C&B 'Avignon'. But he is now in England restored: his lungs had been touched. Also from Masters, who can't see me at Easter.

Mon 12: Fine, but glass falls ½ inch. Wind to W. Mrs Curson died yesterday: I am very sorry to hear of her loss. Garfit beats me again at chess, leaving me 3 games to win and more to lose! Government Reform Bill tonight.

Tue 13: Fine rather inclined to snow at this time. Attended meeting of Storrington Turnpike Trust: much talk and little done: Gilbert once more hauled over the coals, instead of being dismissed, as was his due. Then to Whiting in the matter of the Post Office Depot. And bought £4.15s worth of cloth from a traveller, really useful ware. Beat Garfit in chess. Should much like to win the next 2 games. Bill reduces county Franchise from £50 to £14 per hour.

Wed 14: Fine and frosty. Drove Emmie to call at Pulborough, Wiggonholt and Fryern. George had a swollen face.

Thu 15: Blowing up for rain from S.E. dull. Have read the first Reform Bill instalment and think that most of the speeches partake too much of personality. Horsman attacked Bright, also Lowe, though this speech was very good, hits hard at the same enemy. Fawcett made a weak speech and was probably not news.

Fri 16: Dull morning, rain in afternoon, generally stormy. Drove Whiting and Blakiston to the depot at Steyning, and came home with a load of books, worth £4. Won my chess board from Garfit after a well fought game.

Sat 17: Fine and Aprilish, light showers. The funeral of Mrs Curzon, which I attended out of respect to her memory: I consider her to have been a thoroughly good woman. The bishop of Salisbury performed the service; R.C. And Robin seemed very much distressed.

Sun 18: Lent 5. As yesterday. Two nice congregations. Preached in morning an old sermon on 'The Prophets and the Wearisome men of the service of God': and in afternoon a new one on Moses' birth. Annie's Birthday.

Mon 19: Fine and warm, though wind N.E. Attended a meeting of the Flower Show committee and settled the Reform Bill in the matter of the Inspection of cottages. On Friday evening there was a Lords debate on the State of Ireland. Earl Grey making a long speech on the motion, that the House consider the state of the country, but aiming hard at the Established Church there – all Ireland's grievances were sprung from that feeling of bitterness. To him Dufferin, who contested that the cause was not to be reached by Parliamentary enactment, but mentioned

- i. Traditional hostility to us.
- ii. Certain peculiarities of National Character.
- iii. Natural Laws - Climate. Physical geog[r]aphy]. Want of coal.

The motion negatives: An interesting debate. The Jamaica Commission hopes to conclude by the mid of this month.

Tue 20: Fine but dull and cold. Mr. G. asks me to continue in charge of his son until his colonial correspondence is settled. I decline, with thanks. Moved all our plants (150 about) from the pit to the loft: I must see to the garden a little now as by and by I shall have to turn gardener, ordered my seeds from Suttons.

Wed 21: Raw with some snow, most dreary. The little event of today was a Penny Reading at Storrington, at which I officiated in company with Whiting and Mrs Prichett, who talked rather amusingly about the Bretons, illustrating by some capital sketches. I drove my mother and Emmie in the Hooded vehicle.

Thu 22: Fine, after a dull and raw morning. We are getting into our Annual Cook agency; have answered the most unlikely advertisements in today's 'Guardian' and West Sussex Gazette.

Fri 23: Cold, much wind to a S.E. gale. Equinox at night. Was thoroughly beaten (lefthand) at fives and arm in a jelly. I hear that my 'Birds of Killingworth' was much admired by many, though the principles laid down were not quite palatable to some.

Sat 24: After a rough night a squally day. University boat race. At 7.30 this morning the Putney race was to come off; who won, I wonder? Betting was 5 and 6 to 4 on Oxford. Mr. G Dalton writes that he intends to send Reg to Cirencester on April 6. The young man is not to know it just yet: I doubt the step.

Sun 25: Palm Sunday. Fine, dull morning but bright afternoon. Preached a new sermon from Exodus 1: 34 'The Abuse of God's Mercy,' as shown in Pharaoh's conduct. In afternoon an old one on the 'Communion,' very elementary. Took an after church round with 4 dogs. (Smut, Tiger, Snap and Rush) and inspected a newborn cart foal. The evening was very beautiful after two stormy days, our congregation not very good.

Mon 26: Fine and soft, some showers. RGD goes to Worthing to see his great Aunt and extract a little money from her. Then I to pay bills at Storrington. Quite a rest for me with two hours instead of four taken up – George wins his cricket bat, after a hard pull.

Wed 28: Warm heavy showers. Garfit goes for his 'recess'. The Paulls go, to set up shop, and Dalton knows that he is going. Our annual Vestry, which was harmonious; we raised the salary of the sexton to £5 and gave him extra work to do. Called on Major Sandham. Chess with my mother and was beaten.

Thu 29: Very warm. 56°! Fine morning dull afternoon. A premature day. Drove R.G.D. to the station and said farewell and felt sad that such a fine 'creature' should have so little prospects before him of doing credit to his creator; Compulsive, insolent, wilful, addicted to low tasks, yet fitter for high ones. I auger but poorly for him much due to his father who seems to have utterly mismanaged him.

Fri 30: Good Friday – Fine and warm. Services as on Sunday and good congregations. Two new sermons 'Taking up the Cross' and 'Crucifixion of the Flesh with Affections and Lusts'.

Sat 31: Rain with heavy showers. Began cataloguing (if there be such a verb) the Sandgate library, though scanty, has some very valuable standard works in it. The months' accounts come to hand easily.

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Spring cleaning

I asked in January if you did spring cleaning? I think that those of you who know me, or those of you who've been following these columns over the years might have guessed I am not a domestic paragon. My home is reasonably clean and tidy, but I tolerate spiders and wouldn't want you to look under the bed or poke into a cupboard.

Cleaning is one of those fraught areas for eco champions. There are so many aspects to consider – the substances which most often end up in our drainage systems, the environmental cost of production, similarly the cost of packaging and transport – where do I even start?

Well, let's start with the substances. When I looked into this a bit deeper, almost all regular cleaning products are pretty vicious. Washing up liquid may seem innocuous, but most of the popular brands are made using petroleum-based products. Your favourite supermarket's own brand is probably little different since many big brands also produce the "own brand" products.

I took a magnifying glass to look at the list of ingredients on various cleaning products in my kitchen. First, I noted that none has a full list; the phrase used was "ingredients include." Phenoxyethanol appeared on several. This is a preservative that stops the products going mouldy. (As an aside, it's never occurred to me that a cleaning product could go mouldy!). Although it can be derived from tea tree and chicory, it's generally synthesised from petrochemicals. So, not good really.

On a happier note, non-ionic surfactants and amphoteric surfactants are not as bad as they seem. They're used to make a product mild and improve foaming and cleaning. Anionic surfactants are bit less benign because, if I've understood it correctly, they're the things that pack a punch in dissolving the grease. Anionic surfactants are also derived from petrochemicals.

There are "green" alternatives; the downside is cost. Ecover washing up liquid is almost twice the cost per litre compared to a big-name brand and three times the cost of an own brand. The same applies to other sorts of cleaning products.

Turning to packaging and transport – weight is the thing. Liquids are heavy and need containing in bottles of some form or another. Powders are lighter, so cheaper to transport and can be packaged in cardboard. I have recently substituted laundry sheets for powder and liquid. I can't see a difference in the results from my washing machine. But while we're on the subject of laundry – those pods are environmental disaster. The chemicals!

The plastic residue!

A sure-fire way of saving on packaging and transport is to look for refill schemes. Sussex Green Living run one at the Leisure Centre and their website has a list of refill shops around the area. <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/zero-waste/> or pay a visit to The Greenhouse in Pulborough.

Since I'm talking about cleaning products, I'm going to use you to off-load one of my perpetual bugbears. The promotion of totally unnecessary products that claim to make your washing softer or smell sweeter or make your rooms smell sweeter. Forget those "dream teams" of washing pods, fabric conditioner and scent boosters! Forget the things you spray around or plug into your sockets to create a totally synthetic smell in your room. Dry your washing outside to get a "fresh air" smell and open a window if your room is a little musty! I have been known to shout "Totally unnecessary!" at a television advert more than once!

Anyway, the main lesson I've learned from my foray into the world of cleaning is that I should use the products as sparingly as I can.

Can you bear more? I was going to move on to discuss cleaning cloths and scourers and then an essay on clearing out, which is why you have a picture of the inside of my loft. I think that might all be too much for you, so I'll stop now. Happy scrubbing.

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We have been enjoying a really lovely Spring term here at Storrington, even if the weather has not been kind to us!

Reception

Reception children have been super busy with home learning, making and drawing some fabulous vehicles to support with our learning based around the text *Naughty Bus* by Jan & Jerry Oke. We have created a super display and the children are enjoying playing the story *Naughty bus* with small world. Thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support.



Year 3

Year 3 had a super Egyptian day where we took a deep dive into the world of Ancient Egypt. It was lovely to see children come to school dressed up as ancient Egyptians. We spent the day learning about Egypt and the seven wonders of the world, historical timelines, hieroglyphs, cartouches and the Rosetta Stone. It

was a really fantastic start to our topic for this half term.

Year 4

Year 4 classes Maple and Juniper had a fantastic trip to Chichester Planetarium last week. The children took part in an exciting space quiz, explored the differences between meteors and meteoroids, and learned about the phases of the moon. They also spent an hour in the auditorium discovering constellations and how spaceships are launched. Their enthusiasm and curiosity shone throughout the day, and we are very proud of the excellent behaviour they showed during the visit.



Young Voices 2026

What an unforgettable day of music, magic and pure school pride!



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We were thrilled to take part in the *Wicked Worldwide Sing-a-long*, with the excitement reaching astronomical levels. Emma Kingston, who is currently starring as Elphaba in the West End production of *Wicked*, joined us live to lead singers around the world in a celebration of music, friendship and unity — a true once-in-a-lifetime moment for our young performers.

A special shout-out to FOSS for our beautiful banner — it stood front and centre at The O2, proudly placing Storrington Primary School on the map.

We're already excited for next year's event. If yesterday was anything to go by, it's going to be spectacular.

I look forward to updating you all again soon

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www.aldingbournecountrycentre.org/events

Aldingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP



PETWORTH HOUSE

'Hop into the wild' Family Trail

inspired by Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers"

Saturday 14 February – Sunday 8 March

From 14 February to 8 March, the National Trust is celebrating the release of Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers", in Cinemas 6 March. Discover the 'Hop into the wild' family trail, with storytelling and outdoor play.

If you're a family (with children aged 6-11), come and enjoy the great outdoors, guided by cutouts of the "Hoppers" gang. Collect your discovery passport, explore the animal kingdoms, and most importantly, unleash your wild side!

Ready to hop right in today? Join in the fun at Petworth House and Park. Normal admission charges apply, no booking required.

Spring Family Trail

Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April

Families can pick up a free 'Tilly Plants a Tree' trail map to follow the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden and discover fun games and activities along the way.

The trail is free but normal admission applies. No booking required.

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
1 March	Lent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Evensong	10.30am Benefice Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
8 March	Lent 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
15 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish All-age Communion	8.30am Celtic Holy Communion	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
22 March	Lent 5 Passiontide begins	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
29 March	PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	Joint Service??	
5 April	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Easter All-age Celebration	10.30am Easter Day Communion	10.30am Easter Day Communion

Check parish websites and Notice Sheets for up-to-date information.

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd Wednesday at 10am followed by Café in the Church. Also on 4th Wednesday and when there is a 5th Wednesday in the month Holy Communion is at 2pm followed by Cafe in the Church.

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Sunday Mass: 9am Weekday Masses: Tuesday at 10am
Thursday at 10am followed by confessions and Adoration to 11.30am
There may be weekly variations, do check the newsletter on our website:
www.ourladyofengland.parishportal.net
Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Dingley Email: storrington@abdiocese.org.uk
Office contact number: 882297

STORRINGTON CHAPEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

North Street, RH20 4DH

Sunday Services at 10.30am, with Communion on third Sunday
Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm every Tuesday
Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk
www.storringtonchapel.org.uk

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road

Family Worship – Sundays 10am
Enquiries to Katherine Edwards
Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington
Office open: Monday – Wednesday.
Out of hours contact: Nathanael on nat@lccstor.org
Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am
Minister: Revd Steven Donnison Tel: 245799
Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com
www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington
Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wed 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
Fri 9.30am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050 Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm

Knit and natter Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm
Toddler time Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am
Rhyme time Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

11.30am until 2pm on the first Thursday of each month except January and August

Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert
ALL ARE WELCOME

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington
Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

Come and meet old friends and make new ones

All for only £3!



The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

A CHANCE TO GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, AND BE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

8 March at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £5.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Sun 1 Lent 2

9.30am Messy Church – p13

Mon 2

2.15pm Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p15

7pm Storrington Slimmers – p 29

Tue 3

9.15am Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p6

10am Baby Rhyme Time – Storrington Library – p24

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15

2pm The Arts Society West Sussex – Talk – p25

Wed 4

9.50am The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p33

4pm Stay and Play – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34

Thu 5

11.30am Storrington Pop-in Lunch Club – p18

2pm Mother's Union – p29

Fri 6

2pm World Day of Prayer, St. Mary's, Sullington – p13

2.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p23

Sat 7

9am Shared Lent course, Chemin Neuf – p 9

10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p22

12 noon Lent Lunch Curry at St Mary's, Storrington – p 6

Sun 8 Lent 3

1pm Sunday Lunch Club – p18

Mon 9

7pm Storrington Slimmers – p 29

7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners Club – 26

Tue 10

10am Baby Rhyme Time – Storrington Library – p24

11am Storrington Community Café @ Hanover Walk – p15

Wed 11

10am Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p 9

4pm Stay and Play – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34

7.30pm Rotary Film Night – *The Ballad of Wallis Island* – p24

Sat 14

9am Shared Lent course, Chemin Neuf – p9

10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p22

10am Posie Making Aldingbourne Trust – p 17

Sun 15 Lent 4

10.30am Special Service for Mothering Sunday, Thakeham – p4

10am Afternoon Tea Aldingbourne Trust – p17

Mon 16

7pm Storrington Slimmers – p29

10am Baby Rhyme Time – Storrington Library – p24

2pm Knit & Stitch – p4

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15

Tue 17

11am Storrington Community Café @ Storrington Library – p21

Wed 18

4pm Stay and Play – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34

Thu 19

10.30am Cuppa and a Chat – p26

Sat 21

9am Shared Lent course, Chemin Neuf – p0

10am Pop-up preloved clothes sale – p10

12pm West Chilington Dramatic Society – Open Day – p25

7pm Chantry Quire concert – p16

7pm Sandgate Choir concert – p22

Sun 22 Lent 5 – Passiontide begins

10am Pop-up preloved clothes sale – p10

Mon 23

7pm Storrington Slimmers – p29

Tue 24

10am Baby Rhyme Time – Storrington Library – p24

1.30pm Storrington Macular Society – Meeting – p9

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15

Wed 25

10.30am Trinity Sunshine Choir – p13

2pm Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p26

2pm Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church

4pm Stay and Play – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34

Sat 28

9am Shared Lent course, Chemin Neuf – p9

7pm Storrington Museum Quiz Night – p33

Sun 29 PALM SUNDAY

Tue 31

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15

Please note – all these fixtures are subject to change, so please check with the relevant organisations.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MARCH

1 David, Patron of Wales, c.601

2 St Chad, 672 - Bishop of York, introduced Christianity to Mercia

7 Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203, Christian martyrs

8 Edward King, 1910, Bishop of Lincoln

Felix of Burgundy, 647, credited as the man who introduced Christianity to the kingdom of East Anglia.

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1929, priest and poet, nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers

17 Patrick, Patron of Ireland, c.460

18 Cyril of Jerusalem, 386, bishop, confessor and doctor of early church

19 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

20 Cuthbert, 687, monk, bishop and hermit, considered Patron Saint of Northern England

21 Thomas Cranmer, 1556, leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury

24 Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, 1396, English Augustinian mystic
Paul Couturier, 1953, French priest, instrumental in establishment of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Oscar Romero, 1980, Archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated

26 Harriet Monsell, 1883, Nun, founded the Community of St. John Baptist

31 John Donne, 1631, poet, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and MP

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 45

The Rector attended the annual meeting of the Storrington Flower Show. Although the first Show report by the West Sussex Gazette of the Storrington and Parham Cottagers' vegetable, fruit and flower show, which was held in the market room of the White Horse on 15 September 1864, was referred to as the "the Annual" exhibition it was reported as "our first". By 1865 a poster advertised it as "Storrington and Parham Cottage Gardening Society which now included the parishes of Sullington and Rackham. The open to all class offered 5 prizes, the first was £1.10s, reducing to 10/- which was for the fifth for "the cleanest and neatest kept cottage with the footnote "In awarding the prizes, the Visitors [twice during the year] will take into consideration the number and ages of the children dependent on the cottager".

Gardens were the next class with prizes from 10s for the top prize to 3s for the "best cropped and neatest kept garden, seven prizes descending by 1s per prize to the eighth which was awarded 3/-, followed by the neatest and gayest flower garden, classes for vegetables, fruits, flowers and children's classes which included "Best nosegay of wildflowers, collections of mosses, ferns, grasses and water cresses".

There was a separate section for agricultural labourers only. The list of rules ended with "It is confidently expected that no exhibitor will cultivate his garden on Sundays". Also, "Gentlemen and other Friends are invited to send Fruits, Flowers or Vegetables to the Show". Classes cost 1d each to enter and ½d for children. The Hon. Secretary who managed everything and collected the fees was Walter Hemingway. Mr Palmer noted that the meeting had some very knotty points brought before it to settle, the chief one, "Is it desirable to continue the cottage prizes?" It is interesting to note that George Benfort, the village policeman (1864-1868) was awarded 3rd prize in this class. He did not live in a police house (not then built). The Police Force in Sussex was only formed in 1856 and did not pay his private rent, (the Force would only help if this exceeded 3s per week). P.C. Benfort's prize £1 exceeded his police pay of 18s per 7-day week.

The Rector's next meeting was the Vestry where they needed to consider a vacancy for a Trinity mastership, but Mr Palmer thought the candidate "deficient in quality", noting that the income was £8,000 per annum. Back at the Rectory for the afternoon, he absorbed Dalton's energies by having him help to remove two apple stems, very successfully. The second Sunday in Lent produced "Two very nice congregations". The next day was not so good, "much talk and little done" at a Trust meeting, after which waste of his morning he went to see the Rev. J. Scott-Whiting about the Post Office depot and took the opportunity to buy from a traveller, "£4 15s 0d worth of cloth – really useful ware".

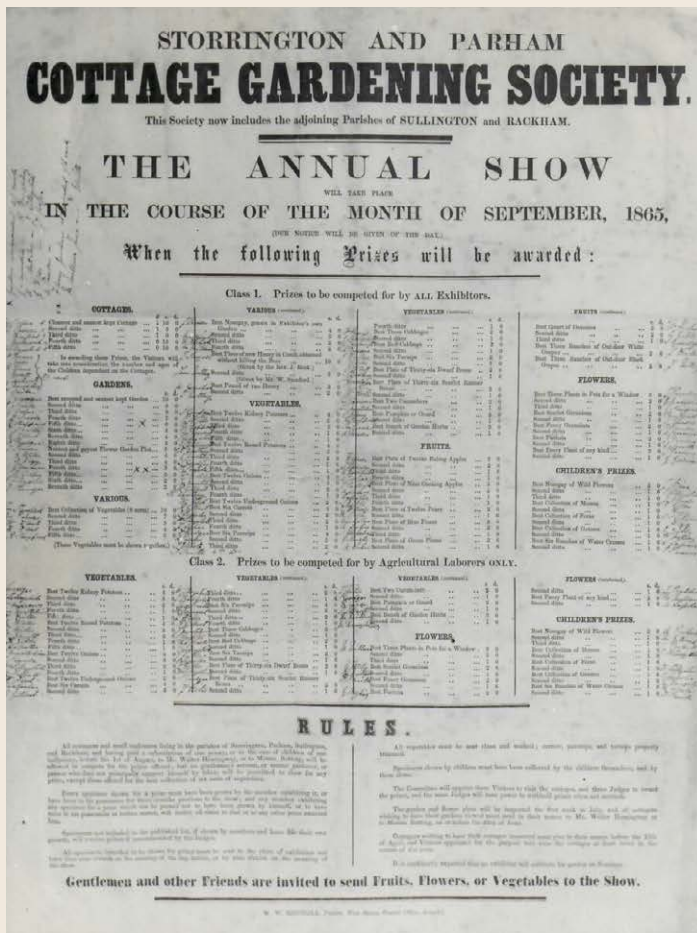
The government was occupied with the Reform Bill which had its second reading. Mr Palmer with his usual interest read the first instalment, feeling that most of the speakers "partake too much personality. Horsman attacked Bright and Lowe whose speech was very good". Gladstone introduced a moderate measure of working-class enfranchisement, which was defeated by Disraeli, supported by Lowe who objected on "moral and intellectual inferiority of wage-earners". Not surprisingly, this caused agitation for enfranchisement and Bright at the time was addressing large outdoor meetings, a rarity at that time. Gladstone resigned and the Conservatives took office without either a majority or calling a general election. Disraeli settled the question and carried an amended Bill. Agricultural labourers were still unenfranchised.

The Lords, meanwhile, were concerned with the state of Ireland, where Lord Grey made a long speech to the motion 'that the House do consider the state of the country', but aiming hard at the established Church there. "All Ireland's grievances were sprung from that root of bitterness", he said. Dufferin contested that the cause was not to be reached by parliamentary enactment, mentioning i) Traditional Hostility to us, ii) certain peculiarities of national character, and iii) national cases and climate, physical geography, want of coal. The motion was negatived. Mr Palmer found these debates most interesting.

He had his own problems still to solve regarding his difficult pupil, noting that, "Mr G.D. asks me to continue in charge of his son until his Colonial correspondence is settled". The Rector by now had had enough of this pupil and "declined with thanks", seeking peace by working in his garden, "as by-and-by I shall have to turn gardener. Ordered my seeds from Sutton". The "little event" of the next day was another Penny Reading for him to officiate, and to which he drove his mother and Emmie "in the hooded vehicle". There was still snow about. At home, he had some "most unlikely advertisements" to answer, "because we are getting into our annual cook agony..."

Mr Dalton wrote again, saying he intended to send Reg. to Cirencester on April 6th. He is not to know yet. The Rector's diary comment was "I doubt the step". After the Palm Sunday service as the weather turned out beautiful, he took an evening walk with four dogs: Smut, Snap, Tiger and Rust, and on his round saw a new-born carthorse foal. This must have been balm to his soul, followed by a rest from his pupils, "R.G.D. goes to Worthing to see his great-aunt and extract a little money from her". Garfitt was playing cricket, at which he won a cricket ball, followed by "a hard pull". Then it was a day of departures – Garfitt going for his "recess" and the Paulls (servants) going to set up shop. There was a harmonious Annual Vestry for the Rector, when the sexton received a rise in his salary of £5 and extra duties. Mr Palmer drove R.G. Dalton to the station and said farewell – he would not be returning, a sad moment for him, in spite of the problems he had caused and which it had not been possible to correct, "that such a fine 'creature', impulsive, indolent, wilful, addicted to low tricks, yet fitted for high ones, I augur but poorly for him. Much must be put down to his father, who seems to have utterly mis-managed him." To write such a poor report of one of his specially tutored pupils, even in his private diary must have left Mr Palmer with an unusual sense of failure.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)





An Archaeological Childhood

At the January meeting we enjoyed a talk by Dr Janet Pennington, describing her childhood as the daughter of dedicated amateur archaeologists in Sussex. Janet's parents Eric and Hilda Holden lived in Brighton where her father ran a shopfitting business, and they were very keen members of the Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society. Janet, her sister and cousins spent 2 or 3 weeks each August camped out in Sussex whilst the adults conducted digs at various areas of architectural interest.

One summer was spent excavating flint mines near the top of Long Furlong. These were from Neolithic times, 6000 years ago, when this area produced flint to be used for tools – there were 270 flint mines on Cissbury alone – and the Long Furlong dig revealed deep mines, and the red deer antlers used to pick out the flints. Another nearby dig was at Muntham Court, a country house near Findon. Within the estate there was an Iron Age and Romano-British settlement, which was excavated before estate was broken up in 1957 and the house demolished in 1961. Many of the finds are now in Worthing Museum. One summer, a lost medieval village at Hangleton was excavated, and one of the houses discovered there was later rebuilt at the Weald & Downland Museum.

The talk was accompanied by many photographs showing the people, their encampments, and their finds, reflecting the different times of the 1950s and 60s. The archaeologists stayed in WWI tents, slept on Army camp beds, and showed a much simpler approach to health and safety than we might see today. The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.

The next meeting will be on Friday 20 March, when Mark Saunders will talk to us about pruning.

Jo Myland

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Storrington Community Café

Tuesday 17 March

From 11am to 12:30pm

Storrington Library, North Street Car Park, Storrington, RH20 4NZ

A support group for the community in a warm venue with a friendly atmosphere to chat and enjoy a cuppa and talk about any concerns you may have.

For more info please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Chris Poore: 07795 046743 | Dave Bone: 07789 943201
Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk

Alzheimer's Society | Horsham District Council



New Councillor

We welcome our councillor Jeremy (Jez) Jackson, who is well known in the village as the owner of the Anchor pub. Jez brings lots of knowledge and insight about the community which will be invaluable.

Budget

The Parish Council has finalised its budget for 2026/7 – this was approved by a majority vote at an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting. A precept of £376,635 was agreed which represents a 19% increase; equal to a 4.9 pence per day increase for all council taxpayers in Band D-rated homes.



Previously, our precept has typically been around 20% below that of several comparable sized local parishes. However, our precept is increasing for several reasons. Little maintenance of Parish Council-owned properties has been undertaken for

many years, and there are worrying levels of deterioration with the football and cricket pavilions, the leisure centre roof, and the Memorial Pond. We also need to create a dilapidation fund so that we are not further exposed as our property estate continues to age. And we are strongly advised by the National Association of Local Councils guidelines to always maintain at least a 3-month reserve on operational expenditure.



Finally, it is always possible that a cap could be introduced on Parish Council precepts. If we do not act now, we could forever be restricted to a precept level significantly below neighbouring parishes with the consequences such a cap would bring.



The PC has access to other income including hall hire, and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) from which we bid for contributions each year. These monies are not guaranteed and cannot be used for operational costs involved in running the parish which range from running the office, paying for the neighbourhood wardens, maintaining the grounds/ playgrounds, managing our trees and organising our community events such as the Christmas Event.

Litter

There have been several complaints recently about litter around the village in Greyfriars Lane and around the leisure centre. We would be grateful if householders and their families would take their litter home. We are looking into organising a Litter Pick-Up Day and would be delighted to hear from any volunteers who would be up for joining us.

Note: We mentioned our new website launch in the last issue but we were ahead of ourselves as we needed more time and have deferred our launch for a few more weeks.

Cllr Virginia Hicks
 Storrington and Sullington Parish Council
www.storrington-pc.gov.uk

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Spring arrived, once again earlier than we have been used to. The fresh appearance of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and tree buds is welcome but so early is disconcerting. It shows climate change is having real effect. Bird song also restarted in January, earlier than in the past. It is cheering to hear the calls but, sadly, the dawn chorus is muted now as songster numbers decline. Loss of habitat, pollution and reduction of wildflowers for seed eaters are among the causes. Not only bird numbers are in decline. One in six wildlife species in Great Britain is at risk of extinction. Shocking. One of the problems is that the customary weather pattern is no longer in phase with the times of sunrise. In other words, the earlier warmth comes when the days are still short, upsetting the life cycles of all kinds of wildlife. For example, the food which some birds need to feed their young arrives at the wrong time. Disaster for fledglings.



We may shrug and say all this doesn't concern me. It should, as it is a sign of a serious problem of our making. Just one example, the development of monoculture has meant biodiversity is lost and ecosystems have suffered. Which puts our health and food security at risk. This country is in the lowest 10% of all countries with intact biodiversity. Further, lack of proper monitored and effective environmental planning makes the UK's legally binding 2030 green targets a pipe-dream. Governments have kicked the can down the road, focussing on short term objectives. These may save money at first but will be very costly in the long run, such as building on valuable food producing land instead of on brown field sites or repurposing disused buildings. We need to see nature as our ally, not an obstacle to be overcome or beaten into submission. After all, we are made up of the same basic material as all else in the world and we have to live together. Inevitably nature will win if we don't change. Our health and mental wellbeing are at stake. We can make a difference by adopting greener lifestyles and supporting those in authority who work to that end.

The next work parties are on **Saturday 7 March** at 10am at Chantry Hill and **Saturday 14 March** at 10am at Sullington Warren to continue the restoration and preservation of the important heathland. As ever, we are delighted to welcome any who wish to join us. Sharing transport where possible.

For information about this and our other activities, or on becoming a member, or offering advice, please get in touch with Chairman Mick Denness on 01903 745971, or see our website. www.storringtonconservation.org.uk/.

OWNERS AND THEIR BELOVED PETS

It took Covid to highlight just how important pets are. Of course there is the flip side when people were desperate for a pet because



they had time on their hands and then didn't socialise their pup and then gave up their pup as they returned to life outside the home, I'll get off my soapbox! **Support Dogs** is an amazing charity. What drew me is that their dogs are trained to help with a variety of illnesses, including epilepsy. The dog is trained to pick up that their owner is going to have a seizure 48 minutes BEFORE it happens. Having a dog around reassures and relaxes the owner. As one owner said: "my life changed because of Wadsley", because the dog has such a calming effect, that calmness transmits to the owner's body, thus they can relax and enjoy life. If you have a minute, check out their website: www.supportdogs.org.uk. It is just awe inspiring what one can train a dog to do, not just a dog, but any animal!

Maria Radford

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Indoor Cricket Results

The first indoor match of 2026 couldn't have been closer when our U13s lost to Middleton by just 4 runs. We lost five wickets scoring 110; Archie Sadler top scored with 26, Alice Cunningham made an unbeaten 17 and Ernest Wood also made 17. Middleton lost 4 wickets before passing our score. Their next match was also high scoring and close when Chippingdale won by one wicket. Archie Sadler again top scored with 24 in our total of 101 runs that included no less than 50 extras! Chippingdale lost 4 wickets, each one a run out. Victory finally came in the highest scoring match so far when Worthing were beaten by 47 runs. We lost just one wicket in scoring 139 with Archie Sadler the top scorer yet again making 43. Reuben York chipped in with 24.

In their first match our U15s were comprehensively beaten by Chichester Priory Park in a very low scoring game after being bowled out for 31. A better result was achieved against Eastergate who were beaten by 18 runs. Massimo Phillips scored an unbeaten 42 in our total of 77-4. Archie Wastell took a couple of wickets to help restrict Eastergate to 59-5.

Outdoor training for our juniors (ages 8-14) starts on Friday 17 April at 6pm. New players are welcome to take part in free trials.

Our senior men played two indoor matches, beating Broadwater by 20 runs and then losing to United Stars by a bigger margin.

Forty-five years ago, in an early season match against Southwick, Doug James achieved a remarkable and unbeaten Club record when he took all ten Southwick wickets. Doug, a leg spinner, was brought on as the second change bowler when Southwick's openers had reached 36 runs. Doug proceeded to bowl five batsmen, three more being stumped by John Dodsworth and the other two being caught. Southwick were all out for 114 with Doug's analysis 10-45 off 12.3 overs.

Chris Winter



THE SANDGATE CHOIR

RUTTER
REQUIEM

CHILCOTT
A LITTLE JAZZ MASS

Saturday 21 March, 7.00pm

Our Lady of England Church, Storrington RH20 4LW

Conductor: **Christopher Larley**
Piano: **Alison Manton**
Soprano: **Katie Brown**

With
The UK Veterans Show Band
Harpist Luisa-Maria Cordell and Camerata Gold

Tickets £18
• Available from the link below or QR code
• The Card Shop, Storrington (cash only please)
• On the door

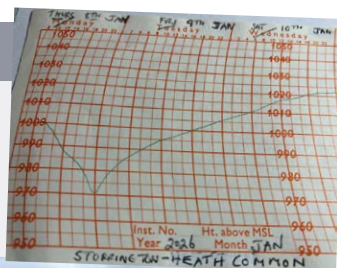
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www.thesandgatechoir.com

WEATHER WATCH

Last month many readers will most likely want to forget as it turned out the 4th wettest January in over a century and a half in our district at least. Rainfall at my weather station just outside Storrington amounted to 207mm, over twice the average. The ground was thoroughly saturated at the month's end. Local footpaths had become rivers and fields were flooded. Storrington due to its proximity to the Downs has its rainfall boosted by air being forced to rise and condense over and close to the line of hills.



Yet January had begun quietly where December had left off; chilly but dry and bright with frosty nights. Early on 5 January snow showers moved south-eastwards over us and gave a light covering in my garden and it remained on the ground in shaded areas until the following day. At night the temperature fell to below minus 5°C and a very chill minus 11.6°C just

above the grass. After a little snow on 6 January and some lovely fern ice patterns on my car roof and windows the weather abruptly changed to become dominated by the Atlantic and measurable rain fell every day except 17 January.

Storm Goretti powered in on 8 January across Southwest England with 99mph winds in the Scilly Isles and vast numbers of trees were felled in Cornwall, buildings were damaged and many thousands of homes lost power. We escaped the worst of the winds, but I measured 31mm of rain and on a barograph that I set up it revealed the abrupt fall of pressure down to a very low 970hPa (28.64 inches) and then a meteoric rise after it passed by. The winds were strong enough though to knock sixteen containers from off the vessel The Baltic Klipper near the Isle of Wight and many tonnes of fruit, packaging such as polystyrene and even the containers themselves ended up on Sussex beaches initiating a huge clear up operation.



The very unsettled conditions were caused by extreme cold in North America where places in the same latitude as Sussex measured temperatures below minus 30°C. Snow even fell in Florida. The cold air then headed out into the warm Atlantic and this huge temperature contrast enlivened the jet stream and generated weather system after weather system towards us and sending vast amounts of moisture laden air in our direction. They were then held up close to or over us by high pressure over eastern Europe where it was very cold. Further storms occurred with Chandra on 27 January giving us another 33mm of rain flooding local roads such as between West Chiltington and Pulborough. Severe life-threatening floods occurred in Devon and Dorset. More containers were swept off ships in the Channel by the turbulent conditions and further debris was strewn along beaches from the Witterings to Beachy Head.

Overall, the temperature in contrast to the rainfall was very close to average and sunshine too was not far from par helped by a sunny first week. February has begun in a very unsettled mood with further spells of rain. Will the weather cheer up or turn colder, and will it prove the wettest winter on record? Read next month's Weather Watch.

*Ian Currie, Weatherman, Speaker, Broadcaster,
Editor of Weather Eye magazine and Fellow of the Royal Met Soc*

Monthly
Talk



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE by Tony Whitbread

Friday 6th March - 2.30pm

Members £6 The Old School,
Non-members £8 School Lane,
All Welcome! Storrington,
RH20 4LL



**STORRINGTON
& DISTRICT
MUSEUM**

JustGiving



Join us for an expansive ecological journey through Sussex's beautiful countryside.

Tony's talk will be looking at nature reserves, animal and plant wildlife, diverse habitats and examining their ecological relations underpinned by geology, hydrology and climate.

Tony retired from the Sussex Wildlife Trust in 2018 after working there for 27 years, being Chief Executive for 12. He is now President of the Trust. During his career he represented the Wildlife Trusts nationally, regionally, and locally on Forestry Commission, National Ecosystem Assessment, Environment Agency, and National Park forums, and currently chairs the South Downs Network. He was an early advocate of rewilding and currently runs rewilding workshops at the Knepp Rewilding project. He has written articles and reports on natural processes, for example after the storm in 1987, for British Wildlife in 1997 and in numerous publications for the SWT.



**WEST CHILTINGTON
FLORAL CLUB** (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

Tuesday 17 March, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Trip to Brighton – with Duncan Ward

West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road,
West Chiltington RH20 2PZ

Visitors are free this month

For more information, please contact:

Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608

Email: wchilfloralclub@gmail.com

Website: www.westchiltingtonfloralclub.co.uk

ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

Run by Life Community Church,
Storrington, 7 The Square,
Storrington



TUESDAY



In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

A fun, social group for people who like to stitch. Bring your own knitting, embroidery or another project. We can teach you if you'd like to learn!



THURSDAY



Baby Club – 10am to 12pm (term time only)

Join our supportive community group and connect with others. Older siblings welcome!



Monthly High Tea – last Thursday – 2.30pm to 4pm

Meet new friends, enjoy homemade delicacies for £4 per person. Book tickets in advance from The Village Hub.



Thursdays Together – For over 65's, every Thursday except last of the month – 2.30pm to 4pm

Join us for tea, games, and company. Bring a friend and join in!

SATURDAY



Repair Café – every third Saturday of the month from 10am to 12pm

Looking to repair your broken or damaged items? The Repair Cafe is here to help, so bring in any items needing mending, from clothes to appliances and more.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am



Come and connect with other parents and guardians at our baby and toddler group for the local community. Each week there are toys, bouncy castles, crafts, a bible story, a song and some refreshments (for children and adults). Entry is £3 per child and £2 for each additional child, and if it is your first time it is free! There is no need to book in advance.

Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm



For KS2 children from year three to five. A safe place outside of school where children can come to have fun, learn about the Bible, develop life skills and meet their friends. Each week there are games around a different theme.

Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm



For children from year 6 upwards. A fun, relaxed time for young people to hang out, bring friends, and join in with games and activities.

Groups meet term time only. Run by Life Community Church.

Rotary FILM NIGHT

At Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 11th March 2026



Performance commences at 7.30pm

There will be an interval and Bar & Raffle.
Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in Storrington.
Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.
For further details please contact
Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club Members can provide transport to the Film Night for local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements. Anyone needing transport should contact John Ollerton on 07523322554

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

Starring Tom Basden and Carey Mulligan. An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island, dreams of getting his favourite musicians back together. When the bandmates accept his invitation to his home on Wallis Island old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig.

On Wednesday 8 April the film will be "The Choral", starring Ralph Fiennes.

Baby Rhyme Time

Join our baby rhyme time fun with rhymes, songs and musical instruments.
All babies and toddlers welcome!

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity.
Please note – sessions are very popular and may become full.

Tuesdays 10.00-10.30am



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PARHAM HOUSE EVENTS FOR THE NEW SEASON



We are excited to welcome visitors to Parham House and Gardens on Easter Sunday and Monday, 5th & 6th April. The preparations for the new season are well underway, and an exciting series of events and activities are planned for the spring and summer months.

During the Easter weekend opening, we will also be offering Afternoon and Cream Teas supplied by Joanna's Boutique Tearoom on the Big Kitchen.

Wed 22nd April until Sun 10th May

Association of Sussex Artists' Exhibition

Association of Sussex Artists' Exhibition will be staging a two-week exhibition of drawings, sculptures and paintings in the Seed Room.

Sunday 14th June 2026

Sussex Day

Parham House & Gardens will again celebrate the fine produce, crafts, art and artistry to be found across Sussex. Taking place from 12 noon to 5pm, guests can explore over thirty stalls offering a variety of local produce and goods. Attendees can enjoy the festivities without any additional charges as normal Garden & House admission grants access to the event.

Wed 17th June until Sun 15th July

Horsham School of Botanical Artists

The Horsham School of Botanical Artists will be staging a two-week exhibition of drawings and paintings in the Seed Room.

Sunday 5th July

The Plant Fairs Roadshow

We're delighted to welcome back The Plant Fairs Roadshow to Parham this season. Some of the South East's best specialist nurseries will be selling a wide range of locally grown and unusual plants.

11th and 12th of July

Sussex Steam Rally

Sussex Steam Shows Ltd will hold the 'Sussex Steam Rally' on the East Plain at Parham. This two-day event will feature a variety of exhibits from steam traction engines to vintage vehicles.

Wed 15th July until Sun 26th July

A Bargello Exhibition

A Bargello Exhibition by Odette Campbell will be held in the Seed Room

Sunday 2nd August

Jaguar Enthusiasts Club

Parham will again welcome back the members of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club. Their beautiful classic and contemporary cars will be displayed at the front of Parham, for the enjoyment of their fellow members and for those visiting the House and Gardens.

Wed 5th Aug until Sun 27th Sept

Needlework on Display

Wed 12th Aug – Mon 31st Aug

Textile Exhibition

A Textile Exhibition by Jane Robinson will be held in the Seed Room.

Throughout the open season, Parham will run a variety of special tours which will focus on our collections including needlework, house and clocks. All places must be booked in advance online.

Joanna's Boutique Tearoom is open in The Mower Shed from 12 noon on our standard open days. Visitors can enjoy hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and scones.

The House and Gardens will be open to visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter Sunday to early October. Tickets for advance bookings are on sale now.

For more information, please visit www.parhaminsussex.co.uk.

West Chillington Dramatic Society

Open Day

Saturday 21 March, 12 – 4 PM

West Chillington Village Hall

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Tuesday 3 March

Talk by Dr Helena Rufus-Ward
The Mosaics of Ravenna: For the Glory of Kings, Emperors and Empresses



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Tuesday 7 April

Talk by Ian Swankie

Battersea Power Station – Four Iconic Chimneys

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Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
Doors open 1.15pm. Coffee & tea afterwards
Visitors most welcome - £10

For further details contact Gilly Myers on 07805731663 or email westsussex@theartsociety.org or www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Storrington Flower Club's year end was wonderful. We held our Open Evening at the beginning of November with National Demonstrator Coral Gardiner. Her arrangements and designs were sensational. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by many members, VIP guests, friends, and family. Next came our end of November 'Festive Fayre', a tea party ending the club meetings for the year which was fun and very well supported by members. This was followed by the Christmas Workshop 'A Table Centre with a Difference'. Members, family and friends attended and everyone created a beautiful design with roses, carnations, spray carnations, decorative foliage and Christmas decorations. Each arrangement, although using the same components and flowers, differed in design. Everyone took home a delightful creation to welcome Christmas.



Next Club Meetings:

Wednesday, 25 March at 2.30pm

Brenda Bull 'Ancient Routes'
Competition: 'Picture This'

Wednesday 22 April at 2.30pm – AGM

followed by Afternoon Tea, new members welcome on the day

Do visit our friendly Club where you will find a warm welcome. You do not have to be a flower arranger just come along, be entertained for an afternoon with flowers, tips on flower arranging, not to mention friendly faces and a cuppa!

I look forward to welcoming members to our lovely Club as well as visitors alike.

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More details please contact: Chrissy Desmond 01903 742102

Chrissy Desmond, Chairman, Storrington Flower Club



EVENTS AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

Pre-loved clothes sale and café open

Sat 21 & Sun 22 March, Sat 9 & Sun 10 May,
Sat 3 & Sun 4 October

10am to 4pm

If you find yourself in that oh-so common *full-wardrobe-but-nothing-to-wear* dilemma, then why not come along and see if you find your next staple pieces here. It's safe to say that the pair that run the sale both have an exceedingly well-trained eye, and we're lucky to be the destination for only their best finds. All sales from the clothes are in aid of St Mary's, Sullington. Free entry and parking.

Voices in Cloth – Textile Exhibition and café open daily

Thu 2 to Sun 12 April

10am to 4pm

The exclusive group, Voices in Cloth, highlight the vital role of textiles in contemporary life. Through weave, fabric, and three-dimensional works, the artists explore a rich and varied range of themes, all expressed through the language of textiles. All pieces are for sale and café open daily. Free entry and parking.

Spring Art at Sullington, exhibition and café open daily

Thu 23 April to Sun 3 May

10am to 4pm

A carefully curated programme showcases a diverse range of contemporary works, all for sale, by both emerging and established artists. The exhibition is rooted in celebration of our local and creative community and the pieces range from wood, ceramics and paintings. The café will be open daily for the exhibition, free entry and parking.



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19 March



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The December Christmas party was enjoyed by members with quizzes games and an excellent supper before ending the evening with the usual hectic 12 days of Christmas with members bobbing up and down when it was their turn to sing! Lunch at the Crown Cootham in January was another occasion for members to get together socially.

The next club meeting will take place on **9 March** when Victoria Rumens will talk about 'Designing Accessible Small Gardens'. The competition this month is a single Narcissi/Daffodil.

Club meetings are held monthly usually on the second Monday at 7.30 in Thakeham Village Hall and visitors are warmly welcome. For further details please contact Chairperson Gil on 01798 812748

Sandra Jenkins



knit and natter

Do you enjoy stitching, knitting, crocheting?

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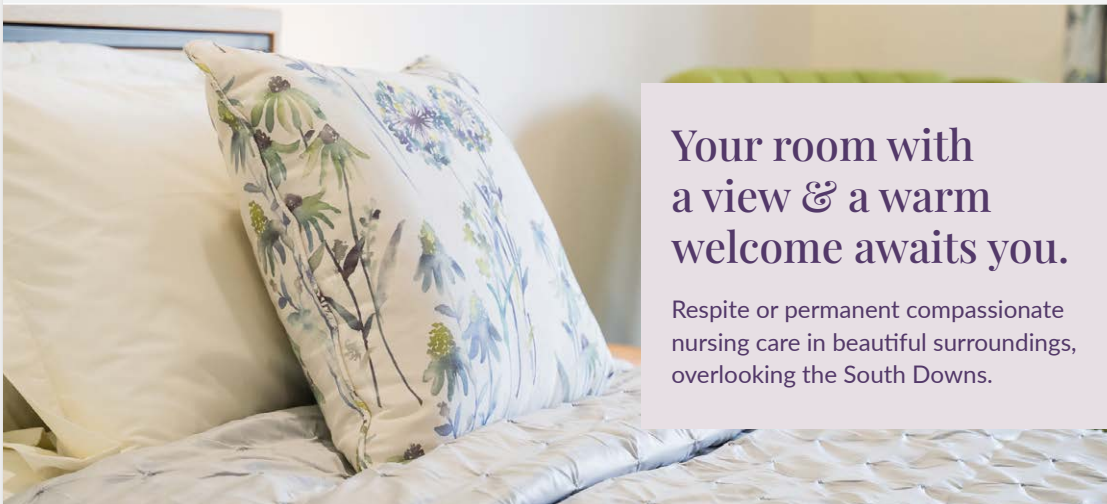
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Annual Report February 2025 – January 2026

Our year started with our AGM on 6 February. Sadly 4 members of the committee: Jeannie Watten, Jenny Packman, Pauline Turier and Ella Coventry stood down after several years of service. Happily, Sally Boyland re-joined the committee. We held our Wave of Prayer meeting at the end of February in West Chiltington church. We prayed for our diocese and our connected dioceses abroad. On 1 March some members attended the commissioning service in Brighton, where Michelle White was officially installed as Diocesan President. Our new Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow also attended and spoke to the meeting. We provided a Lent lunch for West Chiltington church. In April we had a talk on various aspects of Family Support Work from Jane Lyons. In May Chrystalle Kersley kindly stepped in as Christine Empson was unable to come and talk to us. She spoke about her life as a vicar's wife in several different parishes. June saw us gather at Findon Garden Centre for tea and cakes and Michelle White joined us so that we were able to hand over 12 cakes for her to take to the South of England Show!

Beautiful hot and sunny July saw Sally and Norman Boyland once again host a garden party in their beautiful garden. There was a raffle and we all enjoyed a delicious tea. In August we had a quiet day in Storrington church which was attended by several members from around the diocese. We enjoyed a quiet time in the church and churchyard and a walk together to Matt's Meadow's as well as tea and cakes of course! Stephen Bloxham once again organised an Evensong Service followed by a Festival of Puddings to raise money for MU projects. In September we had a corporate communion followed by a Ploughman's lunch. Ben, the fireman, gave a riveting talk and was very professional with Jeannie Watten when she became ill. In October we enjoyed an interesting talk from Dr Les Allen-Williams about insects. In November Scilla Page talked about MU's work in Ford Prison. In December we had our Christmas party and greatly enjoyed listening to and singing along with Shipwreck and January we once again enjoyed a New Year's lunch at The Crown in Cootham!

Many thanks are due to all have helped this year. The committee members, Sonia Fox, Barbara Buchanan, Sally Boyland and Maria Radford. Chrystalle Kersley for playing the piano at our meetings as well as stepping in as an emergency speaker. Ian Miles for playing the organ at our services in church and Adrian Radford for all his help supporting Maria as treasurer and helping at our meetings.

2026 marks the 150th Anniversary of MU. Do you know that the first branch of the Mothers Union in Chichester Diocese was our branch! Definitely something to celebrate and we did



just that. Jeannie Bell, our Leader, made the gorgeously light cake and put 150 candles on the top! We started the 150th the way we plan to go on!



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 5 March – Changed: Putting the Fun into Fundraising a talk by Karen Hill. 2pm at West Chiltington Church hall

Friday 6 March – World Day of Prayer. 2pm Sullington Church

150th Anniversary events

Wednesday 10 June

5.30pm Service at St Pauls Cathedral

Thursday 11 June

10.30am– 4.30pm Annual Gathering at Emmanuel House, London

Further information for June on MU website

Sonia Fox

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

This month we would like to share some tips and advice on avoiding scams.

Staying Safe from Scams

Scammers are becoming more convincing and often pretend to be trusted organisations such as banks, the government, delivery companies, or even family members. They may contact you unexpectedly by phone, text, email, WhatsApp, or QR codes and try to rush you into acting quickly. Remember: genuine organisations will never pressure you, ask for your bank details, one time passcodes, or tell you to move money to a "safe" account.

If you receive an unexpected message or call, stop, don't click, and don't share any information. Take time to check by contacting the organisation directly using a phone number or website you trust. If something feels urgent, secretive, or unusual, it's likely a scam. Pause and talk it through with a trusted friend, family member, or your bank before taking any action.

If you are concerned your phone may have been compromised, use a different phone to contact your bank or service provider if possible, as scammers can sometimes interfere with calls or messages on the original device.

For more information, see the National Cyber Security Centre website: www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams/spot-scams

March activities and events

Community Café at Storrington Library

Monday 2 March (11am-12.30pm)

Community Café Hanover Walk

Tuesday 10 March (11am-12.30pm)

Journey Group at The Village Hub

Tuesday 17 March (10am-11am)

Cuppa and a Chat at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Thursday 19 March (10.30am-12.30pm)

Chris Poore: 07795 046743

Dave Bone: 07789 943201

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STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS from 7pm to 8pm

St Mary's Church, Storrington

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- **Rustington**
- **Holmbush (Marks & Spencer and Tesco)**
- **Horsham**

There are also regular outings into Storrington, ideal for meeting friends and enjoying a coffee. Monthly excursions include days out to Highdown Gardens & Café, Fishbourne Roman Villa, and Denmans Garden & Café.

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	4th	STORR & W/CHILT	VARIOUS / MACULAR GROUP (Chanctonbury Leisure Centre)	£3	1PM
WED	EVERY	STORR & W/CHILT	PULBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB (Pulborough Village Hall)	£4	10.30AM
	3rd	STORR & W/CHILT	RUSTINGTON or HORSHAM (Rotates monthly. Lunch & Shop)	£6	11AM
THUR	EVERY	W/CHILTINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	9AM
	1st	STORR & W/CHILT	STORRINGTON POP IN LUNCH	£3	10.45AM
	EVERY	STORRINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	1PM
FRI	EVERY	STORRINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	9AM
	EVERY	STORR & W/CHILT	PULBOROUGH / TESCO, SAINSBURY'S	£4	9PM
	EVERY	STORR & W/CHILT	PULBOROUGH / TESCO, SAINSBURY'S	£4	1PM
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TUES	7th APRIL	STORR & W/CHILT	SHOREHAM AIRPORT - HUMMINGBIRD CAFÉ	£8	1PM
TUES	5th MAY	STORR & W/CHILT	BOSHAM WATERFRONT	£12	1PM

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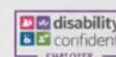
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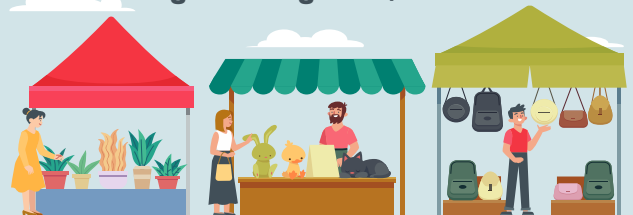
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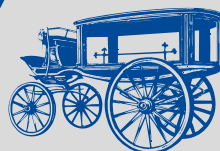
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