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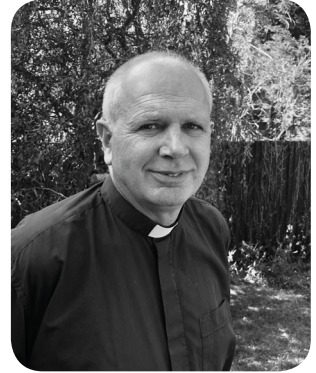
ALL VERY WELCOME

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

As you will know if you happened to read last month's Ramblings, I have recently been on retreat, something I always try and do just before the season of Lent begins.

On the Sunday I was there I walked across the fields from where I was staying to the local church in the Devon village of Doddiscombeigh, on the edge of Dartmoor. After the service and coffee at the back of the church, I wandered down to the village pub, misleadingly called The Nobody Inn as it actually was pretty full, for Sunday lunch. Unlike the time I wrote about last month, I didn't write a poem in the pub (and I don't spend all my retreat time in pubs!) – poems either come or they don't. However, browsing through the parish magazine I'd picked up in the church, I came across an article entitled Sonder – a word I'd never heard of.



The author described how he'd recently lost a close relative and shortly after the death had gone for a walk with his family. He was struck how people cheerily greeted them not knowing what had happened, and illogical as it was, felt everyone should have known what they were going through. He then said how he was reminded of the word 'sonder' and quoted a definition:

'The realisation that each random passer-by is living a life as vivid and complex as your own—an epic story that continues invisibly around you like an anthill sprawling deep underground, with elaborate passageways to thousands of other lives that you'll never know existed, in which you might appear only once, as an extra sipping coffee in the background, as a blur of traffic passing on the highway, as a lighted window at dusk.' (*Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows* by John Koenig)

He went on to say this:

'The realisation I had on that walk, and the quote above, is a great reminder that we have no idea what is happening beneath the surface of a person, yet we can often so easily judge people without considering their story, circumstances and experiences. This reminder helped me shape my new year's resolution; to interact with every person I meet with love, kindness and respect as if they'd just lost a loved one.'

CHURCH NEWS

And then he said this, and somehow this is the bit that spoke to me most of all:
'So I invite you to remember 'sonder' and treat everyone with love and respect; not as a reflection of their character *but of yours.*' [italics mine]

As I sat in The Nobody Inn with plenty of people in, I pondered those words, as I did for the rest of my retreat, and reflected on the times I fail to act like that. It also struck me that it was easier to be like that on retreat rather than in the hustle and bustle of my everyday life. Though a bit late for a new year resolution, I resolved to make it my Lenten resolution. I know I won't always live up to it – that's how it goes with Lenten resolutions – but I think it's important to keep trying. And when I say trying, I don't mean trying too hard, I think it's more about just relaxing, being present, practising love, kindness and respect and remembering what matters. It's simply about trying to live today well.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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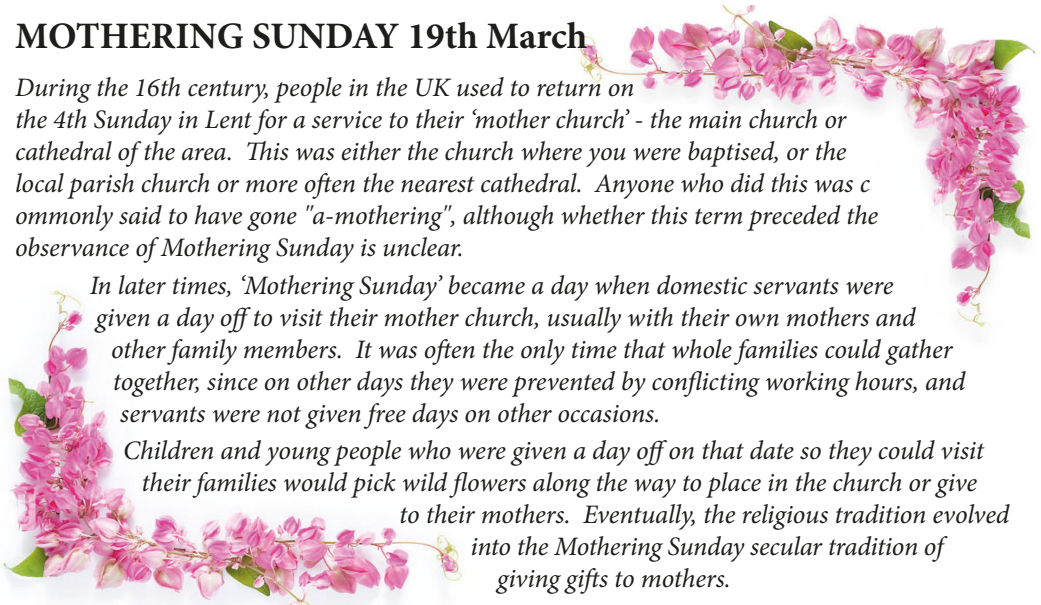
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MOTHERING SUNDAY 19th March

During the 16th century, people in the UK used to return on the 4th Sunday in Lent for a service to their 'mother church' - the main church or cathedral of the area. This was either the church where you were baptised, or the local parish church or more often the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear.

In later times, 'Mothering Sunday' became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

Children and young people who were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.





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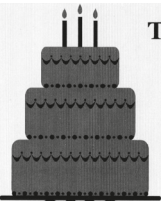
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OUTWOOD WI



FEBRUARY 2023

How does it feel to be 102 years old? The ladies at Outwood WI found out at their February meeting! And what a packed village hall it was! We had sent invitations out to other local WI groups and in the end we welcomed 34 visitors as well as a representative from the Surrey Federation. This meant that 76 voices raised the roof with “Happy birthday to us” while our president, Caroline, lit the candle on the celebration cake.



February’s speaker was Peter Allen, who brought an entertaining slide show entitled “**How Musicals Ruled the Stage**”.

Having worked in theatre all his life, Peter was able to take us on a journey through the history of musical theatre both on Broadway and in the West End of London.

We travelled from 1920s hits such as Showboat, through key productions which challenged the boundaries of musical theatre (such as West Side Story and Hair), then onto the show that broke all box office records: Phantom of the Opera. Some interesting conversations followed Peter’s talk as members expressed their views on their own favourite shows.

We have a full calendar of events to look forward to in 2023 and our monthly activity groups continue to grow. Another year older, perhaps, but going very strong!

Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on March 7th, when we shall be enjoying some active entertainment playing the old English game of Shuffleboard.

New members are always made very welcome.

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

Since the earlier snow and ice, by mid-February mild conditions were in the ascendent with the evidence all around us. Birds were busy pairing up and searching out suitable nesting sites including nest boxes, which ideally should be cleared of any material from last year. Squirrels have been increasingly active playing “chase me Charlie” in the tree tops, displaying their amazing agility. Leaf and flower buds were swelling day by day as in the garden with camellias and magnolias and even the fruit buds on an apricot were already showing dark pink in the third week of February - however they may need some protection if freezing weather is forecast. Out in the countryside the common gorse has been in bloom since the end of January with bushes on the common at the top end of Millers Lane and along Brickfields Road near Lamberts Place standing out like beacons. The sulphur yellow flowers, which have the scent of coconut, are edible and are used in salads. Gorse, which grows to two and a half metres, is a member of the legume family that includes peas and beans, have roots that fix nitrogen in the soil and their flowers provide an excellent source of pollen to bees and moths. So, spring is just around the corner. Its officially due to start on 20th March and as Christina Rossetti so beautifully put it in her poem Spring “There is no time like spring. When life’s alive in everything.”

Julie and Glenn Biddles reported a fascinating and rare experience they had on a visit to RSPB reserve at Pulborough Brooks in mid-February when, as they were watching from one of the hides, they spotted a large bird in a tree some way away – it was a white-tailed eagle and then, in the opposite direction a marsh harrier was having a fight, in flight, with a peregrine falcon. What happened next is best described in Julie’s own words - “The peregrine had killed a lapwing and the harrier was trying to steal it. The peregrine saw it off and went back for the kill. The harrier came in and they had another tussle. Then the large bird from the tree flew in and started to eat the lapwing - both the harrier and peregrine flew off.” At this point a second sea eagle arrived on the scene and they took the lapwing carcass off to another location and Julie said “they looked stunning flying together.” What a superb wildlife experience.



WHITE TAILED EAGLE - Julie Biddles

White tailed sea eagles (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) aka Erne, became extinct in the UK as a result of persecution around the end of the of the eighteenth century. The birds are the largest eagles in the UK and were once widely distributed across the UK down to the south coast and Cornwall. They have a wingspan of two and a half metres and they are predominantly brown with a paler head a neck with a white tail. In the 1970’s a programme was set up to reintroduce birds to Scotland from Norway. This was a great success and achieved plenty of media coverage. Then in 2019 the Roy Dennis Foundation - Roy Dennis had been very involved in Scotland - and the Forestry Commission set up a programme to release sixty chicks from Scotland into the Isle of Wight over a period of five years. Once again reintroduction has proved successful and it was reported that a pair of birds had set up home in the Arun river valley, almost certainly the ones seen by Glenn and Julie.

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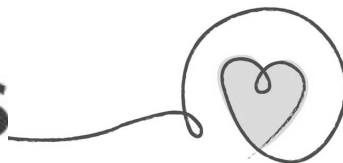
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A couple early Outwood Show reminders:

The photographic competition categories this year will be 'Bugs and Butterflies', 'Summer time' and 'Gathering'. For children the topic is 'Playtime'.

Its time to start planting your giant Sunflower seeds for tallest sunflower competition.

To get you started if it's your first time you will need a sunny, sheltered spot and a good soil. Choose your variety carefully as some sunflowers will grow 50cm, while others grow over 3m.

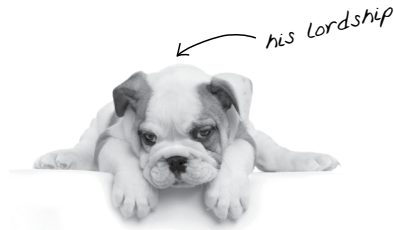
Sow seeds in pots from April and plant out when all risk of frost has passed. Prepare the soil well and add plenty of organic matter to the planting hole. Keep your sunflowers well-watered and feed weekly to encourage them to grow tall.

You may need to stake some of the taller varieties.

Dates for the 2023 Diary

Plant Sale + Refreshments	Saturday 13th May, 10am @ St John's
Early Summer Show	Saturday 24th June
Garden Stroll	Sunday 9th July
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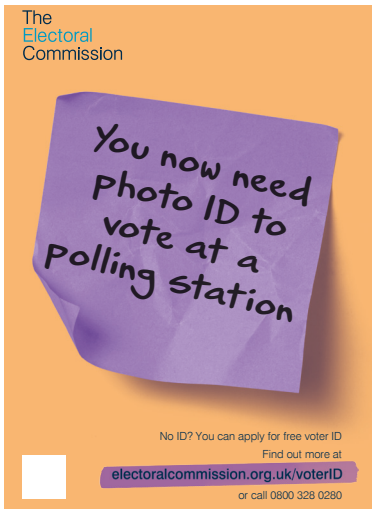
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Next meeting:

Wednesday 1st March 2023, 7.30pm in the Church Room

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Sunday 12 March

11 am Holy Communion

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Mothering Sunday, 19 March

11 am Morning Worship

Sunday 26 March

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Palm Sunday, 2 April

8 am Book of Common Prayer said Holy Communion at Saint Mary the Virgin, Horne

11 am A joint Windmill United Benefice service of Holy Communion, with a dramatised reading of the Gospel

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DIARY OF EVENTS

*** Events planned subject to current Government guidance. ***

MARCH

Wednesday 1st	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room
Saturday 4th	ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE OUTWOOD VILLAGE MOVEABLE FEAST Around Outwood
Tuesday 7th	WI MEETING - 'Shuffleboard' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Monday 27th	ST. CATHERINES HOSPICE - AGM 7.00pm - Church Room
Tuesday 28th	FILM CLUB - "ELVIS" 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

APRIL

Tuesday 4th	WI MEETING - 'Line Dancing' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Wednesday 5th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room
Sunday 23rd	BLUEBELL WALK - SCH (<i>Details next month</i>) 2.00pm - Outwood Common
Monday 24th	ST.GEORGES DAY LUNCH - ORBL (<i>See page 3</i>) 12.30 for 1.00pm - The Bell Inn
Tuesday 25th	FILM CLUB 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

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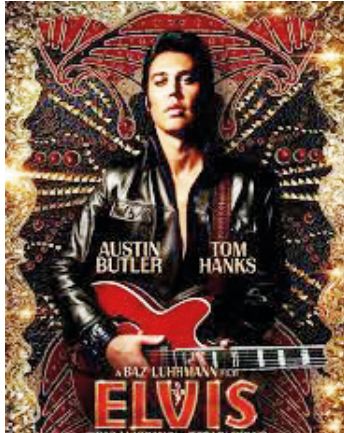
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Thank you all, as always, pop in again soon, Steve

Hello Outwood...

After the huge success of our Shakespeare at The Bell weekend last year, we're kicking off our 2023 season on Saturday June 10th with a Jane Austen favourite, 'Sense and Sensibility'. Running on a similar format to our Shakespeare play, we'll be arranging the pre theatre menu too. Tickets are due to go on sale soon, so do watch our Facebook and Instagram pages for details.

Don't worry; The Bard is coming back with another of his Shakespeare plays in late July but we do need to confirm dates and which play we'll be putting on this summer with the production team. Again, keep an eye on

Outwood News or our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Mothers Day, Sunday March 19th, is already filling up and from March 5th we'll be extending our Sunday dining times from 12pm until 7pm. We've reached the point where we simply couldn't fit any more of you in on a Sunday, so have extended the day's hours. Please do call to book on 01342 891835 or via our website at www.belloutwood.co.uk. We'll do the rest.

Saturdays will be changing soon too, with plans to serve food all day and, when the summer really does arrive, we hope to have our garden bar built for you to enjoy a drink or two in a deck chair and maybe listen to some jazz in the garden.

*We're still waiting to find out what the official **Coronation** dinner menu will be but do plan to serve that on the Saturday evening, **May 6th**, following the Coronation itself during the day. We'll be open to watch it on our huge UHD screen in the bar, so that you can enjoy watching it with friends and family.*

We've been asked to run the bar for the Outwood Eurovision night at Lloyd Hall which, as always, we'll be more than happy to get involved with but as far as arrangements go, my knowledge of Eurovision goes as far as ABBA. So do watch out elsewhere for information on this as we do predict an evening of fun and laughter. *(I still miss Terry Wogan and his sense of humour).*

With the busy Spring/Summer season coming for us, we are recruiting for extra help. Primarily we'll be looking for a full-time bar person as Ben is leaving us to travel the world. (We're not jealous). If you know of anyone who lives locally who has some experience, then do please ask them to contact us.

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