



**Welcome to this week's
Keeping in Touch (KIT) for
St Mary's and St Wilfrid's
in the Parish of Chidham.**



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OUR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

At our **0800** service in **St Mary's** this Sunday we will be welcoming **Father Charles Howard** to lead us.

Our **1000** Morning Prayer service in **St Mary's** will be led by our Lay Reader, **Colin Ottewell**.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

There will be two Lent soup lunches at St Wilfrid's on **22nd and 29th February** from 1200 – 2.00pm.

These lunches will be raising funds for the Flower Festival taking place in St. Mary's in July.



BOOK & CAKE SALE THANK YOU

A huge **Thank you** to everyone who supported the Book & Cake Sale last weekend, whether donating, buying or helping on the day (or all three!). We asked for a spectacular start to the year's fundraising and we certainly got it! The event raised a staggering **£940.57**!!! This astonishing result is due to everyone's generosity and support.

It was lovely to see so many people in the community coming out to support the sale. Books seem as popular as ever!

(Onwards now to our Spring Fair next month).

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2024

Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. This year's Confirmation service for Westbourne Deanery will take place on **15th April** in Holy Trinity Bosham and will be led by Bishop Ruth.

If you would like more information regarding confirmation classes for either adults or children, please speak to Willem to find out more information.

SPRING FAIR COMING SOON – Only 4 WEEKS TO GO!

Following our wonderful Book & Cake Sale we will be preparing for our usual Spring Fair event. Spring cleaning and sorting out? Please consider keeping any unwanted items for us!

Our **Spring Fair is on 16th March** and we are appealing for the usual wide selection of items. If you have received any Christmas gifts that are seeking a home, or have unwanted items that others may need, we would be happy to help recycle them. Do you have any costume jewellery, handbags, scarves or other accessories that need rehoming? Small items of china and glass (no drinking glasses please) are always popular as well as unwanted greetings cards, gift bags and notebooks. Perhaps you have some toiletries, a candle or craft and sewing items you are not using.

There will also be a tombola so any grocery items, bottles of sauce, pop, water, sauce, shower gel, soap or sweets and biscuits etc. are very welcome. Just one item will be a great help.

All of the above will help us to keep our 2024 fundraising going.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our very popular Plant Sale will take place on **11th May** in **St Wilfrid's**.

More details to come, but we will be appealing for garden related items to sell, so if you are having a clear out do keep any items for us that you may no longer need. These are always extremely popular; outdoor & indoor pots and trays, tools, ornaments, equipment, greenhouse items, gardening accessories, seed packets etc.



Finally, if any green fingered people out there are thinking about starting off their spring planting then please keep us in mind, and if you are making cuttings from house plants these would be welcomed too!

STILL CAPTURING COPPERS!

Our '**Copper Capture**' jar is almost full again. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed. You can still bring any unwanted coppers to a service and pop them into the jar even one or two coins will help. (We'll take silver too, so any of those unwanted tiddley 5 pence pieces are also welcome!).



So, if you are clearing out a drawer and find the odd two pence piece we would be very happy to 'capture' it. Using actual cash in a shop? If you get brown coins in your change, please consider popping them into our '**Copper Capture**'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 Feb	Lenten Soup Lunch St Wilfrid's 1200- 1400
29 Feb	Lenten Soup Lunch St Wilfrid's 1200- 1400
16 Mar	Spring Fair St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
24 Mar	Palm Sunday Service 1000 St Mary's
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Service 1030 St Wilfrid's
29 Mar	Good Friday Walk of Witness
31 Mar	Easter Sunday 0700 Dawn Service Cobnor Shore (0800 St Mary's if wet weather) 1000 Joint Service St Mary's, Funtington
11 May	Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
12-14 Jul	Flower Festival in St Mary's

LASER SHOW AT CHICHESTER CANAL BASIN

16th & 17th February 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Chichester District Council will be providing a **FREE** laser light show over the canal basin on 16th & 17th February. The fun starts at 5.00pm each day, with the laser shows to music at 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Parking is available at City centre car parks or Chichester High School. More information is available on the Chichester District Council website.



Saturday 23rd March 7.30pm

Chichester Cathedral

Haydn, Bernstein & Jonathan Willcocks

Programme:

Haydn – Te Deum

Bernstein – Chichester Psalms

Finzi – Dies Natalis

Jonathan Willcocks – A Great and Glorious Victory



The classical elegance of Haydn – *Te Deum* is contrasted by the evocative colour of Bernstein – *Chichester Psalms* (which was originally commissioned for performance in Chichester Cathedral) and the expressive beauty of Finzi’s elegy for solo tenor and strings *Dies Natalis*.

The second half of the programme features Jonathan Willcocks – *A Great and Glorious Victory* which dramatically chronicles the events of the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar with an overriding message of the triumph of humanity over the horrors of warfare.

Tickets will be available from 10th February. www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-chichester-singers

**Emsworth
Bowling Club**

**Come along and learn
the fun game of bowls!**

We are seeking new members
Looking for a new challenge?
Enjoy the great outdoors?
Make new friends
Experienced instructors
Beginners equipment provided

All ages welcome

Season runs April until end Sept

Recreational Ground, Horndean Road
For more Info visit- www.emsworthbowlingclub.com
Email- secretary.ebc@hotmail.com

A photograph of several black bowling balls resting on a green lawn under a blue sky with white clouds.

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

If you feel able to help on a regular basis you can do this by joining our confidential **Planned Giving scheme**. If you are interested in helping in this way you can use the QR code to find out more or do speak to Carole Holmes our Gift Aid secretary.



Alternatively you may prefer to set up a **Standing Order** with your bank. Information is available in St Mary's. If you are able to **Gift Aid** your donations, if you have not already done so, please complete the gift aid declaration form which can be found in St Mary's, or speak to Carole Holmes. You can also make a donation through **online banking**, please use the reference 'donation': Acct name: PCC of Chidham Acct Number: 96179236 Sort Code: 60-05-24

Do contact one of our churchwardens or our treasurer vivien519@btinternet.com if you have any questions.



Here is a reminder of the contact details for our churchwardens:

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