



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 SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday we will be welcoming **Canon Stephen Hoy** to lead our **0800** service in **St Mary's**.

(There is also a 1000 Eucharist in St Andrew's West Stoke and a 1000 Lay Reader led service in St Mary's Funtington.)

EASTER THANKYOUs

Thank you to all who participated , helped and supported our evets and services over Easter to make it an enjoyable ad wonderful weekin our calendar.

Mike & Willem

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM is taking place on **25th April** at **7.30pm** in **St Wilfrid's**. Why not come along to hear from the PCC and our various officers what has been going on in the parish during the last year.

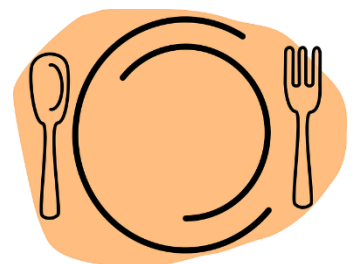
The meeting will also deal with elections to the PCC, including churchwardens. Do use this opportunity to hear what is happening in your parish and of course to ask any questions you may have! This is normally a very short meeting and will be followed by light refreshments.

CHIDHAM AND HAMBROOK COMMUNITY LUNCH - have you got your tickets yet?

A fundraising lunch in aid of the St Mary's Project is being held on **Sunday 30th June**, from **12.30 to 3.30pm**, in the garden of Sue and Chris Gallagher, **Tithe Barn, Cot Lane**, Chidham.

Tickets are available from Sue on 07768533581 or sue@gallaghers.uk.net. Numbers are limited, therefore early booking is preferable. Children welcome but no dogs please.

Tickets cost **£15** per person and will include a meal and a glass of wine or beer. Payment can be made by bank transfer to PCC of Chidham, sort code: 60-05-24, account: 96179236, using the reference 'June lunch'. There will be a raffle on the day



FLOWER FESTIVAL IN ST MARY'S

Keep an eye out for details of the amazing Flower Festival being held in St Mary's from 12 – 14 July. To whet your appetite the theme will be 'Guardians of the Earth' and will include, among other crafts, sculpture, artwork and needlework.



More details will soon be available.

NOW ONLY **FIVE** WEEKS TO GO TO THE PLANT SALE!

Saturday 11th May 1030 -1230 in St Wilfrid's.

As well as plants, we are asking for donations of garden related items to sell. If you are having a clear out of your shed, greenhouse or garage do keep any items for us that you may no longer need. Gardening related items are always extremely popular.

We are particularly interested in receiving outdoor & indoor pots and trays, tools, ornaments, equipment, greenhouse items, gardening accessories, seed packets etc. Any garden or plant related items are most welcome.

Finally, do please keep us in mind if you have any extra plants nearer to the date. Any questions please contact Carole Holmes or Alyzn Johnson.



RIDE & STRIDE 2024 - NEWS

As you will be aware, each year, the parish takes part in the sponsored Sussex Ride & Stride event which raises money for both the parish and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT). The SHCT provides grants to places of worship across the county and in the past St Mary's has benefitted from such a grant. In 2024 Ride & Stride will be happening on **Saturday 14th September** and this year we have been promised more ways to be involved other than cycling and walking. In addition, there is always the need for volunteer stewards to man St Mary's (and possibly St Wilfrid's) to greet riders and striders who visit our parish.

More details will be made available to parishes shortly and we hope that more of our church community will be able to take part this year. Please keep this date in mind and look out for details of how to get involved.

BISHOP MARTIN'S EASTER SERMON

If you would like to hear Bishop Martin's Easter sermon it can be read or downloaded [here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm St Wilfrid's
11 May	Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 – 1230
30 Jun	Fundraising luncheon for St Mary's Project – details tbc
12 - 14 Jul	Flower Festival in St Mary's
14 Sept	Ride & Stride
Oct tbc	Bridge Afternoon
Nov tbc	Autumn Fair

DEPUTY CHAIRS OF CHICHESTER DBF

The diocese is seeking two people to help strengthen financial governance and ensure that the Church of England continues to thrive across Sussex.

Although these are voluntary roles, reasonable expenses will be reimbursed. Could one of these be you or someone you know?

For further information, please follow this link [here](#) and to apply please send your CV with a brief covering letter to: recruitment@chichester.anglican.org

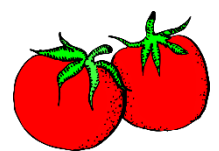
SLOW ART DAY 2024

The Cathedral will be holding an event for Slow Art Day on **13th April** with two sessions at 10.00am and 2.00pm. This annual, international event is to encourage participants to engage with individual works of art. After a short introduction, participants will look at 5 artworks in the Cathedral: spending about 10 minutes on their own looking at each artwork. They will then meet up and discuss reactions and discover more about them and how art works in the sacred space of the Cathedral. The artworks will include some of the following:

As space is limited, booking is essential. Head to the [cathedral website](#) for more details.

A FACT TO KETCHUP WITH

In the 1830s, tomato ketchup was sold as a medicine that could help with ailments like diarrhoea, indigestion, rheumatism and jaundice. The idea was initially proposed in 1834 by Dr. John Cook Bennett, an American physician, who recognised the medicinal properties of tomatoes. After initially selling it as a mixture, he later decided to sell the recipe in the form of 'tomato pills'.



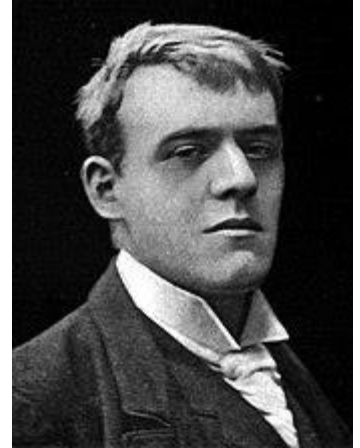
These tomato pills became so popular that copycats flooded the market. These copycat pills claimed to cure a wider range of ailments including fixing broken bones and healing vitamin deficiencies like scurvy. However, they mostly only contained laxatives and no tomato at all. This gradually led to the downfall of the trend, leading to the end of the tomato pills empires and ketchup itself by 1850. It wasn't until 1876 that Henry Heinz created today's version of tomato ketchup. And the rest, as they say, is history!

OUR SUSSEX POET LAUREATE

Hilaire Belloc was born in France in 1870 to a wealthy French father and English mother a few days before the Franco-Prussian War broke out. The family fled to England at the news of the French army's collapse, returning after the war's end to discover that the Belloc home had been looted and vandalized by Prussian soldiers. He is often referred to as the Sussex Poet Laureate owing to his many writings about our county as he grew up in Sussex, spending his boyhood at Slindon and most of his life in Sussex.

He wrote about his home in poems such as "*West Sussex Drinking Song*", "*The South Country*", and "*Ha'nacker Mill*". One of his best-known works relating to Sussex is *The Four Men: A Farrago*, written in 1911, in which the four characters, each having aspects of Belloc's personality, travel on a pilgrimage across the county from Robertsbridge to Harting.

Belloc became a naturalised British subject in 1902 while retaining his French citizenship. From 1906 to 1910, he served as a Liberal member of parliament, one of only a few openly Catholic members.



In 1941 his beloved son, Peter Gilbert Marie Sebastian Belloc, died at the age of 36 of pneumonia. He fell ill while on active service with the 5th Battalion, Royal Marines in Scotland. In that same year Belloc suffered a stroke and never recovered from its effects. He also suffered burns and shock after falling on his fireplace at his home in Shipley later that year. He died on 16 July 1953 at a Nursing Home in Guildford.

April – Hilaire Belloc

The stranger warmth of the young sun obeying,
Look! little heads of green begin to grow,
And hidden flowers have dared their tops to show
Where late such droughty dusts were rudely playing.
It's not the month, but all the world's a-maying!
Come then with me, I'll take you, for I know
Where the first hedgethorns and white windflowers blow:
We two alone, that goes without the saying.

The month has treacherous clouds and moves in fears.
This April shames the month itself with smiles:
In whose new eyes I know no heaven of tears,
But still serene desire and between whiles,
So great a look that even April's grace
Makes only marvel at her only face.



CINEMA ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Friday 12th April - Chidham Village Hall

OPPENHEIMER

Universally acclaimed, award winning film from Christopher Nolan. Cillian Murphy gives a terrific performance as Robert J Oppenheimer, the 'father' of the atom bomb in this brilliant biopic. The film is a towering achievement moving backwards and forwards in time depicting Oppenheimer as lonely scientist, anti fascist and victim of Mc Carthyism. Winner of 7 Oscars and 7 BAFTAs.

Doors open **7.15pm** film screens **7.45pm. Please note earlier start time.**

Entrance £6.00 Licensed bar Tickets: 02392 574074/ 07792349936

N.B. This will be the last film of the season.



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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