



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 **Father Reji Raj-Singh** to lead our **1000** service in **St Mary's**.

THURSDAY SERVICE MOVE TO ST MARY'S - 2nd May

This week's **Thursday service** will **MOVE** to **St Mary's** at **1030** as St Wilfrid's is being used as a Polling Station.

ONLY A MERE FORTNIGHT TO WAIT FOR THE PLANT SALE!

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

Why not come along to buy a plant, browse the garden related items, check out the cakes and have a cuppa?

Do you have any plants to donate? Even one would be of help. Perhaps you have something in the garden that you no longer need in your border or an extra plant you are growing?

As well as plants, we are asking for **donations** of any garden related items, especially **outdoor & indoor pots and trays, tools, ornaments, equipment, greenhouse items, gardening accessories, seed packets etc.** Any questions please contact Carole Holmes or Alyzn Johnson. Any garden or plant related items are most welcome.



St Wilfrid's will be open on Friday 10th May from 5.00pm - 7.00pm to receive any donations.

CAKES NEEDED FOR THE PLANT SALE

There will be a **cake stall at the Plant Sale on 11th May**. If you are able to make and donate any cakes or produce, pies, bread, tarts, flapjack, biscuits, etc. etc., they will be welcomed most warmly! Larger cakes and those in bags tend to sell better at this event as they are easier to keep wrapped in the vicinity of the plants, but any are welcome. If you are able to wrap your cake donation that will be very helpful. Any questions please contact Carole Holmes or Alyzn Johnson.

DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE 9th May

There will be a Deanery wide service at **St Mary's Funtington** at **6.00pm** on **9th May** to mark Ascension Day.

COMMUNITY LUNCH IN AID OF ST MARY'S PROJECT

Sunday 30th June 12.30 to 3.30pm

Sue and Chris Gallagher are hosting this event in their lovely garden in Cot Lane, all in aid of the fundraising for the St Mary's project.

Tickets are **£15** and will include your meal and a glass of wine or beer. Tickets are limited, so do reserve yours with Sue as soon as possible on 07768 533581 or by emailing sue@gallaghers.uk.net.



Payment can be made by bank transfer to PCC of Chidham, sort code: 60-05-24, account: 96179236, using the reference 'June lunch'.

CHICHESTER OPEN STUDIOS ART TRAIL IN CHIDHAM

Sat 18th & Sun 19th May and Sat 25th & Sun 26th May

(some venues open on Mon 27th May)

10:30 – 17:00. Free Entry

Chidham has two 'open studios':

Venue 34

(2 Manor Farm Cottages, Cot Lane PO18 8SX)

Mike Savage – Sculpture

Camilla Hyde – Jewellery



Venue 35

(St. Wilfrid's Church & Hall, Broad Road, Nutbourne PO18 8SW)

Alison Garrett – Textile Artist

Instagram: [alison_garrett_textiles](https://www.instagram.com/alison_garrett_textiles)

Alison will be demonstrating surface design techniques at 11:00 & 15:00 each day. Tea, coffee & cake will be available on both weekends in aid of St Mary's.

Do contact Alison if you want a copy of the guide before the open weekends so you can plan your trail around the **109 open studios**. 07957317447 – please text.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 May	Ascension Day Service – 6.00pm St Mary's Funtington
11 May	Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 – 1230
30 Jun	Fundraising luncheon for St Mary's Project – details elsewhere in KIT
12 - 14 Jul	Flower Festival in St Mary's – more details to follow
14 Sept	Ride & Stride
29 Oct	Bridge Afternoon
Nov tbc	Autumn Fair

TWO WEEKS TO THE PLANT SALE – MORE GARDEN 'HUMOUR'

Just pollen your leg with a few more jokes, I hope thistle do!

Why did the gardener leave his job?
His celery wasn't high enough.

Why can't crocodiles grow plants?
Because they are not proper gators.

I wanted to plant a complete herb garden but I couldn't find the thyme.

What is small, red and whispers?
A hoarse radish.

What is a French baker's favourite flower?
Croissanthemum.

Do you know where I can buy a good fern?
Asking for a frond.

Did you hear about the girl who only ate plants?
You may not have heard of herbivore.



(.....as promised, they did get worse!)

Last week at the 0800 service Canon David challenged me to write about The Order of the Garter this week.

The Order of the Garter is the oldest and most senior Order of Chivalry in Britain, with holders of the order adding KG after their names. Edward III founded the order around the time of his claim to the French throne. The year of its foundation is usually given as 1348. Other dates from 1344 to 1351 have also been proposed but the King's wardrobe account shows Garter habits first issued in the autumn of 1348. It is outranked in precedence only by the Victoria Cross and the George Cross. Originally, existing knights elected new knights, but now appointment to the Order is at the Sovereign's sole discretion, typically made in recognition of national contribution, service to the Crown, or for distinguished personal service to the Monarch. Membership of the Order is limited to the sovereign, the Prince of Wales and no more than 24 living members, or Companions. Because the earliest records of the order were destroyed by fire, it is difficult for historians to be certain of its original purposes, the significance of its emblem and the origin of the Order's motto, *Honi soit qui mal y pense*.



The Order has five officers: Prelate (who is always the Bishop of Winchester), Chancellor, Registrar (Dean of Windsor), Garter King of Arms and Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. As St George is the patron saint of the Order, (as well as soldiers), 23rd April is its feast day and if there are vacancies in the Order, appointments are announced on that day.

One theory regarding its origins is that Edward III was very inspired by tales of King Arthur and wished to revive the chivalry of the Knights of the Round Table. The Order was established to mark an incident when Edward was dancing at a court ball in Calais and one of his partner's blue garters dropped to the floor. As bystanders laughed, Edward gallantly picked up the garter and put it on his own leg, telling off his courtiers in French with the phrase that remains the order's motto, *"Honi soit qui mal y pense"*, (Shame to him who thinks this evil). However, the earliest written version of this story dates from the 1460s, and it seems to have been conceived as a retrospective explanation for the adoption of an item of (then) female underclothing as the symbol of a band of knights! At the time of the Order's establishment in the mid-14th century, garters were predominantly an item of male attire.

The identity of the lady concerned is uncertain. The most popular candidate is Joan, "Fair Maid of Kent," the king's cousin, but Katharine Grandison, Countess of Salisbury, has a strong claim, and one Tudor historian named the lady as the queen, Philippa of Hainault.

According to another legend, King Richard, whilst fighting in the Crusades, was inspired by St George to tie garters around the legs of his knights, who subsequently won the battle. King Edward supposedly recalled the event in the 14th century when he founded the Order. A much less glamorous story!

The third theory is that the motto in fact refers to Edward's claim to the French throne, and the Order of the Garter was created to help pursue this claim. The use of the garter as an emblem may have derived from straps used to fasten armour and may have been chosen as it held overtones of a tight-knit 'band' or 'bond' of knightly 'supporters' of Edward's cause.

Whatever the truth, the Order's roll has contained many illustrious names. Nonetheless, members have fallen from honour and forfeited their rank. 36 knights of the Garter have been beheaded, with Henry VIII alone accounting for six! During WWII, the crests and swords of 'extra knights' Emperor Hirohito and King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy, were removed from the Order's chapel at Windsor Castle. The conferment of the honour has even been refused. In 1945, when his party was voted out of office, Winston Churchill refused the honour when it was first offered to him, explaining in private, *"I can hardly accept the Order of the Garter from the king after the people have given me the Order of the Boot."* Churchill relented, however, and was inducted into the order in 1953.

(Taken from various sources - hope that is enough info Father David. Next week The Order of the Bath!)



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Village Hall, First Avenue, Southbourne, Emsworth PO10 8HN

SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 4TH 10AM TO 3PM

Bedding plants at incredible prices
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Cream Teas

FREE ENTRY

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D-DAY 80 6 JUNE

June

- 1st + 2nd** D-Day display and Dad's Army Photo Booth at Sea Scouts Coffee shop 11am to 4pm
- 5th** Chichester Harbour Vets BBQ 6pm Thorney Island SC. Please register attendance on website chivets.square.site
- 6th** D-Day Service - 11am at the War Memorial St. Johns Church. All are welcome
- 6th** Sea Scouts Beacon at 9.15pm - join in with torches. 1st Quay Traditional Fish and Chips from 7.30 pm Coffee Shop Open and Photo Booth
- 8th** Picnic in the Park at the Recreation Ground D-Day family event by Parish Council 11am to 3pm
- 8th** D-Day Concert with Chichester Big Band at 7pm The Village Hall, First Avenue, PO10 8HN Tickets £12.50 from Juicyfruits Online tickets: www.southbournevillagehall.co.uk
- 8th + 9th** D-Day display and Dad's Army Photo Booth at Sea Scouts Coffee shop 11am to 4pm

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.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

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

Mike Carroll – 01243 572646
Willem Van Niekerk – 07960 305427

