



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



19 May 2024

No: 202

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday we will be welcoming **Canon David Nason** to our **0800** service in **St Mary's** and our **1000** service will be led by our **Lay Reader, Colin**.

PLANT SALE THANK YOU

Wow!! What a fantastic event the Plant Sale was! There were so many people in the hall that it was hard to move around at times. A massive thank you to Carole and Alyzn for organising it and to all who helped on the day and supported the sale by donation and coming along to buy. As well as plants we had cakes and garden related items such as spades, pots and even two dibbers! Particular thanks go to Andy Holmes for producing so many of the fabulous plants we had for sale. If you saw them you will know how amazing the whole array was.

All of this led to the stupendous result of **£1421!**

THANK YOU to everyone involved and see you next year!



LUNCH IN AID OF ST MARY'S PROJECT – GET YOUR TICKET SOON!

Sunday 30th June 12.30 to 3.30pm

What a great way to spend a sunny Sunday lunchtime and help to support the St Mary's project!

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'.

FLOWER FESTIVAL – STEWARDS NEEDED

As you will be aware, a Flower Festival, entitled 'Guardians of the Earth?', is being held in St Mary's from **12- 14 July**. There is a need for **volunteer stewards** for each day of the event. If you think you can offer to do this, **please sign up** on one of the sheets currently in the **porch at St Mary's**. The Festival will be open each day from 10.30am – 6.00pm and the volunteer slots are for 1½ hour periods.



CHICHESTER OPEN STUDIOS ART TRAIL IN CHIDHAM – THIS WEEKEND

Sat 18th & Sun 19th May and Sat 25th & Sun 26th May 10:30–17:00. Free Entry

As part of the Chichester Art Trail, over the next two weekends, **St Wilfrid's** will be opening to act as a **studio for Alison Garrett**. She will also be **demonstrating surface design techniques** at **1100 and 1500** each day. **Tea, coffee and cakes** will be **available throughout the days too in aid of the St Mary's project**. Do pop along to watch one of Alison's demonstrations and have a cuppa too!

Chidham has two 'open studios':

Venue 34

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

Mike Savage – Sculpture

Camilla Hyde – Jewellery

Venue 35

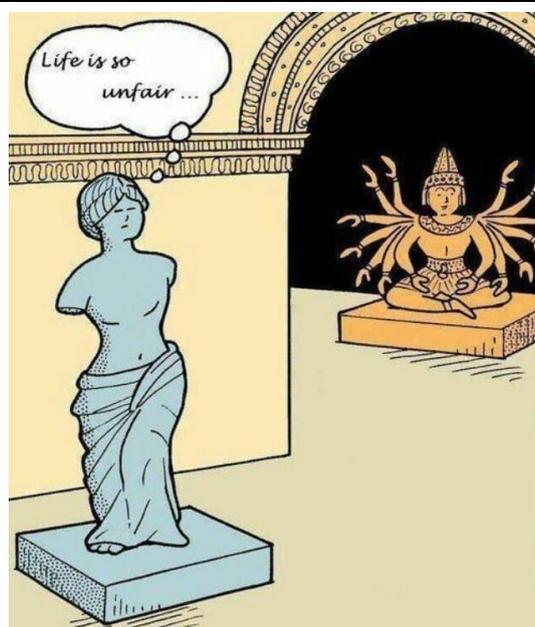
(St. Wilfrid's Church & Hall, Broad Road, Nutbourne PO18 8SW)

Alison Garrett – Textile Artist



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



FÊTE SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Over the next few weeks there are a number local fêtes, fairs and events for your delectation. Here are some we are aware of:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 18 th May	1030 - 1430	Bosham School May Fair	Bosham Recreation Ground
tbc	tbc	Chidham School Fête	School field
Thu 6 th June	1800	D-Day Funtington Tribute Evening	Church Paddock (<i>see poster</i>)
Sat 8 th June	1100 - 1500	80th Anniversary of DDay – Picnic in the Park & Family Event	Southbourne Recreation Ground
Sat 8 th June	1900	DDay concert with Chichester Big Band	Southbourne Village Hall
Sun 9 th June	1100 - 1700	Bosham Gardens Open	Various
Sat 15 th June	1630	Victorian Family Music Room	St Peter & St Mary Church, Fishbourne (<i>see poster</i>)
Sat 15 th June	1400 - 1630	Sussex Day Fête	St John's Church, Southbourne
Sun 23 rd June	1000 - 1400	Jumble Trail - Emsworth, Southbourne & Denvilles	
Sat 13 ^h July	1400 - 1600	Bosham Church Fête	Tbc



Funtington Tribute Evening

Funtington Church Paddock

Gates open 18:00 / Bell ringing 18:30 / Beacon lit 21:15

Ticket entry only – see www.funtingtonweststoke.org.uk

BBQ/ Bar – cash & cards. Picnics welcome.

1940s dress optional / D-Day exhibit

Childrens games / Music & dancing

Limited parking - please walk if you can

All profits to charity. Lead charities are Royal British Legion & Christian Youth Enterprises.



CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

10am - 12 noon
Saturday 18th May

Emsworth Baptist Church
North Street, Emsworth

Do drop in for a cup of coffee and
piece of cake

BUDDHIST FESTIVAL OF VESAK

Vesak, is the celebration of Buddha's birth. It is remembered on the first full moon in May. Although Buddhist festivals have centuries-old traditions, the first conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, held in Sri Lanka in 1950, formalised the decision to celebrate *Vesak* as the Buddha's birthday across many Buddhist countries.

In Theravada countries, it is the most important day in the Buddhist calendar. During *Vesak*, Buddhists celebrate the life of the Buddha and his teachings. They remember the time of his enlightenment and the celebration can last for up to three days. On *Vesak*, devout Buddhists and followers assemble in their various temples before dawn for the ceremonial hoisting of the Buddhist flag and the singing of hymns in praise of the holy triple gem; The Buddha, The Dharma (his teachings) and The Sangha (his disciples).



Devotees also bring offerings of flowers, candles and joss-sticks to lay at the feet of their teacher. These symbolic offerings are to remind followers that just as the beautiful flowers would wither away after a short while, and the candles and joss-sticks would soon burn out, so too is life subject to decay and destruction. Devotees are enjoined to make a special effort to refrain from killing of any kind and are encouraged to eat only vegetarian food for the day. In some countries, notably Sri Lanka, two days are set aside for the celebration of *Vesak*, and all shops selling alcohol, and any slaughter houses, are closed by government decree during the two days. Also, birds, insects and animals are released in what is known as life release, to give freedom to those who are in captivity, imprisoned or tortured against their will.

Devout Buddhists undertake to lead a noble life according to the teaching by making daily affirmations to observe the Five Precepts. However, on special days, notably new moon and full moon days, they observe the eight precepts to train themselves to practice morality, simplicity and humility.

Statues of the Buddha are decorated and in China bathed in scented water. During their visits to temples and monasteries people listen to talks given by monks who will recite verses uttered by the Buddha twenty-five centuries ago, to invoke peace and happiness for the government and the people.

Light has an important part to play in the *Vesak* celebrations. Many lamps are lit and there are often spectacular firework displays. *Vesak* is also celebrated with great joy and vivid colours. With homes being thoroughly cleaned and decorated in preparation.

The Buddhist religious calendar is based on the phases of the moon, as Buddhists believe that the Buddha was born and died at a full moon and most festivals take place when the moon is full. There is no fixed day for worship within Buddhism, many Buddhists attend the temple for puja, (the act of showing reverence to a god, a spirit or other), on days with a full or new moon. Buddhists are reminded to live in harmony with people of other faiths and to respect the beliefs of other people as the Buddha taught.

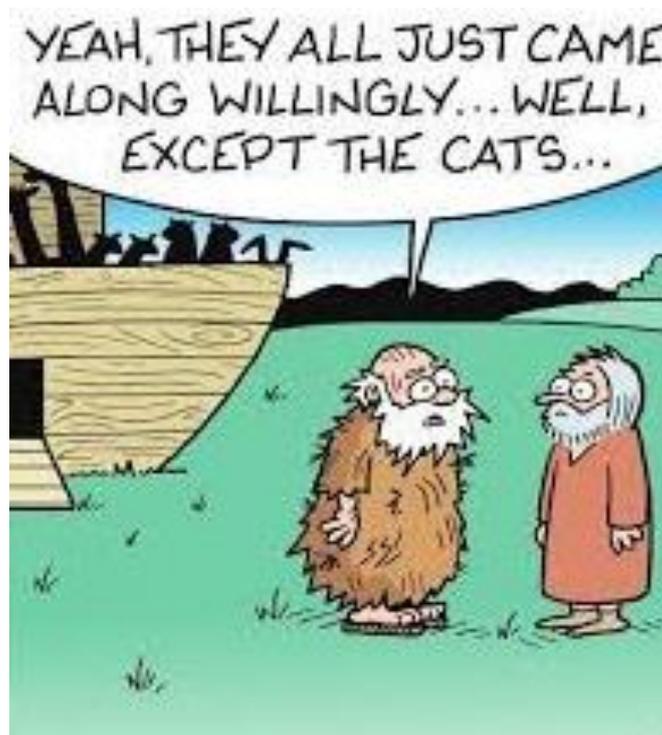
In Thailand this festival is called *Visakha* and in Japan, *Hana Matsuri*.

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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Willem Van Niekerk - 07960 305427