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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2025



Saturday 1	Feria		
	9.30am	Walsingham Cell Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 2	All Saints Day		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	3pm	All Souls-tide Memorial Service	St George's, Eastergate
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham
Monday 3	All Souls' Day		
	6.30pm	Sung Requiem Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 9	3rd before Advent/32nd Sunday (Remembrance Sunday)		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	10am	All-age service	St George's, Eastergate
	10.55am	Act of Remembrance	Eastergate War Memorial
	10.55am	Act of Remembrance	St Mary's, Barnham
	11.15am	Sung Requiem Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong & Benediction	St Mary's, Barnham
Tuesday 11	Armistice Day		
	11am	Act of Remembrance	Aldingbourne War Memorial
Sunday 16	2nd before Advent/33rd Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.45am	Sunday Seekers	Eastergate School
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 23	Christ the King		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.45am	Sunday Seekers	Eastergate School
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 30	Advent Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Eastergate School
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham

Other regular weekly services:

10am – Holy Communion every Wednesday at St George's, Eastergate
 6pm – Evensong (BCP) every evening at St Mary's, Barnham
 6:30pm – Mass every Tuesday at St Mary's, Barnham



Join us for festive fun



Christmas Fair 2025 Parish of ABE

Saturday, 6th December

11am—2pm

Eastergate Village Hall, Barnham Road

Eastergate, PO20 3RP

Entry by donation

www.parishofabe.org.uk

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PARISH OF ALDINGBOURNE, BARNHAM
AND EASTERGATE

A Bite to Eat **(A Parish Lunch)** **Every third Thursday,** **(except July & August)** **12.30 - 2pm** **at Eastergate Village Hall**

A simple lunch of homemade soup, rolls and
cheese, tea / coffee and biscuits

All ages welcome

Just turn up!

Raffle

Quiz

Lifts available

For more information please contact the
Parish Office on 01243 553955





REMEMBERING 'ALL' IN THIS SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE

In the season of Remembrance, we consider those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls all of us to a radical heroism in our daily lives: *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."* (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies

Our 'enemies' are rarely life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude toward them should be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone whom we find difficult, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote: *"This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer, we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and*

poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them."

Become More Like Jesus

When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus Himself. He willingly laid down His life for us, prayed for His persecutors and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

At a time when we recognise that we all need heroes; how will we respond to this call to radical heroism in our own life?

This month of remembering is marked by:

All Souls-tide Memorial Service at St George's, Eastergate at 3pm on Sunday 2 November, when we remember by name particularly those whose funerals have taken place this last year and also any of our departed loved ones whether it be recent or some time ago.

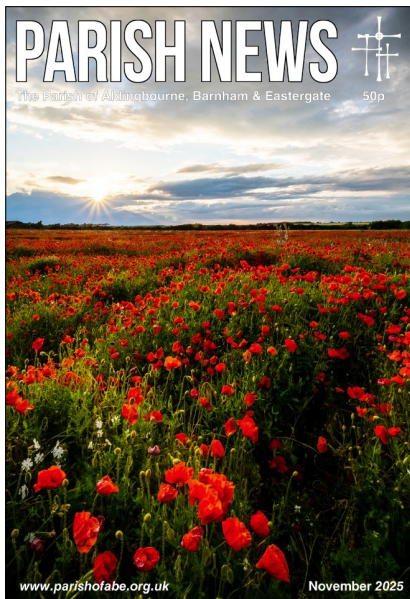
All Souls Day Requiem Mass at St Mary's Barnham on Monday 3 November at 6.30pm when we remember by name the faithful departed as part of the service.

Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 9 November) is marked with an Act of Remembrance at 10.55am at the service at Barnham (War Memorial is in the church), followed by a Sung Requiem Mass at 11.15am; and following the 10am Parish Communion at Aldingbourne at the St George's altar. At Eastergate there is an All-age service in Church at 10am and then the Act of Remembrance at Eastergate War Memorial at 10.55am.

On **Remembrance Day** (Tuesday 11 November) at 11am there will be a short act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the churchyard of St Mary's, Aldingbourne.

Fr Paul

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FROM THE REGISTERS SEPTEMBER 2025

Weddings

6 Sept Nicholas Wallis &
Lizzie Camps (B)

Baptisms

7 Sept Robert Theo Dunlop (A)
14 Sept Phoebe Hodge (E)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Events coming up in the Parish include:

- **9 November – Remembrance Sunday** (*pages 2, 5, 14 and 18*)
- **14 November – 80's Disco at Eastergate Village Hall from 7:30pm-11:30pm** (*page 14*)
- **15 November – Craft Swap at Barnham Community Hall from 10am-2pm** (*page 14*)
- **20 November – A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) at Eastergate Village Hall from 12:30-2pm** (*page 4*)
- **6 December – ABE Christmas Fair at Eastergate Village Hall from 11am-2pm** (*pages 3 and 7*)
- **13 June 2026 – ABE Summer Fair**

PARISH LUNCH

A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) is on Thursday 20 November in Eastergate Hall. Please do come if you can to share in a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, cheese, tea, coffee and biscuits with one another. We also enjoy the challenge of a light hearted quiz. All are welcome!

ABE CHRISTMAS FAIR

ABE's Christmas Fair will be held at Eastergate Village Hall on 6 December from 11am-2pm. We hope to see you all there to enjoy the chance to win a bottle or two for Christmas lunch at our tombola, buy some presents at our craft tables, or toys for your children or grandchildren. Also for sale will be books, puzzles and games to enjoy as the nights draw in.

Come and enjoy a tasty sausage roll while meeting friends over a coffee.

See the poster on page 3 for further details and please contact Colin Mouque on cvmact1@outlook.com to make a donation or if you can help with the Fair.

SUPPORT FUND

The Walberton, Binsted And West Barnham Support Fund has funds available to make grants to support those in financial hardship and live in those areas. If you or you know someone who might possibly be eligible then speak in confidence to Fr Paul or Rev Sheila, who are trustees of the fund.

THE JAR OF COMPASSION

This year, we have been supporting My Sister's House through the donations in the jars at each church. This is therefore a gentle reminder for us to finish the year with a final push to support this year's charity.

We now need to think about which local charity we might want to support in 2026?

Please could you send your suggestions to the Parish Office by the end of November and then the PCC standing committee can make a decision at its December meeting. Who should we support next year?

ECUMENICAL ADVENT LUNCHES

During Advent we will be holding Ecumenical Advent lunches in the hall at Westergate Methodist church on the following dates: Wednesday 26 November, Wednesday 3 December, Wednesday 10 December and Wednesday 17 December.

The groups will be 12 midday until 2pm and the first hour we will share together in a soup and cheese lunch followed by a discussion based on an Advent book '*Unexpected Jesus*' by Anna Robbins, part of the Cover to Cover series. All are welcome from across the denominations in our area. If you would like to join us please contact Rev Sheila Higgins at smhandaway@hotmail.co.uk or at 01243 553901.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

Have you considered supporting our mother church, our Cathedral by becoming a Friend?

The Chichester Cathedral Friends play an important and valuable role by providing support to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral in so many ways, whatever your personal interests are, you will discover that being a Friend will enhance your own experience and involvement with the Cathedral.

Annual memberships are £25 (single) and £40 (joint).

Do look at the leaflet at the back of church or visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends

SLINDON CORONATION HALL

Following the 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Days this year, and in the run up to >>

<< Remembrance Sunday, there are two events taking place in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 1 November:

Slindon History Society: A talk by the Chairman of the Royal Sussex Regimental Association, Barry Lane MBE TD, about the history of the RSR and especially those men awarded the Victoria Cross. This will be held from 10:30am-12 noon on 1 November. £6 on the day including refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Slindon Cinema: *Hope and Glory* (1987). Veteran film director, John Boorman, revisited the London of his childhood for this semi-autobiographical celebration of family life and British stoicism during the Blitz in WW2. 1 November. Tickets £10 (plus online booking fee) from www.slindoncinema.com or call 01243 814251. Doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7 pm. Bar & refreshments.

Any questions please contact Moira Richards on 01243 814735.



EASTERGATE & BARNHAM

Our meeting was a brilliant and enthusiastic talk from Becca, part of the White Stork project at Knepp. This is an amazing project and right on our doorstep, fascinating that these birds are being introduced and bred in our country for the first time in many years.

Our craft group have been working on a poppy display for Eastergate Village Hall, it includes poppies to remember the woman known as the Canary girls who almost turned yellow working in the munitions factories, as well as memories to animals and peace.

We will be delivering over 150 dental bags to the local food bank, made by the members they include a toothbrush and toothpaste, this is part of a national WI project.

Georgette Budhram



EASTERGATE FRIENDS

Since our last meeting, members have attended a monthly coffee morning and several members walked near Swanbourne Lake in Arundel, followed by lunch in the town. It was lovely to take advantage of the beautiful sunshine of the last few weeks. Many members also opted for a tour of Goodwood House, followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Again, another beautiful day, showing the house and grounds at their very best.

Our talk in October was Life in a Magistrates Court, given by David Bathurst. David was a Clerk to the Magistrates, an important role ensuring trials are conducted fairly and appropriately. David explained the different types of Courts and how Magistrates are selected. They are not lawyers and the role is unpaid but training is given. Jurors are also unpaid in a Crown Court. However, there are District Judges who are paid administrators. The job of the Clerk is to give legal advice, to assist and guide the Magistrates allowing them to make what could be life changing decisions.

Members were then divided into small groups and asked to order a series of offences from least to most serious. We did not find this easy! There are always two sides to each case. It was a very interesting morning.

We would welcome new members and meet every second Monday each month at Eastergate Village Hall between 10 and 12.

Debbie Mead and Janice Howe

This month welcomed three new ladies who came to "try us out". They were more than welcome and we hope they will come again.

Our speakers were Ben and Rob, two representatives of the Fire Service. They gave us a talk, with slides, on the best ways to keep our homes safe. Did you know that on line there is a programme called Socket Overload Calculator? Many of us tend to put too many plugs into our sockets which can lead to overheating and fire. Another tip was that you shouldn't cook after using handcream as many of these contain paraffin which is extremely flammable. Perhaps the most necessary of all was that if anyone, usually a toddler because they explore with their

mouths, swallows a button battery, get them to A and E as fast as possible.

Ben and Rob gave us an opportunity to sign up for a free visit to our homes to give us advice on reducing the risk of fire. This is not an intrusion but a help as we often don't recognise risks when we live with them everyday.

We had hope that Ben and Rob would come in an engine but maybe another time. They would be more than welcome.

Our president Jill announced trips to see the Chichester Cathedral Lights at the end of the month and an early Christmas trip to Stanstead for some retail therapy and lunch. This is instead of Haskins which we have been to for many years so thought it time for a change.

We meet in the Westergate Methodist Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Catherine White-Aldworth

PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

For our three church communities: We give thanks for the lives of Gordon and Margaret Collins and all they contributed to our parish and pray for the family in their sad loss.

We also give thanks for all the contributions given at Harvest Festival services to Bognor Foodbank and pray that our church congregations continue to support this work.

We also pray that energy and wisdom will be forthcoming for the necessary expensive work that needs doing at Aldingbourne church and for all those planning and working to make the Christmas Fair a success.

For the wider community of ABE: We pray that our community be compassionate in caring for the mentally and physically ill and give thanks for all the care given at Sage House and all our care homes in the area...

Westergate House, Nyton House, Claremont and Abbey Dean. We remember in our prayers all those isolated and lonely in their own homes.

For our nation and the world: We continue to pray for our government...that all parties be focussed on compassion and justice for all.

We also pray for our new Archbishop, that she will lead with courage and humility in the years ahead and that the national church will be united in its task of showing Christian values at the heart of the nation.

And we pray for the victims of racial hatred and discrimination, and for protection for those affected by prejudice in their daily lives.

We give thanks for the progress made in the Middle East and pray with thankfulness for the released hostages. We pray that peace will be lasting.

YOUR FUNERAL

The best time to plan your funeral is... NOW!

November is when we remember the dead (All Saints and Remembrance). But what about your own funeral?

It will happen sometime, whether soon or years in the future. Some preparation by you now will save your loved ones a lot of uncertainty later. So, this month, why not spend some time thinking about what you want for your own funeral?

Most funerals in England are Christian, though the officially recorded number of Church of England funerals tends to be limited to those which are conducted by parish clergy and Readers. The minister at others may be retired, or a hospital or military Chaplain.

A few funeral events are led by nominees of the British Humanist Association or the National Secular Society. A growing number are conducted by civil celebrants, who tend to devise a format concentrating on the story of the person who has died, with God as an afterthought, though Christian prayers or texts from other religions may be incorporated.

Parishioners may not realise that they have the right to the services of the Rector, even if they don't go to church. They also have the right to be interred in the churchyard if it is open for burials.

The trend in funerals at the moment is to make them a celebration of the life of the deceased person. Although your wish – and that of your family – may be to make your funeral a joyful occasion, it does no one any good to suppress grief. A Christian service should make room for sadness as well as gratitude. It is also an act of worship, in which reverence should be paid to God, the source and goal of life. His judgment, generosity and mercy and the Christian hope in resurrection through Jesus Christ should be central.

A sensitive funeral service will also help mourners to contemplate the most fundamental issues of our existence. The Christian hope can be an unexpected encouragement, not least when people claim to have little faith of their own.

You can talk all this over with the Rector in confidence. You don't have to be terminally ill to do so! He or she knows you are precious to God and will be able to explain all the options and share some ideas.

Now for some practical considerations:

First of all, if you are an organ donor, where can your consent form be found? Find out more at www.organdonation.nhs.uk.

Do tell your Executor and next of kin where your Will is kept. Details of your funeral wishes (*see box on opposite page*) can be kept with it or in a more accessible place. It is useful to maintain a list of family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances and former colleagues who should be notified of your death and the funeral arrangement.

What happens to you after death?

Whether your body is buried or cremated, the remains degenerate and go back into the earth. That's where they belong, for our bodies are composed of the earth's elements. Your dead body expressed the real 'you' during your lifetime.

But once it has done its job, that is not the finish! When Christians say, "I believe in... the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting", it means that we await the new destiny which God has opened for us, with a transformed body apposite for its new environment.

Some claim that the human soul is immortal, but that is not a Christian belief. We do not become disembodied spirits floating around the ether, but will be refashioned as recognisable human beings. This will be as

momentous an event as the emergence of the human race from its primitive beginnings.

St Paul faced hard questioning on the subject. If you have a look at the whole of 1 Corinthians 15 you will see how he couples our bodily resurrection with the Resurrection of Christ. Resurrection was central to the apostles' preaching and teaching. The Christian faith would be valueless without it, for Christ demands that we live our lives sacrificially with our hope beyond the horizon.

All this is much more than a collection of statements of faith. They could seem arid to a dying person. It is an invitation to take a conscious decision to trust Jesus the Christ. Our life before and beyond the grave belongs to Christ. He is the pioneer who charted the course through death; He accompanies us on our journey; He is our advocate at the Last Judgment; He is worshipped in heaven, and He alone is the Saviour who bore the brunt of human sin and gave His life to overcome its consequences. Trust him!

A Funeral Checklist

You may like to answer the questions below and keep these pages or take a 'Upon My Death' leaflet from church to complete.

- Who is your Executor?
- Which funeral director?
 - Cremation or burial?
- If cremation, what do you want done with your ashes?
 - If burial, where?
- Will it require re-opening an existing grave?
- Do you want a headstone? *Note: Churchyard memorials must respect diocesan regulations.*
- Funeral Service: in church or crematorium, or both?
- What sort of coffin? Wood, or an eco-friendly one (eg cardboard, bamboo, wicker)?
- Do you want flowers, or donations to a (named) charity, or both?
 - Who should conduct the service?
 - Do you want someone else to give a tribute?
- Would you like some of your favourite music played before and after the service?
 - What hymns and readings do you want?
- Wake/reception: any suggestions for the place and type?

WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE

They dress the wound of My people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace. (Jeremiah 6:14)

I wonder what peace felt like in 1945, after 9 May or 16 August? These were the days after Victory in Europe Day and then Victory in Japan Day. After the parties and hangovers, life would go on as before, for many months to come: with shortages, men overseas, houses bombed and people on the move.

What does it feel like now? Yes, we have had 'peace' of sorts in most of Europe between the major continental powers for decades, which is an achievement, but there is no peace in Ukraine, the Middle East or Sudan. If anything, the world is now looking to be a more dangerous place.

This verse from the prophet Jeremiah was the

theme of a sermon recently. The preacher talked about peace making, peace keeping and a lasting peace, which are not the same and require different skills. In and after WW2 peace making meant winning the war and defeating evil. Peace keeping was occupying the defeated lands until they could establish communities built on democracy and justice.

What about a lasting peace? Many world leaders say, "Peace, Peace" but they mean only peace on their terms and do not care about anything else.

As Christians we should:

Pray for the peace makers: the women and men in the forces

Pray for peace keepers: the experts helping to build new societies
Pray for lasting peace: the willingness of world leaders and politicians to act for the greater good.

HIGH DAYS & HOLY DAYS

11 November – The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, World War I erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were destroyed, leaving a bleak landscape, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of

cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

**An autographed copy of John McCrae's poem
'In Flanders Fields'**

17 November – Gregory of Tours, charity and compassion in dangerous times

Danger of assassination, lootings, floods, famines and epidemics... life in 6th Century France was as turbulent and violent as many of the world's hot spots are now. In the midst of all this, Gregory (539 – 94) was born into a senatorial family who lived in the Auvergne.

He grew up seeing how the Church responded to all this social chaos at first hand: his family numbered several bishops, as well as saints (the two are not necessarily the same thing!). In due course Gregory decided to devote his life also to the Church, and so was ordained deacon in 563 and elected bishop of Tours in 573.

Gregory should be the patron saint of anyone who climbs to a powerful and privileged position – and then uses it in order to do great good. As a bishop of Merovingian Gaul, he became an expounder and defender of the Christian faith and of public morality. He practised charity and compassion on a large scale. He repaired churches, including the great Tours cathedral, destroyed by fire, and built new ones. He restored the tombs of martyrs and saints. He visited monasteries and nunneries, and also founded schools.

In addition to all this, Gregory was a prodigious author of books. His ten volume History of the Franks is his most famous work, but he wrote on saints as well. He had an advantage on other medieval historians such as Bede in that he had first-hand experience of the court-life of his time. Courts were treacherous places, and Gregory had to deal with four civil rulers of Tours during his 21 years as bishop.

He must have earned their respect: he was sent on diplomatic missions to other Frankish kings. Gregory made the most of every opportunity he had to bring Christian standards of living into those dark days in France. He was greatly loved, and long remembered.



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St. Gregory of Tours, 19th century statue by Jean Marcellin, in the Louvre in Paris, France

SMILE LINES

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Duck

I have a severe nonlinear waterfowl issue. (I don't have all my ducks in a row.)

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

BARNHAM AND EASTERGATE COMMUNITY TRUST

November is here and countdown to Christmas beginsWe look forward to welcoming you to our community halls - Eastergate Village Hall and Barnham Community Hall no matter what time of year. Both our buildings have many friendly events to offer you including the following:

- **Pop Up Shop Opportunities at Eastergate Village Hall on Tuesdays** during the busy coffee morning. £10 a table. Please contact Nina for more information.

- **Weekly Coffee Mornings:** Nina's Friendly Coffee Morning on Tuesdays at Eastergate Village Hall, 10am – midday (quiet space also available). Wednesdays at Barnham Community Hall, 10am – midday. Just pop along, you will be made very welcome. Please note that on the 1st Wednesday of the month, Barnham Community Hall's Cutten Café (*see: page 20*) will be open from 9am–3pm. As well as the usual delicious cakes and savouries, a light lunch will be on offer.

- **Friendly Foodie Fridays:** 11:30am-1pm on Friday 14 and Friday 28 November at Eastergate Village Hall (the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in the Community Hub at the back of Eastergate Village Hall). We will have rescued/surplus food on offer to our community from our partners UK Harvest.

This amazing initiative is available to everyone. We accept cash donations but they are not compulsory. Please bring a bag. We look forward to welcoming you.

This project is now sponsored by Nyton House Residential Care Home.

In the main hall we will now have a **regular clothing and furniture swap** working with our partners West Sussex Recycles.

Please contact Nina for more information or

should you be interested in helping with these projects (details below).

- **Textile Workshops:** Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 26 November at Barnham Community Hall.

- **SEAN SINGS ELVIS' TRIBUTE NIGHT:** Saturday 1 November at Eastergate Village Hall. All proceeds to the hall. £15pp. Please contact Sue for more info 07877 361703 or email suepitman888@gmail.com.

- **Remembrance Sunday Celebration:** Sunday 9 November at Eastergate Village Hall after the service at the Lion War Memorial roundabout.

- **80's Disco:** Friday 14 November at Eastergate Village Hall from 7:30pm-11.30pm. Tickets just £7pp in advance only. Please contact Nina for more info.

- **Craft Swap:** Saturday 15 November at Barnham Community Hall from 10am-2pm. In partnership with West Sussex Recycles, we invite you to 'Swap not Shop' your craft and sewing supplies and join in sharing a few hours with other creatives in the community. Free event.

Please keep an eye out on the local noticeboards, our Facebook pages and our website for more information barnhamandeastergatecommunitytrust.com.

Our motto is 'Together We Are Stronger' and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Take care.

All the staff and volunteers at Barnham and Eastergate Community Trust

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EASTERGATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I can hardly believe it's the middle of October as I write this! I'm delighted to have joined Eastergate CE Primary as the interim headteacher for the autumn term of 2025. I've been given a warm welcome and it has been good to get to know so many of you. This term has already been full of activity, with pupils and staff embracing both learning and community spirit.

Earlier in the term, the children marked the Harvest Festival at St George's Church, kindly hosted by Fr Paul with a thoughtful celebration and generous donations to the local food bank and the church packed to the rafters with parents and carers. It was great to hear about how well they did! Along with our amazing PTA we hosted a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, bringing together families and staff to raise over £200 for a very

worthy cause.

On 10 October, the school took part in Hello Yellow Day, raising awareness for young people's mental health. Pupils wore yellow, shared positive messages, and took time to reflect on the importance of looking after their wellbeing and supporting one another. Donations this time in small change made a big impact of £280 raised to support the important work mental health charities carry out every day.

Looking ahead, the second half of the autumn term is shaping up to be just as busy. Pupils will be welcoming visits from Fr Paul and from Hugo van Driel from Yapton Free Church, who will be leading assemblies and festive reflections. As Christmas approaches, the school is preparing for its much-loved Nativity performances and the annual carol concert – always a highlight in the school calendar.

Autumn in school is a wonderful time of year, and this autumn term promises to be no different.

Mr Ricky Leigh
Interim Headteacher



ALDINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The last full meeting of Aldingbourne Parish Council (APC) was held on 7 October 2025.

Council chair Cllr Sue Foott noted the council had passed on concerns regarding possible drug dealing at the back of the Ivy Lane allotments to the Police Community Support Officer and also Arun District Council Cllr Sue Wallsgrove, who advised that the police were actively dealing with the situation.

Cllr Foott noted there were also issues with e-scooters throughout the parish. She said this

had been noted by the PCSO, who asked for any specific details to be passed on.

During the meeting, the council also noted the Street Scene Committee had arranged a litter picking and bulb planting event for 18 October.

The council also discussed the Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre (ACSC), welcoming to the meeting Tamryn Buys, who has been appointed as the centre manager at the ACSC.

The next full meeting of the APC is scheduled to be held on 4 November.

Marie Singleton
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ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

It was... 175 years ago, on 19 November 1850 that Alfred, Lord Tennyson, became Poet Laureate of the UK (until 1892).

125 years ago, on 22 November 1900 that Arthur Sullivan, British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on operas including *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *The Pirate of Penzance*. He also wrote the hymn *Onward, Christian Soldiers*.

100 years ago, on 27 November 1925 that Ernie Wise, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe, he died in 1999.

90 years ago, on 6 November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

65 years ago, on 8 November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9 November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK.

50 years ago, on 3 November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15 November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

25 years ago, on 9 November 2000 that Eric Morley, TV host, died. Known for establishing the ballroom dancing competition *Come Dancing* (1949 – 98). It was succeeded by *Strictly Come Dancing*, in 2004.

10 years ago, on 13 November 2015 that the Paris attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-strikes on IS targets in Syria and Iraq.



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Maintenance work being carried out on a Hurricane of 274 Squadron during the siege of Tobruk.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN

Some 125 years ago, on 22 November 1900, Arthur Sullivan, the British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W.S. Gilbert on light operas including *HMS Pinafore* and *The Pirates of Penzance*, he also wrote the music to the hymn *Onward, Christian Soldiers*.

Sullivan was born in 1832 in Lambeth. His Irish-born father Thomas was a military bandmaster, clarinettist and music teacher who, from 1845 to 1857 was based at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where his son became proficient on many of the band's instruments and composed an anthem, *By the Waters of Babylon*, when he was eight.

Arthur was drawn to classical and spiritual music of various kinds, and his huge success with Gilbert was awkward for him, as he often felt – encouraged by certain reviewers and others – that he was “capable of higher art”. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1883,

and the musical establishment felt this should end his involvement with comic opera.

Sullivan was inclined to agree, but he was also aware of the quality – and popularity – of his work with Gilbert. He had told an American reporter in 1879: “His ideas are as suggestive for music as they are quaint and laughable. His numbers ... always give me musical ideas.”

By 1885 the duo had completed *The Mikado*, their most successful work, which ran for 672 performances.

Sullivan never married, though he had close relationships with a number of women, including the American socialite and singer Fanny Ronalds. He was devoted to his mother and also to his nephews and nieces after his brother Fred died at an early age.

Kidney disease often meant that Sullivan had to conduct sitting down. He died of heart failure following bronchitis. His *Te Deum Laudamus* was performed posthumously.

VILLAGE FRIENDS

Village Friends held its AGM in September at Nylon House Care Home. The chairman and co-ordinator delivered her report which reflected another busy year for all involved. Village Friends is currently supporting 20 people in their homes and a further smaller number through coffee mornings and outings. Three social lunches had taken place with almost 30 people coming to each.

Building on the success of earlier years a new development during this past year has been an increase in outings, not only to the theatre but also to the Aviation Museum at Tangmere, to the Wetland Centre in Arundel, and twice to the Spitfire Cafe for lunch and a sing-song.

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Elizabeth Folman

An Advent Hymn

Watch for the Lord and shout for joy!
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Restore, renew us, Holy God
Let us tread where saints have trod

Thanks to you our loving Saviour
Freely we are once redeemed
He shields us with his mighty arm
Praise the Lord for His great calm!

Beautiful is God's great news -
Proclaiming peace, good tidings, too
His salvation is for all -
Our God reigns, he doesn't fall.

Lord, you are righteous, kind and pure
Saviour, may the world know you
Works of darkness go away!
Come, Lord Jesus, this we pray.

Written by a local lady, Alison, who shared this hymn for you to enjoy.

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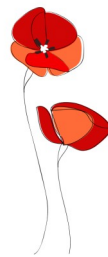
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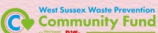
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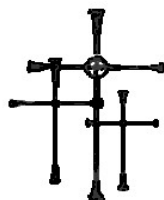
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