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for  
**The Benefice of Lower Beeding and  
Cowfold**

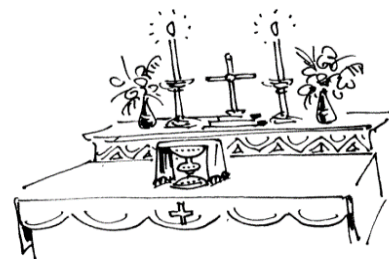
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**June 2020**

# *For the Benefice*

## *Worship Services June 2020*



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Revd. Sue will conduct services from her home until we are allowed to reopen our churches.

### **Readings for June**

#### **June 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**

Isiah 40: 12-17 & 27 to end.

Psalm 8.

2 Corinthians 13: 11-end.

Matthew 28: 16-20.

#### **June 14<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 19: 2-8a.

Psalm 100.

Romans 5: 1-8.

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8.

#### **June 21<sup>st</sup> Second Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 20: 7-13.

Psalm 69 8-20.

Romans 6: 1b -11.

Matthew 10. 24-39.

#### **June 28<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 28: 5-9.

Psalm 89: 1-18.

Roman 6: 12-end.

Matthew 10: 40-end.

#### ***From the Registers***

*6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Lisa Johnson RIP*

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Welcome to the June 2020 edition of the Parish Magazine for the Benefice.

As it was last month, this will be an online version. We have no way of printing or distributing a printed version for the time being.

The magazine can now be found on both websites in the Benefice thanks to Peter Knox and Steve Barlett (Cowfold)

A big Thank You to Peter Knox for yet another stunning photo of a rapeseed field in Lower Beeding which on the cover this month.

Ken Eglington returns with the third part of Lord Nelson (p.24)

Covid-19 is still with us, a virus almost impossible to comprehend. Sue talks, in her letter, about the minuteness of the virus: this is one billionth of a metre (1000 millionth –  $1 \times 10^{-9}$ ) and yet it can kill.

Please stay safe.

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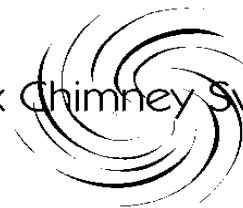
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# From Holy Trinity



## The Vicar's letter

Dear All,

As I write the letter for our June magazine, we as a country, and some other countries across the world, are taking tentative steps to try and ease the lockdown and begin an economic recovery. I do not envy those who have to make such decisions and our politicians could do with us praying for them. We can ask that they, and those who seek to develop and manufacture a vaccine, are granted divine wisdom. As well as all those who are trying to get their businesses going again, or preparing to, whilst looking after staff and customers.

It is becoming clear that dealing with Covid 19 is going to be the major defining task of 2020. This particular virus is proving to be tenacious and to have several characteristics that make it difficult to get on top of. Yet like all viruses its minute-size is hard to fathom – just millionths of a millimeter. I may be one of the few people in the parishes who has seen a number of viruses, although it was a long time ago. I spent a couple of months working in an electron microscopy lab.

If the size of the virus is stunningly small, the number of infections and deaths is horribly large. Yet the good news of the gospel reminds us that Jesus sent us the gift of the Holy Spirit when he returned to heaven. This year we celebrated the feast of Pentecost on the very last day of May. That means that in amongst the slight relaxation of the lockdown we can reflect afresh on the role of the Holy Spirit. Jesus used the word paraclete which is translated advocate or counsellor and promised that the Spirit would guide us into all truth. This is a very powerful source of help. The word can be translated as either because although it started off as being used in the sense of a defence lawyer it did over time come to have a broadened meaning. So, there is a very definite sense of the Holy Spirit as One who draws alongside us, who is on our side, who defends us, who counsels and comforts us. This was all highly relevant to the first disciples who faced a tough time as the gospel began to spread. It is certainly very relevant also to us. Some in our parishes are continuing to self-isolate for sound medical reasons, which is not always easy. Others are venturing out, but none of us is alone.

Jesus himself promised as he parted from his disciples 'I am with you always'. He has sent his church the gift of the precious Holy Spirit and through the prayer that Jesus taught us we can address Almighty God as 'Our Father'. We have much to be grateful for in the Holy Trinity and help is close at hand. The pandemic does not alter these facts.

God bless,

Sue

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# News and Views from St. John's, Coolhurst



## **Richard of Chichester wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June we celebrate the saint's day of **Richard of Chichester**.

For those living in the Diocese of Chichester, Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, gave us a prayer that most congregations in this Diocese will recognise with its famous line.... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'*

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. In 1244 Richard was elected Bishop of Chichester

He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

As described earlier, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

But this is not the original. Richard was supposed to have recited the prayer in Latin on his death bed, surrounded by the clergy. Whoever translated the Latin into English was obviously skilled in his craft as he managed to produce a rhyming triplet, namely "*clearly, dearly, nearly*". However, versions of this prayer before the 20<sup>th</sup> century, did not contain the famous triplet and the following version in "Prayers of the Saints" is quite different from the one attributed to Richard that we use today.

*THE DYING PRAYER OF S. RICHARD,  
Bishop of Chichester.*

*LORD JESU CHRIST, I thank Thee for  
all the blessings Thou hast given me,  
and for all the sufferings and shame Thou  
didst endure for me, on which account that  
pitiable cry of sorrow was Thine : " Behold and  
see, if there was any sorrow like unto My  
sorrow ! " Thou knowest, Lord, how willing  
I should be to bear insult, and pain, and death  
for Thee ; therefore have mercy on me, for to  
Thee do I commend my spirit. Amen*

Church history is full of mystery.

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### **Terry Waite - on coping with lockdown**

Terry Waite spent four years in solitary confinement in Beirut. He says: "In isolation, it is easy to become introspective and depressed. All of us, when we are honest and examine ourselves critically, will discover things about ourselves of which we are not especially proud. I had to learn how to grow a greater acceptance of myself and work towards a deeper inner harmony.

".... Today in lockdown, it's important to keep yourself well. Don't slob around all day in pyjamas and a dressing gown. Dress properly and develop a routine. It's important to have a structure – get up at a certain time, eat regular meals and so on.

"If you have faith, then that will give you resources to draw on", especially if you know some hymns, psalms and prayers by heart. "When I was captured, they were there to call on."

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## Over 6,000 calls in first 48 hours to Daily Hope

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A free phone line offering hymns, prayers, and reflections 24 hours a day while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus received more than 6,000 calls in the first 48 hours.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently launched 'Daily Hope' as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes, during the lockdown period.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

Within 48 hours the line had received more than 6,000 calls from across the country, with many being referred by friends, family or members. Calls have so far spanned more than 50,000 minutes, with some of those accessing the service listening to the music, prayers and reflections for up to 50 minutes at a time.

The Revd Canon Dave Male, the Church of England's Director of Evangelism and Discipleship, said: "The volume of calls shows that Daily Hope is meeting a need.

"We have a duty in these strange and difficult times to find new ways of bringing prayer and worship to people wherever they are, and this is one more way of helping people to connect with God from their own homes.

"This is such a simple idea – planned and launched all within a few short weeks by a small dedicated team – but I pray it will bring real comfort, hope and inspiration to people at this time."

Callers to the line hear a short greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Options available include materials also made available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as [Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer](#), updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England [weekly national online service](#).



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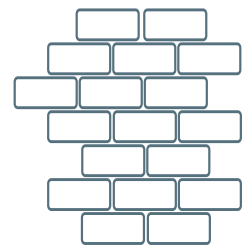
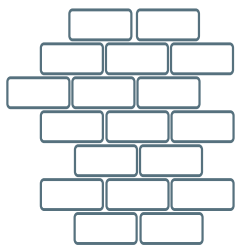


# Tuesday Club



Sadly, as with all other events during this difficult period, The Tuesday Club will not be able to meet again until the lockdown is lifted.

At the moment, the date for this is not known. However, if you wish to have any information concerning the Club for further details please contact Janet Warwick 01403891789 or [rjwarwick12@hotmail.com](mailto:rjwarwick12@hotmail.com)



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# Lower Beeding Association News

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Following on from my recent request for HELP to run 250 Club I am pleased to say I have found the perfect person – Paul Smith. We had planned to set this up to run two draws in June and December each year but this has had to go on hold yet again. However, there will be prizes of 3 at £40, 3 at £60 and 3 at £100 for the June draws and 3 at £40, 3 at £60 and 3 at £100 PLUS the £500 for the December draws ! So hopefully everyone will join again.

Over the years it has really been very much appreciated of all members for their loyalty and support of your village hall and sports field.

As some of you know this club has been running since the 1960s with a few of the original members !!

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, we have had to postpone the Annual General until later this year ? However, we have had several expenses the main one being maintenance work on the Klargestor which is shared by the Step Ahead.

However, at the moment, the funds are pretty healthy unless we have a major expense. I see that the grounds are being well kept by Eddie/Ruth and we have a regular person checking the facility.

Perhaps it is time to go over the some history of the village halls, mills, etc. again.....

**Crabtree Village Hall** was built in 1875 by Mr W E Hubbard as a working men's club for the Parish. The local Order of Foresters Friendly Society formed in the 1840s had their HQ at the Hall in 1875 – a club into which money was put for the men when ill. Wood was supplied by Mr Hubbard for heating the hall. The

Foresters originally had seven members with regular meetings at the Crabtree then moved to the Hall.

In the 1920s there were socials, whist drives, dances nearly every week in the winter; the Stage had steps down the back to the \*Green Room\* where there was a library. \*Music Halls\* were staged in the 1930s with such young ladies as Olive Gilbert, Edie (New) Carter, Veronica Fowler, some of whom dressed in silk pyjamas as the chorus; there was a Billiard Room (table given by Bunny Carter - when Hall sold not known where the table went to !) for the \*working men\* - ladies not allowed in there ! Lantern slide shows \*magic lanterns\* were given by Dame Alice Godman on return from trips to their property in South Africa. One night all the lighting failed so all went over to South Lodge !

There was a regular Choral Society and an active Folk Dance Society led by Mrs Fowler which entered competitions in other villages.

In the 1950s activities were still going strong with children's parties, various clubs and a very active Drama Group set up by Mr A Chilmaid and Mrs Margaret Steele. A number of plays were staged until the 1960s when it became difficult to get local members and the Hall eventually closed down.

**Crabtree Hall** was converted to a house in 1974 and bought at Auction in 1975 by Tony Rolfe, after him owned by the Tingleys until 1988, Mike and Iris Reid from 1988 to 2013; then Jan and Brian McKinnell from 2013 (unfortunately Brian died in 2014).

**Crabtree Hall Cottage** which was originally the Hall Caretakers house was converted at the same time and bought by Rodney and Eileen Worsell in 1975 then by Kevin and Helen Light in 2017.

So, there we are.

Jean Black

# LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**June 2020**

Dear Residents,

## **Lower Beeding Parish Council News**

First of all, we hope you are keeping safe and well during these uncertain times.

As you may know the Parish Council support hub is very much in place providing support for self-isolating and vulnerable members of our community. We can do the following: -

- Delivery of prescriptions
- Pick up shopping or any essential items
- Have a chat on the telephone if anyone needs reassurance or support

Please contact me on **07540 418155** if you need any assistance and I will provide a volunteer to contact you.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers that have come forward to help in any way.

We thank you!

As the government advised us that public meetings are prohibited, we have been holding virtual meetings via Zoom software. The public are welcome to join in and listen to the meetings. The details of how to log in are published on the website prior to the meeting. If you need any assistance on how to log in please contact me.

Finally, we are here to support you, our Parishioners, so contact me if you need help in any way.

**Please look at the scams the police are asking you to look out for.**

**STAY SAFE AND WELL**

Peter Knox

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# **Covid-19 related scams to be aware of**

## On-the-spot fines

- Police are warning against fraudsters claiming to be collecting on-the-spot fines for breaches of the government's coronavirus guidelines. Officers were made aware of a teenage man being approached by three men in Brighton who claimed to be undercover police officers and issuing him with an on-the-spot fine for being out during the coronavirus lockdown. The men also had a device which took the payment on-the-spot. Sussex Police will not ask you to hand over money or make a card payment when they issue an on-the-spot fine, and officers will always be able to provide ID.

## Doorstep crime

- Criminals are targeting older people on their doorstep and offering to do their shopping. Thieves take the money and do not return. None of the community hub volunteers in the district will knock on your door unless you have asked for help and they will have ID.
- Doorstep cleansing services are offering to clean drives and doorways to kill bacteria and help prevent the spread of the virus.

## Online scams

- Email scams try to trick people into opening malicious attachments, which put people at risk of identity theft with personal information, passwords, contacts and bank details at risk. Some of these emails have lured people to click on attachments by offering information about people in the local area who are affected by coronavirus.
- Fake online resources, such as false Coronavirus maps, in fact deliver malware such as AZORult Trojan, an information stealing program which can infiltrate a variety of sensitive data. A prominent example that has deployed malware is 'corona-virus-map[dot]com'.

## Refund scams

- People seeking holiday refunds should be wary of fake websites set up to falsely offer holiday refunds. Instead they collect your personal data.

## Counterfeit goods

- Fake sanitisers, face masks and Covid-19 swabbing kits are being sold online and door-to-door. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe. There are reports of some potentially harmful hand sanitiser containing glutaral (or glutaraldehyde), which was banned for human use



in 2014. Please note that sanitisers bought from a reputable source are safe to use.

Telephone scams

- As people continue to self-isolate at home there is an increasing risk that telephone scams will also rise, including criminals claiming to be your bank, mortgage lender or utility company. If in doubt, end the call and call them back on a number from a recent bill.

Donation scams

- There have been reports of thieves extorting money from consumers by claiming they are collecting donations for a COVID-19 'vaccine'.

To report fraud online, visit the Action Fraud website: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or call 0300 123 2040.

More information about scams can be found here:

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You can check if something is a scam here: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/>

Regular scam updates can be found here: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/sign-up-for-action-fraud-alert>.

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# Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

The Horticultural Society had to cancel its Spring Show at the end of March, and with the village fete now also not happening in June that means we'll not be running our stall at that event either.

We are hoping that we will be able to run events later in the year but we aren't optimistic at this time, given that all that we do involves large groups of people, making social distancing difficult. Watch for updates in this parish news and in the society's newsletters.

All the best,

Tom.

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## Gardeners' World

Coronavirus has knocked us sideways over the last two months but now, on the day that I write this article, permission has been given for garden centres to reopen to the public. This will allow us to start to plant out the garden, which will very likely have received more attention than usual and so should be ready for the introduction of plants. I'm referring in particular to annuals that can now be purchased and planted out to provide the summer colour that we so look forward to. If you haven't produced vegetables from seeds, then of course, if you are planning to grow them this year the garden centres should have a stock available to buy now. My own garden has benefitted from almost daily attention, on projects involving areas that have been neglected for many years. And as a result, I've found things I either thought I'd lost or else I forgot I even had as I clear overgrown areas back to how they looked twenty and more years ago. During this time we've been given a helping hand by the weather, which has produced the best spring sunshine that I can recall, therefore making it easy to get outside and do all sorts of jobs.



If you produced your vegetables from seed you should have most varieties planted out by this month, with everything now growing apace. Any early plants of, especially, peas, mangetout, and brassicas should be hardened off before planting out so that there is a resistance to the harsher environment of the outside bed. The time taken for this will depend on the prior growing conditions, the warmer the propagation and growing-on environment then the longer the hardening-off period, but no more than one-two weeks maximum is necessary for this stage of growth. Continue to feed your tomato plants with a high nitrogen feed – Chempak 2 does the trick – until the first flowers appear. This will encourage strong plant growth. Once the first truss has appeared then change the feed to one high in potash – Tomorite or Chempak 4 for this – to promote strong fruit. Pinch out side-shoots that appear where leaves form off the main stem, there's no point in any energy going into developing these unnecessary

shoots. And keep the watering going. If you still have courgettes to plant then get them in this month too. Treat them in the same way as you do your bedding plants, they are just as tender.

Daffodils have all long since finished flowering but don't be too hasty in lifting bulbs from areas to be replanted, or in cutting back the foliage. Once flowering is past and the foliage still fresh and green, the leaves are the source of feeding the bulbs below ground and preparing blooms for the following year. If you need the space taken up by the bulbs then one option is to lift the bulbs, replant in pots of compost, and position these to receive the sun and watering that they need to complete their job. They should be sufficiently died-back by the end of June to allow for cutting down the leaves without doing any damage to this process. Also, in addition to completing the annuals planting, there are the containers and hanging baskets to plant up, keep these moist to ensure strong growth and plenty of colour in the coming months. Before planting out the annual apply a general-purpose fertiliser to the beds, for example Growmore or, for a slow-release, organic alternative then fish-blood-bone. Dahlias should go out this month, as heavy feeders they do best in beds prepared by digging in organic matter, such as manure, and raking in a balanced fertiliser before planting. Dead-heading roses is something for June, too. I don't have to worry about this just yet, I've had a night-time visit recently of a greedy deer who snacked on the buds that were about to flower. What with that and the regular badger visit at the moment, digging up patches of the lawn searching for its food, it's been a busy month trying to keep everything protected. All part of the gardening calendar. Enjoy your garden, and your gardening, this month.

Hortulanus

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**H**edgehogs need help and churchyards can be perfect places for them; containing many features that hedgehogs need. They eat a wide range of things, beetles, worms, slugs and other invertebrates. Churchyards are rich in hedgehog food. They forage in the grassland, the nooks and crannies around monuments, the shady, damp corners with leaf litter and deadwood and amongst the stones of an old wall. Hedgehogs make nests all year round, using them to rear their young hoglets, to hibernate and to shelter during the daytime. Again, churchyards come up trumps with hedgehogs nesting in scrub and bramble patches, at the base of trees and walls and in compost piles. They make a nest from dead leaves, and to the human observer, it looks like a leaf football!

Hedgehogs roam widely, having a nightly circuit of a couple of miles. They can climb over barriers but squeezing through gaps saves energy. Churchyards usually have a several places for a hedgehog to get in and out – again, very helpful. In June hedgehogs are breeding, with hoglets either in the nest or starting to venture out. You can help them by keeping your churchyard chemical free, letting some areas get a little long and allowing gaps for the them to pass through. Have a look at [hedgehogs@ptes.org](mailto:hedgehogs@ptes.org) to learn more.

Please let us know if you have hedgehogs, look for footprints in mud and droppings. They are probably present without anybody knowing it!

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# Poetry Cornered

## **Adlestrop by Edward Thomas**

Yes. I remember Adlestrop—  
The name, because one afternoon  
Of heat the express-train drew up there  
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.  
No one left and no one came  
On the bare platform. What I saw  
Was Adlestrop—only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,  
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,  
No whit less still and lonely fair  
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang  
Close by, and round him, mistier,  
Farther and farther, all the birds  
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# GREAT BRITONS - Ken Eglinton

## 69. Horatio Nelson

1758 – 1805

Last month I described how, despite social disapproval of his relationship with Lady Hamilton, Nelson's naval victories made him a national hero. He was widely seen as being indispensable to national security.

### Part 3: Glory Forever



When war broke out again, Nelson was appointed commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet with *HMS Victory* as his flagship. His job was to stop the French fleet leaving their Mediterranean base at Toulon. Failing that, he was to block it entering the Atlantic, from where it could try to force the Channel, and escort to Britain the huge invasion army that Napoleon had assembled at Boulogne.

Napoleon wrote, “let us be masters of the straits for six hours and we shall be masters of the world.” However, despite his repeated orders, the Toulon fleet proved quite unable to get to the Atlantic. This was because Nelson made it impossible for them to do so without fighting. The new French admiral, Villeneuve, had fought Nelson at the Nile. He feared Nelson's ruthless aggression, and also knew that in seamanship the French were very rusty and significantly inferior to the British. Moreover, he needed to avoid action, so that his fleet could reach the Channel undamaged.

Realising that he needed to be more subtle, Napoleon ordered Villeneuve to seize British-held islands in the West Indies. Napoleon hoped that this would draw British forces to the Caribbean. Villeneuve could then double back to the Channel.

Eventually Villeneuve managed to evade Nelson, and head into the Atlantic. Without waiting for orders, Nelson gave chase. After arriving in the Caribbean, Nelson fruitlessly searched for the French fleet. Villeneuve, having heard of Nelson's arrival, and despite having 17 ships of the line, to Nelson's 10, was already heading back to Europe without even attempting to seize any island. Nelson returned home, dismayed at his failure to bring the French to battle and expecting to be censured. To his surprise he was met by crowds giving a rapturous reception. Senior British officials congratulated him for sustaining the close pursuit, so saving the West Indies from invasion.

Napoleon was meanwhile expecting Villeneuve in the Channel, and readied his army to invade Britain. To his fury Villeneuve, fearing Nelson, had instead joined with the Spanish fleet at Cádiz. Nelson was ordered to take command of a strengthened fleet to blockade Cádiz. A large crowd of well wishers accompanied Nelson to his barge and cheered him off. Many were in tears and some knelt before him and blessed him as he passed. It was popularly believed that only he could save Britain from invasion.

Nelson found a fleet low on morale after long months at sea on blockade duty. He spent some weeks reorganising the fleet, improving morale, and refining his tactics for the anticipated battle, repeatedly briefing his captains to ensure they understood his intentions.



Napoleon could wait no longer. Re-entry of Austria and Russia into the war forced him to call off the invasion of Britain and to march east. He ordered Villeneuve to the Mediterranean. This was what Nelson had been waiting for. He intercepted the Franco-Spanish fleet off Cape Trafalgar. The enemy consisted of 33 ships of the line, while Nelson had 27.

Instead of seeking to fight in the classic line ahead formation, where the two fleets would sail parallel to each other firing, perhaps at the limits of their range, Nelson wanted a decisive battle. This meant fighting at close-range. In such a melee, command and control by flag signals would be impossible, but Nelson was sure that the superior seamanship and gunnery of the British would prevail.

Ordering the attack, he gave his famous signal "England expects that every man will do his duty". He bore down in two columns at right-angles to the Franco-Spanish line. The two columns broke the enemy line into three parts, head, centre and tail. The British then fell upon the centre and the tail outnumbering and overwhelming them before the head could turn to join in the battle. British seamanship and gunnery were indeed far superior – the British rate of fire was double that of the enemy. It was also notable that when under tremendous assault, the French and Spanish ships tended to surrender, while the British fought on even when their ship was totally disabled. Early in the battle Nelson was hit by a sniper's bullet and was carried below. He lived for three hours until victory was certain. By the end of the battle the enemy had lost 18 ships, destroyed or captured, while the British had lost none.

The French never again threatened Britain's control of the sea, but when the news reached Britain, Nelson's death was mourned as if Trafalgar was a defeat rather than a fabulous victory. Nelson was given a hero's burial in St Pauls Cathedral. Sadly, Lady Hamilton and their illegitimate infant daughter were both excluded from the funeral.

Nelson's extraordinarily bold and successful career, including his death at the point of his greatest triumph, was and continues to be celebrated on a scale unmatched by any other British military commander. He remains an inspiration to the Royal Navy to this day.

Nelson was a highly charismatic leader, inspiring both his superiors and his subordinates with his aggression, courage, commitment, and strong sense of duty. He combined this with an adept grasp of strategy and unconventional tactics and also diligence in training and care for his crews. Officers and men loved serving under him. Nelson also had enormous self-belief. This made him somewhat vain and sometimes subject to mood swings, but also meant that he was comfortable with making critical decisions even in the face of grave risk and danger.

Nelson's victories secured Britain from invasion and her wealth-generating trade from attack. The key to "the Nelson touch" however was neither his tactics nor his understanding of the enemy, but his belief that the best way to win decisive victory through a close-range melee was to give his captains repeated and thorough briefings prior to engagement with the enemy, and then near-absolute initiative once battle had begun.

# WEATHER REPORT



## WEATHER FOR APRIL 2020

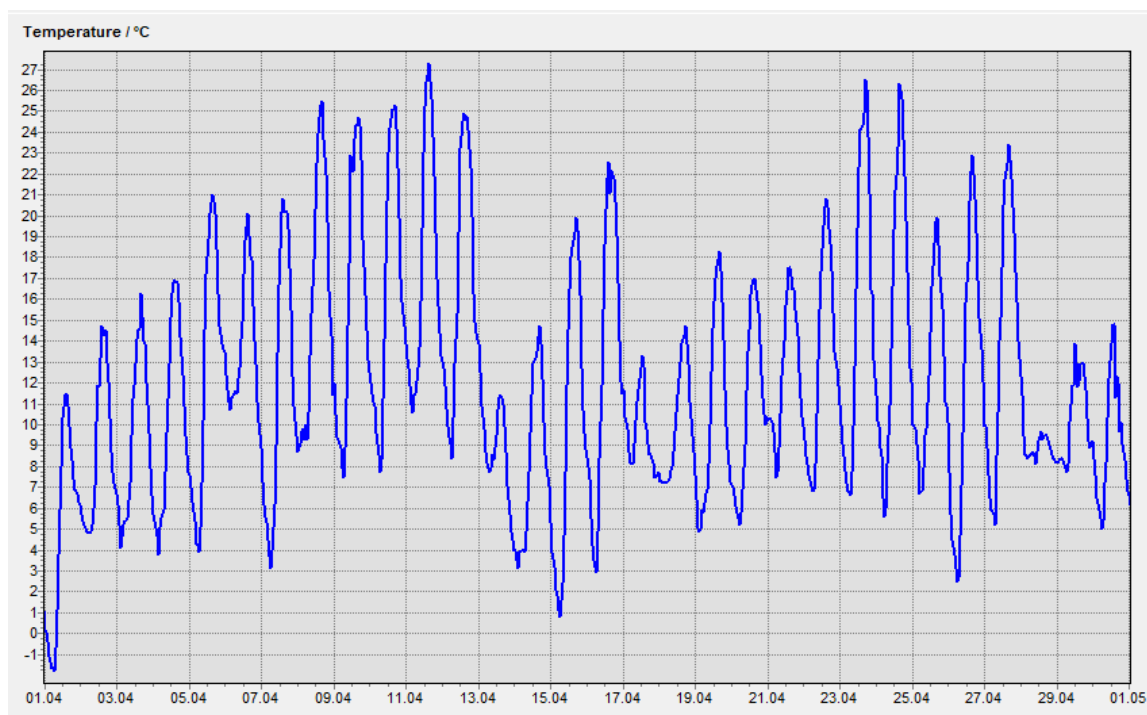
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| Rainfall in April 2020 | 264"   | 67mm  |
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| Rainfall for 2019      | 7.16"  | 182mm |

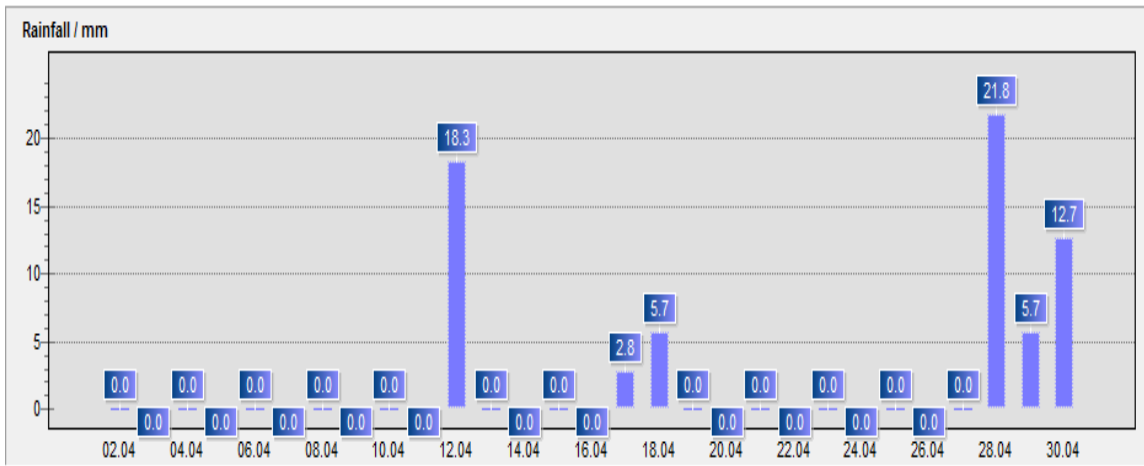
Warmest day 27.3°C on 11<sup>th</sup>

Warmest night 10.7°C on the 5<sup>th</sup>

Coldest day 9.7°C on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Coldest night -1.8°C on the 1<sup>st</sup>





Once again a very strange rainfall pattern. While the average rainfall was not unusual, rain was only recorded on 6 days with more than 50% falling on just two days. One of the notable events was the change in temperature from a high of 23.4°C on the 27<sup>th</sup>, to a high of only 9.7°C on the 28<sup>th</sup>. As I write this on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, a similar temperature change has occurred, albeit over a slightly longer time frame.

From the MetOffice:

“Much of April was fine and settled, though with some shorter spells that brought rain. High pressure was located in the vicinity of the UK for much of the time, often to the north, and so easterly winds were a regular feature. Less settled spells came from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, and most notably a cyclonic spell from the 27<sup>th</sup> onwards. Plenty of sunshine generally allowed daytime temperatures to rise well above normal on numerous days, whereas minimum temperatures were barely above normal and in fact northern and eastern Scotland had several late frosts. Rainfall was well below normal quite widely, with only central southern counties of England having near-average rain totals.

For our area, there was 50% more sunshine, mean temperatures were roughly 2°C higher and precipitation was just above average (1981-2010).”

The three month (May to July) forecast from the Met Office, and supported by other Agencies, shows a greater degree of confidence in their predictions than is usual for this time of year. In summary there is an increase in the likelihood of high pressure near the UK. This would lead to more settled weather for the UK and, combined with the warming climate, this means a greater than usual chance of above average temperatures. The caveat is of course that this doesn't preclude periods of below average temperature. The presence of high pressure is also likely to result in below average precipitation. (Please note the use of the term likely, not definitely!)

Unfortunately, the longer-term analysis shows a cooler than average later summer/ Autumn, with above average rainfall in September/ October, but this is a long way off and much could change.

Keep well.

Elizabeth Ogg



## Reed Warblers and Sedge Warblers by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

### *I bless the rains down in Africa*

Reed Warbler©John BeanSussex Wildlife Trust.jpg



It's amazing how a song can transport you someplace else. I can't hear 'Africa' by American soft-rockers Toto without drifting back 35 years to a school disco in Plymouth. Right now I'm sat by a Sussex reedbed listening to two songs simultaneously pouring from deep in the reeds. These songs also take me back to my childhood and Saturday mornings spent birdwatching beside similar reedbeds in South Devon.

These summer singers are two small brown birds; the Reed Warbler and the Sedge Warbler and their songs

make me feel strangely nostalgic for a place I have never been; Ghana, where these warblers will have spent the winter before returning to Sussex each spring. Reed Warblers are rather plain whereas Sedge Warblers sport a streaky back and stripy head with a heavy 'eyebrow' that fixes them with a permanently intense expression. But these identification features aren't important because you'll rarely see these secretive birds. But, boy, will you hear them! Because when they start singing they just can't stop.

The Reed Warbler's song is a loud, repetitive stuttering chatter of jumbled phrases that just just doesn't just doesn't seem to just just just just doesn't just doesn't seem to seem to go anywhere. It sounds like one of those warehouse-sized 1950's computers churning out data. The Sedge Warbler's song is similar but much more energetic and erratic with added harsh 'churrrs' and whistles giving the overall impression that it urgently needs a straightjacket and heavy medication.

These complex songs have a simple message; 'Hey ladies, my territory is so rich in insects that I don't have to spend much time hunting for my food; I can waste my time just singing'. It's the loudest, longest, craziest song that will seduce a feathered female. Sedge Warblers raise their family in a no-thrills nest low in vegetation but the Reed Warbler weaves an incredible deep hammock lashed together with spider silk between the stiff stems of the tall reeds. The whole cradle will rock as the reeds bow in the breeze.

In August, after raising their families, their warbler thoughts drift back to Africa where drums echo and wild dogs cry out in the night. The warblers will gorge themselves with aphids and, with a fat belly full of fuel, take off from Sussex and head over Iberia, North Africa and the wide Sahara to Ghana; a 3000 mile journey. I always imagine a Ghanaian naturalist pausing momentarily each autumn to observe these returning visitors. Do his thoughts drift to the Sussex riverside where they spent the summer? When the rains return to Africa in the spring they will summon the insect food that will again power their tiny warbler wings back to England to add to my Sussex summer soundtrack.

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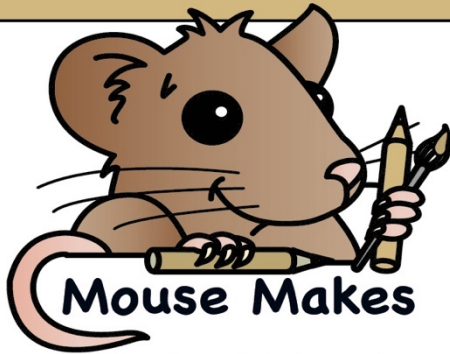
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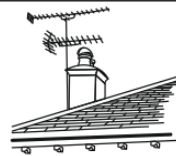
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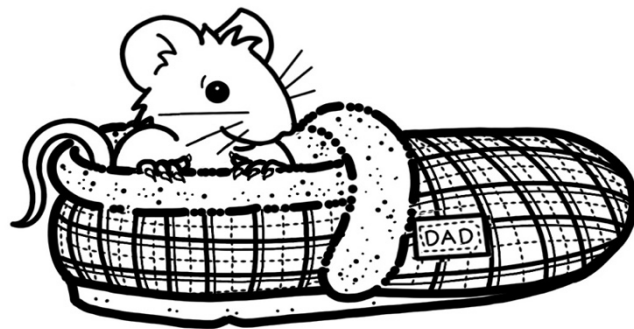
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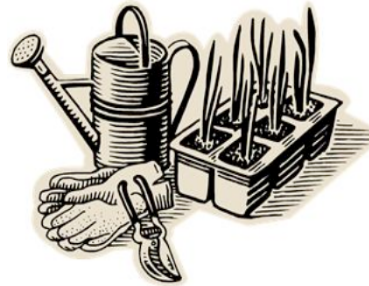
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Enquiries about Baptism are welcome for those of all ages who live within the parish or who have a family connection with it.

In the baptism of your child, you as parents are: thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

Making a decision later in life to be baptised is a commitment to a life of faith, which is completed by being Confirmed in the Church.

Being baptised at any age you become part of the worshipping community of the church and we look forward to welcoming you at our services.

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Marriages are celebrated between couples, one of whom is resident in the parish, who have a family connection to it, or whose name is on the Electoral Roll.

Enquiries are welcome subject to the regulations of the Church of England, more information on which and on getting married in church can be found at the following website: [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Holy Communion can be brought by members of the church to any who are sick or housebound, regularly if desired.

Relatives, friends or neighbours should feel able to pass on information about those known to be sick or in any other need. As well as receiving Holy Communion, those in need can be anointed with Holy Oil as a sign of the prayer of the Church for the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Please contact us immediately where anyone is in danger of death.

## **MINISTRY OF ABSOLUTION**

Advice and counsel can be requested and Absolution can be given by the priest to those wishing to make a special confession of sins. The Sacrament of Forgiveness and Reconciliation is an established part of the life and teaching of the Church of England.

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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