

From the Churchwardens,
St John the Baptist, Sedlescombe

As you will know by now, last Sunday (15th April) was our final service conducted by Fr Stephen Huggins prior to his departure to his new Parish at Turners Hill, West Sussex.

This was a very sad but nonetheless happy occasion and the congregation enjoyed refreshments after the service with time for everyone to say their individual farewells. We all wish Stephen, Toni and Ruth every success in this important move for their future. At this point we would also like to thank our Bellringers for their contribution to the occasion before the service commenced.

Life at the church will continue as usual with our Parish Communion and Junior & Youth Church each Sunday at 10.00am presided over by visiting Clergy. You are all very welcome to join us and there is always an informal get together after the service with coffee and biscuits.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will of course continue by arrangement through the Churchwardens who will be supported by the Rural Dean, Revd David Frost.

An Interregnum can be a difficult time, but with the support of the PCC and church members we trust that everything will run smoothly.

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Middle age is when your medicine chest is better stocked than your drinks cabinet ... Pam Brown, Comedian

Sedlescombe Parish Council - Annual Assembly of the Sedlescombe Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall next Tuesday (24th April) doors open at 7.00pm for the meeting which will start at 7.30pm. Each household will have received an agenda (inside the front cover of the Annual Report) together with the Minutes of the last meeting. This is not a Parish Council meeting but is a meeting of local residents, the one opportunity in the year for them to come together to speak about what concerns them in our village. For the last two years there has been round about a hundred people attending the Assembly which is bit of a record in the area. The meeting is not expected to last long and will end with light refreshments and the time for a chat and to look around the tables set up by village clubs and businesses.

SEDLESCOMBE GREEN W.I. - our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Lorna Dakin on the subject of "25 years of Patchwork". The competition is Flower of the Month and/or Your Favourite Patchwork. Do come and join us - you will be very welcome - for further details please 'phone 870808.

PERSONAL from Fr Stephen - I should like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for our lovely send-off last Sunday morning. Though it was naturally tinged with sadness at our departure it was nevertheless, a lovely occasion. We were very touched by the generosity of the gifts we received and the Seagull will sit very proudly on the desk of my new Study. It was particularly thoughtful to include Ruth with her gift of a floral basket. Good Bye and God Bless. *Fr Stephen*

The Readings:	Acts:	9: 1 – 6
	<i>Psalm</i>	30
	Revelation	5: 11 - 14
	St John	21 1 - 19

Services and Meetings this week

<p>St John the Baptist, Sedlescombe</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter [22]</p> <p>10.00 am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church</p> <p>Monday 23rd PCC Meeting at 7.00pm</p>	<p>St Mary Magdalene, Whatlington</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter [22]</p> <p>8.30am Parish Communion</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter [29]</p> <p>10.00am Parish Communion and Junior & Youth Church</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter [29]</p> <p>8.30am Parish Communion</p>

Chapel Hill Church – United Reformed

Sunday 22nd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Peter Wortley

Wednesday 25th Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12noon in the Meeting Room

Sunday 29th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Roy Cole

SEDLESCOMBE THEATRE

CLUB our next outing will be to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury for a performance of *Starlight Express* on Monday 28th May. In making the arrangements I had overlooked that this was a Bank Holiday and apologise if this means that some members may miss the opportunity. It does give the chance for non-members to apply for seats on a 'first come, first served' basis. The cost per person will be £32 including travel and the coach will leave The Green at 5.30pm. For further details please call me on 870517. *Shirley*

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CHURCH - Monthly Mini-market unfortunately, the Mini-market due to be held on Thursday 3rd May has had to be cancelled due to the requirement for the Village Hall to be used as a Polling Station for the local elections. The next Mini-market will take place on Thursday 7th June - we will remind you! *Peggy*

OBITUARIES - with much regret we have to report the death of **Boni Settle** last Friday 13th April. We send sincere condolences to Colin and his family. The funeral will take place at Hastings Crematorium next Wednesday 25th April at 1.45pm. We also sadly record the passing of **Pam Brock**, a much loved member of Chapel Hill Church.

She was a brave lady, suffering much pain in the last few years, but she always seemed to be able to raise her special smile. Her strong faith in Christ in the face of such affliction and her love and generosity despite this were an example to us all. We and the whole village will miss her and send our love and deepest sympathy to Walter, Paula and Meriel and their families. The funeral will be held on Tuesday 1st May at 12.30pm at Chapel Hill Church followed by cremation at Hastings Crematorium.

REMINDERS

Saturday 5th May an open public debate is to take place in the Village Hall combining with students of Pestalozzi on the subject of Climate Change throughout the world. Topical and important - keep the date free; further details to follow.

Saturday 12th May is the date for the Garden Society's Annual Plant Market from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Village Hall; keep watching the *Parish News* for more details.

Parish News - our 'stand-in' Editor for next week will be Roy Smith and contributors are asked to hand in copy at the Post Office by 12 noon next Wednesday (25th) for the April 28th edition which should be available from the Post Office on Friday 27th.