

THE RURAL CHURCH

All have a part to play

The CE report "Faith in the Countryside" mentioned a number of encouraging developments that were occurring, not least in some parishes where clergy had become few and far between. In these situations, the church, i.e. the body of believers, became more aware that they all had a part to play and that even an apparently small job could mean a great deal.

New life

Allied with this was the fact that at one time many villages were declining areas whereas today due to a number of reasons, they have become more attractive to live in and younger people and children have become linked to the church.

Rural men of letters (Can you interpret?)

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An open church

A recent article in the press mentioned the importance of keeping churches open. In fact 'Keep the church open!' was the number one priority in reversing decline. Many people today have a faith but may not want a real commitment to the weekly life of the church. However, to come to pray quietly, perhaps in times of special need or difficulty is very important to them. An open church is a quiet space that allows this to happen and long may it last.

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Today

would be most welcome.

E. Burgess Chairman

Sedlescombe Garden Society

is holding their Spring Show today, Saturday, at the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome.

Next Week ...

Sedlescombe W.I.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 18th July at 2 o'clock in the Village Hall. Mr R. McKenna will be talking about Leonard Cheshire V.C. The Competition is on 'the charity I support'. Tea Ladies: Mrs Sadler and Mrs Saunders. A warm welcome awaits you, ladies.

The Royal British Legion

The next Branch meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th July in the Queen's Head at 10.30 am. This will be our first meeting under the new management and a good attendance is expected.

If you are not a member but are interested in supporting our Branch then please come along and meet some of our members, you do not have to be Ex. Service and you

Sedlescombe Primary School News

Summer Show 2007: 'GEL!' The children in Key Stage 2 are performing a lively, fun show in the village hall on Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th July, 7.00p.m. Tickets are £1.50 per seat, available from the school. (Tel: 01424 870585). 'GEL!' is the junior version of the famous show 'GREASE!' and I am sure you would enjoy it very much. Please feel very welcome to book your tickets and come along to enjoy the children in action!

The Strawberry Fayre was a huge success - and we were blessed with such a lovely sunny day - how lucky we were! Thank you to everyone in the village who came along to support our school, we do appreciate your support enormously. I am delighted to tell you that we made around £1700 profit which is fantastic! This money will be spent on the children. THANK YOU.

Open Morning: We invite you to come along on Friday 20th July, be-

TRINITY 6 The Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	
Services and Meetings this week	
SEDLSCOMBE St John the Baptist Sunday, Trinity 6 [15]	WHATLINGTON St Mary Magdalene Sunday, Trinity 6 [15]
10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church	8.30 am Parish Communion
Next Sunday, Trinity 7 [22]	Next Sunday, Trinity 7 [22]
10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church	8.30 am Parish Communion
Chapel Hill Church - United Reformed	
Sunday 15 July 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mike and Judith Welch	
Wednesday 18 July Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 12 noon in the Meeting Room	
Sunday 22 July 10.30 am Morning Worship led by the Rev. Peter Wortley	

tween 9.30 and 11.00a.m. to enjoy a tour of our school. This is open to anyone in our village, friends, new families and visitors. Please feel very welcome to call in and see some of the work of our children.

Other news

End of an Era: Ethel Hinde

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing away of 91 year

old Ethel Hinde, a week before her 92nd birthday. Ethel had lived all her life in Sedlescombe and the surrounding district, attending Sedlescombe Primary School as a young girl. On her marriage to Cecil they lived at Orchard Bank, Swailes Green Farm until shortly after Cecil passed away. Ethel then moved to Sedlescombe village.

She was a very independent lady

who did not like to sit around and was always on the go. She could still be seen right up until the day she died, pottering around in her garden tending her flowers and plants. Her bungalow was spotless and she was forever cleaning, dusting and sweeping. There was always a very welcome cup of tea and biscuit waiting for anyone who called on her.

One of the highlights in recent years was the surprise 90th Birthday Party which she celebrated with all her family present.

Ethel leaves behind three daughters, a son, eight grandchildren and twelve great grand children. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

The family would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their kind messages of sympathy.

J.H.

Eunice Russell

The funeral of Miss Eunice Russell was held at Hastings Crematorium on Friday 11 July at 11 am. If any friends wish to send a donation to MacMillan Nurses in memory of her, please send it c/o Arthur Town-er Ltd., 19 Market Square, Battle, TN33 0XB. A tribute to Eunice appeared in last week's Parish News.

Last but not least ...

Does the Parish News have a future?

At the end of this month a period of more than 8 months will have passed since Sylvia Cook (the long-time Editor of the Parish News) had to suddenly give up following the sad death of her husband John and her own illness. Since then a small band of "Stand-in Editors" have ensured that Sedlescombe's weekly publication of more than 40 years' track record has continued to be available to the community.

Despite several appeals aimed at finding a new Editor, there have been no takers and the point has now been reached where there is a real possibility that the Parish News will be no more. All of the "Stand-ins" have ongoing commitments of their own and what they originally thought might be just for a few weeks has simply carried on and would appear likely to continue on a permanent basis.

It is known that one of the "Stand-ins" has made it clear that from the end of this month, he cannot continue his contribution to producing the Parish News and while the others must speak for themselves, they too have day by day commitments.

Between now and the end of the month we will keep readers informed as to what the situation is, but the likelihood of the Parish News becoming a part of village history is real.