

TODAY. SEDLESCOMBE TENNIS CLUB'S
'Cheese and Wine' Party
at "Brookfield" from 8.30.p.m. by
kind permission of Mrs.Woodhams.
Tickets 50p each obtainable from
Club members or at the door. All
tennis and sport lovers are most
welcome to this Social, where it
is hoped to raise a little more
of the funds necessary for the
provision of the new court sur-
rounds.

ALSO

Saturday, January 27th, 2.15.p.m. in
the Village Hall the Club will be
holding a JUMBLE SALE

All the proceeds will be towards
the new netting and posts now ess-
ential for the Tennis Courts.
These will cost approx. £250 and it
is hoped, by the Club members, who
are doing all the work, to finish
it by early Summer.

Jumble of any description will
be most gratefully received and
collected at your convenience on
Thursday and Friday before the SALE.
PLEASE contact Mrs.Woodhams.SED.224.

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Sedlescombe W.I.

Wednesday January 17th
"Up the Amazon"
Speaker: Group-Captain Ward.

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18th - 25th JANUARY.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY.

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WHATLINGTON

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SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS.

On Thursday, January 18th,
10.15.am. at the Waterfall Cafe,
Mr.J.T.Shillito, of Staplecross
will be giving an illustrated
talk on "Pollution and the
Countryside".

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Sedlescombe Art Classes.

New Session commences Thursday
18th January 7.0.p.m. in the
Village School.

New members most welcome.

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URGENT.

The Organist at Sedlescombe
Church would be more than
grateful for the gift of a
piano. As stated before, a
piano is essential for choir
training. It was hoped some-
one with a Grand piano might
have preferred the space at
home and would have felt they
could part with it in such a
cause BUT an upright would be
just as welcome (in good con-
dition) in the absence of such
an offer.

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This week's praying-point:Offering our gifts and opportunities to be used by Christ,and doing so 'with great joy'.

This week's reading-point:To read our daily paper concentrating not on the horrors but,the splendour,heroism," and kindness of human life.

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NOTICES AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK.

Sedlescombe.

Whatlington.

Today Tennis Club

8.30.pm.'Wine and Cheese'

14th Jan,Sunday. Epiphany 2.

10.0.am. Mattins and Parish Communion.

8.0.am.Holy Communion.

6.30pm.Evensong.

11.15.am. Sunday School(New time).

No Services during the week.

Thursday 18th January - Start of WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Next Sunday 21.Jan. Epiphany 3.

8.0.am. Holy Communion.

6.30.pm. Evensong.

10.0.am. Parish Communion.

Canon Soar's 'phone number Hastings 54172. If you know of any who are sick or in need of a **visit** do let him know.

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Sedlescombe United Reformed Church.

Service this Sunday 11.0.am. as usual.

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Greetings from Heyshott!

We were very touched to find so many New Home Greeting Cards and good wishes on our arrival and the next day, from good friends in Sedlescombe and Whatlington, and two lovely pot-plants to make us feel at home: they certainly took away any sense of loneliness.

Not that one could be lonely here for long,as everyone has been most welcoming and helpful, inviting us out to meals while we moved in. The only snag has been no phone. The fact that it was cut off while the house was empty seems to have presented the Post Office with appalling difficulties - just to reconnect with the same number known for years and years here is far too simple! However, we have received a formal application for a phone as if we were starting from scratch; so perhaps one day....!

The Induction Service went off very happily and smoothly with a full Church; and it was very good to have Eric and Jean Fellows with us and Mr. and Mrs.Raper, as well as five old friends from Littlehampton. We are

struggling to straighten out the house, searching for vital things amid the chaos! At least the staircarpet is down, and two rooms are habitable; we sleep in disordered comfort. Happily there is wonderful hot water and central heating.

Carol went to school this morning at the beginning of term, and Jonathan has a job at the King Edward VII Hospital - so life gains a familiar pattern.

We had a very happy Family Service on Sunday with a responsive congregation of young and old: the outlook is good, with a lot of work! We still think of Sedlescombe as 'home', and wonder when the camping holiday will end! But adjustment is coming steadily, helped by P.C.C. Meeting, Youth Club, Children's Party etc., and the wonderfully beautiful country-side will soon claim our affection.

For the record, the first from the Record Token has been ordered: Schubert's String Quartet in C- a masterpiece. Thank-you all once again - for all your kindness and generosity and friendship: we shall never forget it. Philip Barry.

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WHATTLINGTON.

Whatlington W.I. - To Members - DO NOT FORGET WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF W.I. FUNDS. Tuesday 16th January.

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Extract from letter to Canon Soar:-

.....Before it is Whatlington's turn!!!
I would like you to know the position regarding the embroidered kneelers. They were never intended to be hung in chronological order as now, but in pairs with matching backgrounds.
Winifred Dent, Riccards Spring, Whatlington.

An Answer to a Caretaker.

Having been P.C.C. Secretary/Churchwarden at Sedlescombe for more than 20 years, I can speak with knowledge about the monies which have been spent and the work which has been carried out on the Church during those years.

Outstanding in my mind over this period has been the continual effort by the parishioners to raise money to carry out repairs necessitated by successive Quinquennial reports, in fact, we still owe £123 from the last, and the next is due during 1973. I quote a few expenditures during the past 10 years:

- 1) The big freeze-up in 1963 - most of the radiators burst - new ones fitted
- 2) Extensive overhaul of the organ.
- 3) Extensive overhaul of the wiring.
- 4) Spray against the beetle (It was found that the floors were rotted and complete new floors had to be laid).
- 5) Repairs to the stone-work.
- 6) Repairs to the tower.
- 7) Repairs to the Vestry roof.
- 8) Lopping the dangerous Chestnut trees.

- 9) Repairs to the boiler.
- 10) Repairs to the gutters.

All the above items of repair have been carried out in addition to the everyday running repairs by many individuals of the parish who **give** their services freely.

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. are very much aware of the ways in which **the** Church could be made much more pleasing to the eye and the 'seat', but there is a limit to what we can ask a most generous parish to contribute. Do we cut our contributions to outside and overseas causes? Do we stop paying 'K' scheme for the Rector? Do we stop paying rates etc, on the Rectory? All our church income is tied up in so many ways and at the end of the year we are usually only just solvent.

However, after all this I agree with Canon Soar, that there are ways in which the Church could be made more beautiful and perhaps we can go some-way towards this end before we get a New Rector. I do not intend saying any more publicly on the subject but ask any parishioner with constructive ideas to speak their mind.

Eric Fellows.

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A KIND OF LOVING.

Years ago, the vicar of S.Martin-in-the Fields, later Bp. of Worcester, came to my country parish to talk about the work of S.Martin's. He recalled the story of S.Martin, who slashed his splendid Roman soldier's cloak in two; to give one half to a starving beggar in the snow. This great London Church tried hard to follow its patron in using half of its revenues for worthy causes. A church which does this, or even tries to set its target so high, is really carrying worship into life, and bearing Christ's love to the world.

How can a village church hope to match such a standard? Only if we are all convinced that a church is not an end in itself, but a base for serving mankind. And only if we are 'wise as serpents and harmless as doves', in stretching money as far as it will go. Churchgoers who give regularly to offertory schemes and collections, provided they pay tax at the standard rate, can 'covenant' their gifts and enable the church to claim back all the tax they have paid on their gifts. When income tax is 30% next April?, we shall still have had to earn £14.29 for every £10 we give to a charity. Why shouldnt the church collect back from Inland Revenue that other £4.29?

Only because many people are, understandably wary of committing themselves to a seven year covenant, for seven years is so long a time. Dont hesitate because of this, for covenants can always be ended by mutual consent, if people move away or their conditions change. Start thinking covenants. The Church can use the extra money to serve and help the world. And it costs the subscriber no more. It merely stretches your gift by claiming back from the Treasury the tax you have already paid! Yes, it really is a kind of loving.

Reg Soar.

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