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18th - 25th January.

WEEK of PRAYER for
CHRISTIAN UNITY.

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For your Diary

Future Events:

27th January. Sedlescombe Tennis
Club. JUMBLE SALE.
Village Hall - 2.15 pm.

2nd March. Friday.
Women's Day of Prayer.
Sedlescombe Church.

14th March. Wednesday.
Coffee Morning in the
Village Hall in aid of
new outfits for the
Church Choir.

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31st January, Wednesday, in the
Village Hall.

HELP THE AGED

Bexhill and Battle Appeal for aged
Refugees and Destitute overseas.

Money, Good Clothing and Blankets
urgently required for these unfort-
unate people.

Last year we filled a record number
of sacks; can we beat that total this
year?

Collection times:

10. am. - 12.30. pm.

and

2. pm. - 4. pm.

Any queries to Mrs. Clark. (Sed 381)

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WHATTLINGTON

W.I. Report - see page 3.

24. Jan - Beetle Drive - 2.15. pm.
at Mrs. Brooks - aid of Village
Hall Fund.

30. Jan. Whist Drive - 7.30. pm.
at the Village Hall in aid of
LIFEBOAT FUND.

31. Jan. Sedlescombe Village Hall
Help the Aged Appeal.
see foot of previous column.

Sedlescombe Wives Group

Tuesday, January 23rd, in the
Village School - 7.30. pm.

Mrs. Saunders will be speaking
on Drawn Thread Work.

This is an alteration from the
printed programme.

Mrs. Tabor will now be giving
a talk on Choux Pastry on the
20th February.

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"THE SIGN"

The January edition is now to
hand and copies will be placed
in both Churches, and at the
Post Office, and will be free
for the asking/taking.

We regret if any inconvenience
has been caused by the February
issue preceeding it this month.

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Letter from the Darby and Joan
Club.

see page 2.

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Letter from the 'Disco Dance'
Organisers - see page 3.

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This week's praying-point: 'Don't allow yourself to be overpowered by evil. Take the offensive - overcome evil with good!.

This week's reading-point: Matthew 8. (gospel for Epiphany 3)
Transformation in ourselves and the world needs perseverance and great faith.

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NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK.....

Sedlescombe

Whatlington.

21. January. Sunday. Epiphany 3.

8.0.am. Holy Communion.

6.30.pm. Evensong.

10.0.am. Parish Communion.

(Preacher: Mr. Robin Mander).

(Preacher: Canon Selwyn Gummer)

formerly Rector of Gravesend.

Wednesday.

NO Prayer Fellowship this week.

Next week at Glebe House (Mrs. Acott).

25th. Thursday. Conversion of S. Paul

8.0.am. Holy Communion.

End of WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Next Sunday. 28. January. Epiphany 4.

10.0.am. Mattins & Parish Communion.

8.0.am. Holy Communion.

6.30pm. Evensong.

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Sedlescombe United Reformed Church.

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DARBY and JOAN CLUB.

The Darby and Joan Club would like to thank Mr. Furley and the children of Sedlescombe School for giving them such a wonderful entertainment last Thursday at their Party.

It was a delightful change to see the children acting so naturally, and they gave pleasure to everyone.

Thank you children for coming, we hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did - and thank you Mr. Furley and your Staff for bringing the children to entertain us. (Members of the Darby and Joan Club.)

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Whatlington W.I.

11th January 1973.

At a crowded Meeting, the President, Mrs.Martin, introduced and welcomed a new Member, Miss Chapman, lately arrived in Whatlington. SCRAPBOOKS for the Christmas Competition had been passed on to the Spastics Centre at Battle Hospital, and a letter of thanks was read. MRS.GOODWIN. (Sec.) reported arrangements in hand for the April Birthday Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE A.G.M. Mrs.Petty reported that out of the 172 selected, Whatlington's Resolution was included in the 14 chosen.

VILLAGE HALL FUND.Mrs.Brooks will hold a Beetle Drive at her house on January 24th - Wednesday afternoon at 2.15.pm.

LIFEBOAT FUND. Mrs.Lavender spoke about a Whist Drive (Cheese and Wine) at Whatlington Village Hall -Tuesday January 30th at 7.30.pm.

Mrs.Bishop (assisted by Mrs.Groome showing coloured slides) gave an enthralling account of Royal Worcester China, its origins and founders, going back over the past; pointing out the genuine features to be looked for. The talk was much appreciated.

COMPETITION: "Most Amusing Experience" - Three equal winners.

YOUTH CLUB.

The Organisers of the 'Disco Dance' on Friday last, desire to put their point of view, as they hear there have been two complaints.

"The first complaint was that some youths were drinking, knocked a fence down, danced in a garden and threw bottles. We wish to say that we served only soft drinks and coffee, and there were only between twenty and thirty people present, Mr.Evenden sat at the door from 8.0.pm. - 11.30.pm. at no time were people congregated outside.

The second complaint, was noise and motorbikes. All doors were kept shut apart from people entering and leaving and only three motorbikes were there.

If ANYBODY had complained, we would have dealt with the problem immediately and if necessary rectified. We had notified the police beforehand and have received no complaints from them!!

As we have been accused of bringing the Youth Club into disrepute we feel we must discontinue these dances".

Mrs.B.Wilson.

Mrs.M.M.Evenden.

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Comments from "Acting Editors".

DO WE WANT 'DISCO DANCES' 3/4 times a year?

or

WHAT ALTERNATIVE for OUR Teenagers?

Comments and proposals PLEASE in writing to 'Parish News',
c/o Mr.Drury, Post Office, Sedlescombe.

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SURSUM CORDA.

To avoid misunderstanding, my 'caretaker's' remarks were not meant as a criticism, but as a challenge, and I notice that already things have happened. But I well know the heartbreak of raising money to do essential structural repairs and other necessities for a church, with nothing at all left to brighten up the place.

In one of my parishes we raised over £3000 to re-roof an ancient church, whose timbers were riddled with death watch beetle, and, though the building was saved for posterity, there was not a penny to decorate the building or delight the eye.

It was unfortunate that Sedlescombe Church had its enlargement and 'improvement' in 1862, the worst period of architectural taste, which is why we inherit that deplorable reredos.

However, none of the modest improvements we could do now would be costly. Vinyl covered hassocks which will hang up and sponge, making church cleaning so much easier, cost 98p each; a curtain behind the altar would need only a few yards of material; while two faldstools in the sanctuary which cost about £30 each, could await the moment when some parishioner wished to make a permanent memorial for a relative - or a thank-offering. These are small extras which can turn an old and hallowed building into one which will delight the eye and gladden the heart

"Sursum Corda", cries the celebrant,

"Lift up your hearts!"

and the worshippers with one accord make their reply;

"Habemus ad Dominum"

"We lift them up unto the Lord."

Even a curtain can help us do that.

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The Living Church.

Sedlescombe

Communicants: 112

Membership Fund: £19.42. (two)

Cash in plate: £10.39. (weeks)

Whatlington

Communicants: 8

Membership Fund: £5.70(two)

Cash in plate: £3.50(weeks)

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The Royal British Legion Women's Section.

The first Meeting will be on 25th January.

Members Welcome.

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