

Tomorrow.

MOTHERING SUNDAY.

1st April.

TO ALL CHILDREN ON MOTHERING SUNDAY.

Come with your mums, dads, and grans, and the res;
Bring flowers and presents, and give of your best.

(Children bring gifts to church at 10.0.am., when the presents are
blessed and returned to them to give to their mothers.)

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Sedlescombe. S.John the Baptist.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11.0.am. Sunday

8th April, 1973.

Election of Churchwardens,
Parochial Church Council etc.,
(Held in Church after the
10.0.am. Service.)

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THE SIGN.

April copies will be at Sed-
lescombe P.O. and will be free
on request. They will also be
available at both Churches.

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Membership Envelopes.

The monthly envelopes have now
been received and if any member
has not been supplied with theirs
will they mention it to the Church-
wardens.

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House to house Collection for
Royal National Mission to Deep
Sea Fishermen.

I would like to thank all those
people who helped with the collect-
ing and those who gave so generously
to this cause.

I am pleased to report that the
total collection amounted to £29.40.

Paula. A. Fisher.

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WHATTLINGTON.

Please see page 3.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
effecting both Parishes.

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Do bring your children to join
with Sedlescombe at the 10.0.am.
Service this Mothering Sunday.

Sedlescombe Royal British
Legion Fair.

April 7th - Saturday -2 -5.30pm.
in the Village Hall.

Raffles, Stalls, Refreshments,
Etc., Do come and enjoy this
day with us.

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WIVES GROUP.

April 3rd - 7.30.pm. in the
Village School.

Speaker: Mrs.Meadows on
Church Music.

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PLEASE NOTE the Annual General
Meeting of the Village Hall
Trust will be held in the Vill-
age Hall on Wednesday 4th April,
1973, at 8.0.pm.

Please come and give suggest-
ions and comments on the runn-
ing of your Village Hall.

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This week's praying-point: for Mothering Sunday; The homes of our land, the homeless and the unhappy, the Church Children's Society and similar bodies; members of the Bench, Probation and Child Care Officers; and Mothers everywhere.

This week's reading-point: for the week: God's great answer to Job in his suffering, as he ponders on the mysteries of life:
Chapters 38 to 41.

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NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK.

Sedlescombe

Whatlington.

Sunday, 1st April, LENT 4.

Mothering Sunday.

8.0.am. Holy Communion

10.0.am. Parish Communion

11.0.am. Mattins.

6.30.pm. Evensong and
Holy Communion.

Tuesday, 3rd April

7.30.pm. Wives Group.

Wednesday, 4th April

8.0.pm. A.G.M. Village Hall Cttee.

Saturday, 7th April

2 - 5.30.pm. R.B. Legion
Fair in the Village Hall.

Next Sunday, 8th April, LENT 5.

PASSION SUNDAY.

10.0.am. Mattins & Parish Communion.

8.0.am. Holy Communion.

11.0.am. A.G.M. (in Church).

6.30pm. Evensong.

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Sedlescombe United Reformed Church.

The Service will be held at 11.am. this Sunday as usual.

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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.

Are you registered? If not, will you? Why should you? Because it qualifies you to vote for the election of the Parochial Church Council, and Parish Representatives to the Deanery Synod. Also to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and raise any questions of parochial or general church interest.

To qualify

Age 17 years or upwards.

A member of the Church of England or Anglican Community or Overseas

Church in Communion with the Church of England.

Resident in the Parish or if not resident then has regularly attended our Church for a minimum of 6 months.

Note: You can be on the electoral roll of 2 Parishes providing permission is obtained from the Parish Council of your existing one.

For forms or more details please apply to Mrs.W.Knight (Electoral Roll Officer).

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THE UNITED BENEFICE OF SEDLESCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON.

The Churchwardens are pleased to announce that the Patron, the 4th Earl of Sackville, has offered the above living to the Rev.D.A.F.Prince, Rector of Slinfold for the past thirteen years.

Mr.Prince has met the churchwardens and has visited the parishes and has indicated that he intends to accept the Patron's offer. Although a new Rector has been chosen it would seem that we shall be without a resident Rector until late May or early June. The Churchwardens will keep the parishioners informed as to future events as they become known.

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Sedlescombe Rectory.

It has now been three months since the rectory was vacated by Mr.Barry and almost nine years since any interior decoration has taken place.

Now that the appointment of a new Rector is imminent the Churchwardens feel that the time has arrived to make the Rectory presentable so that Mr. and Mrs.Prince may move into a clean and freshly decorated home. I have been in touch with the Parsonages Board who have offered £100.00 towards the costs of redecoration, I have received estimates for the work which could cost up to £200.00. It seems to me that there are two ways in which this work could be carried out, firstly by a contractor, we would then have to find about a further £100.00, and secondly by voluntary labour using the donation for materials. In view of what I am going on to say the first proposal seems to be the most sensible.

The Rectory will probably be empty for a further 6 - 8 weeks, and, as we are all aware, this is the fast growing season for lawns, hedges etc, a time when gardens soon become overgrown unless many hours are spent keeping them tidy. May I please suggest that any voluntary labour which may be forthcoming should be used keeping the grounds of the Rectory tidy so that our New Rector does not have a jungle to contend with on his arrival.

I have written of the necessary work which needs to be carried out on the Rectory as I see it, but I will be very grateful to receive any suggestions and offers of help by members of both parishes to make Mr. and Mrs.Princes' movement to their new home as enjoyable as possible.

Eric Fellows.

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SPLENDOURS AND MISERIES.

Only once, in my maturity, has the whole British nation pulled together in its full vigour and might. There were committees of shipping men and dock workers concerning plans for rapid unloading and despatch, shift workers turning out goods in Stakhanovite proportions, and a feeling in the civilian air, let alone the services, of immense determination. Old Churchill described it perfectly. 'Grim but gay.' But that was thirty years ago, and it was only war that welded us into unity.

Yet we get gleams of what might be, even in times of peace and relative prosperity. The way teams of mine rescuers worked round the clock to exhaustion point in the million to one chance of saving the lives of their imprisoned mates shows more than a glimmer of the greatness of man, when his stubborn soul is gripped by a cause or a need.

We cannot thrive on the industrial front, any more than Northern Ireland can thrive, unless sectional issues can be set on one side, and we begin to trust and talk to one another, and forget the bitterness and strife of the past. Injustice and poverty can then be tackled with a will.

Sadly, there is at the moment no great man who can talk sense and win the respect of us all. That may well come. A man, it is said, is as great as the tide that surges beneath him, and it is for leaders of great imagination that we pray. Could it be that the modest achievements of a man like Whitelaw in a quite intolerable situation may point the way ahead?

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Sunday, 8th April at 6.30 pm. in St. Mary's Battle the Young People's Group will lead a Service based on the Passion Story. Anyone, old or young will be very welcome and coffee will be served afterwards in the Hall.

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The Living Church.

Bedlescombe.

Communicants: 47.
Membership Fund: £6.22½.
Cash in plate: £4.55.

Whatlington.

Communicants:
Membership Fund: 45p.
Cash in plate: £2.46.

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