

8th December 1973

Advent 2

**SEDLEScombe SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

The annual Christmas Market will be held TODAY at the School. Father Christmas will open proceedings at 2 pm. There will be many various stalls.
DO PLEASE COME ALONG.

**SEDLEScombe SENIOR FOOTBALL
TEAM**

Results: Sedlescombe 5, Hastings Rowing Club 4. The kick-off for the home match against KB is at 2.15 pm TODAY. Please come and support your team.

YOUTH CLUB DISCO

In the Village Hall on Monday 10th November, 7.30 - 11 pm.

**SEDLEScombe SPORTS ASSOCIATION
WINE AND CHEESE PARTY**

To be held at Holmes House Restaurant, Sedlescombe on Monday 10th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets 50p each.

MISSIONARY FILMS

Two missionary films will be shown in the Sedlescombe United Reformed Church on Monday 10th December at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

MOTHERS UNION

Please, will you remember the M.U. Service on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30 pm. To be held in the Church or the Rectory.

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
HASTINGS AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

You are invited to a Social Evening in the Village Hall, Sedlescombe, on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30 pm. There will be films, a talk by a guide dog owner and a conjuring act by a sightless magician. Teas will be supplied by Sedlescombe Wives. Admission free.

SCOUT BINGO

Christmas Bingo Night in the Scout Hut on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30 pm.

SEDLEScombe WI

Will members please note that the December 12th Evening Meeting at 7.00 pm will be held in the warm School. There will be buffet refreshments. Don't forget to bring a friend.

The Carol Concerts

8th December, Battle
13th December, Lewes
have been officially cancelled.

SEDLEScombe P C C - Wednesday

12th December, 7.45 pm, Rectory.

This week's praying point: That we may try to understand the wonder and meaning of God's Holy Word.

This week's reading point: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5.

NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sedlescombe

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER, ADVENT 2

9.30 am Mattins and
Parish Communion

11.15 am Sunday School
(Scout Hut)

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER

2.30 pm M.U. Service

WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

7.45 pm P.C.C. (Rectory)

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER,
ADVENT 3

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

Whatlington

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER, ADVENT 2

8.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER

10.30 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER,
ADVENT 3

10.00 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evensong

SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday at 11.00 am will be led by the Rev A Willmott of Hastings. Our "Carols by Candlelight" Service will be held on Sunday 16th December at 3 pm. Our Junior Church will be taking part. Come and join us in the singing of well known Carols and also remember the birth of our Lord.

SEDLESCOMBE RESTHOLME FUND

The Trust's new

HON SECRETARY: Mrs S Scrivener, 6 Gorselands, Sedlescombe.
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Tel Sed 312.

PRESIDENT: Rev Dennis Prince.

CHAIRMAN: Mr P Howe, Mount Street, Battle.

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CHURCHYARD FUND

The Hon Treasurer acknowledges with thanks a donation from
MRS E READ.

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MISSIONS TO SEAMEN COFFEE MORNING

I would like to thank everybody who gave help and support to the
Coffee Morning. We raised £25 on the stalls and together with
donations from Whatlington P.C.C. and others the total amount was £30.

F G Russell, Hon Sec.,
Missions to Seamen.

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THE GOOD THINGS OF THIS LIFE (From the French of Christophe Plantin
1514-89)

Give me an house, convenient, clean and fair;
An old-world garden with its fruitful walls,
Orchards and spreading vines; a few tried thralls;
A faithful wife unspent with children's care.
No debts, no quarrels, lust or lawyer's snare;
No irksome sharing of ancestral halls;
Desiring little, deaf to ambition's calls,
Or aught beside that simple folk forswear.
Grant me to live in low estate at ease
In true devotion telling out my days;
Give me a soul at peace from passionate warp,
A fearless mind unmoved by man or fate.
So praising God, I'll graft and prune my trees
Till Death comes softly to my garden gate.

So say the words of the Collect for tomorrow - Bible Sunday - the Second Sunday in Advent.

Generally speaking, we tend to take the Bible and our ability to read it for granted - where do you keep your Bible? Yet there are millions throughout the world, who having just learnt to read, are hungry for 'the Word of God'. We will do well to recall the words addressed to the Queen at her Coronation, when she was presented with the Bible - '... the most valuable thing that this world affords; here is wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively oracles of God'.

The British and Foreign Bible Society spends all its time, energy and resources on publishing Gospels, Testaments and complete Bibles, in the languages and dialects of the developing nations, so that they will have the means of learning about God, and combating the destroying influence of communist propaganda.

In our own country, and even further afield, the Bible Reading Fellowship provides a whole series of 'Bible Readings and notes,' to help us read our Bibles more intelligently'. These descend from Series A, for adults with a knowledge of the Bible, to Bible Time for 7 - 9 year olds.

Why should we read the Bible? 'Because it provides the answers to so many fundamental questions, which we must know if we are not to drift through life. We must have an anchor in the present day, aimless permissive way of life.' Although the Bible is concerned with basic issues and fundamental truth, the significance of these issues and truth needs to be shown in clear, contemporary terms, and simply understood English. The Bible Reading Fellowship helps you understand. The cost of the notes is 40p per individual, per year.

Miss Robinson or the Rector will gladly give you further details.

Dennis Prince.

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Sedlescombe We wish Andrew Michael Wagstaff and Patricia Elaine Shim; and Graham Woodward and Rona Lynne Ede, every joy and happiness in their forthcoming marriages.