

12th. January, 1980

EPHAPHANY I

Price 3p.

SEDLEScombe PARISH COUNCIL

CASUAL VACANCY. Applications in writing are invited from persons wishing to be considered for the vacancy which has arisen on Sedlescombe Parish Council following the resignation of Mr. M. Drury. Applications should reach Mrs. P. Raymond, Clerk to the Council, Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe by Monday 21st. January at the latest. An Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 22nd. Jan. in the School at 7.30 p.m. to fill the vacancy. Further details on the work of a Councillor may be obtained from the Clerk.

FOOTPATH WALK. The next walk is planned to start from the Village Green on Sunday, 13th. January at 2.30 p.m. and will be approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles long via Petley Wood. Use this walk as practice for the superb new and more ambitious $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles walk planned for 24th. Feb.

"NEWS CORRESPONDENT" Sedlescombe Parish Council would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to act as "news correspondent" for Sedlescombe. This interesting, voluntary task would entail collecting odd news snippets, reports of Club meetings and other events in Sedlescombe so that a Sussex Express reporter could contact the "correspondent", say, weekly, to obtain pieces of local news for the newspaper. This idea has originated from the Council because it has seemed that Sedles-

combe events have not received as much space in the Sussex Express as we would like. Please contact Mrs. Raymond, Sed. 508, if you are interested in taking on this job.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. The monthly meeting of the Branch will be held at the Coach & Horses on Wednesday, Jan. 16th. at 8 p.m.

SEDLEScombe SENIORS. At our meeting on Thursday, 17th. January, Mr. Andrew Green will talk about "Defences in Sussex during the Napoleonic Period".

SEDLEScombe ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION wish everyone a Happy New Year. Their first meeting in 1980 will be held on January 24th. 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Any one wishing to join the Legion will be very welcome. A JUMBLE SALE will be held in the Village Hall on February. 23rd. WJ. CLARK.

THE SEDLEScombe SCOUT GROUP are holding a Jumble Sale in the Scout Hut on 26th. January at 2.30pm. If anyone has any jumble they would like collected ring Sed. 634, 688 or contact any committee member. Committee members are

This week's Praying Point: That we may know God's will, and
may be given strength to do it.

This Week's Reading Points: Isaiah 42: 1-7. Ephesians 2: 1-10.
St. John 1: 29-34.

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLESCOMBE

Sunday 13th. January
EPIPHANY I

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion
11.15 a.m. Sunday School -
Scout Hut

Friday, 18th. January

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 20th. January
EPIPHANY II

8 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion
11.15 a.m. Family Service -
Scout Hut

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 13th. January
EPIPHANY I

8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Family Service
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Thursday, 17th. January

7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Village
Hall

Next Sunday, 20th. January
EPIPHANY II

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. Miss Enness of Bexhill
will take the morning service next Sunday

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reminded that there is a meeting on Thursday, January 17th in the Scout Hut, 8 p.m.

SEDLSCOMBE ART GROUP - PAINTING FOR PLEASURE. There are a few vacancies in the class. Beginners are welcomed. Please telephone Charles Simpson for details, Sed. 277.

ROSELANDS would like to thank everybody who so kindly gave and arranged flowers for them in the past year. The new rota is in the utility room. J.F.

SEDLSCOMBE W.I. The first meeting of 1980 will be on Wednesday, 16th. January at 2 p.m. The Speaker will be Miss Thomas who will talk about Denman College. Don't forget the competition - "Your most unusual Household Hint".

WHATLINGTON. Carol singing round the Green by the Choir before Christmas raised £3.50. which is being given to the Whatlington Village Fund. Owing to the very cold weather, only a few houses were visited, many thanks for their generosity. CHILDREN'S PAGEANT.- After payment of expenses and a donation to Battle Town Band, £16.8p. is being given to Whatlington Village Fund. This simple and delightful pageant was enjoyed by a large number of people, and we should like to thank the children who took part, the organisers and the congregation who supported them.

SEDLSCOMBE CHURCHYARD. Much was said in 1979 in praise of the tidyness of the Churchyard, and this improvement has been entirely due to a few dedicated volunteers who gave of their time and energy during the year. No doubt all those who have an interest in our churchyard would wish to thank these volunteers for their past work and will hope that the high standard of upkeep can be maintained during the coming years. Most parishes cannot afford the money needed for the upkeep of their churchyards and must rely on voluntary labour and donations. We in Sedlescombe have been particularly fortunate and have managed to build up a small fund to perhaps cover running costs during 1980, but to keep grass cutting to a manageable minimum, we need a new and larger mower. We therefore appeal to those who have an interest in the churchyard, i.e., those who have family connections and wish to see the area kept attractive, if they would be kind enough to contribute towards this "mower fund". Our aim is a maximum of £150. and donations will be gratefully received by the Rector or Churchwardens.

E.F.

From the Rector -

"Talking" is one of the things we spend a good deal of time doing - perhaps too much sometimes. It is one of the most important gifts we possess, and one of the things that makes us so completely different from all the animals, and yet we tend to take it for granted.

This gift of speech is a very remarkable thing, for if we were not able to talk to one another in some way, we should never be able to get to know other people; we should never be able to tell what sort of people they really are and what they think and feel. There are lots of ways of 'communicating' with people - other than by 'talking'. We can write letters; we can use the morse code; we can use 'braille' for the blind and sign language for the deaf and dumb. And even a glance or a nod can say an awful lot. I remember once, when I was trying to deal with a rather difficult person who was making a lot of fuss about some silly t rifle, someone else who was there gave me a huge wink, and I knew exactly what he meant as if he had said it in as many words. We can even 'say it with flowers' as the advertisements tell us.

In just the same way, God has many ways of talking to me. I think He often says it with flowers, as well as trees and mountains and sunsets and all the other lovely things He has made. But He does it in other ways too. Sometimes He does it by putting thoughts straight into my mind - and I know that all the really good and sensible and generous thoughts I ever have come straight from Him. They are His messages to me.

But I am sure that the most important thing God ever said to us was when He sent Jesus Christ to come and live our sort of life and show us how it could be done. When I look at Christ - the sort of man He was and the things He said and the way He treated other people - I find I can begin to understand something, not only of what God is really like Himself, but also what He intended me to be. The very way Jesus lived (as well as the things He told us) is nothing less than God talking to us, telling us about Himself and telling us about ourselves too - what He wants us to be and how we can do it with His help. That is why we sometimes call Jesus the "Word" - the word of God, God talking. And when God talks to us it would be silly not to listen.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince.