

19th. January, 1980

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. F. Raymond, Clerk to the Council, Woodlands Cottage, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe by Monday, 21st. January at the latest.

An Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 22nd. January in the School at 7.30p.m. to fill the vacancy. Further details on the work of a Councillor may be obtained from the Clerk.

"NEWS CORRESPONDENT" Sedlescombe Parish Council would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to act as a "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 Sedlescombe 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.

SEDLESCOMBE GREEN W.I.

will hold their first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, 23rd. January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members will be warmly welcomed - if you have recently moved into the Village do spend the evening with us and if you find you enjoy it, we will be happy to enrol you.

Miss Cox will be speaking to us on 'Let's Choose a Craft' and the competition is 'A Holiday Snapshot'. Teas will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Downey and Mrs. Fisher.

SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Owing to prior commitments the meeting has been postponed and will now take place on FRIDAY, 25th. Jan. at 7.30 p.m.

SEDLESCOMBE SCOUT GROUP

are holding a Jumble Sale in the Scout Hut on 26th. January at 2.30p.m. If

This week's Praying Point: That God's grace will always precede and follow us.

This week's Reading Points: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10. Galatians 1: 11 - end. St. John 1: 35-end.

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLEScombe

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

Friday, 25th. January

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8 a.m. Holy Communion
Next Sunday, 27th. January
EPIPHANY III

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

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 20th. January

EPIPHANY II

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Next Sunday, 27th. January

EPIPHANY III

8 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. On Sunday, January 20th.
Mr. R. Matheson of St. Leonards will be conducting the morning
service.

SEDLEScombe. It is with much regret that we have to record the
death of MR. ABE BAILEY, late of Sedlescombe, and we offer his
relatives and friends our deep sympathy.

anyone has any jumble they would like collected, ring Sedlescombe 634, 688 or contact any committee member.

1st. SEDLESCOMBE BROWNIES WOULD like to thank everyone who listened to our carol singing on 22nd. December and those who gave so generously to the collection for the N.S.P.C.C. We raised £8. We would like to thank everyone who helped us with the singing on such a wet night.

WHATLINGTON

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 23rd. January, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Open Forum from 7.30 to 7.45 p.m.

The first W.I. Whist Drive of 1980 will be held on Tuesday 29th. January, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

SEDLESCOMBE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION will meet in the Village Hall on Thursday, 24th. January at 7.30 p.m.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Some of you might have heard the story of a Lecture given in the United States to a large gathering of women. The subject was THE POPULATION EXPLOSION. During the course of the lecture, the speaker said: 'Do you realise that somewhere in the world there is a woman giving birth to a child every second! Now what are we going to do about it?' From the back of the audience came the reply, from a woman who had been busily knitting throughout the lecture - 'We'd better find that woman!'

From the Rector -

Mountains of literature have been written about faith - faith and reason, faith and works, justifying faith, sanctifying faith.

In the gospel, faith seems such a simple thing. It was the faith of the centurion that won the unstinted admiration of our Lord. "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Faith, for this soldier, was confidence in Christ, His power and compassion. That was enough. No question here of theological niceties; faith for him was a kind of instinctive recognition.

It all seems rather unfair. Why should some have faith and others have to go on doubting? Some have this power of instinctive recognition. Others, more virtuous, more intelligent, maybe more "pious", are still unable to see the truth.

Sir Winston Churchill, in his book, My Early Life, tells how, by constant chapel attendance at Harrow and Sandhurst, he accumulated "a large balance in the Bank of Observance." Being content to draw upon it until it was an overdraft, he entered an anti-religious phase. His faith was recovered through the circumstances of subsequent years, years in India and the Boer War, which were attended by danger and responsibility.

An urgent sense of need is half-way to gaining faith. Danger and responsibility are powerful aids in evoking a sense of need. At all events, it is not in libraries and lecture rooms that a man normally comes to faith, but in the hurly-burly of life with its fret and fray.

"Evidences of Christianity!" wrote Coleridge. "I am weary of the word. Make a man feel the want of it; rouse him, if you can, to the self-knowledge of his need of it; and you may safely trust it to its own evidence."

But when all is said and done, it remains; faith is a gift of God. We are to pray for it; "Lord increase our faith."

The Chapter FAITH from Life in Grace by M.B.Dewey.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince