

16th. February, 1980

TODAY

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Coffee Morning and Market TODAY
Sedlescombe Village Hall, 10.30
a.m. to noon.

SEDLEScombe W.I.

The next meeting is on Wednesday
February 20th. at 2 p.m. Mrs.
Shore will talk to us about Persia.
Don't forget the competition -
we want lots of "Snowmen" filled
with sweets for children in
hospital. Visitors always
welcome.

SEDLEScombe ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
WOMENS' SECTION

Jumble Sale, February 27rd. in the
Village Hall. Raffles and
Refreshments.

SEDLEScombe SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION

This is an advance notice for the
next meeting of the Association
on Tuesday, 26th. February at 7.45
p.m. It will NOT be in the
Village Hall as previously, but
will be in the Meeting Room at
the Queen's Head. Will all
representatives of various
societies please make every effort
to attend.

WHATLINGTON W.I.

WHIST DRIVE, Tuesday 26th.
February in the Village
Hall, 7.30 p.m. Everyone
welcome.

SEDLEScombe SCHOOL

The F.T.A. will be holding
a Jumble Sale on Saturday
March 1st. at 2.30 p.m.
in the School. If you
have any items you would
like to donate to the
sale or if you are pre-
pared to make a cake for
the cake stall, please
contact the School
(Sed. 585). Thank you.

WHATLINGTON TABLE TENNIS
CLUB.

ADVANCE NOTICE - The Club
are holding a Whist Drive
on Tuesday, 11th. March
at 7.30 p.m. in the
Village Hall. Book this
date for an enjoyable
evening.

This week's Praying Point: That Christ may give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross and follow Him.

This week's Reading Points: Jonah 1: 1-17. St. James 1: 2-22.
St. Mark 4: 35-41.

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLEScombe

Sunday, 17th. February

QUINQUAGESIMA

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

Wednesday, 20th. February

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 22nd. February

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 24th. February

LENT I

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion

WHARLINGTON

Sunday, 17th. February

QUINQUAGESIMA

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday, 20th. February

ASH WEDNESDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 24th. February

LENT I

8 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. Sunday, February 17th.
Mr. John Crew of Hastings will be taking the morning service.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. The Interdenominational Service will
be held on Friday, 7th. March at 7.30 p.m. in the United Reformed
Church, Chapel Hill. The Speaker will be Mrs. Whitter.

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ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

One of the compensations of old age, says J.B.Priestley, is in being able to 'stay at home and not go'. In the matter of foreign travel I am entirely with him, finding no difficulty in resisting the blandishments of advertisers urging me to 'explore new sights and new pleasures abroad'. The point is that I've seen it all. Bali, India, China, Japan, Russia, America, Central Africa, the Antarctic - you name it, I've seen it. I know all about airports, take-offs and landings. Land-Rovered my way across trackless deserts. Climbed mountains, including Everest. Explored jungles. Photographed wild life. The only things missing are the baggage labels, the vaccination marks, and the souvenirs. Oh, yes - and those foreign smells. This is one thing my Television can't give me, though it may do so one day. In the meantime I am happy to continue my travels and stay at home.

A.W.B.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

At a market stall selling jars of rejuvenating cream, a woman asked sceptically: "Is it any good?" "Any good?" echoed the stall holder, and turned to the young girl beside him, "Hand the lady a jar, Mother."

"Observer" in Financial Times

From the Rector -

Wednesday, 20th. February, is ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent. The word 'Lent' comes from an old English word meaning 'spring', and it may be said that Lenten observance is a spring-cleaning of one's religious life. Of course, this may be done at any time, but we know from our own experience that 'any time' may mean 'never'.

'There is a time for everything', so the Church has fixed the forty days preceding Easter for special observance. Just as an athlete needs to go into spiritual training in Lent and abstain from certain pleasures, not because they are wrong in themselves, but because everyone ought to be able to control his habits and desires. Any habit to which a man is a slave, is bad. To abstain from indulging in some pleasurable habit, even for a short time, is difficult: but to succeed is to prove our grit, and to show that we are masters of ourselves.

Lenten observance should mean 'something more', as well as 'something less'. For most people it is the 'something more' that matters where religion is concerned. Fasting is only one of the rules to be observed in Lent. Others are - Self-examination, amendment of life, prayer, and almsgiving. Thus Lent is something positive rather than negative. In practice, a well kept Lent will mean more frequent public worship, in addition to more time spent in private prayer. You will see from the Calendar on page 2 that additional weekday Services have been provided for our Lenten observance.

I believe the troubles of today are not only political and economic. They are also moral and spiritual. There can be no solution of world problems which does not take account of spiritual values. We cannot expect statesmen to place the right emphasis on world issues unless they have the support of all the people they represent. Ultimately much depends on us - the strength of our ideals, and the firmness of our beliefs. Right belief must precede right conduct. Self-examination will help to clarify our beliefs, and lead to lives of greater purpose.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince.