

It is probable that the cult of spiritualism has been due to the Church's neglect of practical teaching about the Communion of Saints. In a spiritualistic seance three things are necessary: one is faith in the spiritual world on the part of the inquirer; the second is a tangible medium in this world; and the third is what is called a control in the spiritual world. Given these three conditions, a fourth thing is said to become possible: the enquirer has communion with a departed soul. But it is clearly a risky thing to trust a medium one does not know and a control of whom one is altogether ignorant, and the whole method of inquiry is something that one naturally shrinks from.

But in this episode of the Transfiguration all these three conditions are present, and present in a way which brings with it security. There was indeed faith in the spiritual world, for a night had been spent in prayer; there was present a Control, for that was our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the Lord of all worlds; and the apostles themselves became mediums, for they had direct consciousness of Moses and Elijah, the departed saints.

We can be sure that those who are nearer to God are not farther from us, when we also come to Him in prayer. But though the saints love us with that love which nearness to God is always refining and deepening, even their love for us can never be as the love of God for us. So we do not really come to God through them, though we ask them to pray for us, but we have communion with them through God; having come to the King, we find His court around Him.

The chapter THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS from Meditations for Every Day by Father Andrew.

With every good wish,

DENNIS PRINCE

TODAY

1st. SEDLESCOMBE BROWNIES

We are holding a Coffee Morning at the Scout Hut from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, in aid of the Chair Lift at Roselands. Stalls include cakes, raffle, tombola, books, toys, handicrafts and Christmas cards. Any contributions can be left at 2, Forge Cottages or 21, East View Terrace before 9.15 a.m., or brought to the Scout Hut after 9.30 a.m. Everyone will be very welcome - please come and support us. S. HUDSON

ANNUAL FETE SUPPER, SEDLESCOMBE

Tickets are on sale at Sedlescombe Post Office for the Annual Fete Supper and Slide Show, 29th. October. The Supper menu is Cold Meats, Salad, Crusty Bread, followed by Naughty but Nice Sweets, coffee and a glass of wine - all for £2. Tickets can also be obtained by 'phoning Sed.808. M.H.

SEDLESCOMBE GREEN W.I.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 26th. October, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. After the business details and elections, there will be an exhibition of W.I. books. There is a wide selection of books available now, covering a multitude of subjects. Maybe they will give us

a few ideas for Christmas presents. Coffee ladies Mesdames Chapman, Robson and Weatherseed. Competition - Flower of the Month.

SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS

On Tuesday, 27th. October Mr. P. Talbot-Smith (Vice-Chairman of Men of the Trees) is going to talk about Trees.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

OPEN MEETING. Mr. Ian Rumley-Dawson will be giving an illustrated talk on 'A Walk in Autumn' in Sedlescombe Village Hall on Thursday, 27th. October at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Entrance and refreshments free. Collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

SEDLESCOMBE W.I.

We are holding a Coffee Morning and Mini-Market in the Village Hall on Saturday, 29th. October from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. There will be Bring & Buy, Good as New, Christmas Cards and Raffle, so why not join us? Make a note of the date - all will be welcome.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYING POINT: That we may see the hand of God in all creation, and serve Him with reverence and thanksgiving.

THIS WEEK'S READING POINTS: Genesis 1: 1-3 and 24-31a.  
Colossians 1: 15-20. St.John 1: 1-14.

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLEScombe

Sunday, 23rd.October  
TRINITY XXI

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish  
Communion and Baptisms  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday, 26th.October

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 30th.October  
TRINITY XXII

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish  
Communion and Baptism  
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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. This week's service at 11 a.m. will be a family one taken by Mr.F.Parrott from Hastings.  
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Sunday, 23rd.October  
TRINITY XXI

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 30th.October  
TRINITY XXII

8 a.m. Holy Communion

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - Bridge Drive on Wednesday, 2nd. November at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please book your tables now. Ring Evelyn Davis, Hastings 751128, or Jean Woodman, Sedlescombe 349.

SEDLEScombe GARDEN SOCIETY. The last class of the year for all budding gardeners in the village will be on Thursday, 3rd. November at Wendymill House, Chapel Hill, at 10 a.m. Autumn is the start of the gardening year, and hints and tips will be given to make life much easier next summer. Any enquiries to Sedlescombe 319.

COFFEE MORNING. A date for your diary. Sedlescombe Play-group is holding a Coffee Morning and Autumn Market on Saturday, 5th.November, 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Admission 30p. to include refreshments. Come and join us.

MOTHERS' UNION. One of you left a pretty blue umbrella at the Rectory last week after our meeting. I can deliver it if you let me know. M.M.P. (Sed.233)

N.S.P.C.C. It will be a great help if Collectors can deliver their House-to-House envelopes to the Rectory, or let me know and I will collect from you. M.M.P. (Sed.233)

THANK YOU. May I take this opportunity to thank all those people of Sedlescombe, who arranged in their various ways to make my last weekend such a memorable occasion. I really felt that I was wanted, and I thank you all so much for the Gifts given to me on behalf of the people. I am sad to leave you, but feel the time has come for me to go, and you will always remain in my mind of such a happy working relationship. Thank you all for your friendships and anxieties on my behalf. I will return to meet you.

I.A.RUSSELL-LEONARD

SUMMER TIME ends tomorrow at 01.00 hours. Clocks go BACK one hour.