

NEIGHBOURS

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ADVENT SUNDAY

There is frequently a little bit of open banter in our house when my family tries to make me accept that I am an avid fan of the 'to be taken twice daily' TV import from Australia. Perhaps I do give it the occasional half-glance hoping to see a piece of the studio set fall down, or to find out how many times Mrs Mangel has 'never been so insulted in all her life' this week.

Putting detail to one side I do believe the series scores a hit because of its very name, and whether the viewer identifies like for like situations with their own lives or merely analyses in the subconscious, it is the question of neighbourliness which should make us remember that it was Our Lord who commanded that we should 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. That commandment has survived the passage of time, being passed down by the word of mouth and the written word. To-day, one's thoughts are more often stimulated by depictions of struggles in adversity or jealousy within vulgar affluence in any number of TV series. With each however, there is a common denominator of being (or not being) a neighbour.

What do you think would be the viewer-ratings if there was an ongoing TV series called 'Sedlescombe'? That may be just a flippant thought, certainly neighbourliness would have to feature, so in the context of our own surroundings we ought to ask just where being a neighbour begins. Perhaps a good start would be some self-examination along the lines of 'am I a neighbour to the other person?' - but that would be incomplete without the part which involves a look in the mirror to ask 'who am I?'. Really, what Our Lord was saying was that if we can be genuine with ourselves first, we can be seen by others as genuine, and the dual act of giving and receiving will be the perfection of neighbourliness.

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TO-DAY

SEDLESCOMBE & WHATLINGTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Coffee Morning in Sedlescombe Village Hall at 10.30am, 50p coffee and mince pie, raffle and Bring & Buy Stall

and Coffee Morning. Apart from reasonably priced gifts, there will be cakes as well as arrangements for doors, walls and tables

SEDLESCOMBE GARDEN SOCIETY

CHURCH FLOWERS - COFFEE MORNING
We are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday 1st December, 10.30 at Luffs Farm, Chapel Hill to raise money to help pay for the Church flowers which have now become so expensive. A fund is needed especially for Festivals. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and a raffle - we would be grateful for any prizes. If you need a lift please ring Jean Woodman on Sed.349

We are pleased to say that we had a successful AGM and thanks to some willing newcomers, the Society will continue under the Chairmanship of Mr Moughton. Other Officers elected are; Vice-chairman Mrs Cornish, Treasurer Miss D Tipper, Secretary Miss P Cain; Committee Miss B Boulton, Mrs I Coy and Messrs Hills, Saunders Murray Gossling and Hollis
Annual Cups: Wilson Cup - Mr Robins
Children's Cup - Kerry Graves

FOOTPATH WALK

The next walk is planned for Sunday December 4th, leaving the Village Green at 2.30pm. It will be a short walk to Hurst Lane and back. All welcome

Subs: £2 per household now due;

We all send Mr Harrison our best wishes following his recent operation; our thanks to the retiring committee for their efforts and loyalty. We hope members will support the new committee in their efforts to help the Society over this crisis, otherwise it will close down. PC

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday December 10th at the Village Hall from 10.00 - 12noon Sedlescombe & District Flower Club invite you to a Craft Sale and

THIS WEEK'S PRAYING POINT - That each of us may look afresh at our own preparation for the coming of Christmas

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Isaiah 52; 7 -10; I Thessalonians 5; 1 -17; Luke 21; 25 - 33

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLESCOMBE

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, November 27

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ADVENT SUNDAY

09-30 Mattins & Parish
Communion

08-00 Holy Communion

(Revd Edward Ovenden)

SUNDAY, December 4 (Advent 2)

08-00 Holy Communion

10-30 Family Communion

(Canon Peter Harvey)

6-30pm - Holy Communion

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

This week's service at 11-00am will be a family one taken by Mr B Peters from Ashburnham

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GUIDE DOGS The slide show on the 19th raised £58 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. I would like to thank you for your support and for the donations from those of you who could not attend especially the young lady who walked all the way up from Rose-lands and rang my doorbell. Many, many thanks. E Burgess

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP - A very successful luncheon was held at Hurst House on November 16th and the grand total of £370-57 was sent to the Hospice. We are most grateful to Mr & Mrs Keeling for making us all so welcome (Mrs Keeling will be pleased to hand over a scarf which was found). The beautiful film show by Mr Dennett on October 15th made £107-35. The Christmas Fayre will be held at the Hospice on Saturday, December 3rd from 11-00 to 3-00pm. Should anyone care to make cakes or mince pies for sale on the stall as a contribution to this event, and they are not attending, I will be pleased to deliver them to the Hospice that morning. Betty Barter (Sed-447)

RECTOR'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION, SEDLESCOMBE - The collection for Marjorie and Dennis Prince's Testimonial amounted to £1040-50; they were presented with gifts to a total of £250 plus a cheque for the balance. Our grateful thanks to every-one who contributed. GD (for Sed. PCC)

Re: BESSIE E DAWES (Deceased) - If there are any personal representatives of the above-named person reading this, would they please make contact with Mr MF Tegg, Churchwarden of Sedlescombe as soon as convenient (Tel-345)

SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE - This year the Christmas tree will be decorated by members of the choir and other young people of the church. Some new decorations are needed so a large sweetie-jar will be placed near the door of the church for the next three Sundays to collect 1p and 2p coins- please save your coppers to help the young people make the tree look really beautiful

SEDLESCOMBE WI - Don't forget our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday December 14th (we will give you another reminder); will any member who has not yet paid for the lunch please let Mrs M Berry have their money by December 7th; Report on November meeting next week.