

THE STRANGER



Religious educators love Luke's story about the disciples travelling to Emmaus. They see in it all sorts of parallels with the way we live as Christians. So they speak about the way we meet Jesus today, just like the two disciples.

They were so engrossed in their own thoughts that they did not recognise the stranger who joined them. They knew what had just happened (Christ's death) and they were feeling low, but they couldn't make the connection between the events in Jerusalem and what they had learnt about in the scriptures. It took Jesus to explain the scriptures to them before their lives began to make sense.

And when they all stopped for some food it was then that they really knew who the stranger was. They recognised him when he did what he had done so many times: took the bread, said a blessing, broke the bread and then shared it with them.

Religious educators love the story because it's an easy way to teach about Eucharist. We gather together as a community of believers (meeting on the road); we hear and listen to the word of God (Jesus explaining things to the disciples); and then we celebrate the Eucharist (the same four things that Jesus did with the food).

It's a sure bet that St Luke had this in mind when he chose to tell his story in the way he did. And it holds true today that if we wanted to know how to recognise Jesus in our midst, then we could do worse than search for him in other people we meet in the street, in the word of God, and in the sacraments which Jesus left as a memorial of his presence.

SCRIPTURE

They told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

(Luke 24:32)

Being brought into Christ's presence, one becomes something. And everybody is predestined to his presence. Once at least in his life each man walks with Christ to Emmaus.

(Oscar Wilde)

PARISH NEWS

April 17th, 1999

SEDLSCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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The Third Sunday of Easter

10p

FASHION SHOW on Tuesday 20 April in the village hall at 7.30 pm for 8 o'clock start. Light refreshments included in the £2.50 ticket, available from the Post Office. Please do support this event in aid of St Michael's Hospice.

SEDLSCOMBE GREEN W.I.

Group meeting will be on Wednesday 21 April at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Will all members who volunteered to make cakes please get them to the hall by 6.30 pm or contact Margaret on 870808 for collection.

SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL

There will be an afternoon assembly at the school at 2 pm on Friday 23 April for the children to share with the local community their music achievements at the Hastings Festival. You are cordially invited to the assembly.

BONUS BALL

Winner last week number 2 Mrs E Cameron.

TABLE TOP SALE in the village hall on Saturday 24 April 2-4 pm. This is in aid of church funds but a number of your favourite causes will also be represented at the sale so do please come along. There will be a number of bric-a-brac stalls, with lots of new good stuff on offer, and there will also be the ever-popular cake stall.

1ST SEDLSCOMBE SCOUT GROUP are holding a Bingo evening, also on Saturday 24 April. This will be in the Scout hut and eyes down is 7 pm.

Marion Foord

SEDLSCOMBE GARDEN SOCIETY

There will be a coach trip on 13 May to Leonardslee Gardens. Seats are available at £9.50 per person, to include admission. The coach leaves the Green at 9.15 and is expected to be back at about 5.30. Take a picnic or lunch in the restaurant.

Contact: John Kemp, 8 Park Shaw, 870243.

The Theme: The Risen Jesus is with us always, especially in the Eucharist

The Readings:

Acts 2:14,36-41

Believe - and repent!

1 Peter 1:17-23

Keep the faith, love one another.

Luke 24:13-35

Realise that Jesus is alive, and walks with you!

Services and Meetings this week

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th, 1999

SEDLESCOMBE

The Third Sunday of Easter [18]

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion
Junior and Youth Church

WHATLINGTON

The Third Sunday of Easter [18]

9.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm The Easter Vestry and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

There are NO midweek services this week

The Fourth Sunday of Easter [25]

10.00am Parish Communion
Junior and Youth Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter [25]

8.00am Holy Communion

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}

Morning worship and Junior Church 10.30 am. Leader Geoff Powell, Speaker Dave West.

7pm Worship in a fellowship home

Weekly meetings: Men's Fellowship, Tuesday 3-4.30 pm in the church
Home Group, Tuesday 7.30 pm in the Manse
Coffee morning, Wednesday 10.30 in the church

HOME FOR A BOOK

A while ago some kind friend lent me a book entitled "Our Age - Portrait of a Generation" by Noel Ahnan. Unfortunately the book's owner did not write his name inside and I have not a clue to whom it belongs. Would the owner please get in touch - David Hollis 870464.

SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Sedlescombe Rangers youth side were back in action after the Easter break. Our youngest team, the Under 8's, had a well deserved 2-1 win over Bexhill Town. Goal scorers were J Smith and D Newton. Man of the Match was H Burnham.

The Under 10's were on the winning side against Hastings Athletic. There were hatricks for F Sullivan and D Saunders, a single goal from F Mitchell and an own goal in the 8-1 victory. Rangers Man of the Match was W Rawles. The Under 12's lost 5-1 at Hastings Town Youth. L Wickham was on target and H Sullivan was Man of the Match. The Under 15's fought hard to win 4-1 against a much improved Bexhill Town, with a hatrick from M Crowhurst and one goal for L Sullivan. An impressive display in defence gave D Oliver Man of the Match.

CRIMES REPORTED FOR MARCH

1999 There are, happily, only 4

incidents listed in our usual report, displayed outside the post office.

However, PC Mick Kempster tells of a new worry. He writes "There have been two incidents recently where children/youths have been found on farm land/buildings. They were not playing in the traditional way but had started to make a fire, plus the strings of numerous bales of hay had been cut and the hay thrown around". Mick reminds us that a farm is an interesting place but it is also a dangerous one. It is private and unless you have permission you will be trespassing. Also, the acts mentioned above are constituted as "arson and criminal damage" in police parlance so your child could be in serious trouble. Mick asks if you will make sure your children are aware of the dangers and the offences.

Mick goes on to say "I do not want to be the police officer who calls at your door to tell you that your child is injured, or worse, nor that they are responsible for committing offences". You are asked to make sure that this message reaches your offspring. The children seen on the farm and in the hay barn were reportedly between the tender age of 7 and up to 16.

SPACE in the Parish News is often at a premium so forgive me if your piece sometimes reads like an old-style Foreign Office telegram! *Ed.*