

PERSON TO PERSON CALL

It's hard to imagine just how frightened the disciples must have been when Jesus said he was going to leave them and go back to his Father. The task he'd prepared them for was daunting and the thought of doing it alone would be overpowering. But he did not leave them like orphans. He said that he would send someone to stand at their side just like he himself had done for the past three years. He would send another Advocate, another Paraclete or Counsellor.

This Advocate is not just some general encouragement. It's a person. It's the Spirit who comes from the Father and from Jesus. It's the presence of God in our world today. Through our Baptism we connect with the person of the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When we celebrate Eucharist we are renewed and filled with the presence of this person who is God.

The call of the Spirit is not vague. It's from one person to another. When God called each of us it was to achieve something that only we can achieve; to do something that God had in mind for us when we were first created. I can go through life unaware of what exactly God demands of me. Or I can seek to discover and discern what the Spirit is asking of me. In every event the Paraclete will be there to guide and encourage, to fire me with enthusiasm or to console.

We know him because he's with us and in us!

SCRIPTURE

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

(John 14:16)

The whole ecumenical enterprise is the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of love, working in us, uniting us in love and building us up in the truth.

(Archbishop Michael Ramsey)



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SEDLSCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10p

TODAY - and tomorrow, Garden Walkabout in aid of the Friends of the Parish Church. Gardens open between 12 and 5 pm. Programmes available from the Post Office, Tea Rooms and the Queen's Head.

TUESDAY 11 MAY Village Hall Management Committee meeting, 7.30 pm in the village hall, to discuss the new hall project. As well as the Management Team, representatives of the Parish Council and Sports Association will be attending, and also Christine Swan, Assistant Director of the Sussex Rural Community Council. This will be the last opportunity to have a say in the design of the hall, so all user groups are urged to ensure they are represented.

SEDLSCOMBE SOCIETIES'

ASSOCIATION The next meeting of the Association for planning this year's Carnival Parade and Country Fayre and Barn Dance will be at the Queen's Head meeting room on **Tuesday 11 May** at 7.30 pm. ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

SEDLSCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER

CLUB At our next meeting on **Wednesday 12 May** (village hall, 7.15 pm) Mrs Shirley Martin will be

demonstrating "New Beginnings". Members' competition "Duo" - a two-placement exhibit. New members and visitors very welcome.

ASCENSION DAY PRAISE Thursday

13 May in Chapel Hill Church at 7.30 pm, an hour of praise and worship to celebrate this special day. All are welcome.

SEDLSCOMBE DISTRICT SENIORS

The French have a phrase for it - bon accueil - a good reception. It is once again the time of the annual buffet luncheon and next Thursday members, with their wives, will be enjoying excellent fare provided by the Queen's Head in the clubroom. It is also a good time for prospective members to join with a convivial lunch.

At the last meeting the secretary of the Pestalozzi Trust, Miss Val Winslade, explained the activities of the village-on-the-hill. The former system of selecting and advancing the education of young people has been altered. Under the new scheme young people from Nepal, Thailand and certain areas of Africa and now Europe, will be beginning their higher student experience from the age of 16. 20 students will be arriving for the term starting in September, 38 will be taking university qualifying exams this

The Theme: The giving of the Holy Spirit for the Mission of the Church

The Readings:

Acts 17:22-31

If you want to know God, look at Jesus.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Our faith must be reflected in the way we live.

John 14:15-21

God gives us the help we need in the Holy Spirit.

Services and Meetings this week

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 1999

SEDLESCOMBE	WHATLINGTON
The Sixth Sunday of Easter [9]	The Sixth Sunday of Easter [9]
10.00am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	8.00am Holy Communion
Monday [10]	
7.30pm Holy Communion	
Tuesday [11]	
10.00am Holy Communion-Roselands 7.30pm New Village Hall meeting	
Wednesday [12]	
10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday Ascension Day [13]	Thursday Ascension Day [13]
10.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
The Seventh Sunday of Easter [15]	The Seventh Sunday of Easter [15]
8.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}

Morning worship and Junior Church 10.30 am, taken by Revd Simon Ellis.

7pm

An hour of singing favourite hymns at Roselands

Weekly meetings:

Men's Group, Tuesday 3 -4.30 pm in the church

Home Group, Tuesday 7.30 pm in the Manse

Coffee morning, 10.30 - 12 noon Weds in the church

summer, the single largest number completing their course in Sedlescombe. **MACMILLAN MILE CHALLENGE** will take place on **Sunday 16 May**. Meet on the village green at 2.00. We are planning to walk round the perimeter of Bodiam Castle. Suitable for children and dogs. *Rosemary Farley*

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS The following have been declared elected to Sedlescombe Parish Council: Mr W E G Beaney, Mrs S M Betts, Mr N P Foord, Mrs M M Irwin, Mr P W Martin, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr M O'Dowd, Mr A J Rand, Mrs V Wright. The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held in the village hall on **Tuesday 18 May**.

SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL It was lovely to see some of our village friends at our assembly on 23 April, where we shared some of our musical talent. Thank you for coming along. The judge, from the "Teaching Awards Trust" who was in school on 23rd was very impressed. He was gathering information relating to our entry for an award on our "work with parents and the community". As a result of our entry and the judge's findings, I have been invited to represent our school at the S E Awards ceremony at Winchester on **26 May**. How exciting! (I don't know if we have won an award). The ceremony is being televised by BBC South.

Our cross-country runners competed at a schools' event at Blacklands School on Friday 30 April. Natasha Gibbs obtained a bronze medal, running in the age-group one year older than herself. All children performed extremely well - thank you to Mr Nice, our new Class 3 teacher, and to one parent in particular, Mrs Llewellyn-Jones.

Year 6 children (11 yr olds) are taking their SATS week beginning 10 May. We hope they perform well and cope with the test papers comfortably. The tests are a challenge to all children. Our Year 2s (7 yr olds) are involved in their SATS tests and tasks over the next few weeks and on-going through June too. We hope everyone performs to their ability.

We have a PTA Quiz Night on **Sat 22 May** with a fish 'n chips supper. Look out for details on posters or phone the school. Teams of 6. *Marian Ham*

HELEN NOTCUTT says thank you to all those compassionate people who helped Bill when he had an upset and collapsed on the Green.

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY are asking members for contributions to the Society's stall at the Plant Market on **15 May (see below)**. Plants of all kinds to the hall between 9 and 10 am on the day, or call Joan Winchester on 870394 or Margaret Tunstall on 870630 to arrange collection.

SEDLESCOMBE AND DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

PLANT SALE

10.30 am - 1.30 pm

SATURDAY 15th MAY
SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

SPONSORED BY
BLACKBROOKS GARDEN CENTRE

ADMISSION 20 p

**WIDE RANGE
OF PLANTS**

CAKES

**GARDEN
ADVICE**

TOMBOLA