

Why Sea Sunday?

Wherever we live, whether miles inland or by the sea, we all depend on seafarers for much of the food we eat, many of our clothes, and for most of the petrol we put in our cars. It is true that today some of the goods which we find on our supermarket shelves come by other means, but some 90 per cent of our trade still travels by sea.

To provide many of our daily needs, seafarers have to face danger, endure loneliness, and cope with separation from their homes and families for months, or even years. Today their loneliness and isolation are compounded by the fact that many ships have smaller mixed-nationality crews, making social contact on board more difficult, and vessels turn round more quickly in ports giving seafarers less time ashore.

This makes the ministry of The Missions to Seamen, the worldwide Anglican missionary society which reaches out to seafarers of all races and creeds, more important than ever. Day in and day out, Missions to Seamen chaplains around the globe go on board ships to welcome and offer practical and spiritual support to the crews. In many ports the Mission also runs seafarers' centres. These are located close to the ships, and often provide seafarers with the only chance to telephone their families, buy essential items such as stamps and toiletries, or to have any contact with people other than their shipmates, for months on end.

Once a year on Sea Sunday, we are asked to remember and pray for all seafarers, who can so easily be forgotten because they spend so much time isolated at sea. Our prayers are also asked for their families who wait at home, and for the work of The Missions to Seamen in reaching out to them on behalf of the whole Church, whoever they are, and wherever they are.

If you would like more information about the work of The Missions to Seamen please ask your local representative or contact:

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TODAY!

FRIENDS OF SEDLSCOMBE PARISH CHURCH Sponsored Dog Walk in the Great Wood between 2 and 4 pm. Rendezvous at 2 pm at the Marley Lane entrance to the Wood for the walk which is expected to take about an hour. All entrants will receive a rosette and a certificate and the biggest fund raiser will receive a trophy (possibly a new poooper-scooper?). Do go along and support the Friends at this event.

MOTHERS' UNION

Meeting at Roselands 2.30 pm
Tuesday 13 July. Visitors are welcome.

GARDEN SOCIETY

Penshurst Place (house and garden) and Edenbridge House, **13 July.** £12.50 all in (except lunch). Take a picnic or buy lunch at Penshurst Place. A few places still available. Contact John Kemp, 8 Park Shaw, 870243.

BONUS BALL

Winner last week number 37 Mrs M Gosling.

SEDLSCOMBE PLAYGROUP

Open morning **14 July.** If your child is two and a half now or will be in September we are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We also do Rising Fives on Monday and Friday afternoons. Come and meet our Supervisor and join in the activities.

SEDLSCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

At our meeting on **Wednesday 14 July** (village hall 7.15 pm) Mrs J Crawley's title will be "Who the Dickens"! Competition: "Garden Party". Members are invited to bring a friend as the Club's guest to our July and August meetings.

FOUND

A ring has been found in the surgery garden. Please contact 870225.

SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL

The Finals of the National Teaching Awards will be taking place on Sunday at Alexandra Palace and Mrs Ham, the Headteacher, with her husband and Valerie Wright and Katherine Field will be going along to see how the school has fared in the

The Theme: Christ, the fruitful Sower.
The Readings:
Isaiah 55:10-13 God sends forth his word with a purpose which is fulfilled
Romans 8:1-11 Led by the Spirit, we find life and peace
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 Some seed yields a rich harvest, other seed doesn't.....

Services and Meetings this week

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity July 11th, 1999

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<p>Trinity 6 {Sea Sunday} [11] 10.00am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism, Junior and Youth church Monday S.Benedict [12] 6.15pm School Governors 7.30pm Holy Communion Tuesday S.Henry [13] 2.30pm Mothers' Union - <i>Roselands</i> Wednesday S.Bonaventure [14] 10.00am Holy Communion Thursday [15] 7.30pm Archdeacon Nicholas Reade 25th Anniversary Eucharist Christ Church, S.Leonard Trinity 7 [18] 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion, J&YCh followed by Parish Picnic - <i>Brambles</i> 11.30am Burial of Cremated Remains of Jack Rouse</p>	<p>Trinity 6 {Sea Sunday} [11] 8.00am Holy Communion</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>There will be a collection for the Missions to Seamen after the service in both our churches this Sunday.</p> </div> <p>Thursday S.Swithin [15] 8.00am Holy Communion</p> <p>Trinity 7 [18] 9.00am Holy Communion</p>

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}
 Morning worship and Junior Church 10.30 am, Leader Dave West, Speaker Bert Peters.
 7pm An hour of singing favourite hymns at Roselands, all welcome.
 Weekly meetings: Men's Fellowship, Tuesday 3 pm in the church
 Home Group, Tuesday 7.30 pm in the Manse
 Coffee morning, Wednesday 10.30 am in the church

Finals. The occasion will be televised on BBC 1 at 7 pm on Sunday - do tune in. The school is to be congratulated on reaching the Finals and we keep our fingers crossed for them.

SEDLSCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

We will be holding a Treasure Hunt from the Village Green on **Saturday 17 July** at 6 pm. If you would like to unearth some fascinating facts about our local area on a pleasant evening's drive come along and join us - cost £5 per car. A copy of Landranger 199 would be useful but not essential as copies will be available. Even if you don't fancy the drive, why not come and join us at the barbecue in the Queen's Head garden afterwards. For further details phone Sarah on 870707.

Sue and Bill Whitehead would like to thank their many friends in the village for their kindness and concern during Bill's recent major illness and Sue's minor op.

SEDLSCOMBE FLOWER SHOW & COUNTRY FAYRE

A reminder, as if you need it, that our big day is fast approaching. We hope the village will turn out in numbers to support the various events on the day.

We are pleased to learn that Fr Roy is now doing well. We send him our best wishes for a complete recovery.

Sylvia Labbett is still in S.Mary's Hospital, Paddington - in good spirits, but "pretty fragile" as Gordon reports.

MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN

The radio stations have already begun their countdown to 2000 by playing what they say are the most popular pieces of music from the last 1000 years. What would be your choice? And what about notable figures from history....who would be the most important historical figure of the last 2000 years? Why?

If you had the chance to live for another 1000 years and make a real contribution to the betterment of humanity what would you do? And what's to stop you from making a start now?

SEA SUNDAY (July 11th)

On Sea Sunday we pray for those whose lives are lived upon the waters:

- For fishermen who earn their living from the harvest of the sea;
- for merchant seamen who trade across the oceans;
- for the armed forces who sail the waves to maintain peace in troubled waters;
- for those who work on cruise and leisure ships;
- for lifeboat volunteers who tackle storms to rescue others from drowning;
- for ferry workers who transport people and vehicles;
- and for the families who await them all;
- for the Missions to Seamen.