

## MORE THAN ENOUGH



On the evening of that great miracle of the 5,000, the crowd had been searching for Jesus and the time had slipped away. If Jesus hadn't noticed the time...it would have been understandable.

If Jesus had not been able to do anything about the crowd's hunger but had at least noticed they were without food...it would have been enough.

If Jesus had simply seen to it that they all got something to eat...that too would have enough.

But he went further than this. St Matthew says he felt pity for the crowd. Not pity in his head but pity in his stomach. The Greek word says that his guts turned within him, such was his feeling for them. If he'd done only this...it would have been enough.

Yet Jesus did not protest his inability to help. He did not pass the buck or blame the crowd for their own predicament. Nowhere in the Gospels is it ever recorded that Jesus turned away from those who genuinely asked his help. Just to know he cared...would have been enough.

Of course, it didn't stop there. Jesus was able to work with whatever was at hand: in this case just five loaves and two fish...for him this would be enough.

He took the bread, said a blessing, broke it and handed it out to the disciples. Four actions which we recall from the Last Supper, and four actions which every Christian recognises from the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For some people, just the blessing would have been enough.

And when everyone had had their fill, an eternal truth became apparent: God always gives us much more than we can ever dare to hope for or expect. The scraps that were left over filled twelve baskets. God never answers us by halves. Yet again God had showed his generosity to those who rely on him in need. Twelve baskets full...that was more than enough.

### SCRIPTURE

All we have with us  
is five loaves and two fish.  
*(Matthew 14:17)*

It is not enough to free man from hunger imposed on him by insufficiency of food. Man must be freed of all the forces that oppress him, of the natural, economic and political order.  
*(World Food Congress)*

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives.

His heart is set on pleasing and cheering him to whom the gift is given.

*(Mother Julian of Norwich)*

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### TODAY!! SEDLESCOMBE

SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION Our annual Flower Show & Country Fayre on the sports field between 2 and 5 pm. Something for everyone - over 40 stalls selling all kinds of things including tasty foods, cakes and preserves, freshly-made pancakes, barbecue, W.I. teas, beer tent. The attractions include arena events, tossing the horseshoe, Bucking Bronco, giant Tombola and many others. The parade leaves Brede Lane at 1.45 pm and includes a jazz band, drum majorettes, carnival floats.

In the evening at 8 pm there is the Barn Dance to the Catsfield Steamers. Tickets are available from the post office, price £3.50, or pay £4 at the marquee.

**IMPORTANT** Would all carnival trophy holders please take their trophy to 2 Forge Cottages prior to the show.

### SEDLESCOMBE DISTRICT SENIORS

The stare of a dog's eye tells something to a shepherd. Those long, hard transfixes on a bunch of sheep are not really one of the talents required in a sheep dog. Nor the 'soft eye' gaze that allows a sheep or two to wander off course. These facts of a shepherd's life were unfolded by Bill Brunger at the last meeting of the SDS. His talk on his days as a shepherd on a local estate and his upward rise in sheep dog trials held the members' interest throughout the

morning. Their questions would have gone on long past the allotted time. It was a fascinating subject by a man who could judge both sheep and dogs and the two-hour talk passed all too quickly. Bill, known to many locally, explained how he had to teach himself the crafts of the shepherd - there was no guiding hand in years past. And he taught himself how to thatch a building properly, things unattainable in the computer age.

On **5 August** there will be an illustrated talk on the Falkland Islands by Mrs M Wharton. After this date there will be a summer break until 2 September.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC starts on **Thurs 5 August**, 1.30 pm, in Sedlescombe Village Hall. All mothers and babies welcome. Telephone: 870-570.

MARY IRWIN writes: "Many thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their lovely cards, flowers and telephone calls expressing sympathy over the death of my dear husband Jim. Your kindness and support were a great comfort at this difficult time".

### NEWS FROM SEDLESCOMBE

SCHOOL The school's success in the Teaching Awards has been a great achievement this summer. I was there at Alexandra Palace on 11 July but we were not the National winner - and, sadly, you couldn't see me on TV in the audience

**The Theme:** Rich food, freely given!  
**The Readings:**  
**Isaiah 55:1-5** Seek and find life in all its fullness  
**Romans 9:1-5** The cost of following Christ  
**Matthew 14:13-21** God uses our contributions, however small, in his plan.

**Services and Meetings this week**

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**August 1st, 1999**

SEDLSCOMBE		WHATLINGTON	
<b>Trinity 9</b> [1]		<b>Trinity 9</b> [1]	
8.00am Holy Communion		9.00am Holy Communion	
10.00am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church			
<b>Monday</b> [2]		<b>Monday</b> [2]	
7.30pm Holy Communion		11.30am Funeral of Richard John Cook	
<b>Tuesday</b> [3]			
10.00am Holy Communion - <i>Roselands</i>			
<b>Wednesday S. John Vianney</b> [4]		<b>Wednesday</b> [4]	
10.00am Holy Communion		7.30pm PCC Meeting - <i>Rectory</i>	
<b>Friday Transfiguration</b> [6]			
7.00pm Holy Communion followed by a party at the Rectory			
<b>Trinity 10</b> [8]		<b>Trinity 10</b> [8]	
10.00am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church		8.00am Holy Communion	

**The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}**

Morning worship, with communion, 10.30 am, taken by Geoff Powell. No evening worship. Junior Church will be taking a break for August, as will the Home Group, but coffee mornings will continue, 10.30 - 12 noon Wednesdays in the church. Just pop in for a short while if time allows, you will be very welcome.

either! But it was a wonderful occasion and I felt very proud to be there. I was presented with a cheque for £3500 at the excellent dinner after the ceremony as we are the winning school for the south of the country. During the holidays some of this money will be spent on resurfacing the playground, widening a footpath and building a playboat. We have not yet decided how to spend the rest. The children return on 2 September. We hope we all face the new term refreshed, healthy and happy. We have an Ofsted inspection in November so we have extra paperwork to do in preparation. I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer and look forward to working together once again in September. *Marian C Ham*

**THE SEDLESKOMBE & WESTFIELD SURGERIES**

We are publishing the opening arrangements for the surgeries for Christmas and the Millennium Holiday well in advance in all the Parish magazines.

We will be closed for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, the Bank Holidays after Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be no appointments on Weds and Thurs but open surgeries instead. There will be Emergency Surgeries on the last mornings of each holiday period. We are making arrangements to minimise the number of repeat prescriptions to be collected over that period. There will be limited deliveries during that period. Where possible try to contact the surgery between 9 and 10 am. If you are an asthmatic or are insulin dependent please discuss before the holiday whether you need any emergency supplies.

If you are having visitors remind them to bring ALL medicines with them. Consider having the 'flu jab in Oct when it is available if you are at risk (over 65, heart, lung (inc asthma), kidney disease or diabetes). Arrange transport for hospital appointments well in advance. District Nurses will provide only emergency cover over the period. Discuss any routine supplies well in advance. When the surgery is closed Medical emergencies only may call the SEADOC service on 0345 626118. The arrangements we have made mean you should not need to trouble the emergency service for routine matters.

**Sedlescombe & Westfield Surgeries Christmas & New Year Surgeries**

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Fri 24-Dec	Xmas Eve	Normal Surgeries	CLOSED
Sat 25-Dec	Xmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 26-Dec	Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 27-Dec	Bank Holiday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 28-Dec	Bank Holiday	EMERGENCY SURGERY PHONE 9-10AM	CLOSED
Wed 29-Dec		SED OPEN SURGERY 9-10 SRS	OPEN SURGERY 2-3 PM TJB
		WEST OPEN SURGERY 9-10 TJB	OPEN SURGERY 2-3 PM SRS
		SED OPEN SURGERY 9-10 CDH	CLOSED
		WEST OPEN SURGERY 9-10 TJB	OPEN SURGERY 5.30-6.30 CDH
Thu 30-Dec		CLOSED	CLOSED
Fri 31-Dec	Bank Holiday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 1-Jan	Bank Holiday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 2-Jan		EMERGENCY SURGERY PHONE 9-10AM	CLOSED
Mon 3-Jan	Bank Holiday	EMERGENCY SURGERY PHONE 9-10AM	CLOSED
Tue 4-Jan		Normal surgeries	CLOSED

This information will be repeated in the Parish News throughout the year.