

HARVEST

Because supermarkets trade with every continent, they can now bring us food from all over the world. This means that there are no hard and fast "seasons" any more, and virtually any type of food can be bought in any month of the year.

It can mean of course that we lose touch with the source of our food: the land. In fact, in a recent survey of primary school children only one in four knew how potatoes ended up on the grocery shelves.

At harvest time we once more recognise our dependence on God and upon the earth that we have been given to till. Our prayer is one of gratitude for the fruits of the land, and of commitment to respect our environment and the beauty of God's creation:

Lord God of creation,

you are the source of all growth.

*Through your goodness we have crops to sow,
and in your mercy you provide food for body and spirit.*

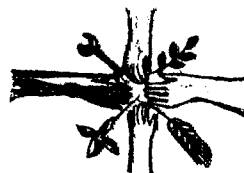
Guide the work of our hands

that we may respect the world you have given us.

And as you have made our land fertile and rich,

make our hearts receptive to the seed of your justice and love.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WALKING THE WAY

Walking the Way is the diocesan initiative to celebrate the coming millenium. It starts with a series of events detailed in the Parish Church to encourage us

in our Christian walk, and to remind us that as Christians we are all God's Missionaries.

Deanery Social Event

Thursday September 30th 7.30pm-9.30pm All Saints' Sidley

Outreach Friday October 1st Langton Memorial Hall, Battle

Line Dancing, and Supper - admission by ticket only - see Fr Colin

Service of Baptism and Confirmation

Sunday October 3rd

3.00pm Bexhill town Square - march to De La Warr Pavilion

4.30pm Service of Baptism and Confirmation

8.00pm "Faith, Fear and Fantasy" - a youth service

with multi-media presentation at S.Peter's Community Centre,



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10p

TODAY and TOMORROW! Sedlescombe Parish Church - Harvest Flowers will be on show today from 10am until 5pm and tomorrow from 12noon until 5pm; do come along and see the beautiful arrangements - no admission charge - donations in aid of Church Funds; There will be a Cake Stall and Refreshments will be available. Harvest Praise and Supper will be in the Church tomorrow at 6pm - come and share the Festival - a time for Thanksgiving.

TODAY in the Village Hall - Sedlescombe & District Garden Society are holding their Autumn Show; the Show is for Members only and exhibits can be staged from 1pm onwards with Judging commencing at 2pm; it's a good year for flowers and plenty of colour with the Classes to suit - let's see how everybody got on with their fuscia cutting from Kent Street Nurseries; Cakes and Handicraft Classes as well. Lots and lots to see - we look forward to seeing you there!

SEDLESCOMBE DISTRICT SENIORS - Interesting facets of history came the way of members at our meeting on the 16th, the subject being Brass Rubbings presented by Sue Whitehead. She soon had the chaps trying it themselves and finding it more enjoyable than they first reckoned. Sue gave the history of church brasses and how the effigies of monarchs to yeoman's widows were made into memorials. Today they carry a wealth of detail to historians and to students of fashion through the centuries. This popular study leads to trade with America and other English speaking countries and as a hobby leads to travel, geneology and an interest in art. At our meeting on September 30th our Speaker will be Walter Williamson giving his impressions of cruising.

AGE CONCERN will be presenting an ACTIVE AGE Health Extravaganza in the de la Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Friday 1st October from 10am 'til 3.30pm; there will be Information Stands, Aromatherapy Health Checks, Exercises, Electric Blanket Testing and lots of other interesting things to see and share - give it a go!

The Theme: Thanksgiving for ALL God's gifts.
Readings for Sedlescombe Harvest Eucharist
 Deuteronomy 8:7-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 12:16-30
Readings for Trinity 17 {RCLA Proper 21 }
 Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32' Philipians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-322

Services and Meetings this week

Trinity 17 - Sedlescombe Harvest September 26th,1999

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Harvest Thanksgiving	[26]	Trinity 17	[26]
Flower Festival		8.00am Holy Communion	
10.00am Parish Communion, Junior & Youth Church			
6.00pm Harvest Evensong and Harvest Supper			
Monday S.Vincent de Paul	[27]		
9.00am Harvest Distribution			
6.30pm School Governors' Meeting			
7.30pm Holy Communion			
Wednesday Michaelmass	[29]	Thursday S.Jerome	[30]
10.00am Holy Communion		8.00am Holy Communion	

Walking the Way weekend begins - 7.30pm at All Saints', Sidley

Saturday Guardian Angels	[2]		
9.00am Holy Communion			
Trinity 18	[3]	Trinity 18	[3]
8.00am Holy Communion		9.00am Holy Communion	
10.00am Parish Communion, J&YCh			

4.30pm Service of Baptism & Confirmation - De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
3.30pm Millenium Yew Distribution Service - Chichester Cathedral

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}

Harvest Thanksgiving at 3.00pm on Sunday 26th September with light refreshments to follow. No morning or evening worship.

Weekly Meetings: Men's Group Tuesday 3pm in church
 Coffee Morning Wednesday 10.30am in church
 ALPHA Thursday 7.00pm in church - contact Geoff & Wendy Powell for more details.
 Art & Craft on Friday 1.00pm contact Sheila Bearpark 870067 for more details

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL Footpath Walks - the monthly walks for the Winter Season are about to re-commence. Each one is planned for Sunday afternoons starting at 2.30pm on the first Sundays of October, November, December, February, March and April - they are usually under 5 miles and start and finish in the Village. Everyone is welcome to join in - dogs are welcome too, but must be kept under close control. Full details of the walk for Sunday 3rd October will be given in next week's Parish News.

CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT at Ashburnham Place on Wednesday 6th October with the Bishop of Lewes, Rt Revd Wallace Benn; tickets which will include a meal, can be obtained from Wendy Powell(870967) price £5.

SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS F.C. - last Sunday was very hectic with all 7 Youth sides in action. The youngest (under-8's) were unlucky to be beaten in their very first game - J Falstead scored both our goals. The U-9's were looking particularly smart in their 4-0 victory over Little Common, sporting their new kit kindly donated by a generous sponsor. Full results were:-

U- 8's vs Bexhill Town	2 - 3
U- 9's vs Little Common Claret	4 - 0
U-10's vs Bexhill Town	0 - 4
U-11's vs Shinewater	3 - 0
U-12's vs Westfield Youth	1 - 5
U-13's vs Winchelsea Beach	1 - 3
U-16's vs Hastings Rangers	8 - 0

CRIME REPORT - our Community Police Officer (P.C. Mick Kempster) reports for August 3 crimes concerning motor cars, one of which was stolen and later recovered, and the other 2 involved criminal damage - full details on the Parish Notice Board. P.C. Kempster asks us to note the new telephone number for contacting him which is 0845 60 70 999 extension 65280; messages can be left with the Controller if he is not available. For all emergencies continue to use "999".