

## BETTER THINGS TO DO

If we consider religion to be an interesting hobby, the chances are that we will not overdo it too much. We will possibly become interested in some of the trappings. We might develop a fondness for plainsong or Victorian hymns, become something of a minor expert on Gothic vestments, or be able to recite the details of major feasts like others can reel off a railway timetable.

But religion is not a hobby. It's a life and death thing. It deals with the deepest possible questions about why we are here and where we are going. The bread and butter of religion is not comfort but challenge.

**The message of the gospel is about being called to live a life in Christ which puts our relationship with God as central. And it lets us know that if we do not satisfy our need for God then our lives will be empty and unfulfilled.**

Running around busying ourselves with all sorts of charitable clubs, societies and organisations is without meaning if we do not have God at the centre of our lives. Coming to church is of little value if it's only a social thing.

And so in today's gospel we meet people who were on the guest list for the wedding but who lost sight of the honour and privilege that the invitation conferred. They thought that they had better things to do. And even when the king sent people to remind them of their invitation they failed to see what the occasion demanded.

How committed are we to our faith. Can we take it or leave it? Would we feel embarrassed if someone thought of us a "very religious"? Can we go overboard in our response to God? Or should we have moderation in all things including religion?

When the king saw that the guests were only lukewarm in coming to the wedding feast he reacted ferociously towards them and then invited ordinary people from the streets to take their places.

Those of us who have been baptised have received our invitations to the wedding. And the king is waiting to see if we will come.

**RSVP.**

### SCRIPTURE

A king gave a feast for his son's wedding.  
He sent his servants  
to call those who had been invited,  
but they would not come.

*(Matthew 22: 2-3)*



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### TODAY

**SCOUTS** Jumble Sale in the Scout Hut, 2-4 pm, including cake stall and raffle.

**Next Scout event** is on **Saturday 16 October** in the Scout Hut, family Bingo, eyes down 7.30 pm.

**ALSO TODAY** - please remember that the Post Office will be closed on Monday (open as usual today). The shop will operate from the Queen's Head today, Sunday and Monday. Please also note that beginning Tuesday, the shop will no longer close at lunchtime and will remain open until 7.30 pm, Monday to Saturday. There will be some finishing off jobs to do after the weekend but we hope all will be completed shortly.

**MOTHERS' UNION** Our next meeting at Roselands on **Tuesday 12 October** will be the AGM and Bring & Buy sale. We welcome anybody who would like to join us (no age limit), our main object being family life.

### SEDLESCOMBE PARISH

**COUNCIL - COUNCIL MEETING**  
The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held next **Tuesday**

**12 October** in the village hall. At 7 pm anyone can come along with a comment, request or question for the Parish Council and the main meeting follows immediately afterwards. You are welcome to attend any parish council meeting although you will only be able to listen, but it is surprising what you might hear! This is a good way to find out what's going on in the village.

**SIESTA** is a project under the Sussex Rural Community Council aimed at sharing the Internet across East Sussex. A series of meetings have been arranged across the county to tell the community and voluntary groups what the Internet can do for them. The local meeting will be held at Animate, Landgate, Rye, on **Monday 18 October**, 10-12. If you would like to attend please phone Debbie Matthews on 01273 473477.

**FOOTPATH WALK** The October walk took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon and the walkers were pleased to find that it was not too wet underfoot in most places. The route was the longer "Reservoir Walk" which currently has one or two problems due to be sorted out by

**The Theme:** Happy are those who are called to His Supper!!

**The Readings:** {RCLA Proper 23 }

**Sedlescombe:** Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**Whatlington Harvest Thanksgiving**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30

**Services and Meetings this week**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**October 10th, 1999**

<b>SEDLSCOMBE</b>		<b>WHATLINGTON</b>	
<b>Trinity 19</b> [10]		<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> [10]	
10.00am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism, Junior and Youth Church		8.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Monday</b> [11]		6.00pm Harvest Evensong and Harvest Supper	
7.30pm Holy Communion-Rectory			
<b>Tuesday S.Wilfrid</b> [12]			
2.30pm Mothers' Union - Roselands			
7.30pm Holy Communion-Rectory			
<b>Wednesday S.Edward the Confessor</b> [13]			
10.00am Holy Communion-Rectory			
		<b>Thursday S.Teresa of Avila</b> [14]	
		8.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Trinity 20</b> [17]		<b>Trinity 20</b> [17]	
8.00am Holy Communion		9.00am Holy Communion	
10.00am Parish Communion, Junior & Youth Church			

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

Morning worship and Junior Church 10.30 am with the Revd Ray Sowersby.

7pm in Roselands, an hour of singing favourite hymns and songs.

Weekly meetings: 3 pm Tuesday, Men's Group, in the church  
10.30 am Weds, coffee morning in the church  
7pm Thursday, 'Alpha' in the church  
1pm Friday, Art & Craft in the church

East Sussex County Council. Everyone is welcome to join us for the next walk which will leave the village green at 2.30 pm on **Sunday 7 November.**

*Pauline Raymond (Clerk, SPC)*

**EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION** is holding its AGM on **Thurs 14 Oct** at 2.15 pm in the village hall. Come and find out how the Alexandra Rose Day collection is spent.

**SEDLSCOMBE DISTRICT SENIORS IMPORTANT** - an Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held on **Thurs 14 Oct** at the Queen's Head. A full attendance is asked for to discuss issues which have arisen and which need a general vote.

**STAPLECROSS BOWLS CLUB** - Jumble Sale on **Sat 16 Oct** at Staplecross Village Hall. Books, bric-a-brac, raffle and cake stall. Coffee will be served. Doors open 10.30 am, admission 20p.

**SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL** The wonderful playboat built within the school grounds for the children is to be "launched" on **Weds 13 October** at 2 pm. You are all invited to join this occasion which is followed by a Tea Afternoon. This boat has been built by a parent, Jack Howell, free of charge. It is really magnificent. The wood has been donated by an American company, Outdoor Decking - this amounts to nearly

£3000! Local companies in Hastings, Creative Timber and Hewden Hire, have also donated their time and resources. Costs of about £800 have been financed from the 1999 Teaching Awards "Work with Parents and the Community" money of £3500. Do come and celebrate with us!

We have a Book Fair all week next week - books will be for sale every afternoon 3.30 - 4.15 pm and also during our tea afternoon. Great ideas for Christmas gifts! Please come along. *Marian C Ham*

**SEDLSCOMBE RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB** It was another busy weekend for Rangers with a mixed bag of results. The Under 16's remain unbeaten and the Under 13's won their first match of the season. The Under 12's were knocked out of the County Cup and likewise, the Under 11's did not fare well in the League Cup. The Under 9's put in yet another outstanding performance. Under 9's 9, Tackleway 2; Under 10's 3, Tackleway 0; Under 11's 4, Hastings Athletic 6 (League Cup); Under 12's 0, Ratton Rangers 3 (County Cup); Under 13's 5, Langney Sports 0; Under 16's 1, Tackleway 1.

**CRIMES REPORTED FOR SEPT** are mercifully few - details from outside the Post Office. Two persons from the Kent area were arrested in connection with one of the incidents.