



# Holy Trinity

## HURSTPIERPOINT

**Welcome to this week's edition of Holy Trinity News - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**



25 years ago, Fi and I visited a botanical garden in Scotland, and growing in a glasshouse I found a variety of self-propagating succulent colloquially known as a "Mother of Thousands" because of the tiny plantlets which circle the leaves (see picture). Having been given a "Mother of thousands" as one of my first plants as a child, I collected a tiny plantlet from one of the leaves and subsequently grew my own plant at home.

Over the years I have periodically grown new plants from plantlets when the original "mother" plant has become straggly, so back in January as we prepared to move to Hurstpierpoint, I decided to discard the current "leggy" plant and collect a new plantlet to grow when we moved to the Rectory.

However, I quickly forgot about this during the move. Then over the Easter weekend I discovered on a window ledge the dried-up segment in a pot and, more in hope than expectation, planted it in freshly watered compost. And within 2 weeks a new plant "Mother of Thousands" descended from that original Scottish plant has started to grow.

Reflecting on this, I am reminded how the Christian faith passes from one generation to another from the "original" life of Christ. The story of the Acts of the Apostles tells how this process began, with new life in Christ passing from the Saviour to thousands of new believers within a very short time, and that faith has become our own as the story was passed on to us in turn. Our responsibility is to pass our faith on to future generations, but we know we do not always see the fruit of our labours and can get disheartened. However, I sensed the Lord encouraging us as I thought about the shrivelled plantlet "coming back to life." The seeds of faith sown in years gone by with friends and family may lie dormant for years, but the Holy Spirit can bring new life even where that appears unlikely. So may we be scatterers of seeds of faith this Eastertide and in the years to come, and continue to pray for those with whom we have shared Christ's story of salvation.

*Revd Richard Coldicott*

## HT / worship

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

### **9.30am A Service of Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Christine Ostler  
Preacher Revd Christine Ostler

*Readings: Acts 4:5-12 & John 10:11-18*

### **11.00am Service**

Led by Hannah Raiss  
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

*Readings: John 21:15-25*

## Monday 22nd April

9.30am The Sanctuary at the Village Centre

3.40pm Young Theatre Group

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Toddlers at Fairfield Recreation Ground

7.45pm Olive Branch

8.00pm Growing Together

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

11am Mid Week Communion

1.30pm School visit to church

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Melting Pot Café tbc

7.30pm – Bell Ringing Practice

8.00pm Room2Grow at Vicki Macken's house

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

6.30pm – Junior Choir practice

7.15pm - Choir Practice

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am A Service of Holy Communion

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

Preacher Revd Dr Janneke Blokland

## 11.00am Service

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

Preacher Tom Dare

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm

Hurstpierpoint Parish's annual meeting to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (where other church representatives are elected) will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Church. The meeting will commence at 8pm and is anticipated to last no longer than 30 minutes.

This is a very important meeting in the life of the church as we elect our 2 churchwardens and new PCC members, and receive reports from the various church and affiliated groups for 2023. Therefore, it would be lovely if as many people as possible could be present to support those elected and hear about the life and ministry of Holy Trinity.

If you are interested in serving as a PCC member, please speak to Richard or one of the Churchwardens who will be able to give you more information of what the role entails.

Richard

## Fran Dowsett's funeral

Fran's funeral has now been arranged for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am at Woodvale Crematorium Brighton, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life, to which all are welcome, at Holy Trinity at 1.30pm the same day.

## Margaret Wilson's funeral

Margaret's funeral will take place in church on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

A message from Miriam Patrick -

*'As you may know, Margaret Wilson, for a long time a member of the Holy Trinity family, died recently, aged 102. She had not been out for some years and had been receiving communion at home. It would be much appreciated by Margaret's family if members of the congregation who remember her could offer memories to be shared at her funeral on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please could you forward any contributions to the church office.'*

## "Life on the Frontline" House Group Course

This May the Holy Trinity house groups (with the exception of "Growing Together" which will undertake the course in the autumn) will start running a six-week course entitled "Life on the Frontline" which aims to help equip us to become disciples of Christ in all areas of our lives. This course produced by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) encourages each of us to consider our frontline, which is the place where you spend much of your time, and where you meet people who don't know Jesus. It's the place to which God has called you, the place of possibility and potential for bringing the Good News.

We may be old or young, healthy or infirm, employed or not - but we all have a frontline - the place where God has put us to be Christ to others. The LICC in advertising the course asks each of us to "imagine what the impact might be on our neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools - on the whole nation - if we could help each other make a difference for Christ in these places. Imagine how God could work through you, right where you are."

Each session of the course combines a short video, discussion material, Bible teaching, and real-life stories of people who live their lives for Christ on their frontlines where the Lord has placed them. I want to encourage anyone who would like to do the course but is not currently in a house group, to consider joining a house group to benefit from this excellent teaching material. Please contact Richard or Claire in the Church Office if you are not currently in a group and would like to attend the course.

*Richard*



## MU News

### Charity Lunch on Saturday 11th May at Guide Headquarters (corner of main carpark) 12-2pm

Delicious home made quiches, coronation chicken, ham, sausages, home-made salads, French bread .....

Followed by wonderful spread of home-made puddings, tea and coffee.

All for only £10 adults, £4 children under 12years - so please put the date in your diaries to come along and enjoy a scrumptious lunch whilst supporting our MU Overseas Projects, and meeting up with friends old and new.

Everyone most welcome.

Tickets available in church at coffee time or just come on the day.



The Holy Trinity family and the wider village have given generously to Christian Aid over many years. In recent years you may remember being given the free gift of a poetry book as a 'thank you'. This year we wanted to do something a bit different and we hope to offer recipes instead of poems.

**To do this, we need your help!** We know that the church community includes many skilful cooks and bakers and we will need your favourite recipes in the book. It will be divided into sections such as Starters, Main Courses, Soups, Desserts and Cakes, according to the recipes we receive, but do feel free to send suggestions even though they may not seem to fit a category.

We have discussed costs with Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre and plan to have the booklets printed by them for a September launch. So please start sending ideas as soon as possible to Miriam Patrick [mim.patrick54@gmail.com](mailto:mim.patrick54@gmail.com) You may feel uneasy with the idea of celebrating food when so many of the communities Christian Aid works with struggle to find sufficient to eat. However, we hope this will be seen as a way to support those communities while acknowledging the good fortune of having a good and plentiful diet.

*Miriam Patrick.*

## What's the New Testament all about?

Wed 1 May / 7-9pm (including a break) / St Edward's Church, Burgess Hill

We are delighted to have Rev Dr Earl Collins coming to lead an evening on the New Testament as part of the Diocesan year of the New Testament.

He will look at questions like: What is the NT? How did we get it? What's in it and why is it important for our faith?

Earl is the Continuing Ministerial Development Officer for the Diocese and Vicar of St John's Hove. He is a former monk, former Vice Principal of Westcott House, author and expert on Christian mysticism. He is incredibly knowledgeable and a warm and engaging speaker. All are welcome. Free entry.

*Rev Jules Middleton*

## Missing Angel



An angel has gone missing from next to one of the memorial stones in the Garden of Remembrance. If anyone has seen it could they please contact the church office on [hurstparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hurstparishoffice@gmail.com)

## Good condition laptops and tablets needed for a school in Ukraine

Last year all the computers in a school linked with one of the Hurst Ukrainian families were destroyed by a power surge. We are looking to help replace them. If you have a spare laptop or tablet/ipad in good condition and would be willing to donate it, please get in touch:

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## FSW APRIL Update

The FSW February Update and Prayer Points is now available – Please [click here](#)



## This week we are praying ....

For King Charles III as he continues his treatment for cancer, and for Queen Camilla as she supports him. We pray for the Princess of Wales as she receives treatment for cancer, and for the Prince of Wales, their children. And for the wider Royal Family at this difficult time.

For peace and justice in our world. For Israel and Palestine. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to Hurstpierpoint, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

For those who are unwell including Neil, Hugo, Yasmeen, Ann, Ben, Neil, Esther, Tony, Benny, Rosemary, Susan, Paul, Roger, Pauline, Belinda, Nicki, Richard, Brian, Rosslyn and June.

For the bereaved, especially the families and friends of Fran Dowsett, Margaret Wilson, Robert Lovegrove and Paula Goodchild.

*Please do tell us if you are unwell and would like to be included in our prayer list. Do not think that any request is too small.*



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