

Welcome to this week's Keeping in Touch (KIT) for St Mary's and St Wilfrid's in the Parish of Chidham.



OUR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

We will be welcoming Canon Nason to our 1000 service in St Mary's this Sunday.

(There is an 0900 service at Sennicotts)

BOOK & CAKE SALE SAT 10th FEBRUARY – ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Another shameless reminder that there are 2 weeks to go to our **Book & Cake (and a little bit more!) Sale.**

Do you have any **audio books**, <u>paperback</u> books or jigsaw puzzles that you want to find a new home for? We still need more jigsaws if you have any.

We are also seeking **small items of bric-a-brac and china & glass** (no drinking glasses please) and of course **cakes and produce** on the day! **Children's books** are also warmly welcomed and any small games.



Come along to browse through our big selection of books (none of which were on sale at our Autumn Fair) and jigsaw puzzles, treat yourself to a homemade cake and stay for a cup of tea or coffee. There will also be a small selection of other (obviously top quality!) items for sale, mostly 'previously unseen' and other excitements.

Most of all, please come along to support the sale, meet with friends and grab a cuppa! **This is the first fundraising event of 2024** so let's start it off with a bang!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at **St. Andrew's, West Stoke** on **14th February** at **7.00pm**.



SPRING FAIR AND PLANT SALE COMING SOON - THE FUN NEVER STOPS!

Spring cleaning and sorting out? Please consider keeping any unwanted items for us!

Our **Spring Fair is** on **16th March** and we are appealing for the usual wide selection of items. If you have received any Christmas gifts that are seeking a home or have unwanted items that others may need we would be happy to help recycle them.

Clearing out your shed or garage? Our very popular **Plant Sale** is happening again on **Saturday 4th May.** More details to come but we will also be asking for garden related items to sell, so if you are having a clear out do keep any items for us that you may no longer need. These are always extremely popular; outdoor & indoor pots and trays, tools, ornaments, equipment, greenhouse items gardening accessories, seed packets etc.

Finally, if any green fingered people out there are thinking about starting off their spring planting then please keep us in mind, and if you are making cuttings from house plants these would be welcomed too!

SLOW ART DAY 2024

Chichester Cathedral will be holding a free event for Slow Art Day on 13th April with two sessions at 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This annual, international, event is to encourage participants to engage with individual works of art. After a short introduction, participants will look at 5 artworks in the Cathedral, spending about 10 minutes alone looking at each one. They will then meet up and discuss reactions and discover more about them and how art works in the sacred space of the Cathedral. The **sessions are free** but you will <u>need to book</u>.

The artworks will include some of the following:

The Lazarus Reliefs: These carved reliefs depict the Raising if Lazarus and were carved in the twelfth century.

Stained Glass Window by Marc Chagall: This window was created by Marc Chagall in 1978 and is based on Psalm 150.

Landscape with the Elements (1975-76) by John Craxton: This is on loan to the Cathedral to coincide with an exhibition at the Pallant House Gallery. This will give an opportunity to view this with the Piper tapestry.

The Piper Tapestry: Designed by John Piper and woven in France by the workshop of Pinton Frères in 1966. It depicts the Trinity in the centre and the four elements, (earth, air, fire, and water) together with the four evangelists in the side panels.

The five wounds by Michael Clark: This installation dates from 1994. The wounds of Christ are located at five points of the Cathedral.

STILL CAPTURING COPPERS!

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed to our on-going **'Copper Capture'**. You can still bring any unwanted coppers to a service and pop them into the jar which should be available at each service. If you don't see it just ask! Even one or two coins will help. (We'll take silver too, so any of those unwanted tiddley 5 pence pieces are also welcome!).



So, if you are clearing out a drawer and find the odd two pence piece we would be very happy to 'capture' it. Using actual cash in a shop? If you get brown coins in your change, please consider popping them into our **'Copper Capture'.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 Feb	Book & Cake Sale St Wilfrid's 1000 - 1200
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday service. 7.00pm West Stoke.
16 Mar	Spring Fair St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
4 May	Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
12-14 Jul	Flower Festival in St Mary's

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNTY COUNCILLOR?

Next year in May 2025, West Sussex residents will get the chance to vote for who will represent their local community on a range of issues and services delivered by the county council.



People across West Sussex are being encouraged to put themselves forward to stand as a county councillor as part of the nationwide **Be A Councillor** campaign.

A series of **Be a Councillor events** are being organised for anyone wanting to find out more. You can also find more details on the <u>`Be a Councillor'</u> website.



COLOUR TV – ALL THANKS TO A BASKET OF STRAWBERRIES AND A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY! (and there's also a small local connection)

On 26th January 1926, John Logie Baird gave the first public demonstration of television in his London laboratory to members of the Royal Institution. 16 months later in May 1927 he demonstrated long distance transmission of television pictures from London to Glasgow and by February 1928 he successfully transmitted pictures across the Atlantic. All black and white of course but amazingly he first demonstrated colour television in July 1928. Admittedly it used a spinning mirror drum and a revolving disc that alternated between red and green filters and used a basket of strawberries as an early test subject! Sadly for Baird, it did not produce a viable colour system but, undeterred, he continued his research in the late 1930s by financing it from his own personal savings—including cashing in his life insurance policy.

Even though WW2 temporarily ended the BBC's television service, Baird demonstrated an improved colour system in 1940 and the quality was far greater that the black and white pre-war service. By 1944 he showed a colour picture tube which not only created colour pictures but also produced 3D images – far ahead of its time! In his experiments with broadcasting images, Baird had to use wax dummy heads as the heat from the studio lights was far too intense for live performers. Sadly, Baird's untimely death in 1946 brought an end to this route of research and this lead in colour television experimentation moved to the USA.



It wasn't until July 1967 that BBC2 launched colour television in the UK, with the Wimbledon championships presented by David Vine. Colour broadcasting then went live on the remaining two channels (BBC1 and ITV) in November 1969. The first official colour programme on BBC1 was a concert by Petula Clark (a Chichester girl) from the Royal Albert Hall, broadcast at midnight on 14/15 November. This might seem an odd hour to launch a colour service, but this was the time that the colour tv licence (priced at £10) began!

APOLOGIES FOR THE FOLLOWING

What month is the best one to tell a lie? Fib-ruary..

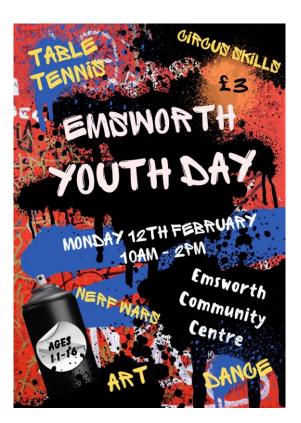
In which month is the best beer produced? Feb-brew-ary

Why do people walk slowly in February? Because it's not March.

What is the best outfit to wear on 2nd February? A tu-tu

(happy to include your jokes for March!)





A REMINDER OF THE NEW RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM

A reminder that **from Monday 12th February** you will need an appointment to visit any recycling centre in West Sussex. You will be able to make a total of five trips to recycling centres in a calendar month. When you visit, and to which centre, is up to you, but you must have an appointment slot.



There will be a limited number of appointments per day, booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. You can book on the day you want to visit, or up to 14 days beforehand. When booking you will need to provide the registration number of the vehicle you will be attending the centre in. You will still need to provide proof of address when you visit too. You will not need to be at the centre at the exact time of your appointment – you can arrive at any time within your allocated slot. Appointments at Chichester will be 30 minutes long.

Staff will turn you away if you do not have a booking or proof of address or are late for your appointment. If you arrive too early staff may ask you to re-join the queue or return at your appointment time.

More information can be found here

ARE YOU A FAN OF THE REPAIR SHOP?

Filming is currently underway for *The Repair Shop* and during this time the Weald & Downland museum is offering a sneaky peek behind the scenes of Court Barn (when filming is not taking place!), on 27th, 28th & 31st January and 3rd & 4th February. This is included in the usual admission price for the

museum. Volunteers will be on hand to talk to you about Court Barn and answer your questions. (Please note the cast and crew will not be present on these open days).

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

If you feel able to help on a regular basis you can do this by joining our confidential **Planned Giving scheme**. If you are interested in helping in this way you can use the QR code to find out more or do speak to Carole Holmes our Gift Aid secretary.

Alternatively you may prefer to set up a **Standing Order** with your bank. Information is available in St Mary's. If you are able to Gift Aid your

donations, if you have not already done so, please complete the gift aid declaration form which can be found in St Mary's, or speak to Carole Holmes. You can also make a donation through **online banking**, please use the reference 'donation': Acct name: PCC of Chidham Acct Number: 96179236 Sort Code: 60-05-24

Do contact one of our churchwardens or our treasurer vivien519@btinternet.com if you have any questions.

> "This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my laptop and tablet crashed"

Here is a reminder of the contact details for our churchwardens: Mike Carroll - 01243 572646 Willem Van Niekerk - 07960 305427



