



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



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OUR MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is **Mothering Sunday** and we will be welcoming **Reverend John Dane** to lead our **1000** service in **St Wilfrid's**.

(There is no 0800 service at Funtington this week. There will be a 1000 Lay Reader led service).

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES - HELP NEEDED

Can you help us to make the Mothering Sunday posies? We will be doing this in St Wilfrid's from **0930 on Saturday (9th March)**.

We would be grateful for **donations of daffodils** (if you have any) and **greenery** which can be left by the hall door or brought on Saturday morning. Even a very few blooms will be gratefully received. **If you can help make the posies** please **just come along to St Wilfrid's** on the day. The posies are always so well received and always make such a lovely display.



MAKING CONTACT

If you need to speak to a churchwarden between now and Easter, please contact Willem in the first instance. Contact details at end of KIT.

SPRING FAIR- IT'S NEXT SATURDAY!!!!

Not long now. Our **Spring Fair** is on **16th March** and as you are aware we are appealing for the usual wide selection of items. **Don't forget that St Wilfrid's will be open on the Friday evening (15th Mar) from 5.00-7.00pm to accept any donations you may have!** If you can bring them along then, it is much easier for us to sort them in advance rather than on the day of the sale. Cakes and produce can be brought then or on the morning of the Fair. If you have items that need collecting please contact Carol (kitstmaryschidham@gmail.com or 01243 537216).

Alternatively you can bring them to any service.

Our **tombola** for the Fair is taking shape but we still need any items you are able to donate, such as bottles of sauce, tins, pop, water, shampoo, shower gel, beer, wine or perhaps chocolates, sweets and biscuits, toiletries etc. Just one item will be a great help. Most of all, make a date to come along and support the Fair.

PARISH OF CHIDHAM

SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 16th March

1030 - 1230

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH
BROAD ROAD, NUTBOURNE

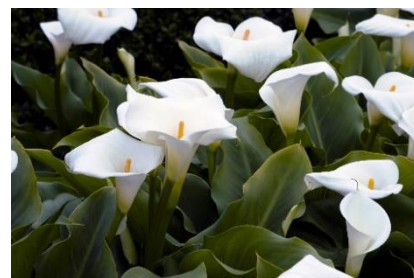
 NEW ITEMS * CHINA & GLASS
BRIC-A-BRAC
PRE-LOVED COSTUME JEWELLERY

 CAKES & PRODUCE
BOOKS * TOYS 

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS
& MORE

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Nina Bates, Crondall Lodge, Scant Road West, Hambrook PO18 8UA or on 01243-576331.



Alternatively, please put your donation (Gift Aided if possible) in a sealed envelope, marked for Nina and with the name of the person(s) to be remembered on the outside and give it to Nina or a churchwarden (Willem van Niekerk or Mike Carroll).

The names of those to be remembered will be displayed in the church over the Easter period.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

9.00am St Mary's, **Sennicotts** Eucharist

10.00am St. Mary's, **Chidham** Eucharist



Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday

10.30am St Wilfrid's Eucharist



Friday 29th March

Good Friday

9.30am St. Mary's **Funtington** Stations of the Cross
Followed at 10.15 by a walk to St Wilfrid's.

12.30pm St Wilfrid's Lunch
Followed at **1.00pm** by a **walk to St Mary's Chidham**

2.00pm St Mary's **Chidham** Veneration of the Cross



Join us for all or parts of this event.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

7.00am Dawn Service on Cobnor shore
(**N.B.** 0800 service in St Mary's if wet weather)

Meet at Cobnor. Park in grass carpark on left just before entrance to Cobnor House



10.00 am St. Mary's, **Funtington** Easter Morning Joint Eucharist Service

GOOD FRIDAY WALK & SERVICES

On Good Friday, you are invited to join our walk of witness, a series of events involving both Funtington and Chidham parishes. **Starting at St Mary's Funtington** at 9.30 with Stations of the Cross, we will **then walk to St Wilfrid's** for lunch.

After lunch, at 1.00pm the walk will **continue down to St Mary's Chidham** for Veneration of the Cross, which will start at 2.00pm.



You are invited to join in all or part of **these events**.

Do feel free to join us at any point in the day.

You are most welcome at either of the services or part of the walk.

GROWING INTEREST IN OUR PLANT SALE

Our very popular Plant Sale will take place on **11th May** in **St Wilfrid's**.

More details to come, but we will be appealing 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!

LOOKING FOR AN EASTER GIFT?

Why not consider adding an Easter egg to one of our St Mary's mugs?

The **mugs** depicting St Mary's church are sold in aid of the upkeep of our ancient building and the St Mary's Project. Priced at **£6**, these beautiful bone china mugs feature a black and white pencil sketch of St Mary's.



If you would like one do email kitstmaryschidham@gmail.com to secure yours!

If you would like one delivered to you, please call 01243 537216 and we will arrange it.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word "mother" or "mothers" appears in the Bible almost 300 times, and the word "mother-in-law" appears 11 times and always in reference to Naomi, mother-in-law of Ruth.

The phrase *"And his mother was . . ."* appears 20 times in II Kings and II Chronicles, This phrase underlines the importance attached to the mothers of kings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 Mar	Mothering Sunday Service 1000 St Wilfrid's
16 Mar	Spring Fair St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
24 Mar	Palm Sunday Service 1000 St Mary's
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Service 1030 St Wilfrid's
29 Mar	Good Friday Walk of Witness
31 Mar	Easter Sunday 0700 Dawn Service on Cobnor Shore (0800 St Mary's if wet weather) 1000 Joint Service St Mary's, Funtington
25 Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm St Wilfrid's
11 May	Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 – 1230
30 Jun	Fundraising luncheon for St Mary's Project – details tbc
12-14 Jul	Flower Festival in St Mary's

WELLBEING MONTH IN WEST SUSSEX LIBRARIES

March is Wellbeing Month in West Sussex libraries. Did you know there are lots of ways your library can help you improve your wellbeing:

- Find a [book to boost your mood](#)
- Take part in a [regular activity](#)
- Check out the drop-in information stands in all libraries this month from organisations including wellbeing hubs, Health and Independent Living Support (HILS), Meals on Wheels, Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and more

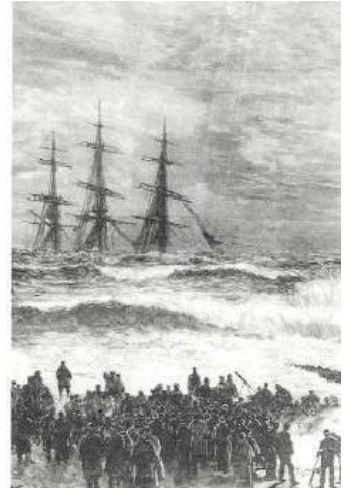
For younger library customers, they are running a Hunt the Bear character hunt during March in all libraries with a chance to enter a prize draw. Pop along and have a look for the well-hidden bears!

Wellbeing Month information



IT'S AN ILL WIND.....

We've seen some pretty wild weather recently, but nothing like was seen on 9th March 1891. The weather on Monday 9th March 1891 started out very calm, but by mid-afternoon winds had picked up, becoming a full gale by nightfall. Powdered snow began to fall, coupled with high winds, causing blizzard like conditions across Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset. This led to snow drifts of over 15 feet high, the weight of which caused roofs to collapse and bringing down telegraph poles and lines. For four days, Cornwall and Devon were almost entirely cut off from the rest of Britain with roads and rail impassable. The southeast was also essentially cut off from the rest of the UK as strong winds continued over the following 5 days, with severe storms sinking 14 ships off the south coast. Across the country the blizzard killed more than 200 people and over 6,000 livestock and is said to have not completely melted until June of that year.



More wild weather that wreaked havoc on the country for nearly two weeks took place in November 1703. The storm had hurricane strength winds and killed somewhere between 10,000 and 30,000 people. Hundreds of Royal Navy ships were also lost to the storm. This unusual weather began on 14th November with storms battering the south of Britain and Wales. Many homes and other buildings were damaged by the pounding winds, but the hurricane-like storm only began doing serious damage on 26th November. With winds estimated at over 80 miles per hour, bricks were blown from some buildings and embedded in others. Wood beams, separated from buildings, flew through the air and killed hundreds across the south. Places such as Plymouth, Cowes, Portsmouth and Bristol were devastated. Despite this, falling debris and chimneys were not responsible for the majority of deaths. The storm created a surge in the tidal rivers with the River Severn rising '*eight foot higher than ever was known in the memory of man*' and spread a mile out from its banks where sheep and cattle drowned in whole flocks and herds. The land beneath was covered with salt, having a knock-on effect that would last several harvests. One writer from Sussex commented '*The grass on the downs [near Lewes] was so salt, that the sheep in the morning would not feed till hunger compelled them*'

However, the death toll really mounted when 300 Royal Navy ships anchored off the south coast—with 8,000 sailors on board—were lost. It is estimated that one-third of all seamen in the navy were lost on the night of the storm.

The Eddystone Lighthouse was also felled. Huge waves on the Thames River sent water six feet higher than ever before recorded into London, with more than 5,000 homes along the river destroyed. It has been estimated that the Great Storm of 1703 was more costly in terms of property damage than the Great Fire of London in 1666.

The scale of the damage, and the amount of lives lost, led to a searching among the survivors for a reason for the storm. A favoured explanation was that it was '*the dreadest and most universal judgment that ever almighty power thought fit to bring upon this part of the world.*' The storm was a punishment from God, visited on England for its sins, for atheism and turning away from the correct Christian path. Queen Anne's government agreed, announcing that the calamity '*loudly calls for the deepest and most solemn humiliation of our people*' and proclaiming a national day of fasting on 5th December in recognition of the '*crying sins of this nation*'.

TALK ON ELIZABETHAN CHICHESTER

The West Sussex Record Office is hosting a talk on Elizabethan Chichester on **Tuesday 26th March at 7.00pm**, which will take place both in their Orchard Street office and on line.

What was it like to live in Elizabethan Chichester?

It was a city we would recognise - but how did its residents live their lives?

What did they do when they got up in the morning?

Where did they get their groceries?

Who knew whom, and what was the gossip of the day?

This talk focuses on one family living in North Street and reimagines their everyday activities. This fascinating talk will be provided by historian and archivist Dr Caroline Adams. It will last up to an hour, with an opportunity to ask questions (via the chat box for our remote audience). Find out more using this [link](#)



MAYBUSH COPSE FRIENDS - AGM

Maybush Copse Friends are holding their **AGM** on **Monday 25th March at 7.30pm** in **St Wilfrid's**. Everybody is welcome. Find out what's going on, be part of it. There will be refreshments and a chance to chat.

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Here is a reminder of the contact details for our churchwardens:

Mike Carroll – 01243 572646
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