



**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 SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

As it is the first Sunday of the month there will be an **0800** service in **St Mary's** and we will be welcoming **Canon Nason** to lead us.

There is also a Lay Reader led service at 1000 in St Mary's Funtington and a 1000 Eucharist service in St Andrew's West Stoke.

BOOK & CAKE SALE SAT 10th FEBRUARY – ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!

Only one week to go! **This week we are appealing to our lovely cake makers for donations for the upcoming sale.** Cakes can be brought to the hall on the day or after 5.00pm on the Friday evening.

Do you have any **audio books, paperback books or jigsaw puzzles** that you want to find a new home for? (please, no hardback non-fiction books as these tend not to be so popular and then are hard to dispose of!) **Children's books of any type** are also warmly welcomed and any small games.

We are also seeking **small items of bric-a-brac and china & glass** (no drinking glasses please).

The **hall will be open on Friday evening (9th Feb) from 5.00-7.00pm to accept any donations of the above!** 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.

Do come along to the **sale next Saturday** to check out the books (none of which were on sale at our Autumn Fair), jigsaws etc and perhaps treat yourself to a homemade cake and stay for a cup of tea or coffee.

This is the first fundraising event of 2024 so let's start it off with a bang!

 PARISH OF CHIDHAM
BOOK & CAKE SALE
 (& a little bit more)
SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY
 1000 - 1200
 ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH
 BROAD ROAD, NUTBOURNE
 BOOKS * CAKES * JIGSAWS
 BRIC-A-BRAC * 
 REFRESHMENTS


ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at **St. Andrew's, West Stoke** on **14th February** at **7.00pm**, which will be led by Canon David Nason.



INTERREGNUM UPDATE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

On 30th January, both PCCs engaged in a meeting with Archdeacon Luke to explore future possibilities for our parishes. The next stage will involve individual meetings between Archdeacon Luke and each PCC before Easter, allowing for in-depth discussions and a thorough understanding of our collective perspectives and needs. This will allow us to start work on the next stage which will be the creation of a parish profile/s that can be used to kick off the recruitment process.

We will keep you all informed of progress and decisions as we move through this time of uncertainty.

Mike & Willem

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2024

Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. This year's Confirmation service for Westbourne Deanery will take place on **15th April** in Holy Trinity Bosham and will be led by Bishop Ruth.

If you would like more information regarding confirmation classes for either adults or children, please speak to Willem to find out more information.

SPRING FAIR COMING SOON – (so, hopefully, is the Spring!)

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

Our **Spring Fair** is on **16th March** and we will be 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.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR PLANT SALE

Please note that our Plant Sale will **now** take place on **11th 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!

THE YEAR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Podcast in which the Bishop of Chichester explains the background to the Year of the New Testament is still available. [CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#)

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

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| 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 |
| 11 May | Plant Sale St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230 |
| 12-14 Jul | Flower Festival in St Mary's |



MAYBUSH COPSE FRIENDS – WORKING PARTY
SAT 3rd FEBRUARY – 1000 – 1200

A message from Stephen Johnson:

We need YOU! Previous Work Parties at the Copse have done a lot to make the paths reasonably passable through this very wet weather. We need you to help. Don't rely on someone else - Maybush Copse needs your active support.



If you enjoy the Copse, join us on Saturday. We have woodchip. Bring a wheelbarrow plus fork/spade/rake if you can, or tools for cutting back vegetation to keep the paths clear. Please wear appropriate clothing, gardening gloves and stout footwear... For more details contact Stephen.

PIP PIP! (pip, pip, pip, pip)

The Greenwich Time Signal or 'six-pips' was introduced 100 years ago on 5 February 1924, following the successful broadcast of the chimes of Big Ben to usher in the new year. Late in 1923, Frank Dyson, the ninth Astronomer Royal met with John Reith, Director General of the BBC, to discuss the idea of public time signals being broadcast. The time signal was the brain child of Dyson who had devised it with Frank Hope-Jones, inventor of the free pendulum clock, who had originally advocated for a five-pip signal.



The pips were originally controlled by two mechanical clocks located in the Royal Greenwich Observatory that had electrical contacts attached to the pendulums. Two clocks were used in case of the breakdown of one. These sent a signal each second to the BBC, which converted them to the audible tone they broadcast.

In 1939, the six-pip signal and the Time Service moved from Greenwich to the magnetic observatory at Abinger in Surrey and then again to Herstmonceux in Sussex in 1957. In 1990, the Greenwich Time Signal transmitted its last pips. Since then, the BBC has originated its own pips based on signals from the GPS satellite network and from the 60kHz radio transmitter at Anthorn, Cumbria. The original clock used for the six-pips signal, known as the 'Pip Pip Clock' is currently kept at the Royal Observatory Greenwich.

At 0800 on 17 September 2008, the pips went "adrift" by six seconds, and broadcast seven pips rather than six. This was traced to a problem with the pip generator, which was rectified by switching it on and off again!

Why should you never believe a clock?

It might be second hand information.

Eating a clock can be very time consuming, especially if you go back for seconds.

Why is it important to take off your watch before telling any secrets?

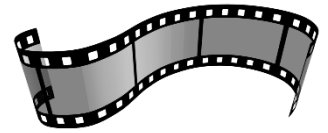
Because time will tell.

(Come on....these are much better than last week's!)

CINEMA ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Friday 9th February - Chidham Village Hall

SCRAPPER



Feisty Georgie lives alone in a South London flat, fending off the authorities after the death of her mother. Unexpectedly, the Dad she has never met turns up in her life. Together they learn to connect and forge a relationship.

Doors open 7.30pm film screens 8.00pm. Entrance £6.00
Licensed bar Tickets: 02392 574074/ 07792349936

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.



...I've moved with the times - I've now got
a solar-powered radio microphone...

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

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