



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



11 Feb 24

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OUR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

At our **1000** service in **St Wilfrid's** this Sunday we will be welcoming **Reverend John Dane** to lead us.

There is also an 0800 service in St Mary's, Funtington.

BOOK & CAKE SALE THIS SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY

It's here! Our Book & Cake Sale will be opening its doors at **1000** on **Saturday** morning.

If you are able to donate a cake for the sale it can be brought to the hall on Saturday morning or between 5.00 – 7.00pm on Friday (9th).

The **hall will be open on Friday evening (9th Feb) from 5.00-7.00pm** to accept any donations of cakes and books, jigsaws etc. By bringing them along then, it will greatly help us to sort them in advance rather than on the day of the sale.

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

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REFRESHMENTS

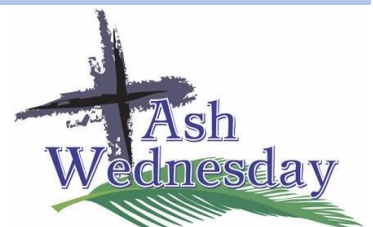


We have been given some lovely books, so do come along to check them out, together with the other items for sale. Why not treat yourself to a homemade cake and stay for a cuppa to chat with friends?

This is the first fundraising event of 2024 please help us to get off the mark in a spectacular way!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – THIS WEEK

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.



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 – 5 WEEKS TO GO!

Following our Book & Cake Sale we will be preparing for our usual Spring Fair event. 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. More details to follow.

ANNUAL 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!

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

LASER SHOW AT CHICHESTER CANAL BASIN

16th & 17th February 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Chichester District Council will be providing a **FREE** laser light show over the canal basin on 16th & 17th February. The fun starts at 5.00pm each day, with the laser shows to music at 6.00pm and 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available at the Canal Trust café and there will also be a selection of food and drink concessions on the canal wharf.

Parking is available at City centre car parks or Chichester High School. More information is available on the Chichester District Council website.

INDOOR BOOT SALE

**Saturday 24th February
Southbourne Village Hall**

You can find more information from <https://southbournevillagehall.co.uk/>



LOVEBIRDS LOVE BIRDS ♥

It was once commonly believed that the first bird a woman saw on Valentine's Day would predict what her husband would be like or do for a living. Here are some examples:

If they saw a....

- **Sparrow:** they'd marry a poor person, but they'd be happy
- **Woodpecker:** they'd remain single that year
- **Bluebird:** they'd marry a happy person
- **Blackbird:** they'd marry a priest or clergyman
- **Goldfinch:** they'd marry a man of great wealth
- **Robin:** they'd marry a sailor
- **Hawk:** they'd marry a soldier or brave person
- **Owl:** their lover would die young
- **Crossbill:** they'd marry an argumentative or bad-tempered person
- **Flock of Doves:** they'd have a happy marriage



P.S. If you have a taste for the finer things in life, try your best not to come across a squirrel on Valentine's Day. Though sweet, they apparently symbolise marriage to a cheapskate!

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

Step Into Spring Charity Concert
With
Emsworth Concert Band
Bourne Community College
Park Road, Southbourne. PO10 8PJ
Saturday 23 March 2024. 7:00pm
Tickets £12
Book online at www.southbournelions.uk or from
Bookends of Emsworth
Pre concert & interval bar
In aid of Southbourne Lions' Charities

The poster features a background image of a field of colorful flowers (poppies, tulips, etc.) under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on this image. A Lions Club logo is visible in the top left corner of the poster.

National Nestbox Week is an established part of the ornithological calendar. Celebrated from 14th February each year, it puts the spotlight on breeding birds and asks everyone to put up more nest boxes in their local area. You can find out more using this [link](#)

Locally, the Weald and Downland Museum has activities relating to this as part of their half term activities with a [Bird and nest box trail](#).

Where can everyone find a date for Valentine's day?
On a Calendar.

Why did the magnet fall in love with the fridge door?
It was just attracted to it.

Why must melons get married in their local church?
Because they cantaloupe.



CHICHESTER SINGERS

Saturday 23rd March 7.30pm

**Chichester Cathedral
Haydn, Bernstein & Jonathan Willcocks**



Programme:

Haydn – *Te Deum*

Bernstein – *Chichester Psalms*

Finzi – *Dies Natalis*

Jonathan Willcocks – *A Great and Glorious Victory*

The classical elegance of Haydn – *Te Deum* is contrasted by the evocative colour of Bernstein – *Chichester Psalms* (which was originally commissioned for performance in Chichester Cathedral) and the expressive beauty of Finzi's elegy for solo tenor and strings *Dies Natalis*.

The second half of the programme features Jonathan Willcocks – *A Great and Glorious Victory* which dramatically chronicles the events of the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar with an overriding message of the triumph of humanity over the horrors of warfare. Tickets will be available from 10th February.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-chichester-singers

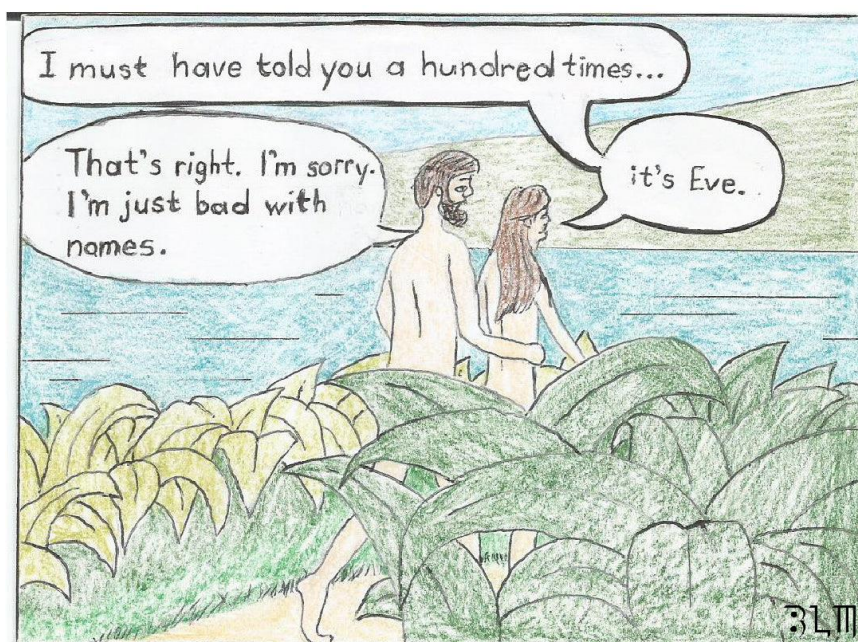
WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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.



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

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