



Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, February 2018

Dear Friends,

February to me is the time when we can begin to put winter behind us and look forward to the new growth and life of spring. Our gardens begin to fill with flowers and the fields with green shoots and baby animals. Life means all sorts of things to different people. What ‘floats your boat’, ‘gets you going’ ‘energises you’ are some of the expressions we use to describe the things which really interest and animate us and give us life. I wonder if any of you have been asked what your ‘prayer life’ might mean to you and to others.

The Diocese of Chichester recently launched its diocesan initiative for 2018 to encourage and develop our personal and public prayer lives. I am often asked; ‘say a prayer for me vicar’ and I am always happy to do so. Prayer though is not the prerogative of the clergy! Prayer does not always mean the formality of a church service or need to be ‘done’ by the vicar– much though it is always good to be together to pray! As we look forward this year to the coming of spring and all the indications of new life which we see around us, I encourage you to reflect on the practice of praying. Prayer can invigorate, comfort, inspire or console. It can happen anywhere and everywhere. It can be structured or totally informal. It offers a different sort of new life – that of reaching into the inner depths of our souls so we better understand ourselves and one another. In other words, it can touch our hearts in the most unexpected of ways and bring vision and energy into our lives.

At St Mary’s we will be using a Lent course called Inspiring Vision. It is a series of 6 standalone talks, presented as podcasts. It considers how the visual arts provide inspiration and pathways to prayer. Come and join me and others and try one for yourself! They begin at The Vicarage on Monday 26th February at 2.30. Come for a chat and a cuppa! And if you want to try a bit

of praying, just stand quietly wherever you might be and thank God for something good which has happened to you or in the world today. That's praying! Or drop in to St Mary's sometime during the week. If you simply stand and reflect in the peace and beauty of the church you will have already 'said a prayer'.

As winter turns to spring, I pray that your lives will be energised through the power of prayer and that your hopes and dreams will be fulfilled. And if religion doesn't 'float your boat' just saying thank you for each new day can't be a bad way to begin - can it? I believe that's praying too!

With love and blessings. *Celia*

Priest in charge; St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling.

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Easter Flowers. We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 31st March at 10.30am. Please make a note in your diaries to join us with greenery, secateurs and good ideas! Flowers and refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you - **Gill 883667**

Friends of Burpham Church, AGM and Reception, Saturday 17th February at 12.00 noon in the Village Hall, and a Reception afterwards at 12.30pm. Everyone in the Village is invited to this special AGM. It's special because after many years of loyal and helpful support to the FBC a number of Trustees are stepping down and 3 new Trustees are to be appointed - and that needs your approval! At Bill Tustin's suggestion I am proposed to be Chair again, but only for one year whilst the charity re-establishes itself and this also needs your approval.

At the reception after the meeting we shall be celebrating the work of David Sunray, Roger Williams and John Knight who have done so much to make the FBC so successful and I hope as many as possible will come to offer their thanks to them and to support the FBC.

David King, Acting Chair.

English Shuffleboard Evening on Saturday, 3rd February, 7.30pm Burpham Village Hall. Come along and join in the fun with your family and friends. Tickets are £12 and include fish and chip supper (or you can have a choice of sausage, fish cakes, pie or chicken quarter) - *bring your own tipple*. If you would like to come along please **phone:**

Heather 882839 or Julie 883053.

Village Supper at the Pub on Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm - all welcome! Please come along and meet your neighbours! We now have the menu which is:

Chicken casserole or Chunky Vegetable Soup with Crusty Bread (Vegetarian), with a small glass of 'house' wine, or a half pint of beer or a soft drink. **Price: £10.**

The full menu will also be available. Please book at The George on 884846, quoting 'Village Supper'. **Toria Burch**

Wine Matching and Tasting Dinner on Wednesday 21st February at 7.00pm. We will be sampling wines for a new wine list, so the George is hosting a special 3 course dinner, each with a new wine. On arrival you will sample a new Sussex fizz with canapés, followed by a white and a red and a pudding wine. Our wine merchant Hennings will explain the wines and are generously subsidising the wines too. Should be a fun evening even at £48 (including 4 glasses of wine). The menu is available to see at the pub or online. **Please be sure to book on 883131, Sarah King**

Village Companions.

Following the meeting on the 22nd January, the following programme of events was confirmed/agreed up to May:

- **Murder Mystery & Supper** at the Jailhouse, Friday 9th February, meet in the bar of the Red Lion at 7.00pm, or at the Jailhouse door at 7.45pm. **Sandra organising 916581.**
- **Next Village Walk** – Saturday 10th March, leaving the Village Hall at 10:30am. Two & half hour walk across the Downs. All welcome; if you wish to attend please let **Simon Lay know at simon@emgroupuk.com**
- **Wine Tasting at Majestic**, Worthing, Monday 19th March, £20 refundable if you buy wine, followed by supper, venue TBC. **Ron organising 884178.**
- **Priory Theatre, 'Killing Time'**, by Richard Stockwell, 11th or 12th Apr, TBC. **William organising 884337.**

If you are interested in joining any of these events please contact the organiser and make sure that you are on the list! **Bob Baynes**

The George Writers' Group. The members of the George Writers' Group read some of their works, including a new piece by Simon Brett, to a full house on 28th January at the Burpham Country House Hotel. The evening was enthusiastically received by a critical and discerning audience of 42 people! Our thanks go to Jan and Simon for organising it and to Steve and Jackie for providing a brilliant venue, delicious canapés and an elegant sufficiency of wine. The evening raised £260 for the Chestnut Tree, so thank you all for your wonderful generosity.

Village Information. We have a new Village e-mail, for distributing village news to Burpham, Wepham and Warningcamp. You can also email issues to the Village Committee via this system by e mailing burphamandwepham@gmail.com. If you have moved into the village please send an email to this address, so we can add you in. If you no longer want to receive e-mails, just let us know. **Jackie Penticost**

Parking in Burpham. Jackie and Steve have very generously offered to make their car park at the lower end of the village available to private (not trade) vehicles from 1st February onwards. Hopefully this will ease the top car park congestion a little. But if you plan to park for several hours, or more than one day, can you knock on the door and let them know. Please park considerately. **Steve & Jackie**

Forthcoming Events

Sat 3 Feb	7.30pm	Village Shuffleboard Evening	Village Hall
Sun 4 Feb	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 5 Feb	7.00pm	Village Fete Planning Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 7 Feb	7.00pm	Village Supper	The George
Fri 9 Feb	7.45pm	Murder Mystery & Supper	Jailhouse
Sun 11 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 13 Feb	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 14 Feb	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Eucharist	St Mary's
Sat 17 Feb	12 noon	FBC AGM & Reception	Village Hall
Sun 18 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Wed 21 Feb	7.00pm	Wine Matching & Tasting Dinner	The George
Sun 25 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's

Please send your articles for the March Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of February. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes