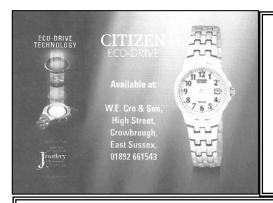
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St Michael & All Angels Withyham with All Saints Blackham CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2014

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Sunday in month	↓,		ST MICHAELS WITHYHAM	ALL SAINTS BLACKHAM
Sun 6 Apr	1	9.30 am		Holy Communion
LENT 5		11 am	Sung Eucharist	
		6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 10 Apr		10 am	Holy Communion with Passiontide Meditation	
Sun 13 Apr	2	9.30 am	FAMILY EUCHARIST, WITH DISTRIBUTION OF	
PALM SUNDAY			PALMS (9.30 am for 9.45 start)	
		11 am	MATINS, WITH DISTRIBUTIO	ON OF PALMS
		6.30 pm	Evensong	
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EASTER DAY				t Blackham, modern style
		11 am	ALL-AGE EASTER SERVICE	
		11.45 am	EASTER EUCHARIST	
			to follow on, Prayer Book style, shortened	
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Thu 24 Apr		10 am	Holy Communion with Medita	ation
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Sun 27 Apr	4	9.30 am	Family Eucharist (9.30 for 9.45)	
Easter 2		11 am	Matins	
		6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 1 May		10 am	Holy Communion with Meditation	
ST PHILIP & ST JAM	ES		•	
Sun 4 May	1	9.30 am		Holy Communion
EASTER 3		11 am	Matins	
		6.30 pm	Evensong	

"MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, RISING IN GLORY, DISPEL THE DARKNESS OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS"

from the ancient Easter Liturgy

Withyham Rectory
March 2014

Dear Everyone,

At Christmas we travelled 'in heart and mind to Bethlehem, to see this thing that is come to pass and the Babe lying in manger' – in the words of the Bidding at the carol service three months ago.

But now is the time to travel *in heart and mind to Jerusalem*. Here we would catch a vision, beyond the Infant Christ of the family carol service, to the stark reality of the engagement between Christ and the dark forces of 'this world'.

This is the pivot-point of the Church's year. Come and participate, *in heart and mind*: at the Lord's final entry into the holy city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; be with him in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday; stand *afar off* from the Cross on Good Friday. Rest on Holy Saturday, as he rested in the Tomb; then, on Easter Eve, 'in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life', come and join in the Easter Vigil (Please see below (page 3), for details and explanations of these services).

One response to the problems and pains of our lives, and to a sense of darkness in the world, is to make the decision to participate in the liturgy of Holy Week. This will do three things: (1) It will remind us of the spiritual conflict in which the Church must be engaged; (2) It will speak of victory; and (3) It will be a witness to our allegiance.

At the Easter Vigil service, while the new Easter Candle is being prepared and lit, the priest says some very ancient and moving words: By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. And then, when it is actually lit: May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

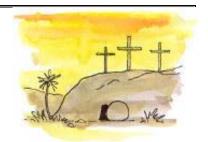
With Easter blessings,

Alastair Ferguson

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2014

IN THE PARISH OF WITHYHAM

These Holy Week Services follow closely what has been done since earliest times. This week is the pivot of the Church's Year.



<u>Sunday 13 April</u>

PALM SUNDAY

9.30 am, at the Family ServiceDistribution of Palms, Procession,& Eucharist of the Day11 am Matins, preceded byDistribution of Palms

6.30 pm Evensong

Christ enters the city of Jerusalem for the last time.

"It is written 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee: there you shall see me, says the Lord".

Magnificat antiphon, Palm Sunday

Thursday 17 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

'Where charity and love are found, there is God.'

from the Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday 18 April

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion and Death of Christ

2 pm Liturgy of the Day

HOLY SATURDAY

8 pm The Easter Vigil

From Death to Life: the ancient Easter Liturgy

Sunday 20 April

Saturday 19 April

EASTER SUNDAY

At All Saints, Blackham

9.30 am

Easter Eucharist Family Service style

At St Michaels

11 am

All-Age Easter Service

to be followed by

11.40 am

Easter Eucharist

Prayer Book style (shortened)

No Evensong

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the dawn of Redeemed Creation

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, And from three days' sleep in death

As a sun has risen; All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying

From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.

- St John of Damascus, 8th century

Churchwardens Notes - April 2014

Just in case you had not heard, this will be one of the last notes this particular Churchwarden (namely Peter Griffiths) will be writing. After two eventful years, he finds that he cannot devote the time and energy required to both standing for Parliament and being Churchwarden. Also he had no idea, when Adrian asked him to stand for the position, how much time and work went on behind the scenes, in order to present a seemingly effortless Service. Luckily, Rosemary was an excellent teacher.

He also had no idea that Adrian was about to retire and that he would be faced with an Interregnum! He will, however, if re-elected (!) remain on the PCC and Alastair, Richard and whoever the new Churchwarden is, will have his full support.

Therefore this will be a fairly short set of notes this month, as he is writing this early, before setting off on holiday.

First the reminders:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Friday 25th April**, at the King's Hall.

The Church Spring Clean will take place on **Saturday 26th April**. All volunteers will be gratefully welcomed and fed.

The Waitrose Community Project takes place during the whole of April. The more tokens you place in the Village Hall box, the larger share of Waitrose's largesse they will receive. We would like to remind you that the Village Hall contributes often to church funds.

Whitechapel Bell Foundry is proving elusive when it comes to agreeing a date for fixing our bell. However, they have promised to find a date soon. Hopefully, the bell will be removed on a Monday, fixed and rehung by the following Friday, so as not interfere with weddings or services.

Bishop Martin will be making a visitation to the Rotherfield Deanery between 1st and 7th June. This will include a visit to Withyham. If you see Alastair with a slightly worried frown on his face over the next few weeks, this will probably be the reason!

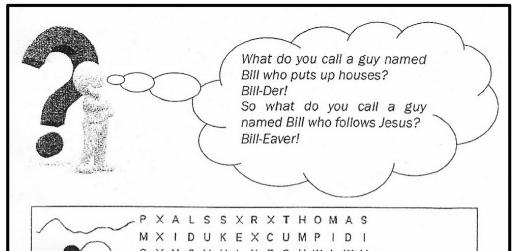
Peter Griffiths & Richard Carden.

Parish Registers

Funeral

On Wednesday 12th March, the Funeral of **Sarah Elizabeth Giles**, aged 63 years took place in St Michael's Church.

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Risen Jesus, make yourself known to us all in due time
So we may know for sure the joy of heaven!
Amen

WITHYHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY April 2014

By this time we should have had our March quiz so I hope that we made a lot of money for our funds.

The next event will be Royal Mires on Saturday the 5th April where you can, when you bring along your membership card, get a very generous 20% off all plant buys (excluding sale items, of course). The sale starts at 9 a.m. and will finish at 12 noon so make sure you get there in plenty of time. Following that we have the spring show on Saturday the 12th April and as all the narcissi have come very early this year we will have to make sure all the other classes are well supported. Even if you are not showing this time come along for a lovely cream tea.

Our first trip to Beth Chatto gardens is two thirds booked so if you would like to go please get in touch with me as the seats are going very fast all details will be in your membership cards and of course the show schedules, the cost is £17 for members and £20 for non-members. All are welcome.

Garden tips for this month: 1. Sow half-hardy herbs such as basil and coriander on a sunny window-sill 2. Prune winter heathers, cut back the flowered stems, make a clean cut below the base of the flower head reducing height by about a third, this helps keep plant compact and encourages new growth. 3. Apply fertiliser to fruit crops coming into flower now such as gooseberries, currants and forced strawberries under glass; use a high potash to improve quality. For crops in pots choose a liquid fertiliser but a granular fertiliser for fruit grown in the ground. 4. Check for lily beetles (I was listening to the Kent radio gardening programme last week and someone phoned in to say they had already seen one!)

We look forward to seeing you all at Royal Mires and the Spring Show.

For further information please ring either myself or Helen on 01892 771044, or email whswithyham@gmail.com

Val Edwards (Secretary) 01892 661940

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

EASTER LILIES

There is a long-standing tradition at St Michaels that people who wish to commemorate their loved ones, who have departed this life, present lilies which form the basis for the floral decoration of the church at Easter. There is a list and envelopes at the back of the church for those who wish to donate a lily in memory of their loved ones. Please write the names of those to be remembered on the list and donate £1.50 per lily (Cash or Cheque made out to Withyham Church Flower Fund) in the envelope provided. Put your name on the envelope (please don't leave it at the back of the church) and make sure the envelope gets to:

Jill Pardey (see address & tel on back of magazine)

???? QUIZ NIGHT ????

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Family Support Work (FSW)

The Christmas party was held at Knowles Tooth and was attended by over 50 children plus their families. They all had a most enjoyable time, providing the positive farewell that the FSW staff wanted.

As most of you are aware-because of ever increasing costs, Knowles Tooth has to be sold and new rental venues are being sought, so that the valuable work of FSW can continue.

There are currently in the region of twenty families with whom Michelle is working. There are some with very complex problems which are proving to be quite challenging.

The wonderful gifts you give so generously are greatly appreciated, making such a difference to everyday lives.

With that thought in mind and with Easter approaching-I would be most grateful if any of you felt able to donate an Easter Egg for one of the children.

Once again-please accept my sincere thanks for all the wonderful, gifts, clothing and food that you give me to pass on to the families.

Miriam Boobier FSW Representative

Distribution of the Withyham & Blackham Parish Magazine

For a number of years now the deadline for contributions has been midday on the 25th of each month (23rd for February).

For the remainder of 2014, allowing for editing, printing and weekends, the **latest** dates on which magazines will be available for collection from the back of the Church, will be as follows:

Magazine Month

Latest Pickup Day and Date

April Tuesday 1st April May Wednesday 30th April June Friday 30th May July **Tuesday** 1st July Wednesday 30th July August **September** Monday 1st September October Tuesday 30th September Thursday 29th October November December/January Tuesday 2nd December

I would be most grateful if distributors could note these days and dates. When these days and dates can be improved, distributors will be informed, probably by email, or phone, if they don't have an email.



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Artist of the Month: Henri Matisse (1869 – 1954)

Even though Matisse admitted himself that he was dreamy, frail and not very bright, his mother, he said, "loved everything I did". His father was a grain merchant and the house that he was born into had two rooms, a beaten earth floor and a roof that Matisse remembered dripped water above his bed when it rained. He was initially destined to follow his father into the grain business.

When he was 18 years old he went to Paris to study law and became a court administrator. However, despite passing the bar exams with distinction he regarded the law as tedious. His heart was set on being a painter much to the disappointment of his father. Whilst convalescing after an illness his mother bought him some art supplies. Matisse said that "From the moment I held the box of colours in my hands, I knew this was my life".

In 1898 Mattise married Amelie Parayre and studied Turner's works in London for a short time. He experimented with many styles of painting during the late 1800's and the early 1900's and became the leading figure of Fauvism. The Fauves sought a movement that was a more dynamic way of depicting nature. This style of painting is characterised by fierce, expressive and unnaturalistic colour. The name Fauves comes from the French term "Wild Beasts" and was applied to them by the art critic Louis Vauxcelles.

In the 1940's Matisse's health was failing and he was suffering from severe arthritis. It was during this time that he made large cut out paper pictures. He called this technique "painting with scissors". He was confined to a wheelchair in 1941. Towards the end of his life he had a burst of creativity and his work even entered the realms of graphic arts and book illustrations.

His final endeavour was a four year project completing the interior of the Chapelle du Rosaire in Vence. This exhausted him and by this stage he had to attach his brush to a long pole in order to complete the task. He once said that he sought to create a serene, balancing act that would "soothe the brain". He died at the age of 84 of a heart attack.



The Sadness of the King (La Tristesse du Roi) 1952: For this painting Matisse used a découpage. This is the art of cutting designs out of paper and pasting them onto a surface. Assistants would prepare the large sheets of paper with gouache. Matisse would cut his shapes from a palate of 11 colours and then he would paste them on to the surface. The King is regarded as a self-portrait silhouette of Matisse in his wheelchair.

The Tate Britain – Exhibition – Matisse – Cut Outs - 17th April – 7th September 2014 (Gratitude to Ian Morgan for this article)

WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL (WPC) March 2014

Action points from the last two WPC meetings can be found on our website, our Facebook page or can be obtained from the WPC Clerks.

(see back of magazine).

Bushcraft workshops will be running this year in Withyham/Blackham. Funding may be available from WPC under the Grant's process.

WDC reported that details of a free advice line about Benefits will be sent out with Council Tax Bills. The judicial review against the Wealden Development Plan by the Ashdown Forest Economic Forum (AFEF) was made in favour of WDC. AFEF is likely to appeal.

Harrison Rocks Consultation: WPC thanks all residents who took time to attend the Consultation in the Parish Office. A paper was presented, which included public preferences and qualifying comments. Comments by the public showed that a clear mandate was not apparent. Residents appeared to prefer that WPC was involved in the Birchden Woods Community Interest Company (BWCIC), they did not wish WPC to take on any financial risk. It was therefore resolved that WPC attempt to become a full member with equal voting rights and if this option is not open to us then explore with the Forestry Commission an option that allows WPC to fully represent the interests of the community without any financial risk.

Ward Reports:

Groombridge ward: Research with the Diocese of Chichester has revealed that St Thomas churchyard is not owned by WPC as it automatically transferred to the incumbent of the Benefice following its consecration in 1928.

St Johns ward: A suitable resident is being sought to fill the vacant Ward Councillor position.

Withyham/Blackham ward: Three quotations are being sought for equipment for the Balls Green Playground. There had been much interest in forming a Balls Green Residents Association. The petition by Blackham residents for a footpath on the A264 from Blackham to the sports pavilion in Ashurst had been received by WPC and would be passed to ESCC. A suitable resident is being sought to fill the vacant Ward Councillor position.

Police Report: There has been an increase in oil thefts reported in Hartfield. Report any vans trailing flexi pipes seen near houses with oil tanks. A leaflet is available from Sussex Police on how to protect your oil tank from thieves.

Precept 2014/2015: WPC has requested an increase in its Precept from WDC to cover the increasing number of responsibilities and expenses they are taking on and having to fund. Until now WPC has used their savings to cover the shortfall. This is not good financial housekeeping.

Come and Join us on Saturday 26th April 2014, at our Open Day at The Old Station, Groombridge

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- Teenagers: email podcasts to clerk@withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk by
- Children: come dressed as
- "Railway Children"

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- Face painting, treasure hunts, games
- Free light refreshments

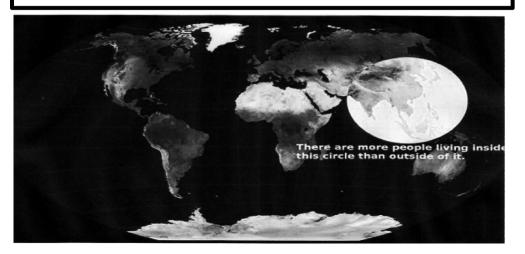
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I'm afraid we still have no news this month

PARISH DIARY APRIL 2014

Thursday 3rd 8.00 p.m. **Shooting the Moon** (See Magazine)

Blackham Village Hall.

Saturday 5th 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Sing for your Supper (See Magazine)

Groombridge Village Hall

Monday 14th 7.30 p.m. WPC Monthly Meeting

The Old Station, Groombridge

Monday 21st Easter Bank Holiday Monday

Midday Friday April 25th Deadline for May Magazine

Saturday 26th St Michaels Church Spring Clean

Saturday 26th 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. WPC Open Day (See Magazine)

The Old Station, Groombridge

ADVANCE PARISH DIARY MAY 2014

Friday 9th 8.00 p.m. Quiz Night

King's Hall Withyham (See Magazine)

Monday 12th 7.30 p.m. WPC Monthly Meeting

The Old Station, Groombridge

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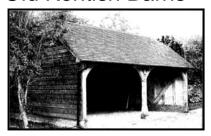
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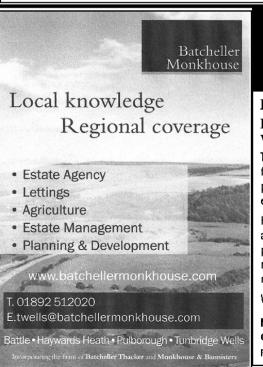
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