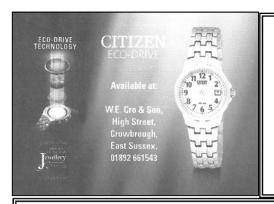
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St Michael & All Angels, Withyham, with All Saints, Blackham CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday in month 🗼		ST MICHAEL, WITHYHAM	ALL SAINTS, BLACKHAM
Thu 4 Sep ST GREGORY THE GREAT *	10 am	Holy Communion	
Sun 7 Sep 1	9.30 am		The Eucharist
Trinity 12	11 am	Sung Eucharist	·
	6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 11 Sep ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM*	10 am	Holy Communion (BCP-basec	1)
Sun 14 Sep 2	9.30 am	Family Eucharist	
HOLY CROSS	11 am	Matins	
Day	6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 18 Sep	10 am	Holy Communion (BCP-based	d)
Sun 21 Sep 3	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
ST MATTHEW	11 am	Matins	•
	6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 25 Sep	10 am	Holy Communion (BCP-based	1)
Sun 28 Sep 4 TRINITY 15	11 am	All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving followed by a shortened Eucharist	
	6.30 pm	Evensong	
Thu 2 Oct THE GUARDIAN ANGELS	10 am	Holy Communion (BCP-based)	
Sun 5 Oct 1			No service at Blackham
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS *	: :	Sung Eucharist of Michael Evensong	mas
Thu 9 Oct	10 am	Holy Communion (BCP-based	l)

^{*}indicates a festival transferred to a more convenient day.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage – Julia Katharine Reece to Paul William Storey on 2 August.

We wish them every happiness.

Funeral – **Dorothy Buddell** on 27 August, who died on 29 July aged 96. *May she rest in peace*.

TWO COLOURFUL AUTUMN FESTIVALS

Withyham Rectory August 2014

Dear Everyone,

In early autumn we celebrate two Festivals, both of which in their different ways are highly colourful and enchanting.

Harvest Thanksgiving is a 'nature festival'. The church will display the beautiful colours of early autumn, seen in grain and grape, vegetable and wild flower.

Michaelmas, on the other hand, will speak of the *spiritual* colours of a world beyond visible nature. Some have visualised the archangels as having specific colours: a deep blue for Michael (the name means 'Who is like God?'), leader of all the angels and the Christian Church's protector; white for Gabriel ('Strength of God'), the angel of revelation; green for Raphael ('the healing of God'); red for Uriel ('fire of God'), whose fiery sword guarded the gates of Eden and who wrestled with Jacob.

It is a surely a mistake to see Harvest as just a this-worldly 'nature festival', and Michaelmas, by contrast, as 'other worldly and remote.'

It is a similar mistake to dividing life into two categories, 'secular' and 'sacred', 'everyday life' and 'church life' – in some people's minds apparently unconnected! This common mistake ignores the fact that the wonders and glories of 'this world' do not stand 'on their own', but are grounded in their Creator and extend from him. And the angels are the intermediaries, the messengers, a 'spiritual internet' connecting 'this visible world' with the invisible one beyond.

Harvest Thanksgiving this year will be on Sunday 28th September and will take the form of an All Age service at 11 o'clock followed by a short Eucharist (the same format as Easter Day). **The Harvest Supper** will be the following evening, Monday 29th, at 7.30 p.m. in the King's Hall.

The Sung Eucharist of St Michael & All Angels will be the following week, Sunday 5th October at 11 am. In accordance with an ancient custom, we will this year allow Michaelmas an 'octave' – a full eight days. This means there can be a **Family Service for Michaelmas** on the following Sunday, 12th October, at 9.30.

With every blessing,

Alastair Ferguson

Churchwardens Notes – August 2014

Following an approach from some of the parishioners in Blackham who suggested that the Lychgate and War Memorial at All Saints should be restored and, where necessary, repaired Alastair and we had a meeting with Sheila Wellstead and Penny Hawes on site. There is no doubt that work is required and, since the proposal is restoration rather than change, we do not need to apply for a faculty.

As it happens contact has been made with Matt Goad the grandson of Percy Farnes, the craftsman who constructed the Lychgate, and he also is skilled in wood restoration and carpentry. Matt Goad is therefore willing to undertake the restoration, and it is anticipated that we will meet him in the near future.

It is appropriate that this work should be done in 2014, and we are most grateful to Sheila Wellstead who has applied for and obtained a grant so there will be no call on church funds.

Richard Carden and Antony Cumberland

MISSING

A table and six chairs have been "borrowed" from the Kings' Hall Withyham. If you have borrowed these and maybe haven't been able to get them back to us yet, then we will arrange collection. No shame ... No blame! We would just like to have them back. So please could you call Bryan Williams on 01892 652515 and we can arrange to get them back to the Hall. Thanks

Prayer Corner

Collect for Michael and All Angels Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted

the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Collect for Francis of Assisi
O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH

Word Jumble!

Unscramble the letters and write the word in the blank. The words used are shown below the puzzle

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WITHYHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY September

I do hope you are all getting ready for the Autumn Show which will be on Saturday the 13th September this year, when you read this the schedules should have been printed up and distributed to some of you. If for some reason you have not received one please contact either myself or Helen and we will make sure one comes your way.

The coach trip for Kew on Saturday the 4th October is slowly filling up so if you would like to join us (you do not have to be a member) please contact me on 01892 661940 the cost will be £23 and £21 for the over 60's.

Garden Tips for September are:

- 1. Stand marrows and squashes on bricks so the sun can ripen their skins, they will store for longer with hard skins.
- 2. Now is the time to sow for early broad beans between late September and the end of November, choose varieties guaranteed to grow well even in cold winters, select a bright position but avoid areas which may get waterlogged. Also so sweet peas can be sown now and you should get a lot more flowers early on in the season.
- 3. Early autumn is an ideal time to apply glyphosate based weed killer to perennial weed like brambles, bindweed, ground elder etc., try using the new gel formulation as it is easier to apply.
- 4. Plant up narcissus and hyacinth in glass container using glass beads you do not have to use compost just make sure the bulb is not sitting directly in water, as it will rot.

This is a very busy time of year with all the harvesting and keeping the garden and lawns neat and tidy, but I hope to see you all at the autumn show.

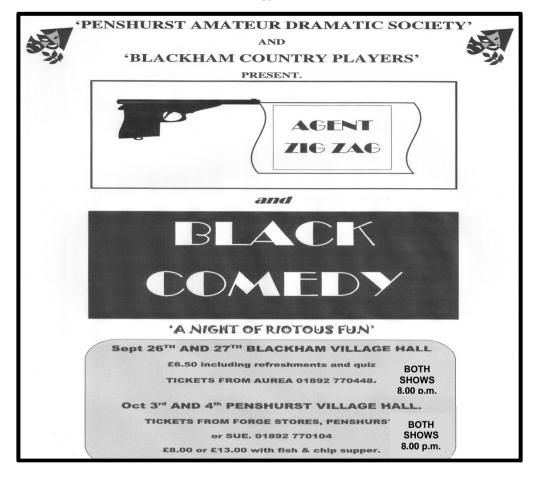
Val Edwards Secretary (01892 661940)

Groombridge Horticultural Society

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Summer show on 29th June. The roses and sweet peas were magnificent despite difficult conditions and it was good to see some new entrants giving the regulars a run for their money! It was particularly pleasing to see over 50 children's entries showing a lot of talent for the future.

The next date for your diary is the **Annual Show on 13th September at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall. Full details of classes can be found on our website (www.ghsgc.org.uk). If you have any queries, please contact Gillian on 01892 864580 or email gillian@rowans.clara.co.uk. Everyone is welcome and, as always, there will be delicious refreshments available so come and join us for afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

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We need photographs that clearly reflect the countryside, views, animal, and plant or community life for Blackham village throughout the year.

Any queries telephone 01892 740261

Blackham Village Hall?? QUIZ NIGHT??

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RAIN BEFORE DAWN (by Elizabeth Lavers)

Rain falls at night, an hour before the dawn Blue skies, cool breezes – now the perfect days Follow each other, strung out on a silver chain Glowing with colour, rounded, reflecting light. Busy canoes swoop past on tattered sails Leaves, freshly dyed in every shade of green Frame flitting birds in every patch of blue Flowers, dressed to kill, outdance the butterflies. The days drift into evening, warm and clear; Clouds, purple, lazy, float in a pale pink sky Kingfishers plunge in waters tinted rose – And fresh rain falls, like blessings, before dawn.

The following article appeared in a recent copy of Country Life

Parish church treasures 'Dear little Tom'





The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Withyham, East Sussex

Pre-eminent among the Sackville family tombs at Withyham is this arresting marble monument. It shows Richard, Earl of Dorset, and Frances his countess, kneeling to either side of the recumbent figure of their 13th and last child, Thomas. 'Dear little Tom' – as his father affectionately referred to him – died after a violent illness holding the hand of his tutor at Saumur, France, at the age of 13 in 1675. He was one of five children born to the couple who died in infancy. The parents look at the reclining boy, who clasps a skull and stares entranced into the distance. Both father and son had died by the time the countess commissioned the tomb in 1677 and it is properly a memorial to both man and boy. According to the surviving contract with the Danish-born sculptor Caius Cibber, who also worked on the Monument to the Great Fire of London, it was to be produced in 10 months at a cost of £350. This is many times the cost of a contemporary portrait painting. Curiously, the effigies had to be 'to the well liking of Mr Peter Lilly, his Majesty's painter or any artist who shall be desired to give their judgement thereof'. In reality, it took three years to produce and the inscriptions were added by one Jonathan Mervin in 1680.



A warm welcome awaits you at the popular Hartfield Fete Flower & Dog Show this year larger & livelier than ever. Kick off with the BBQ, delicious teas, wine, beer & Pimms tent, cakes & garden

produce for sale. Nigel Bagge Band, "roots & blues with a touch of country, soul & rock & roll". East Sussex Dance Group, Morris Dancing, Bottle tombola, Bric a Brac, terrific selection of nearly new clothes. Old favourites as well as new with hilarious games & sideshows. Lots of stalls, toys, books gifts etc. + some new commercial ones. Join in fun & games galore for the children with professional children's entertainers, Crazee Hazee, Punch & Judy, Clown, Applause Dancing Diggers etc. Fire Engine, Classic Cars etc. Marvellous displays in the Horticultural Society Marquee with a large children's section. Pick up your schedules at the Village stores. Visit the community tent and learn more about Hartfield organisations. Enter your pooches for the Dog show with numerous classes and the famous Doggie Dash! All this for £1 entry fee to the grounds which includes a Lucky Programme and parking. Why not stay on for the evening family Barn Dance - tickets from the school, church and stores in Hartfield Village. See our Facebook page . A cracking day out for all the family in a wonderful country setting!

Withyham Kings' Hall Jumble Sale & Cream Teas Saturday 4th October

Jumble Sale 2pm – 4pm Kings' Hall, Withyham (opposite Dorset Arms)
Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Shoes, bags, toys etc
Cream Teas 3pm – 5.30pm Dorset Arms (opposite Kings Hall)
Pot of Tea, Scone, Clotted Cream and Jam £5
£1 entry to Jumble sale gives you a 50p voucher off your Cream Tea.
If you have any jumble, please deliver it to the Village Hall
between 7 -8pm Friday 3rd Oct or on Saturday 4th Oct between 10 -12.
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Or call Julie Ruse 01892 770693/07584013763

Cosimo di Giovanni de Medici - 1389 - 1464

In 1420, Giovanni de Medici had turned 60 and handed over the reigns of the Bank to his 31 year old son Cosimo. After his father died in 1429, Cosimo took the Bank to its most profitable. As well as being very well read and a lover of arts Cosimo was a consummate banker. In 1437 he opened the world's first public library in San Marco. He once said that "Even if money could be made by waving a wand, I would still be a banker". This love of commerce was equally matched by his masterly grasp of politics and diplomacy. When asked for advice as to how to behave whilst on a diplomatic mission, his reply was "Dress like a lord and say as little as possible".

Cosimo whilst not being the official Head of State of Florence was still effectively running Florence through his series of networks and friends and he was not shy about using his vast wealth to control votes. Since the Albizzi family arrived in Florence in the 12th Century they had played a major role in its government and they took exception to the Medici newcomers. In 1431 the Albizzi family attempted to bring down their rivals by indicting Cosimo on a charge of having "sought to elevate himself higher than others", which was a capital offence. Cosimo was imprisoned in the Palazzo Vecchio, constantly living in fear of being poisoned but again he bought his safety by successfully bribing his jailer to become his food taster. In 1433 his death sentence was reduced to a term in exile after he gave the chief magistrate (gonfalonier) a vast amount of gold. Despite being in exile he was still able to control votes in Florence and returned to a joyous welcome a year later.

On his return to Florence in 1434 Cosimo's revenge was swift and he arranged for the killing of over 200 citizens who supported the Albizzi. Rinaldo degli Albizzi, the Medici's main opponent was exiled and would never to return to Florence. Many artists and sculptures gained commissions through Cosimo including Fra Filippo Lippi, Fra Angelico, and Donatello. Cosimo also sponsored the completion of the Duomo by Filippo Brunelleschi and following its completion Cosimo invited the Pope to consecrate the greatest architectural achievement in the western world.



However, despite his accomplishments (albeit frequently the result of corruption) towards the end of his life Cosimo was frequently bedridden with gout and would cry out in pain when lifted. His sons also suffered from it. His son, Giovanni died in 1463, Cosimo a year later. The dynasty passed to his son Piero.

Portrait by Jacopo Pontormo

Buried in San Lorenzo church he earned himself the Pater Patriae ("father of the fatherland"). He improved the status of Florence and amassed a huge fortune of 150,000 Gold Florins equivalent to 22 million euros today. (Article by Ian Morgan)

WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL - (WPC), August

WDC and ESCC REPORTS: ESCC reported that the A264 petition for a footpath on the A264 from Blackham to Ashurst was presented to ESCC and the lead petitioner was congratulated on her presentation. WDC had written to the Chairman of Gatwick about residents' concerns that a narrow flight corridor was being trialled. WPC suggested that ESCC's position on Gatwick air noise and a proposed second runway should be made clear and public.

WDC reported that fly-tipping is becoming an issue. WPC had been interviewed by the Courier on this increased activity and had expressed concern that despite the refuse site at Jarvis Brook being free, two incidents of fly-tipping had occurred in the parish. However, evidence from the rubbish collected showed it to have mainly come from outside the district. WPC emphasized that there would be zero tolerance with those caught fly tipping.

Superfast broadband continues to be rolled out and 91% of properties will have access by 2016. WPC had met with GoESussex who had assured them that places in the parish served by Kent exchanges would not be forgotten.

GATWICK: WPC was asked to oppose strongly the Gatwick's Airspace Consultation (GAC) paper's suggestion of a narrow flight path of only 500 metres width. The present random flight paths protect the area from constant overflying, not just Withyham Parish. WPC considered this request and recommendations put forward by the Planning Committee, the main proposal being to respond to the GAC paper exploring legal and planning issues surrounding runway capacity. Residents should also be encouraged to complete the survey. Letters would be sent by WPC to our MP, WDC and ESCC.

ST JOHNS: A wear coat has been applied to the road between Crowborough and Lye Green but, so far, the road markings and "catseyes" have not been reinstated.

WITHYHAM/BLACKHAM: Work on the bridge at Beech Green Lane is likely to last until 5 September. The PCSO is to be notified about a motorcyclist driving at speed through Withyham

THE PARISH PLAN SURVEY is available at our website homepage: www.withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk. Hard copy is available from our Clerks. The Withyham Parish Plan draws up the parish priorities for the next 5 years. It influences our budget, our communications, and work with other bodies, such as WDC and ESCC, that have responsibility for parish services.

Please drop in to give your views at:

St John's School	Thursday 4 September	6-9.30pm
Withyham Kings Hall	Friday 5 September	6-9.30pm
Blackham Village Hall	Thursday 11 September	6-9.30pm
Groombridge Old Station	Friday 12 September	6-9.30pm
S	Saturday 20 September	9am-12noon

Diana Kelly, Chairman (01892 864557)

PARISH DIARY SEPTEMBER 2014

Saturday 6 th	10.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Blackham Monthly Market
		Blackham Village Hall
Saturday 6 th	12.00 noon	Hartfield Village Fete Flower & Dog Show
		The Croft, Hartfield (See Magazine)
Monday 8 th	7.30 p.m.	WPC Monthly Meeting
		The Old Station, Groombridge
Monday 22 nd		Deadline for Blackham Calendar Photos

Midday Thursday September 25th Deadline for October Magazine

(See Magazine)

Friday 26 th	8.00 p.m.	Two One Act Plays - Nights of Riotous Fun
Saturday 27 th		Blackham Village Hall (See Magazine)

ADVANCE PARISH DIARY OCTOBER 2014

Friday 3 rd	8.00 p.m.	Two One Act Plays - Nights of Riotous Fun
Saturday 4 th		Penshurst Village Hall (See Magazine)
Saturday 4 th 2.00	– 5.30 p.m.	Jumble Sale & Cream teas
		Kings' Hall, Withyham (see Magazine)
Tuesday 14th 9.30	a.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Elizabeth Finn Charity Fair (See Mag)
		South of England Show Ground, Ardingly
Saturday 18 th 7.0	00 for 7.30 p.m.	?? Quíz Níght ??
		Blackham Village Hall (See Magazine)

Midday Saturday October 25th Deadline for November Magazine

YOUTH

- Few things are more satisfying than seeing your own children have teenagers of their own.
- To an adolescent, there is nothing in the world more embarrassing than a parent.
- Mothers of teenagers know why animals eat their young.
- You can tell when children are growing up when they stop asking you
 where they come from and start refusing to tell you where they're going.
- If you wish to recapture your youth, just cut off their allowance.
- The best substitute for experience is being sixteen.
- Little children: headache; big children: heartache. Italian proverb
- It rarely occurs to teenagers that the day will come when they will know as little as their parents.
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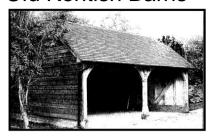
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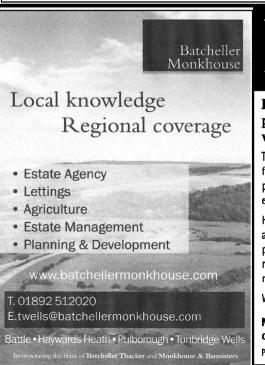
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