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Main services are at 11am every Sunday.

Special intentions to focus our prayer (in italics)

September 2017

Sunday 3rd		11am	Holy Communion
	The mission of the Church		
Tuesday 5th	Bitesize Bible	11am	at Durrants Village
Sunday 10th		11am	Holy Communion
	Justice and Mercy		
Tuesday 12th		11am	Said Holy Communion at Durrants Village
Sunday 17th		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th		11am	Morning Prayer

October 2017

Sunday 1st		11am	Holy Communion
	Harvest Thanksgiving		

Information on services is updated monthly on: www.rusperchurch.org.uk

If a priest is needed at short notice and Nick is unavailable please contact the Churchwardens.

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Next month – something for everyone!

The Christian Church exists on every continent and in every nation and culture. It speaks every language and embraces all – that is the true definition of the word 'Catholic' which describes the faith we proclaim. All too often though impressions of church have been formed by an encounter with a rather more fixed, controlled form of expression, a dull, dry, even dead rather than dynamic tradition.

During October we are therefore deciding to try a few different things. The month starts of course with Harvest Thanksgiving. Our once largely agricultural community has changed over generations but this still remains an occasion to raise the roof with a festival for our farmers locally and in partnership with our African dioceses whose annual appeal benefits from our collection. This year we are going to devote the following Sunday to the blessing of our animals, so bring your furry, feathery and scaly friends for a Noah's Ark themed celebration – a favourite for children. October is when we usually have a churchyard clear up. There will also this month be a special service to remember and pray by name for departed loved ones. There will be a list in church from this month for you to add names.

Silver Sunday will be a celebration of those of mature years and speaking of that, from all creatures great and small to all preachers… I have ordained for thirty years so will be taking the ever popular Songs of Praise format to share some favourites old and new.

So there really *is* something for <u>you</u> at St Mary Magdalene's next month. Come and see!

Nick

Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parishes. He is keen to be told if someone has moved in and to have an opportunity to visit newcomers. Holy Communion can be arranged for the housebound or those who are sick. Nick tries to take Thursday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Thursday in matters of urgency.

JANET WISE 1918- 2017

Many of our readers will know Janet Wise, who died peacefully at home in Ashfold Cottage in Rusper on 15th July. She had lived in Ashfold Cottage since 1970, although her links with Rusper go much further back. She and her sister Eve Seaward were responsible for editing the Rusper Parish Magazine for many years and they compiled the biographies of those on the Rusper War Memorial. She was responsible for installing in Rusper Church the window dedicated to her grandfather, James Trevaskis, which had been rescued from St Luke's, Southampton, when that church was demolished.

Janet was 98 years old when she died. She was born in Simla in India in 1918. Her father, Hugh Trevaskis was working in the Indian Civil Service. In 1928, Hugh retired from the Indian Civil Service and returned to the UK to study for Holy Orders. After his ordination, he became Rector of Rusper in 1933. The family settled in what is now the Old Rectory. Janet was married to Gavin Purves-Smith in 1937.

The war gave her a new direction. In 1941, she joined the ATS (the women's branch of the army) and was promoted to the rank of Subaltern. She met Captain Beatrice Temple, who was setting up the Special Duties Section linked with Military Intelligence. This group of mostly young women was known as 'the Secret Sweeties'.
The Special Duties Section followed Churchill's instruction to prepare to resist the Germans if they invaded, which seemed likely at the time. The aim was to work behind enemy lines to keep communications open with MI9 (the equivalent of the Maquis in France), by operating radio transmitters in secret bunkers in the countryside.
Janet enrolled early in 1942 and worked especially closely with Temple, travelling around with her. She was given the West Grinstead station – a secret underground bunker in a field, where she was trained to receive intelligence from a 'drop box' and to transmit it by radio to HQ. This was highly dangerous work and all involved were marked out by the Germans for immediate execution. Fortunately, the Germans never invaded.
After her first marriage had ended in divorce, Janet married Willie Wise, a Royal Naval officer in 1948.
Willie served a year in what is now Somalia before taking up a permanent position with the Colonial Service in the Aden Protectorate – now part of the Yemen Republic. This consisted of tribes ruled by feudal Sultans who had signed treaties with Britain. The British role was to keep the peace and to try to persuade the rulers to modernise.
Janet went with him, but she did not accept the traditional role of an aloof Memsahib. Instead, she learnt Arabic with the aim of helping local people, particularly the women, whom she saw as oppressed in this strict Muslim society. She befriended local families, achieving the almost-unheard of honour for a Westerner of being welcomed into their *hareems.* In time, she discovered that Arab women have a much more respected position than she had at first imagined.
Initially, they were posted to states where conditions were backward, almost mediaeval. There was no education for girls, so she set up a little school for girls once a week. In answer to the appalling child mortality rate and no local doctors, she assisted with basic nursing. Later, they were posted to the more advanced port of Mukallah; there were schools and a hospital, where she held a weekly 'mother-and-toddlers' clinic. She soon identified the problem of nutrition – even in this hot climate, women hardly ever went out into the sun and many were suffering from

lack of vitamin D. More generally, girls were not taught to cook nutritious food, in spite of the fresh fish, meat and vegetables available locally. Janet developed a healthy cookery course, which was adopted by the schools in the region. She also developed a course in the basics of medicine.
When Britain finally left Aden, Janet and Willie returned to the UK in 1968. After an attempt to run a dairy farm in Devon, which failed and led to their marriage falling apart, she moved to Ashfold Cottage, where she spent the rest of her life, enjoying visiting her expending family and holding grand family lunches.
She leaves two children, nine grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Quentin Rappoport

Annual Ride + Stride

The annual Ride+Stride takes place on the second Saturday in September – this year on Saturday 9th September 2017 – with the aims of raising money for church restoration and repair and of having a fun day out.

Participants – both cyclists and walkers – ask friends and colleagues to sponsor them with an amount for every church they visit on the day. They map out their route with the help of a list of participating churches that will be open on the day (or follow the suggested routes provided on the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust website). As an additional perk, many of these churches offer visitors delicious refreshments and an opportunity to look around.
The money that is collected through sponsorship is then divided into two. Half goes to the church of the cyclist's choice; the other half is retained by the National Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need. In the dozen or so years that Ride+Stride has been running in Surrey we have raised over £250,000 for the county's churches.

I will be cycling around Surrey and Sussex to raise funds for St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Rusper, and plan to ride north from the church through Newdigate, Brockham and Dorking, and then on to Guildford, before cycling back to Horsham district. If you wish to join me for all or part of the ride, I will be leaving St Mary Magdalene at about 10 am. Alternatively you may wish to sponsor me a given amount to complete the ride, and I will leave a form at the back of the church for you to fill in. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

Chris Pearce (Church Warden)

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I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

David

HOPE KEITH TRUST

Hi there,

Well it was a mixed summer weather wise. We could all be forgiven for not recognising the season day by day as there were days in August that felt very much like October!
As we approach autumn and the demands and challenges of colder shorter days I just wanted to make you aware of the Information and Advice Service at Age UK Horsham District. This is a free service providing essential advice, assistance and support to those aged 50+ requiring help with a range of issues, including finances, housing and health. The team of staff and volunteers at Age UK Horsham District work with over 1,000 local older people every year working with individuals and communities to make a difference every day. If you are interested in accessing services provided by Age UK Horsham District or volunteering please telephone 01403 260560. I am out and about in the village so if you would like to learn more about services available I am happy to pop in for a chat. Please contact me on 07591 049042.
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Visit www.stch.org.uk/newhorizons for more information.

THE RUSPER DIARY – September 2017

DATE	EVENT	PLACE/TIME
Monday 4th	Akido	Village Hall 8pm – 10pm
Tuesday 5th	Plough Pub Quiz	The Plough Inn 8pm
Wednesday 6th	Frog & Nightdown Pub Quiz	Frog & Nightgown 8pm
Thursday 7th	Bellringing Practice (Beginners welcome, under 16s must be accompanied)	St Mary Magdalene Church 7.45pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 7th	Youth Club	Village Hall/Football Field 6.30pm – 8pm
Saturday 9th	Annual Ride + Stride	St Mary Magdalene Church – 10am
Monday 11th	Akido	Village Hall 8pm – 10pm
Tuesday 12th	Plough Pub Quiz	The Plough Inn 8pm
Wednesday 13th	Frog & Nightdown Pub Quiz	Frog & Nightgown 8pm
Wednesday 13th	Mobile Library	Star Inn Car Park 3.55pm – 4.20pm
Thursday 14th	Bellringing Practice (Beginners welcome, under 16s must be accompanied)	St Mary Magdalene Church 7.45pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 14th	Rusper Chronicle Meeting	Village Hall 7pm - 9pm
Monday 18th	Akido	Village Hall 8pm – 10pm
Tuesday 19th	Planning & Neighbourhood Plan Meeting	Village Hall 8pm
Tuesday 19th	Plough Pub Quiz	The Plough Inn 8pm
Wednesday 20th	Frog & Nightgown Pub Quiz	Frog & Nightgown 8pm
Wednesday 20th	Open Art Group	Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday 21st	Bellringing Practice (Beginners welcome, under 16s must be accompanied)	St Mary Magdalene Church 7.45pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 21st	Youth Club	Village Hall/Football Field 6.30pm – 8pm

DATE	EVENT	PLACE/TIME
Monday 25th	Akido	Village Hall 8pm – 10pm
Tuesday 26th	Plough Pub Quiz	The Plough Inn 8pm
Tuesday 26th	Rusper Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall 8pm
Wednesday 27th	Frog & Nightgown Pub Quiz	Frog & Nightgown 8pm
Wednesday 27th	Mobile Library	Star Inn Car Park 3.55pm – 4.20pm
Wednesday 27th	Open Art Group	Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday 21st	Bellringing Practice (Beginners welcome, under 16s must be accompanied)	St Mary Magdalene Church 7.45pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 28th	Youth Club	Village Hall/Football Field 6.30pm – 8pm
Friday 29th	Rusper Chat	Pam, Millfield Rise 3pm

If you would like an event included in the next Rusper Diary, please e-mail the Editor (see page 16)

OPEN ART GROUP

Every Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm. In the village hall during term time. Starting next term 20th September. £3 per evening to pay for the hall. Do ring Tina Stass on 01293 529 038

BELL RINGERS

We do have wonderful bell ringing in Rusper, but they sneak in and out without getting any thanks and I do hope they realise how much they are appreciated.
Sue M.

RUSPER CHRONICLE

Next meeting Thursday 14th September, 7 - 9pm in the small hall, Rusper Village Hall

We meet on the second Thursday of each month and our first meeting after our break during August will be a “catch-up” meeting of some of the topics we have covered in the past few months. There will be maps and pictures following our walk round parts of Rusper in June. We also have more information about the history of Woodbury/Beckets/Longfield and some of the people who have lived there. We also hope to arrange a visit to Lyne House following the discussions on Lyne and the Broadwood family at the July meeting. Is there something you are particularly interested in and would like the group to look at? This is also the opportunity for us to plan future meetings.

Everyone is welcome – so do come and join us.

And don’t forget copies of The Rusper Chronicle are on sale at Rusper Village Stores priced £2.

Margaret White

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

- Rusper Parish Council holds its **full meeting** on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall
- The **Planning** and the **Neighbourhood Plan** sub-committee meetings are held concurrently on the third Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall
- Agendas for all meetings are posted on Parish noticeboards and the web site prior to meetings
- Public and press are welcome to attend both of the above meetings.
- All correspondence for the Parish Council and requests for copies of the minutes of meetings should be sent by email to **clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk** or by post to: The Parish Clerk, Leanne Bannister, c/o Rusper Post Office, East Street, Rusper RH12 4PX.
- Full details of Parish Council meetings, proceedings and activities are available on the web site at **www.rusper-pc.org.uk** and the Rusper Parish Council Facebook page.

Operation Watershed

A reminder that Operation Watershed works are currently taking place around the Parish to alleviate flooding issues and as a result there will be some disruption to the following roads:-

- Lambs Green
- Prestwood Lane
- The Mount
- Rusper Road (close to the Ifield Wood turning)
- Wimland Road (close to Baldhorns Park)

If you have any questions regarding this work please contact the Clerk at clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk.

Cycling on Footpaths

Following a recent enquiry to the Parish Council it is worth clarifying that cycling along public footpaths is not permitted and that should an injury, accident or damage to property occur a cyclist might find themselves liable for damages.

Landowners and others may have private access rights which might include cycle access along footpaths on private land. However, where this is not the case then this is a civil matter of trespass against the landowner and neither the County Council nor Parish Council has powers to enforce against it.

Roland Allen
Councillor, Rusper Parish Council

Neighbourhood Planning

The Neighbourhood Planning group continues to meet on the third Tuesday each month in the Village Hall at 8pm. As we progress to calling for submissions for the plan, community involvement in the consideration of the options will become more important. In the coming months we will be setting up smaller forums to cover different aspects of the overall plan for the area. So if you are interested in how our community develops over the next 30 years, now is the time to get involved. Contact the clerk by email at clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk

George Sallows
Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Committee

RUSPER CHAT 2017

DATES / TIMES / PLACES

Friday 29 SEPTEMBER 3.00 pm
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Friday 20 OCTOBER 11.00 am (*NB!)*
Thelma 4 Steeres Hill 871777

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We look forward to seeing you!

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As announced recently, to make the results a little more interesting, we are now including the winners' details against the winning numbers when publishing the monthly winners on the web-site and in the Rusper Parish News. This is, for example, 108 John J, 106 Fiona L. If you are a member and do not want your details published in this way and haven't already informed us, please let us know at 200club@rusperchurch.org.uk. **We will NOT be publishing surnames.**

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John Jory

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Sue Matthewson 01293 871266

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