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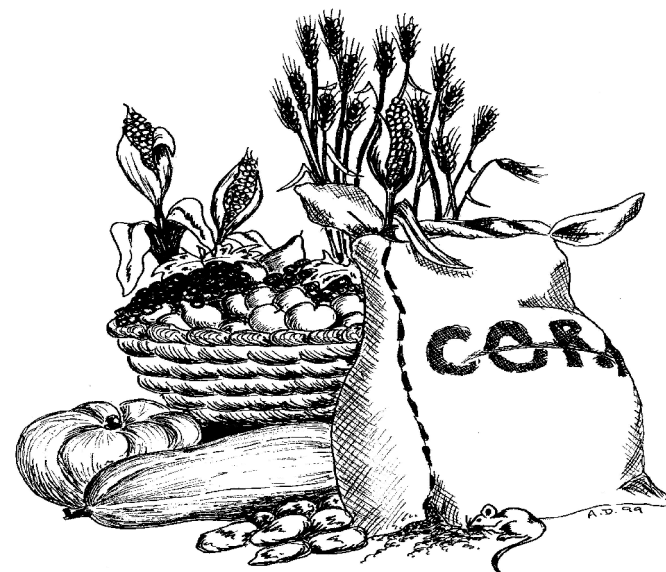
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We are needing volunteer distributors of this Newsletter for two areas which are within the boundaries of the Parish of St Thomas à Becket, although they now lie outside the civil parish of Framfield. The areas are the new Fernley Park estate, and the Harveys Lane/Knole Lane area.

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This is a piece of service which helps to keep the people of the parish in touch with each other, so if you could lend a hand, please contact Derek Thorogood on 01825 890487

The Freedom of Self forgetfulness. 10.9.12

Over the holiday period I read a very short book by Timothy Keller called 'The freedom of self-forgetfulness'. It speaks of the Church in Corinth and the divisions it was experiencing due to members of the congregation aligning themselves with particular leaders and teachers; in this case Paul, Peter and Apollos. To restore harmony and peace Paul urges them not to boast or take pride in one man over another.

In essence he was speaking about the problem of self-esteem. Up until the 20th Century traditional cultures always believed that too high a view of yourself was the root cause of all the evil in the world. But in our modern western culture our belief is that people misbehave for lack of self-esteem because they have too low a view of themselves.

Paul is trying to teach the church about pride and the human ego. He uses the Greek word *physioo* for pride which literally means 'overinflated, swollen and ready to burst' and this he says is the condition of the human ego.

In his book 'Sickness unto Death', Soren Kierkegaard says 'it is the normal state of the human heart to try and build its identity around something besides God. Spiritual pride is the illusion that we are competent to run our own lives, achieve our own sense of self-worth and find a purpose big enough to give us meaning to life without God'.

The problem is, only God can fill the vastness of the human heart, everything else we try to pour in, whether it be achievement, looks, power or money - all these things only rattle around - the insatiable ego is never satisfied.

It is like being in a court room - everyday our identities are on trial and everything we do is providing evidence for the prosecution or evidence for the defence. Some days we feel that we are winning the trial and other days we feel that we are losing it. It is a sorry state of affairs and a no-win situation which steals much of our joy. The atheist might say that they get their self-image from being a good person. They are a good person and they hope eventually they will get a verdict that confirms that they are a good person. Performance leads to verdict. For the Buddhist too, performance leads to verdict. If you are a Muslim, performance leads to verdict. But who wants to live in a state of continual anxiety that you may never measure up, no matter what you do?

However, Paul says that he has found the secret. The trial is over for him, he is out of the courtroom. How could this be?

If you look at the life of St Paul you would quickly realise that before his conversion on the road to Damascus that he was a mess, an angry man who thought that it was right and part of his religious duty to persecute believers in Christ even to death. Paul actually describes himself as the 'chief of sinners' and he knows that he cannot possibly justify himself. In looking to the Cross of Christ and identifying with Jesus as the sin bearer, not just for himself, but all of us, he walks away a free man; forgiven and the burden of guilt washed away.

He says that it is the God who judges him and it is only His opinion that *ultimately* counts. The final verdict rests with God and God says that he's OK and the void in Paul's heart, once virtually empty, is now totally filled with the love of God.

After his conversion Paul never had a problem with his ego. In fact he says he doesn't much care what people think about him or even what he thinks about himself; how freeing is that? That's why the Gospel, the Good News of Christ is so countercultural in that you get the positive verdict before the performance.

In all other areas of life, job or religion you have to perform and keep on performing to get the verdict. All this means is that every day you are back in the courtroom trying to measure up to your own or other peoples standards. In Christianity the verdict leads to performance.

If you get the revelation of what God was doing through Christ you can actually lighten-up on yourself and start to live a life of freedom and less stress because life is not all about you!

With this in mind you can actually do things for the simple joy of doing them. Timothy Keller writes 'I can start to enjoy things that are not about me, my work is not about me, my romance is not about me, my dating is not about me. This is Gospel humility, blessed self-forgetfulness. Not thinking more of myself as in modern cultures, or less of myself as in traditional cultures. Simply thinking of myself, less.

Rev Chris Lawrence

P.S. The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness by Timothy Keller can be purchased through www.10ofthose.com or Amazon.

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

Our annual Jumble Sale is on Saturday 13 October at 2pm. This year our main charity is The Air Ambulance. We would like to thank you for your support last year. We were able to give £250 to the PHAB Club in Uckfield and smaller donations to the Monday Club, Bridge Cottage and a lady who works with signing for deaf people. We hope you can find plenty of jumble for us this year. It can be left outside the Memorial Hall in Framfield in the Morning. There will be a cake stall, Teas and a Tombola.

We are a group of ladies who meet at different houses for talks. Our next meeting on 17th October is in Blackboys Village Hall and is a hands on go at Rug Ragging. The 21st November is a talk on the Art of Gold Braiding. If you are interested in joining us give me a ring, Val Peaty: 890677

Raising funds for Framfield Pre-School

Hi, my name is Katrina and I live in Framfield. I am wife to David, mum to Gareth 3yrs and Beatrice 4 months and a busy Police Officer, when not on maternity leave.

My son attends the fantastic Pre-School in Framfield and I would like to raise some money for the school. On the 17th Febraury 2013 I will be running the Brighton Half Marathon and would really appreciate if the community would get behind me and sponsor me.

If you wish to sponsor me please feel free to drop any funds into myself at Becketts Way, the Pre-School itself, or go to localgiving.com and type in TN22 5NR to donate.

Many, many thanks in advance, together we can help all the local children and schools.

Kind regards, Katrina

Grounds Maintenance

The Parish Council is seeking tenders for the annual grass/hedge cutting maintenance to the three Parish recreation grounds and allotments.

Anyone interested in tendering for the work should contact the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton. They will then be sent the works specification. A contractor may apply to tender for any one or all the areas. The deadline for receipt of the tenders by the Parish Council is 30 November 2012. Contractors must have their own public liability insurance up to the value of £5,000,000 and must include a copy of their current insurance schedule with their tender. Each contract is for a period of three years (2013, 2014 and 2015) and the season runs from April to October (inclusive). The Parish Council will also reserve the right to extend the contract for a further 2 years at their discretion.

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Diary of Church Services

OCTOBER 2012

- 07 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 14 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 17** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 21 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 28 Last Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER 2012

- 04 Fourth Sunday before Advent (All Saints' Day)**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
with Prayer for Healing
- 11 Third Sunday before Advent**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

- 18 Second Sunday before Advent**
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 21 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 25 Sunday next before Advent**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship 2001

**COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE
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TO

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PLEASE TAKE THAT MINUTE

Welcome Baptist Church Blackboys

October sees the beginning of our Alpha course, commencing with the taster session “Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?” and a free two course meal at the Blackboys Inn. As a church we are looking forward to a time of blessing.

Sunday am October 28th we will be attending Welcome Baptist Church in Heathfield to say goodbye and to thank them for their love and support over many years. This will also be Guy Partridge’s last Sunday as their pastor.

As of Sunday November 4th, though still a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, we will be known as **New Life Church Blackboys** and our services each Sunday will be at 10.30am, when all are welcome to join us at the Blackboys Village Hall.

The Induction of Rev Guy Partridge as our pastor will be on Sunday December 2nd at 3pm at Pilgrim Hall.

Our motto for the church will be
“**Building Blessing in Blackboys and Beyond**”
We pray that this will be so.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewLifeChurchBlackboys

Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

On Tuesday 7th August we had a visit from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association under the stewardship of their Chairman, Tom Burke O.B.E. and their events secretary, Brian Moroney.

They were en-route to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and asked permission to visit the grave of Lt-Col A.E. Mainwaring C.O of the 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers who died in 1930.

John Mordaunt and I, along with a small welcoming group from our church, attended the private ceremony at the graveside where a wreath was laid and a brief background to Lt-Col Mainwaring’s life was given.

All in all we made up a group of 30 people who paid their respects not only to this one man, but to all those who never came home. It is often a sad truth that such occasions may indeed be the first time these forgotten men and their families are remembered.

Joan Burne

The Friends of Framfield Church



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News and Events From – Roving Reporter – Eve

We have been lucky enough to be able to up-date our bathroom and kitchen. What a task it has been. It took me back to my childhood when we didn't have a bathroom at all. There was a tin bath which spent most of its life hanging on the wall outside because it took endless kettles of boiling water to fill it, so was only used on high days and holidays. The toilet was outside, not easy during the winter months. Mum's 1950's kitchen had a sink, a Creda cooker, a large cupboard with a Formica top and a larder, but she always managed to cook delicious meals.

The result, and five weeks of disruption have been worth it. Everything new and gleaming. It's hard to believe that in years to come – it, too, will be old fashioned. For somebody who is not very interested in sport, I was not really looking forward to the Olympics, but actually got quite hooked and was pleasantly surprised at everyone's enthusiasm and didn't we do well!!

The Flower Show (Summer Show) in the recreation ground was a great success again this year with perfect weather and lots of visitors. The next morning we had an informal service in the marquee starting with a breakfast of bacon rolls, croissants and coffee; all very enjoyable.

Us ladies who used to run the Lunch Club in the Church hall like to have an annual reunion. We can always find a nice pub to enjoy a meal and chat together. This time we went to our local, Hare and Hounds. We had a really good meal and a warm welcome from Matthew who has worked hard to get everything up and running smoothly. I suggest you try it as it comes highly recommended by the Lunch Club Ladies.

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We would like to welcome our new children and their families this term, Teddy, Imogen, Jacob, Sophie & Gus we hope you enjoy your time at Framfield Pre-School.

We are open 7.45 - 6pm daily, including a breakfast club 7.45-8.45 and after school club 3-6pm for 2-11yrs.

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Thank you

Teresa Howell

Pre-School Manager

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UCKFIELD HOUSEBOUND CLUB

My name is Rose Willcox and I am the organiser of the Uckfield Housebound Club.

The Club has been running for 49 years and I have been organiser for the last 15, but on Wednesday, 12 December 2012 I am retiring and I hope that someone who is reading this would like to take it over because it would be very sad if it had to close.

We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of each month but not in August, at the Luxford Centre, Uckfield, between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm.

With the members being picked up by either the Lions' minibus or cars, then we enjoy a two-course meal, followed by entertainment.

The members have different disabilities and the aim of the Club is to give them friendship with each other.

If you would like to know more please ring me on (01825) 890786.

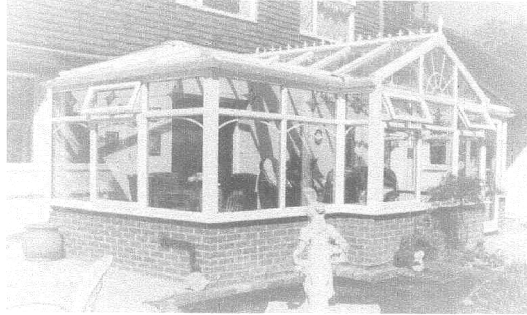
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At the end of September, CMS hold the world's largest coffee morning for people across the country. Uckfield committee are holding one at Pizza Express, Uckfield, on the 28th September and another at Fairwarp on the 29th. We do hope these will be well supported by the local community.

Another date for the diary is Our Christmas Fair which is being held in Buxted Sports Pavilion on the 21st November, between 10 30 and 3pm. Do come along and visit our many stalls and enjoy homemade soup or a coffee and a mince pie.

If you or anyone you know has worries about cancer, if they've just been diagnosed or even if their treatment has ended, the Cancerline, Benefits Helpline, Cancer information Nurse Helpline and Youthline have all been brought together under one phone number: 0808 808 0000 or the website can always be visited on www.macmillan.org.uk. Information can be had over the telephone, or you can request any number of relevant booklets.

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 890400

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I and several others in our community are keen to keep the community alive by putting on Panto's, cabaret evenings, music and dance evenings, markets etc., whilst also preserving our sporting and recreational facilities for all ages.

This letter is aimed at making you more aware of what is going on in the hope that you may be able to support our efforts either by making a donation, sponsoring one of our events, putting us in touch with others who may be able to help or simply by attending our events.

There is now a gift aid scheme in place whereby donations received are effectively increased by 25% in the form of a tax refund from the government. For example a donation of £10 would secure a tax refund of £2.50 provided the donor is a taxpayer and is prepared to sign a gift aid declaration.

If you would like to make a donation whether by gift aid or not please do contact Jan Riddle on jan_riddle@yahoo.co.uk and she will be delighted to receive your donations made payable to The Framfield Trust and will then provide you with a receipt or gift aid form for signature.

Just think, a hundred donations of £10 would be £1,000 and if made under gift aid, this would increase to £1,250 and with a grant of £1,250 to match this a total of £2,500 could be secured.

If you would like to know more or would like to join us in keeping our Community alive please do contact me or Ann Newton.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
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Dear Parishioner

Framfield Memorial Hall

I am part of a small committee currently trying to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall which once completed should encourage the current users to make more use of the facilities and should enable us to attract more users and above all help to preserve the future of this community facility.

The current proposals involve the following:-

- (a) Modernising and extending the current toilet facilities
- (b) Improving the current kitchen facilities
- (c) Completely changing the internal set up of the flat roof extension at the rear of the hall without any further extension thus avoiding the need for planning permission.
The idea is to make better use of the area by doing away with the corridor and other wasted space. The end product will be to provide two modern changing rooms and a referees room all with showers and toilets plus a storage area and a small reception area adjacent to the kitchen.
This part of the project will be welcomed by the senior and junior football clubs and also the Framfield Stagers and other performers at our musical events.

At the present date we have raised approximately £18,000 towards an overall cost of approximately £80,000 plus VAT. There have also been some pledges of building materials. Grant applications have been made and others are being considered. If we can get to £25,000 it is quite possible that we can obtain

Nature Notes

August to September is a time when days are getting shorter, but some of them can still be quite hot. Fruit and seeds are ripening, and most birds are in moult. Insects abound everywhere, and spiders begin to proliferate. Swallows and house martins are still pumping out babies, but the swifts have gone back to Africa. It is the height of the pigeon breeding season. Let's dwell on these maligned birds for a while.

There are five species of pigeons in Britain, these are, from large to small: wood pigeon, stock dove, rock dove, collared dove and turtle dove. It is worth taking a moment to understand these enigmatic birds. All five can produce milk! This is crop milk that they feed to their young beak to beak, and is secreted through the walls of the bird's crop. All five produce just two white eggs at each nesting attempt, as would have the dodo which was a flightless pigeon that lived on Mauritius. All five can drink by inserting their beak in water and sucking. All other birds have to scoop water and lift their head to let it run down their throat by force of gravity.

These five pigeons do have many differences as well; wood pigeons have a complex courtship that involves a dance and lots of cooing. They will nest in a flimsy platform of twigs that sometimes you can see the eggs through from underneath. Many woodpigeons are winter visitors from the continent. Stock doves are a bit like wood pigeons but are rarer, resident and have no white on them, and they nest in holes in trees, or sometimes in barns. Rock doves live on wild cliffs, usually on the coast, and make their nests in cavities in the cliffs. Rock doves are the ancestors of all the domestic pigeons including fan-tails and racing pigeons. Feral pigeons are simply domestic pigeons/ rock doves that have decided to look after themselves in towns. Collared doves are a new colonist in Britain, arriving in the second half of the last century. Also known as Turkish doves, they were domesticated by the Turks, but went feral and spread across Europe, They are always associated with human communities. Finally turtle doves are our only summer migrant pigeon. Sadly declining in Britain, this beautiful bird likes to breed in early successional woodland such as we find on Ashdown Forest. Many get shot as they fly from Africa to Britain, but there may be other reasons why they are declining that we do not understand yet.

Martyn Stenning

LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

MICE IN HOSTILE TAKEOVER

We have a bird feeding station by the front porch which is frequented by a wide variety of birds. It is quite close to the kitchen window so we have an excellent view of all the feathered visitors. It is fascinating watching their behaviour. The Nuthatch is an aggressive bird and will not tolerate any other bird near the nuts while it is feeding. All the other birds have a pecking order and spread their wings threateningly if another bird comes too close. There is the occasional skirmish with flying feathers but most of the time they all get on quite well, and wait in an orderly fashion for their turn on the feeders. If the nut feeder is full several birds will happily feed at the same time but as the level drops fewer and fewer birds will share the food.

We are lucky to have Greater Spotted Woodpeckers. They are very shy at first and the slightest movement from the kitchen makes them fly away. They gradually become more confident and enjoy eating the nuts as they cleverly hang underneath the feeder. They usually have one or two babies. At first the parent collects a nut and flies to a convenient tree to feed the offspring. Later the youngsters also come to the porch to learn how this is done. Finally the young Woodpecker flies over to the feeder by him, or herself, with much vocal encouragement from the adult who watches from the tree. At first it hides behind one of the posts that support the porch, peeping shyly round with one bright and beady eye. Eventually with more calls from the parent he tentatively stretches out one leg and grips the bars of the feeder, still nervously holding on to the post with the other leg and attempts to reach a nut. Often at that stage they fail and fall off in a flurry of feathers. As summer progresses they become more proficient and can easily enjoy the nuts, but still keep a cautionary grip on the post with one leg, while holding the feeder with the other.

Very occasionally we would glimpse an intruder helping himself to a nut, this was usually around twilight, the setting sun shining through its big translucent ears and lighting up its gleaming chestnut brown coat; its ridiculously long tail hanging way down out of the feeder. After enjoying a short snack, the visitor would slip silently away. This timid creature was a field mouse. During the summer it became much bolder and started to come early in the morning and evening. That was fine as the birds were not feeding then, however this situation was not to last. The mouse decided to come during the day. The birds were not happy with this new situation. The Nuthatch arrived to see an intruder on his nuts. Usually quite a bully he warily fluttered off to think about it. A high ranking Great Tit came, eyed the mouse

suspiciously, then hopped round the feeder to eat from the other side. I thought the mouse would run away, but no, it held its ground and went on eating. Another bird arrived and perched on the feeder. The mouse then stood on its hind legs fearlessly defending its space, and continued eating. The birds well ordered life was now thoroughly upset by this visitor

The situation took a dramatic turn one day when the now well grown young woodpecker came to the feeder while the mouse was feeding. It looked huge with its workmanlike beak and strong claws. Would it kill the mouse or fly away? They stared at each other. The mouse reared up threatening the woodpecker, the bird retaliated with a mild lunge. The mouse resumed its eating. The woodpecker wanted his nuts so lunged again. The mouse held its ground. Still clinging onto the post the frustrated woodpecker made another lunge and pecked the mouse. Terrified it leapt or fell to the ground its long tail frantically twitching. It vanished, was it dead or dying I did not know? Life went back to normal; all the birds were delighted to resume their normal routine with no annoying interloper stealing their food.

A few days passed then to my surprise I saw the mouse, back on the nuts again. It was not alone; it had a baby mouse with it. It had obviously called for reinforcements, as soon all the mice family were there, mum, dad, all the babies, odd uncles and aunts and a few more relations. They had now triumphantly taken control of the nut feeder. Confidently they quickly devoured all the birds' daily rations. Looking like cartoon characters they scurried up and down the drain pipes, along the gutters, around the porch having a fantastic time while the defeated, dejected birds retreated to a nearby tree waiting to snatch the occasional nut.

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