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Hello readers & welcome to the new layout of your local parish magazine.

I hope everyone likes the new look?

I would like to ask you all for any ideas you have for interesting articles that could be included in future issues.

Please don't hesitate to drop me your ideas at [cfparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfparishnews@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

Julie Stace, Editor



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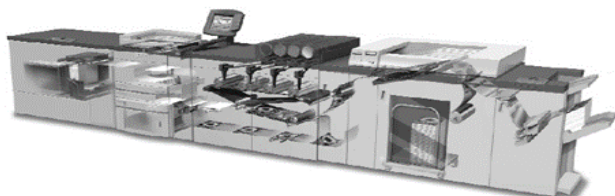
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## NEW LIFE AND BEGINNINGS.....

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By the time you read this we will be in the midst of Holy Week and Easter almost with us.

The supreme feast of the Christian calendar is a yearly reminder of God's way of doing things. It seems we often have to relearn his mysterious way just as each year we greet the flowering of bulbs, the return of light and warmth and all that attends the Spring almost with a kind of surprise, as if these things have never happened before.

It is good indeed that we do not take even these things simply for granted, but are able to wonder in them and in the unchangeable promises of God. Yet for us to change is to live and change at St. Saviour's is in the air.

From the beginning of June the four Sunday services a month, a service every Sunday that we have been privileged to enjoy since time out of mind are to be reduced to two. It has long been a financial challenge for our regular congregation to sustain a weekly service and we have had to accept that the target can no longer be met.

If this sounds like a message of defeat and failure we need to think again of why each year we continue to re-enact the events of Good Friday and Easter. Through death comes Resurrection. St. Saviour's church has the chance to undergo transformation. It may be painful but God is faithful and out of it new life will come. What will the new life look like? Here is the truly exciting thing — we do not yet know! Who would have thought for instance three years ago that the church building would be hosting a monthly community event bringing people together in the way that Cuppa and Chat does?

In what other ways might our church building and community be a focus of positive change?

### WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

God the creator has made us creative beings, so how can we re-imagine the kind of church Colgate needs for this generation?



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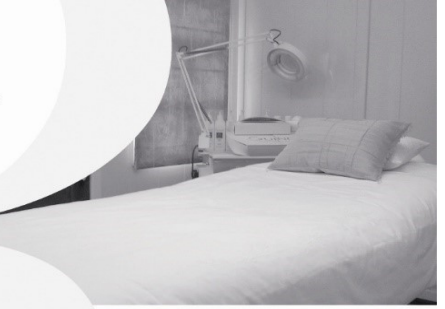
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**April 2015**

Good Friday	3rd	10:30 am	Way of the Cross
Easter Sunday	5th	11:00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Easter 2	12th	11:00 am	Morning Prayer
Easter 3	19th	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
Easter 4	26th	11:00 am	Holy Communion (CW)

The service on the 26th will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH RUSPER****April 2015**

Maundy Thursday	2nd	7:00 pm	Holy Communion
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**Clergy Day Off**

Nick is here to serve the needs of the community. He is pleased to hear of new people moving in who may need visiting and welcomed by the Church.

Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick or housebound.

He tries to take just one day off each week and it would be appreciated if he is not contacted on a Thursday.

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## NEWS FROM ST. SAVIOR'S.....

The PCC met on March 9th & was joined by Archdeacon Fiona Windsor. Members joined with her in considering how best to move the parish forward in modern times, taking into account a small but loyal rural congregation & the demographic influence of Crawley & Horsham in either direction & the A264 to our north. The latter ruled out a successful of Kilnwood Vale but it was suggested that Durrants Village in Faygate should be recognized as an important component.

It was agreed that to meet current congregational levels a programme of two services per month at 11:00 am, plus those for Christmas, Easter & Remembrance Sunday etc, would be appropriate. Changes are expected to take place in June. Balancing the books is as always a consideration but other familiar activities associated with St. Saviour's should continue & a determined PCC will always be alert for suggestions. The Treasurer was able to report that as at last year-end we could make a further payment towards our diocesan assessment, without however making a full contribution.

Easter approaches & St. Saviour's will as always offer a full programme of services for this major festival.

It was agreed that for a larger audience services should be modernized in certain aspects. The PCC was reminded of its involvement in deciding format & content — again suggestions welcomed! All were aware of the high standard of music currently enjoyed.

The PCC welcomed a report on Cuppa & Chat. Now in its third year it has proved hugely successful.

The APCM is currently expected for April 26th, following the regular morning service. It will incorporate reports on the year's activities, the fabric of the building & the finances of the church, & provide for the election of Church Wardens for the coming year.

Looking ahead, the Holmbush Garden Open Day in aid of St. Saviour's is set for 10th May. Holmbush will be joined by the main house in opening their grounds & visitors will have the opportunity of seeing one of the area's finest spring gardens.



## ***Cuppa & Chat***

***Second Monday*** of the month when there is a bank holiday

*Monday 13th April & 11th May 2015*

*Anytime between 10:30 - 12 in St. Saviour's Church, Colgate*

*The bank holiday months are upon us and this means that we are holding our next two Cuppa and Chats on the second Monday of the month. We look forward to the children being able to come along during their school break and wish you all a happy Easter.*

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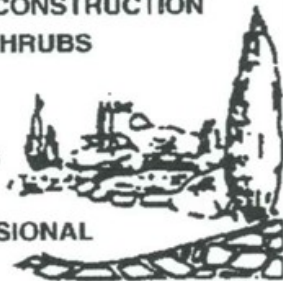
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**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held in THE VILLAGE HALL on 26<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL following the 11am service.

For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows: -

- Representatives to the Deanery Synod.
- Representatives to the Parochial Church Council.

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For consideration of: -

- A Report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting.
- An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally.
- The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined.
- A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.
- A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.

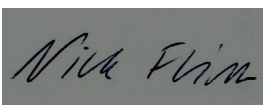
**NOTES**

- All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
- Subject to the provisions of rule 14(3)(c), a person is qualified to be elected to a parochial representative of the laity if: -
  - his name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.
  - he is an actual communicant which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding.
  - he is of eighteen years or upwards (for election to the deanery synod) or of sixteen years of upwards (for election to the parochial church council).
  - He is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these notes.
- A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected from
  - serving as a churchwarden, a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if he is disqualified from being a charity trustee under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 and the disqualification is not for the time being subject to a general waiver by the Charity Commissioners under subsection 4 of that section or to a waiver by them under that subsection in respect of all ecclesiastical charities established for purposes relating to the parish.
  - serving as a churchwarden, a member of a parochial church council, if he has been so disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefice) Measure 1997.
- Any person whose name is on the electoral roll may be appointed as a sidesman.

*§ "Ecclesiastical charity" has the same meaning as that assigned to that expression in the Local Government Act 1894".*

*\*\* NOTE – In this notice "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.*

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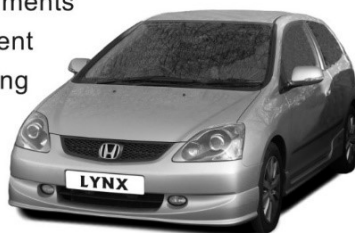
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## GARDNER'S JOURNAL.....

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first of the rhododendrons, Christmas Cheer, is in blossom & others will follow, & this has prompted a quick tidying up of paths & glades in the woodland garden. Spring really is just around the corner & there is much seasonal gardening to do. Snowdrops can be dug up & propagated as they finish flowering.

Lawns need to be tidied & edges & paths redelineated. New shrubs & perennials can still be introduced & old ones moved with careful preparation of the soil. Flowerbeds have received their winter clean-up & a bolstering of leaf compost & a little fertilizer.

Weed now to save much trouble in the summer. Prune apples, currants & berries. Mowing has started but leave spring bulbs until their foliage has died down. In the vegetable garden the last of last year's crops – parsnips & spinach – are still coming in. Rebuild raised beds as needed. As beds are emptied manure and/or compost should be added in preparation for the coming season. Rotate crops from year to year & pay heed to the merits of companion planting as a natural check on pests. Potatoes, onion sets & garlic should be in the ground. Sweet peas & broad beans can be sown outside. Tomatoes & lettuce have been sown in the greenhouse & squash & bean poles will follow. Try starting parsnips, spinach & beet in lengths of guttering in the greenhouse. Outside, containers generating their own micro-climates & producing good early crops of potatoes & longer term root crops will need fresh soil. Carrots can be particularly successful in raised containers.



The days are lengthening & summer time will be upon us. Look



out for pests such as small rabbits that wriggle under the fence. Nesting boxes are already in occupation. Keep the bird tables well stocked but discourage the squirrels.

And finally looking ahead, a date for the diaries is the Holmbush Open Garden Day on May 10th – prime bluebell time. The main house has also kindly agreed to

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Please come along we are always looking for new faces with new ideas.

We only meet 4 times a year with a few fundraising events & social occasions.

This will be followed by cheese & wine where we will discuss preparations for the fete on June 28th.

We are always looking for new ideas for stalls, activities etc. & help on the day is always very welcome.

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### **Jumble Sale on Saturday 18th April at 1:00pm**

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**Every Monday 10:45am: North Heath, Horsham** – gentle 2 mile walk around the riverside. Suitable for slow & new walkers. 1 to 1¼ hours. Meet at the **Sussex Barn pub car park** off **North Heath Lane. Leaders Ann & John, 01403-268885.**

**Saturday 4th April 9:30am: Denne Park Circular** – Meet at the **Horsham Golf & Fitness car park Worthing Road, RH13 0AX** opposite **Hop Oast Park & Ride**. At the end of the drive, bear left, park thoughtfully. Starting at the top of Denne Hill, a circular 5½ mile walk, taking 2½ hours, following footpaths & lanes edging Southwater & Horsham, including Kings Lane, Chesworth Farm, Cricket Field & Denne Park House. No stiles. Hills, stunning views weather permitting! GOOD boots needed. At the end of the walk the Leaders will be enjoying Coffee & Pancakes in the comfortable Golf Club café, please join us. No dogs. **Leaders Jean, 01403-250869 or Jane, 01403-261672.**

**Tuesday 14th & 28th April 9:30am: Buchan Country Park** – A 2-3 mile walk in a largely wooded area with some open heathland, meadows & ponds, easy walking with well defined paths, taking 1 hour. There is a Nature Reserve area & the Countryside Centre may be open. (First timers & families welcome). Meet at the **car park (RH11 9HQ)** off the **A2220 Crawley to Horsham** side of the dual carriageway. **Leaders Richard, 01403-230293 or Emmy, 01403-255517.**

**Saturday 19th April 10:30am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods** – A lovely woodland 2¼ mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, generally following main paths & easy under foot, although a small part of the walk will be on narrower paths with tree roots, stubs & uneven ground. Some inclines. Could be muddy in places. A sensible pair of shoes would be advisable. An optional short 30 minute walk is always available. Meet at **Leechpool Wood car park, Horsham (TQ194313)**, off **Harwood Road (B2195)**. **Leader Armelle 01403-260342.**

**Tuesday 21st April 10:30am: New House Farm** – A flat 2½ mile walk, but with some uneven surfaces & can be muddy in places, taking 1¼ hours. We walk through 2 fields, separated by a short woodland section, on pavements & grass verges. Refreshments & toilets are available in the Tea Room. No dogs. Meet in the **car park of New House Farm Shop & Tea Room, Old Crawley Road, Faygate, Horsham, RH12 4RU (TQ204332)**. **Leader Alex, 01403-273751.**

**Wednesday 22nd April 10:00am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods** – Various 2 to 3 mile generally easy circular walks, some gentle slopes. Suitable for new walkers & families most welcome. Meet at **Leechpool Wood car park, Roffey End, off Harwood Road (B2195)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1 to 1½ hours. **Leaders Margaret 01403-262311 or Emmy 01403-255517.**

**Sunday 26th April 10:30am: New Walk Easy Leechpool Walk** – An ideal walk for beginners. A 1¼ mile woodland walk, taking 30 to 60 minutes on a well defined path, very little incline, may be muddy in some areas in winter. No dogs. Meet at **Leechpool Wood car park, Harwood Road (B2195), Horsham (TQ194313)**. **Leader Armelle 01403-260342.**

## COLGATE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.....

Important news..... Are you interested in standing as a Parish Councillor?  
Would you like to help to shape the future of Colgate & Faygate villages?  
If so please contact the clerk ([colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk)) for a nomination form.  
Nomination forms have to be handed into Horsham District Council by 9th April.

The Parish Council are please to announce the launch of their new community website. The Colgate & Faygate Community Site aims to provide information for the residents of Colgate, Faygate & the surrounding area.

There is also a section of the site that covers the work undertaken by Colgate Parish Council such as minutes of the council & planning meetings as well as the agenda for the next meeting.

A big thank you to Cllr Johnson for setting up the website. You can find it at: -

[www.colgatefaygate.com](http://www.colgatefaygate.com)

Please contact the clerk ([colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk)) for Cllr Johnson (01293-851803) if you would like anything displayed on the website or just to let us know what your think of the new website.

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## OP EDISTO - TELEPHONE FRAUDSTERS

Sussex Police are reminding residents, especially the elderly & anyone living alone, not to be taken in by a current wave of crime in which phone callers posing as police officers ask for bank & credit card details.

There has been a recent rise this month across West Sussex in this crime type. The fraudsters call the intended victim claiming to be from the Police. They tell the victim that their card details have been fraudulently used & that they need to act urgently to protect themselves. They suggest that they hand up & ring the police back to ensure that the call is genuine.

Don't be fooled – they stay on the line & pretend to be the police. They then tell the intended victim to key in or read out their PIN number.

They will then send a taxi or courier, who may know nothing about the crime to collect the bank card. With this & the PIN they will then have full access to spend your money.

Some recent variations in the method include: -

- ◇ Asking the victim to assist in a police investigation. The victim is requested to withdraw a large sum of cash & take it home, where it is then collected by a courier.
- ◇ Telling the victim that there is a corrupt member of staff within the bank & asking for help in identifying them. The victim is told to withdraw a large sum of money which will be 'marked', with the purpose of it being place back into the banking system. A taxi driver is sent round to collect the cash.
- ◇ Introducing themselves as police officers & saying that they have detained two men who were trying to buy a Rolex watch & had in the possession various cloned credit/debit cards, some in the name of the intended victim. They say the need to confirm bank details for investigation purposes.

Chief Inspector Jon Hull said; Never give out your bank details to someone who has contacted you on your home phone unsolicited. The police will never call you & ask for money or ask you to withdraw cash. If you have any suspicions please do not use the phone you have just been called on to contact the police. If you are asked to call back to confirm their identity, ensure you don't do so for at least 20 seconds to ensure the phone line hasn't been kept open, & if possible use another phone to contact the police to report it, or to contact a friend or relative to alert them.

If you are a Taxi Driver & you are asked to collect a parcel from an address & you are unsure about the circumstances then please let the police know.

Anyone reading this message please ensure you pass it on to any friends & relatives who may not be aware of this particular type of targeted fraud, to prevent any vulnerable friends or family members becoming victims.

Please continue to resist them callers, so if you have information, whether you have received similar calls or know someone who has been a victim of this crime, contact Sussex Police via 101 or email [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) quoting Operation Edisto. You can also call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555-111 or Action fraud on 0300-123-2040.

## **Village Agent - Rusper and Colgate**

*Chloe, our Rusper and Colgate Village Agent, is now on maternity leave and her position, helping people in later life in our villages, is being covered by Sarah-Jo.*

*The role is provided by Age UK Horsham and District and supported and funded by the Hope Keith Villagers Trust.*

*She is contactable for advice and support on 07591-049042 or through the Age UK Horsham District office on 01403-751321.*

**This is the first issue of the new layout for your Parish News Magazine!**

**I would appreciate any feedback of what you like in it, what you don't what you would like to see?**

**This is your magazine & your input would be much appreciated.**

**Below are a few idea's for you all to think about.**

Do you have a special birthday coming up?

18th, 21st, 30th etc, etc

Would you like a mention in coming issues or to mention a relative or friend?



Special Anniversary in the near future?  
1st, 25th, 40th?  
Let me know so we can celebrate with you.

Have you got children?  
Is there anything they would like to see?



Any other ideas, let me know at  
[cfparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfparishnews@gmail.com)



# Support From On High

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

One of the great advantages of being able to fly is that you can get to watch great sporting events for free! This season at the Amex Stadium, home to Brighton and Hove Albion, a peregrine falcon has used its aerial prowess to get a real birds eye view of 'The Seagulls' home games by regularly perching on the North Stand and observing the antics taking place on the pitch below and remains totally



un-phased by the raucous sound of 30,000 supporters at the regular home games.

Peregrines are now becoming a regular sighting in our towns and cities and tall buildings are ideal for these birds as it gives them a high advantage point to observe what is going on around them. Stadiums can be ideal as they often attract lots of feral pigeons that seek out the dark shelter high up in the roof, but this is what also attracts the peregrines as, in urban environments, pigeons make up a substantial proportion of their diet. The presence of a peregrine will really unsettle the pigeons so it is in fact doing the football club a great service by reducing the number of gulls as well, though that's not such a good thing for a team that's nicknamed 'The Seagulls'.

When Brighton used to play at the Goldstone Ground I occasionally took my two young sons there and was surprised by how many different birds that I saw there over the years. Perhaps the most surprising was one wet autumnal evening, Brighton were playing local rivals Portsmouth, and at a crucial point when

Portsmouth were attacking, a woodcock flew very low across the penalty area. Now, I think I was probably the only person in the crowd to notice and as I possess every birdwatchers inability not to shout out the name of a bird when you see it; this is I duly did much to the embarrassment of my offspring, it is highly likely that the woodcock was a disorientated migrant from Northern Europe having just arrived from over the Channel.

Another time, again at The Goldstone, I raised my eyes to the skies only to see a sparrowhawk gliding serenely over the stadium; again I shouted out at the very time the crowd had gone unusually quiet, attracting quite a few odd looks from fellow supporters. A barn owl was also seen there may years ago, perched on one of the floodlights.

At other times I have seen hobbies and common terns over the old Wembley Stadium and I know that there are other birdwatchers around that combine their love of football and birds by keeping a stadiums list!

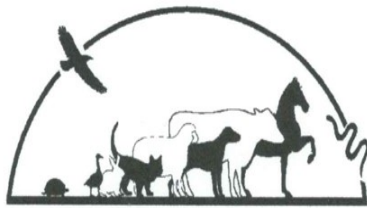


To have a peregrine falcon, the king of the skies, as a supporter really shows the pure class of team, so perhaps I should suggest they change their name from 'The Seagulls' to 'The Falcons!'.

**Pictures Courtesy of the Following: -**

**Peregrine Falcon** ~ Darin Smith, Sussex Wildlife Trust

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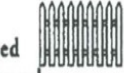


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