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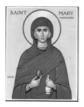
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#### THE PARISH OF RUSPER SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH RUSPER OCTOBER SERVICES



# Holy Communion every Sunday at 8am [said] and 11am [sung with hymns]. Monthly at Durrants Retirement Village.

#### Services in October

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Durrants Village 10.30am Holy Communion NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> **Pets in the Pews.** Bring your 11am (No Holy Communion) furry, scaly, feathered friends. Coffee & Cake after the service



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion11am Holy Communion11am Holy Communion

adated monthly on: www.rusparehurch.org.uk

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

Why not visit the Rusper Church website and follow Nick on Facebook? If a priest is required at short notice and Nick is unavailable, please contact the Churchwardens.

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There is much to glean from the tale of Ruth, one of the Bible's shortest books.

On the surface it may appear to be a love story set in a timeless rural idyll, but look a little closer and you might have turned on the news report of an up to the minute crisis somewhere in the world today. It is a love story, but one



reason it stands out as such is the war torn background of the Middle East. We hear of many military campaigns in the Bible. Against the background of headlines of victory and defeat, marching armies making sweeping changes across the map, of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary times.

The three women in the opening scene may well be war widows. Whatever the case Ruth and her mother-in-law become refugees, migrants in search of some security in an unsettled world. Ruth herself is a hard-working migrant labourer earning respect in a foreign country through her own grit and determination. The killing fields have once again become fruitful. The harvest provides paid work and an unexpected result.

Step forward, Boaz. A bit clumsy as romantic leads go, but then this is no ordinary love story. Naomi and Ruth make it easy for the poor bloke, and within four short chapters they are wed.

Happy ever after? Not so much an end as an interlude, the book of Ruth, set in Bethlehem centuries before the birth of Christ is a beautiful link between harvest and Christmas, a meditation on the love story about us and God, and the lengths to which he will go to bring us home.

Our village and its folk need like any other to know that God has a loving

purpose even in those parts of our lives where there is pain or perplexity. In worship let us give thanks and receive grace to find our way in life.

Nick

Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update. rusperchurch.org.uk





Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parish. 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 Friday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Friday in matters of urgency

#### PARISH REGISTER

**Burial of Ashes** September 4<sup>th</sup> Angus Gilroy September 6<sup>th</sup> Ralph Pratt

#### **Holy Matrimony**

7th September Harriet Alexandra Hewitt-Dedman and James Edward Gillon

#### HOPE KEITH VILLAGE TRUST

The monthly coffee mornings previously organised by Age UK are continuing; the next meet will be on Tuesday 8 October at 11am in The Star so why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

#### **RUSPER CHAT 2024**



#### FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2.30PM – KAY 14 EAST STREET – 01293 871566

#### PLEASE CONTACT THE MONTH'S HOST IF A LIFT TO ANY CHAT MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL

#### **ALL WELCOME!**

#### SPOOKY SLEEPOVER

My name is Elaine and I am captain of the Rusper Bellringers.

I have accepted a challenge, from local people, to spend a night alone in the bell tower of the church on All Hallows Eve, October 31st 2024 to raise funds for repairs to the North Aisle of the church.

I plan to enter the bell tower at about 8.00 in the evening the church door will then be locked as usual. After spending approximately 12 hours with only the spiders and bats (and ghosts?)for company, I will be released early the following morning, and have been promised a bacon butty for breakfast as a reward.

I would love it if you could support me in this venture by sponsoring me for any amount of donation which will be gratefully received. Sponsor forms will be available in the church from early Oct. but if you wish to make a pledge in the meantime please let me know by email.

elaine14farrow@gmail.com

#### RUSPER CHRONICLE

THE DECLINE IN FARMING & GROWTH OF LEISURE IN RUSPER Rusper was always thought of as a farming community. In 1851 81% of the parish were in farming. In 1866 corn was the biggest crop yet by 1900 this had halved. Grass for mowing and grazing had increased enormously. What had changed? Corn had never grown well on our clay soil but grass did. Dairy cattle numbers rose from 69 to 166. With the coming of the railway in 1848 milk could be taken quickly up to the London markets. Sheep had been a cash crop in early days with 426 counted in 1866 but by 1900 there were only 142, while pig numbers were fairly constant.

Farming in Rusper probably had not changed for several centuries. However small, each farm would grow corn, grass and vegetables, keep a cow or two and perhaps a sheep or pig. But suddenly with the Tithe Map, the Censuses and Kellys Directories, we have real facts and figures. The Tithe Map of 1839 shows us every field and acreage, who owns it and who is farming it. The Census Returns list the families, who they are employing, their ages and occupations and where they were born. Kellys annual directories describe the village itself as well as the people and their occupations. Most land belonged to the Broadwood or Hurst families and the farms rented out by the 1900s.

In the 1960s when the Heydon family bought Budds farm, there were eight dairy farms in Wimlands Road, each one keeping a different breed of cattle. Now there is only one. David from Wimlands farm found he had to find new markets for his corn. Farming now is constantly changing as Lynn's paper, read by Maggie, showed us. Thanks to David and Maggie for their insights and to George as always for putting things on screen. With the decline of farming rose the use of leisure and activities such as football, snooker, badminton and tennis became popular. Joan had details of these from our mystery cuttings book from 1930 onwards. Many of them were led by Mr Holroyd of Rusper House, a generous donator to the village. Was the book put together by Mrs Holroyd? Thanks to Joan we had a vivid picture of him in his plusfours. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th October 7pm in the SMALL HALL when we will talk about the dramatic productions made possible by the new big hall and stage. If you have any programmes etc do please bring them along - plus memories. Margaret White

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Respected the fairy godmother of all pantos *Performed by The Rusper Players* Performances: December 13th Friday - 7pm December 14th Saturday - 7pm December 15th Sunday - 2pm Matinee Ticket Prices: Evening performances £15.00

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#### A Heartfelt Thank You from Rusper Village Stores!

On behalf of all of us at Rusper Village Stores, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. Your continued backing during this challenging time means so much to us.

The recent break-ins have led to losses, increased insurance costs and added security measures. Coupled with power outages causing over  $\pounds 3,000$  in repairs to our fridges, we face significant challenges. We are still awaiting approval for external shutters from planning authorities, which will also entail substantial costs.

A special thank you to Roseanna Savage for creating a GoFundMe which has raised and continues to raise over £3,800 and everyone involved in the "Rusper Summer Round Up and Raffle." Thanks to your amazing efforts, we raised a further incredible \*\*£2,000\*\* to help get our village shop back on track! It just shows what an amazing community we are part of.

Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you all! 👯

#### What's New?

#### \*\*Create Your Perfect Fresh Bundle: For Next Day Pick-Up! \*\*



We're excited to introduce our 'Fresh Bundle Pickup' trial scheme, offering a convenient way for our community to enjoy fresh vegetables, top-quality meats, and delicious bread—all at a discounted price! You can customize your order for a next-day pickup.

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form, selecting from a variety of seasonal veggies from a reliable local supplier, premium meats from our local butcher, and tasty bakery items. Enjoy savings compared to regular in-store prices while supporting our community-owned village shop.

To ensure you receive your order, please place your requests from Sunday to Thursday before 3 PM. Your customized bundle will be ready for pickup the next day during our opening hours. Don't forget to bring your own shopping bags for your pickup; reusable bags can also be purchased in the shop.

Thank you for supporting local businesses and being an essential part of our community as we embark on this exciting trial! Help us make it a success!

Rusper Village Stores Team

#### **RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB**

The results of the latest draws are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £200 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £75 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50 *John Jory*  August 2024 83 Mrs C B 16 Malcolm T 32 Simon P

September 2024 3 Anthony H 102 Mr & Mrs B 221 Susan J

#### **COPPER FAMILY CONCERT**

The Copper Family Concert was greatly enjoyed by 85 concert goers on 14th September in St Mary Magdalene church. With anecdotes provided by Jon Copper and other members of the family in between the songs it made for a most convivial evening. Refreshments by members of the PCC were greatly enjoyed. The evening raised £1,324 towards the North Aisle Restoration Appeal. Thank you to all those who supported us. *Maggie True* 

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#### WEST GREEN COMMUNITY CINEMA, CRAWLEY

With the dark nights drawing in, why not consider an evening out at the cinema?

West Green Community Cinema shows a variety of films every fortnight on a Wednesday evening from September until May at St. Peter's Church, Ifield Road, Crawley, RH11 7BB. Screenings start at 7pm, and you can meet up with friends and other film "buffs" beforehand at the Cinema Cafe for tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes from 6pm. Tickets cost only £5, and is run by Edward (an experienced cinematographer) and a small team of volunteers. The cost of running the cinema, programme of events and maintenance is funded entirely by ticket sales on a non-profit basis. Tickets can be purchased on the door from 6pm, or in person on Saturday mornings at the church between 10am and 12 noon.

The first film of the season on September 11th was "One Life", starring Sir Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn, and told the incredible true story of Nicholas Winton and his efforts to save 669 Czech Jewish children before the outbreak of WWII.

So bring your favourite cushion, and join the friendly gathering of cinemagoers to watch a film of your choice. For details of forthcoming events contact: <u>cinema@churchcrawley.com or churchcrawley.com/cinema</u>

Chris Pearce

#### DONATIONS TO RUSPER PARISH NEWS

Just £5 from every household is fine and can be paid directly into the Rusper Parish News bank account. The Bank details for direct transfer are - Sort Code: 30 94 41 Account Number: 00007348 Account Name: PCC RUSPER – MAGAZINE. Thank You

#### SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

The Examination of Horsham Council's draft Local Plan is underway, and the only signal we have from the Planning Inspector so far is his letter<sup>1</sup> to the Council requesting a much more detailed analysis of future housing supply, including 5-year delivery (building) profiles for all development sites. He is also asking when all the documents currently missing from the Plan Evidence Base will be submitted. SWOI has repeatedly expressed concern at the lack of evidence to support the decisions about allocation of sites in the Local Plan, so it's a relief to know that Inspector is pressing for more evidence. He also notes the Government's new tighter timeframes for Plan Examination, and we wait to see if Horsham Council can produce everything the Inspector has asked for within the required timeframe.

<sup>1</sup> See the Inspector's Preliminary Matters letter here: <u>https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/local-plan-</u> <u>examination/Post-Submission-Documents</u>

We're also still waiting for Homes England to submit a planning application for the West of Ifield, although it could be that they first need to complete their water abstraction feasibility study. They're hoping to mitigate for water neutrality using water from the aquifer 200m below the site. We understand the test boreholes will be drilled in the next couple of months.

Watch this space!

#### Dates for your diary:

2<sup>nd</sup> October – 8pm. **Quiz night** at The Plough, Rusper. Call 01293 871215 to book table – and dinner beforehand.6<sup>th</sup> November – 8pm. **Quiz night** at The Plough, Rusper. As above.As always, to keep up to date, please read our newsletters and website: <u>https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/</u>

Fenella Maitland-Smith savewestofifield@gmail.com

#### CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Please remember there is a Churchyard Working Party on the first Monday of the month which will be 7th October 10 - 12 noon.

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#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Newman	01293 871354
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ros Maiden	01403 257088
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Easter	01403 251979
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Beadle	01403 267937

Sue Matthewson 01293 8712665

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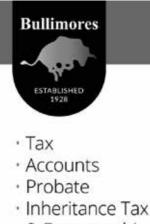




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