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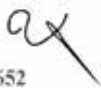
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MARCH SERVICES

Subject to Government restrictions and Church of England advice, details may vary. See Facebook and Website for updates.

Sunday 7 th		8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th	Mothering Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st		8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th	Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
	Liturgy of the Passion	11am	Holy Communion

APRIL – HOLY WEEK

Thursday 1 st	Maundy Thursday
Friday 2 nd	Good Friday
Sunday 4 th	Easter Sunday

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.

Rector	Revd Nick Flint	01293 871251
Churchwarden	Mr Chris Pearce	01403 268047
Churchwarden	Mrs Maggie True	01293 871722
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Throughout Lent:

Monday 9.30 Bite Size Bible

Wednesday 9.30 said Eucharist

Friday 9.30 Way of the Cross

ALL WELCOME – APPROPRIATELY DISTANCED EVENTS

The Rectory
High Street
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Dream On

One of the widely reported phenomena of lockdown has been an increased awareness of our dream lives. Some have found their dreams more vivid, more memorable and in some cases more disturbing during this period. I don't find this surprising given the impact of Covid and the restrictions on our sense of mental well being. We are naturally anxious, and we all find our own ways to cope with those feelings. Modern psychology agrees our dreams carry messages – sometimes the meaning seems clear while at other times our visions of the night come mysteriously packaged in striking and bizarre imagery. Often the visual language of dreams combines the strange with the familiar and mundane. The Bible is full of dreams and is clear that they can be means of communication from God.

March each year invites us to celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph on 19th. In fact, Pope Francis has declared this a special year of dedication to this possibly overlooked saint. Joseph's dreams, actual and metaphorical, loom large in the Gospel. Mary's surprise pregnancy threatened his hopes and plans, but as he slept on it, things became clearer and a way forward was found through faith. His story echoes that of his namesake in the Jewish scriptures, where again we see a plan and purpose, emerging through dark twists and turns to emerge in the light of day and new beginnings.

March takes us into Holy Week enacting the fulfilment of all that was dreamt of in past times, promising faith instead of fear with hope and healing.

Check Website and Church Facebook for any changes to advertised live services. 11am is also usually transmitted via Zoom. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update.



rusperchurch.org.uk

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.

RUSPER CHRONICLE

We were deeply sorry to hear the sad news that Jean Shelley has passed away. We will be forever indebted to Jean for the work she did in 1980 on Rusper Churchyard.

We do have a list of gravestones which was written by Ernest Ellman in 1873. However, because of Jean's and friends work we have an updated list of the gravestones which was written in 1980.

As a group we are incredibly grateful for this information, as it gives us a huge amount of knowledge of the people buried in our churchyard. As some of you will have seen when walking through the churchyard, some of the stones have faded and lost their words and this was the same in Jean's day, although with great foresight all details which were visible on the stone were included in the 1980 list and so today we are able, with the help of the Internet, to fill in some of the missing names and dates. A map of the churchyard was also drawn in 1980 which provides us with a good location plan of each gravestone on the list.

Jean also researched the Rusper Tithe Map of 1840 tracing the original map and transcribing all the information so that we know exactly who owned what land, the acreage, the names of the fields and who was renting it in 1840. This has been an incredible resource for the Rusper Chronicle group.

She taught at Rusper School for a few months in 1972 before Miss Greenwood was appointed for Class 2 in January 1973. We have documentary evidence of this in my son James' exercise book where he has written a letter in June 1972 to Mrs Shelley telling her of his holiday plans. He also remembers she talked about castles – a fellow enthusiast. Among her papers are some of the lessons she prepared for the children on the 1851 Census – this includes a list of the popular children's names with the comment that we would find them strange now (this was back in the 1970s) but nowadays we don't find them strange at all!

Many of you will have a copy of the booklet 'Early Houses of Rusper' for which Jean did all the research, visiting and assessing the age of the houses. It was illustrated by Margaret White. Jean was already familiar with many Rusper houses through her membership of the Wealden Study Group which over many years would visit timber-framed houses in the area, study them in detail, crawl around in roofs to look for evidence of open hearths, shine strong lights into dark corners, generally cobwebby, and then send the owners a comprehensive report on their findings.

We are very grateful for her work over many years which has been invaluable for our understanding of Rusper.

Joan Frazer/Margaret White

RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB

Thank you to all those people who continue responding to the request for new members during this difficult time. The Rusper Church 200 Club is one of the few continuing forms of income to our lovely church during these challenging times. You can continue to help by joining the 200 Club or buying additional shares. All the details about the Rusper Church 200 Club including past winners, the Rules and an Application Form, are on the Church's web-site at www.rusperchurch.org.uk under "THE CHURCH IS YOU" tab. Just print off and complete the Application Form and then either e-mail it to me at johnmichaeljory@yahoo.co.uk or send it to me at: Elsinoro, Horsham Road, Rusper, Horsham, RH12 4PR.

The result of the recent draw is:

February 2021

1 st Prize - £200	144	Daniel V
2 nd Prize - £75	91	Pat N
3 rd Prize - £50	64	Emma C

John Jory

PCC OF RUSPER – TREASURER

After 8 years as Treasurer to the PCC of Rusper, Mike Ward has decided to step down. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Mike for his excellent service during that time.

I am delighted to welcome Lorna Reeves as our new Treasurer and she will be taking over from Mike over the next few weeks.

Lorna moved to the village in December, with her wife and 3 dogs, from Twickenham. Lorna is founder/ director of two businesses, an online events company and wedding planning company and previously worked in Forensics for 15 years. She loves good food and being outdoors.

Lorna is very much looking forward to getting involved in the community and hope to meet plenty of the village whilst out and about on dog walks or in the pub (whenever that might be).

Nick

RUSPER VILLAGE HALL

If you wish to book Rusper Village Hall for any event, please visit the Village Hall website <https://ruspervillagehall.org.uk> which contains a booking form.

THE RUSPER DIARY – MARCH 2021

DATE	EVENT	PLACE/TIME
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ALL EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

RUSPER HELP

Covid-19 Pandemic

A Volunteer Group exists to help residents of Rusper Parish who are self-isolating due to the Corona virus (Covid-19) and do not have a family member to assist them.

Volunteer support is available to help with shopping, collecting and delivering prescriptions or just being there for a phone chat.

Do you need assistance?

You can contact one of co-ordinators listed below between 08:30 and 17:30 and they will find a Volunteer who can help you or chat on the phone to you:

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You can also email for assistance at assistance@rusper-pc.org.uk

Shopping

If you are self-isolating Rusper Stores can deliver a grocery order to you. You can call them on 01293 871366 or email them at info@ruspervillagestores.co.uk

Prescriptions

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More information is available at rusperhelp.org.uk

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

- Rusper Parish Council holds its **full meeting** on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm online
 - **Planning** sub-committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month online
 - 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 – please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to join the meeting online.
 - 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.
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Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – January 2021

*The full Minutes of these and all other meetings are available to view on the Rusper Parish Council web site rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings. These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

These meetings were held virtually due to the pandemic.

Planning – 19th January 2021

Agreed responses to planning applications:

DC/20/2465 Land adjacent to Pucks Croft Cottage: Rusper Parish Council endorses the objections raised by local residents and strongly objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- During the production of the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan this site was considered as part of a call for sites exercise and rejected. The conclusion of that assessment was that this is a green field site and fails some important sustainability issues. It is on an undesignated country lane outside of the built up area on land currently designated as agricultural and used for grazing. It is more than 2.5 miles from the nearest regular bus service along country lanes with no footpaths.
- This site is outside of the built up area boundary.
- The traffic survey undertaken by the applicant should be questioned as it was undertaken during the pandemic restrictions when traffic was at its lightest. Our own traffic survey undertaken previously showed that most traffic travelled higher than the speed limit.
- There are inaccuracies in the application (for example that there is a regular bus service).
- The housing need in Rusper has been met by the recent developments in Ifield and the strategic sites of Land North of Horsham and Kilnwood Vale.
- The design of the homes seems out of keeping with the rest of the village.

Rusper Parish Council has already requested that this application is decided at Committee if the Planning Officer recommends this application for approval.

DC/20/2454 Land South of East Street: Rusper Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- During the production of the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan this site was considered as part of a call for sites exercise and rejected. The conclusion of that assessment was that This is a green field site and fails virtually all sustainability issues. It is on an undesignated country lane away from any built up area on land currently designated as agricultural and used for grazing. It is more than 2.5 miles from the nearest regular bus service along

country lanes with no footpaths. There are no services to the site and provision of main drainage would be a significant issue.

- The application states that the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan should not be taken into account. Rusper PC disputes this as it has passed examination and is just waiting for Referendum which was delayed due to the Covid restrictions. Planning Officers are aware of this and already giving weight to the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan.
- The applicants already have been granted permission (DC/14/0413 and DC/14/1936) for 6 flats and 2 houses. These housing types would have been more suitable for the parish.

Rusper Parish Council has already requested that this application is decided at Committee if the Planning Officer recommends this application for approval.

DC/20/2524 & 2523 Curtis Farm, Green Lane: Rusper Parish Council requests that a whole site assessment is undertaken and a whole site layout is provided for the future so that the exact need for the site can be assessed and to ensure that there is no unauthorised use of existing buildings. Until this information is provided Rusper PC does not feel it can adequately assess this application.

DC/20/2509 Land North of Horsham: Rusper Parish Council supports the comments made by WSCC and requests the following:-

- That the bridge is segregated between cyclists and pedestrians for safety reasons.
- That additional design features are added to make it more visually attractive.
- That lighting is sensitive to the area.

DC/20/2529 Thatched Barn Cottage, East Street: Rusper Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- The size of the building is too large in an area that has seen a lot of development in recent years.
- The material to be used will make the building stand out in its location.

If this is recommended for approval, Rusper PC requests that a condition is added that the design is in keeping with the local area.

DC/20/2581 Stud Farm, Capel Road: Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application but would like it noted that it has concerns about

the way the site is developing and would request that restrictions are added to the site on any further development due to the lack of sustainability.

DC/21/0025 11 Steeres Hill: No objection.

DC/21/0005 Lakeland Land South of The Mount Farm: Withdrawn.

DC/21/0039 Land off Prestwood Lane: Strongly objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- No details have been given for the access and the impact on any trees along the route.
- All access roads to the site are single lane rural tracks which will not cope with the additional traffic movements, especially HGVs and coaches (which would be expected for a site of this nature). These roads are used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders as well as vehicles and the added traffic movements would cause a danger to them. There are no pavements along these roads.
- A well-used bridle path runs alongside the site, and the noise from the site would be a danger and nuisance to users of this and horses. There is no detail in the application about how this would be mitigated.
- The noise from the site would be a disturbance to the local equestrian users.
- The proposed use of this site would not be in keeping with this rural, countryside location.
- This site is in an unsustainable location.

DC/21/0040 Land off Prestwood Lane: Rusper Parish Council objects to this application.

Consider Ghyll Manor pre-application presentation: A presentation for a housing development was considered by Council. The presentation lacked detail but was of interest to Members so **it was RESOLVED** to meet with the developers to discuss the proposal in more detail.

Update on planning decisions:

DC/20/1110 Severn Cottage, Charlwood Road – Permitted

DC/20/1897 Shepperton Farm, Lambs Green Road – Permitted

DC/20/0380 Ifield Hall, Charlwood Road – Permitted

DC/20/1933 19 Gardeners Green – Refused

The appeal for DC/20/0737 Furlong Farm was allowed.

Letter to HDC regarding acceptance of duplicate applications:

It was RESOLVED to write to the MP and copy in HDC to ask them to appeal to the Secretary of State to change legislation so that duplicate planning applications cannot be resubmitted within a certain amount of time after refusal unless there has been a material change.

Council – 26th January 2021

Open Forum: Mr Richard Nordgreen represents the landowners at Stud Farm and spoke about wanting to work with the parish before proceeding with any development. The idea is to present a master plan for the site to make it more cohesive. Mr Nordgreen will attend the Planning Committee meeting to discuss this in more detail.

Precept for 2021/22: The Precept was set at £33,751.

Reports from other Authorities: Cllr. Kitchen reported that no refuse tips will close in the next year, and that dustmen have done a brilliant job throughout the pandemic. Cllr. Kitchen believes that they should be thanked for this as they have not missed a single collection.

Set date for litter collection: It was agreed to postpone this event due the pandemic and review this in six months. Residents will be encouraged to keep the areas around their own homes clean.

Representative for Public Rights of Way: Cllr. Adams was appointed.

Response to Night Flights Consultation: The consultation has been extended until end of May, except for two questions that need to be answered sooner. This decision will be delayed until the next meeting.

Plan for Annual Parish Meeting: The date of this meeting was changed to Thursday 22nd April. The meeting will be held virtually and potentially streamed online with presentations from different speakers.

Update on Recreation Ground lease and plan for the future: The landlord's solicitors are investigating the registration of land before the lease can be completed. The terms of the lease are agreed.

Q3 budget comparison: The Clerk reported that most budget lines are within budget, and due to come in within budget. As of the 30th December, there was £88,232 in the bank account. There is sufficient money to cover the remainder of the budgeted payments, with enough set aside to cover the projects and reserves. Of the expenditure still to come, around £6,900 will come from money set aside for projects and reserves, reducing the amount needed to be held to £59,781. The end of year surplus is estimated to be approx. £7,200.

Other: A planning application has been made to Surrey County Council for capping an above-ground landfill (0079). It was agreed to ask for a restriction on vehicle movements so they show the most direct route to the A24, and a clear designation of that route should not include Rusper.

Leanne Bannister

Clerk to Rusper Parish Council, c/o Rusper Village Stores, East Street, Rusper, RH12 4PX. 07871 340986

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Hello from Gaby your Age UK Village Agent,
As we remain in lockdown, our services at Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove are still running even though our centres remain closed. With the current cold weather, you'll find additional details of our **Winter Warmer** programme below for those older people most in need. Hot off the press is this month's copy of our **Connect magazine** with details of The Big Knit, exercises to keep active at home and a great recipe for Banana Pancakes just in time for Shrove Tuesday! You can find our Connect magazine online via our website www.ageuk.org.uk/westsussexbrightonhove/

Winter Warmer offer...

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easiest way to access the service is to call our Head Office number **01903 731800 and select option 3**. This takes you straight to the meal delivery team who can discuss dietary requirements and menu choices. We are asking for a suggested donation of £2 per meal, but the meals are free for those on a low income or in need. All meals are freshly cooked by our chef in the kitchen at Lavinia House and frozen for safe transportation. Our fabulous volunteers are delivering the meals out across the Horsham District three or four times a week.

The second part of the Winter Warmer campaign is the **Warm Homes programme**, offering practical help and assistance to older people worried about keeping warm this Winter. The initiative helps people living in, or at risk of fuel poverty by offering, a) free benefit reviews b) home energy checks c) warm homes packs, including a hot water bottle, blanket and socks. Details of the help available can be found on our website here, or by phoning **0800 019 1310 between 9am – 5pm**. You can also email information@ageukwestsussex.org.uk

Whistlestop Arts...

If you haven't heard of them already, the last episode of the fabulous Whistlestop Arts Audio Tour is now available from their website www.whistlestoparts.org and this time they 'visit' Petworth Park. We have loved the audio tours and associated craft activities that our partners Whistlestop Arts have created because it has enabled the people taking part to feel more connected with the outside and given a little escapism from lockdown. All the audio tours and resources are available for free on the Whistlestop Arts, so please do check them out, pass it on and join in!

Rethinking Work...

Are you aged 50+ and looking for work, retraining or preparing for retirement? Rethinking Work is a new look at working in later life and managing your transition into and through retirement. This free programme has been produced by Work & Learning Opportunities, a not-for-profit community interest company in partnership with Age UKWSBH, with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund. The course can be done at your own pace, with 121 support on the phone or via zoom from the Work & Learning team Chris & Maureen. To find out more details and how to sign up, please email employabilityskills@ageukwsbh.org.uk

Take care and please do let me know if there is anything Age UKWSBH can do to help.

Very best wishes, Gaby Aldrich, gaby.aldrich@ageukwsbh.org.uk

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Valerie Bowles (871412)

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RUSPER CHAT 2021



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