

Father Hugh Writes:

November is traditionally the month of prayer for our Holy Souls, which began on Friday last with All Saints day and continued yesterday with the Commemoration of all the faithful departed.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and I remind you that our Mass begins at 9.45am to enable us to be at the War Memorial in Cagefoot Lane for 10.50am–11am if you choose. Thus no coffee after Mass next Sunday.

There are now no Mass intentions in the book so should you wish for a Mass to be offered for any intention there are forms/envelopes in the entrance of the church or simply write the intention (and preferred date) on an envelope. I should remind you that these will be celebrated at a weekday Mass since all Parish Priests are obliged to offer Mass for the people of the parish on Sundays and Holydays.

As we strive to clear our debts in the parish we could have another table top sale on Sunday 17th? It would seem a good time before we get too close to Advent.

During the week, I have given the go ahead for the church windows in the loo and flower room to be replaced. You may have noticed that both are completely rotten. The cost for this is £950. Whilst here I've also asked for the redundant Vent axia to be replaced with a new pane of glass.

During the week, we gave the Laurel behind the church a prune and are taking it back to the root so that it regrows and restores the boundary hedge. This will benefit us and our neighbours, as will the overwhelming brambles that we disposed off with a match! Now I'm thinking of a new planting there to incorporate the gift of a new Himalayan birch.

I hear on the grapevine that our new Dean is to be Fr Aaron Spinelli in Horsham.

Lots of things will be going on for us all in Advent, but I would highlight the Advent Liturgy at St Peter's on Advent Sunday as part of Churches together here in Henfield at 6pm. This Sunday begins the Church year for all our churches and is a very good time to come together in Prayer.

Sunday 8th Dec. at 3pm is the Organ recital here in Corpus Christi
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with a collection for The Haven. Mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Finally, time to lift the dahlias after last Monday's frost has killed the top growth;..... the end of another season. I always lift mine, dry them off and store where they will be frost free for 2020 summer.

Parish and Diocesan Notices

There will be a second collection after Mass today for the Retired Priests Fund. (Please gift aid if you are a tax payer.)

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and our Mass will start at the earlier time of 9.45am. Be aware of road closures.

The parade leaves Cagefoot Lane at 9.20am for the service at St Peter's Church at 9.45am. The parade then returns for the memorial service at the Cagefoot Lane War Memorial which starts at 10.50am. On Monday 11th there will be a short service at 10.50am followed by two minutes silence at 11am at the Cagefoot Lane War Memorial.

ANGEL TREE.... Bringing joy to families separated by a prison sentence this Christmas. Please support prisoners at HMP Lewes to maintain links with their families at Christmas by buying a present for their children. a) Take a name card from the Christmas Tree and purchase a gift (please complete the Gift Log) or b) make a financial contribution to pay for a gift and/or the wrapping and delivery of the gifts (please complete a Gift Aid declaration if appropriate) or c) pray for prisoners and their families. All gifts and donations must be returned to church on or before Sunday 24th November. See Dominic Dring: domdring14@gmail.com or 07875 728436 or Leo Gibbon.

This year's Charities Fair is next Saturday, 9th, in The Henfield Hall from 10am to 1pm. Come along to support local & national charities.

Advance Notices:

Sunday 1st December: Annual Village United Advent Service at St Peter's Church, Henfield at 6pm. All Welcome.

Sunday 8th December: Hurst Choral Society will be performing John Rutter's Magnificat in the college chapel at 7.30 pm. The Hurst College Chamber Choir will also perform Zelenk's Miserere. Tickets £10 each. Tickets will also be available on the door.