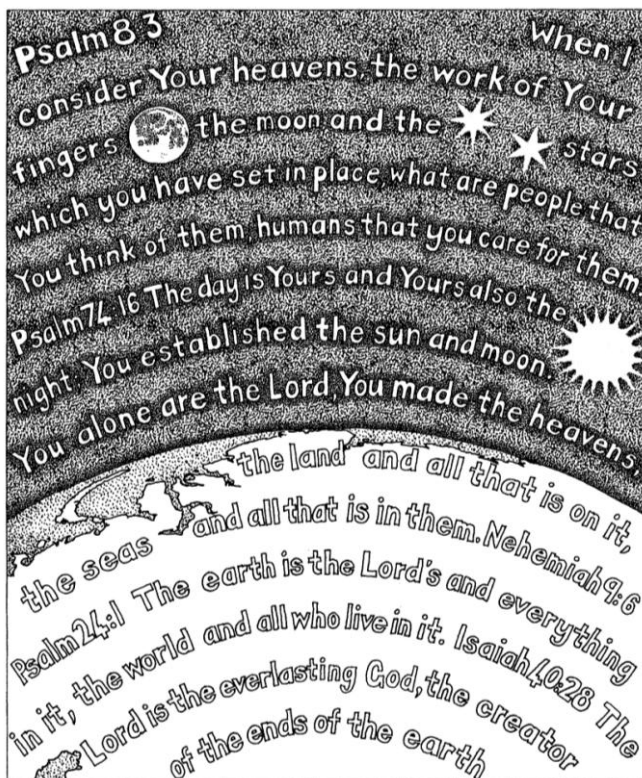


The Parish Church of St Paul
Ansdell & Fairhaven

Pews News Extra

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Reflections of an Organist on Eight Months without a Vicar...



I think we've maintained our tradition of 'business as usual' in this period without a Vicar. More than 150 services on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays have taken place. There have been baptisms, funerals and a wedding; extra Christmas services; and we have hosted a Churches Together service. At the time of writing, plans are well in hand for a range of services for Holy Week and Easter. And our mission has continued in many ways outside the walls of our church building. Now we can look forward to the arrival of our new Vicar chosen after very time-consuming procedures undertaken by our parish representatives.

This has all been achieved by the hard work of a number of people. We have been blessed with the help of retired clergy, and clergy and Readers from local churches and educational establishments. However, all the arrangements and preparations for services have been made by our own people working in a voluntary capacity, and it is largely due to them that St. Paul's Church has remained alive during the vacancy. Our Thursday Family Services, our Christingle Service and most of our services of Evening Prayer have been run entirely by our volunteers. As Organist of the church I am one of the few paid servants, unlike the Churchwardens, Readers, members of the P.C.C., Verger, P.C.C. Secretary and Treasurer. There are many less visible volunteers whose work is a great gift to the church. It is humbling for me to observe dedicated people putting in the hours that would be expected of full-time paid employees. I feel privileged to work alongside these generous people, and I can understand why there are some very tired people in our midst. May we all continue to work together as we prepare to welcome the Reverend Paul Bye and his family to our parish.

Linda Carrington

Hello everyone, our January meeting was sadly not very well attended, but our speaker Sue Wilkes did not disappoint those present with her story of Puppy Walking 11 dogs for training as Guide Dogs for the blind.

The Fellowship meeting in February had a good attendance and we all thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Boe's talk about his life, training as a dog handler with the police and with the army, and his time in Special Forces.

On 4th March the Women's World Day of Prayer was well supported by our members. The theme was 'Receive Children, Receive Me' prepared by the ladies of Cuba who are looking to the next generation to take their country forward after years of sanctions.

Welcome to Catherine Amos who was enrolled as a member of our Branch on Mothering Sunday. Flowers and cards from the Mothers Union were handed out to the congregation during the service.

The Quiet Evening at St. Paul's, Warton was a Meditation on the meeting of the Samaritan woman and Jesus at Jacob's Well. John Ch 4:3 – 26.

Tickets for the Beetle Drive on Saturday 7th May at 6.30pm, with Hot Pot Supper, will be on sale after Easter, so please see any committee member if you wish to buy them. Anyone welcome, Adults £5, Children 16 and under £3, the more the merrier. Bring your own liquid refreshment and there will be Raffle prizes.

Our April meeting on Monday 25th will see Canon Brunswick telling us of Strange Things in Medieval England.

That's all folks.

Jean Lyon



April
2016



Saturday 2nd

Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:00am ~ in the Shop

Sunday 3rd

Easter 2

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

4:00pm Sung Evening Prayer

Monday 4th

PCC Meeting

7:00pm ~ in the Vicarage

Tuesday 5th

Beavers & Cubs

6 – 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 6th

Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Thursday 7th

Thursday Worship

6:15 – 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 8th

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 10th

Easter 3

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

4:00pm Said Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12th

Beavers & Cubs

6 – 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 13th

Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Thursday 14th

Thursday Worship

6:15 – 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 15th	<u>Rainbows, Brownies & Guides</u> 5 – 9pm in the Church Hall
Sunday 17th	<u>Easter 4</u> 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist 12noon Annual Parochial Church Meeting 4:00pm Sung Evening Prayer
Tuesday 19th	<u>Beavers & Cubs</u> 6 – 8:30pm in the Church Hall
Wednesday 20th	<u>Holy Communion</u> 10:00am in the Lady Chapel <u>Coffee Morning</u> 10:30am in the Church Hall
Thursday 21st	<u>Thursday Worship</u> 6:15 – 7:30pm in the Church Hall
Friday 22nd	<u>Rainbows, Brownies & Guides</u> 5 – 9pm in the Church Hall
Sunday 24th	<u>Easter 5</u> 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist 4:00pm Said Evening Prayer
Monday 25th	<u>Mothers' Union Meeting</u> 2:15pm in the Church Hall
Tuesday 26th	<u>Beavers & Cubs</u> 6 – 8:30pm in the Church Hall
Wednesday 27th	<u>Holy Communion</u> 10:00am in the Lady Chapel <u>Coffee Morning</u> 10:30am in the Church Hall
Thursday 28th	<u>Thursday Worship</u> 6:15 – 7:30pm in the Church Hall
Friday 29th	<u>Rainbows, Brownies & Guides</u> 5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

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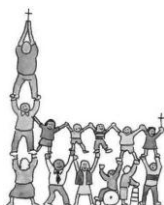
*Further details of the above events can be  
found on the Weekly Pews News Sheet*

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PARISHIONER'S NOTES

Don't Forget!

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th April.



A Church is made up of lots of people working together.

As we approach the meeting, it is a good opportunity to reflect, as individuals, on our service to God through our work at St. Paul's Church. There are many roles to be carried out in order to enable the church to run on a day to day basis. Is there something you feel you are being called to take on? We are looking especially for two Church Wardens this year, as both Alan and Sheila will be standing down.

Please commit the needs of the Parish to your prayers.



Sunday Coffee

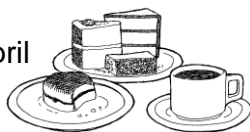
We are now in urgent need of some more helpers, men or women, to join our five week rota. Please contact me at St Pauls or by phone on 736147 as soon as possible if you can help us to keep the coffee flowing.

Thank you,

Marion Amos.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 9th April at St John's Church, Lytham from 10:00am – 12:30pm. The proceeds will go to support their elected Rose Queen, Miss Emily Leaper.



READERS' ROTA – SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading: 1st:OT & Psalm, 2nd:NT</u>		<u>Name</u>
3rd April Easter 2	1st	Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29	Barbara Jackson
	2nd	Revelation 1:4-8	Bryan Nicholson
10th April Easter 3	1st	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30	Sheila Swindells
	2nd	Revelation 5:11-14	Liz Geddes
17th April Easter 4	1st	Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23	Ken Pocock
	2nd	Revelation 7:9-17	Jo Pocock
24th April Easter 5	1st	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148	Eileen Russell
	2nd	Revelation 21:1-6	Pam Rowell

*Please make sure that you read that lesson appointed for you, especially if it is highlighted.

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## **EVENING PRAYER ROTA – SUNDAY (4:00pm)**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Sunday</u></b> | <b><u>Said/Sung</u></b> | <b><u>Leader</u></b> | <b><u>Preacher</u></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 3rd April          | Easter 2             | Sung                    | Janet K.             | Janet K.               |
| 10th April         | Easter 3             | Said                    | Peter S.             | Peter S.               |
| 17th April         | Easter 4             | Sung                    | Janet K.             | Linda C.               |
| 24th April         | Easter 5             | Said                    | Janet K.             | Janet K.               |

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Parishioner Donations

Have you ever thought of sponsoring one or more of the items that we use in Church, such as Palm Crosses or candles; hymn books or Bibles; or indeed, anything else you can think of?

If this thought appeals to you, then please speak to one of the Wardens or a member of the PCC.

We would be very pleased to hear from you.

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

SONGS OF PRAISE

Our next 'Songs of Praise' service will be on 29th May. Please submit your hymn requests by Sunday 1st May.



LENT LUNCH

The Lent Lunch at St. Paul's was well attended by members of the five churches in our Churches Together Covenant. After grace said by Pam Rowell soup was served by our small efficient team of ladies. Then we went into church for a recital of music on the organ, after which more fellowship was enjoyed in the hall over hot drinks and biscuits.

Donations of more than £244 were received in aid of the charity Open Doors which helps persecuted Christians all over the world.

Linda

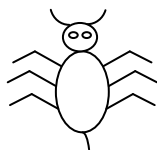


BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 7th May at 6.30pm

Includes a Hot Pot Supper

(Bring your own liquid refreshment)



Adults ~ £5, Children 16 and under ~ £3

Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

There will also be a chance to win a Raffle Prize.

Everyone welcome ~ the more the merrier!

Summary of March PCC Meeting

APCM ~ 17th April 2016. There are two Churchwarden vacancies, which need to be filled.

Charitable giving ~ Posters are now displayed in the Charity Shop.

Hall bookings ~ 5th May - Police Commission Elections, 14th May – Heyhouses Community Choir Concert, 23rd June EU Referendum.

Scouting ~ Scout leaders are looking at the possibility of having a new Scout Troop at St. Paul's.

Social Events/Fundraising Committee ~ A committee has been formed to facilitate social and fundraising activities.

Gas Meter ~ this requires an expensive cover (approx. £1k). The meter replacement cannot be completed until this is in place.

Treasurer's Report: The Annual Report is now complete. Loraine Lee was thanked for all her hard work in its collation & preparation.

Induction & Installation: This is now in hand with the wording of the Invitations agreed. Janet Kimber will produce the order of service. Three volunteers are needed to assist during the service. Catering will be discussed at the next meeting.

Rose Queen: The landau is being arranged. Lytham Club Day Committee to be notified of St Paul's Rose Queen 2017/18 after consultation with the new vicar.

Christian Aid/Children's Society: Sheila and Peter Swindells have kindly agreed to count and bank the Children's Society donations. We will be holding a coffee morning for Christian Aid but need someone to co-ordinate our support of this organisation.

Prayer requests: The duration of these is to be considered and advised upon request. Possibility of email requests considered.

Parishioner Donations: A suggestion was made that parishioners might like to make a donation towards items used in church, such as palm crosses, candles etc. Further discussion is needed.



Saint of the Month

Zeno of Verona - the more things change....

Feast Day ~ 12th April

Zeno of Verona (d. 371) should be the patron saint of all ministers who suspect that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

For instance: ethnic diversity...church-planting... teaching.... concern for the poor... women's ministry in the church... sound like modern-day Christian concerns? Not a bit of it – this was the life work of Zeno, bishop of Verona in the fourth century.

Ethnic diversity? Zeno was an African who had been consecrated a bishop in Italian Verona. Church-planting and teaching? Zeno had a reputation as a hard-working pastor and dedicated preacher who founded churches throughout his domain. Some of his sermons still survive.

Concern for the poor? Zeno was zealous in alms-giving, and encouraged others to do the same. Women's ministry? He founded nunneries and encouraged virgins living at home to be consecrated long before ever Ambrose did the same in Milan.

As for down-time? Zeno may well have been addicted to fishing in his spare time – he is, after all, usually represented with a fish. Nothing wrong with that: the links between fishermen and Christian leaders go back a long way!



St. Zeno Chapel Rome



Many of the articles and pictures in the Pews News Extra are sourced from the Parish Pump Website and the Association of Church Editors monthly edition of "Ideas Forum"



Winner of church school design competition for Queen's birthday

The winner of a church school competition to design a logo for the C of E's celebrations in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday has been announced. The logo, designed by Lucas Salinger, aged 10, from Potten End C of E Primary School in Hertfordshire, was picked from over 1000 entries.



Lucas, whose village school is near Berkhamsted said: 'I feel amazed that my design was chosen. I feel lost for words!'

Head teacher Andrew Morris said: 'I am extremely proud that a member of my school has won the competition, out of so many entries.'

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th – 12th June, including a thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade and a street party in The Mall. It is envisaged that church events will be integrated into local community celebrations that take place that weekend.



The Bible in 50 words

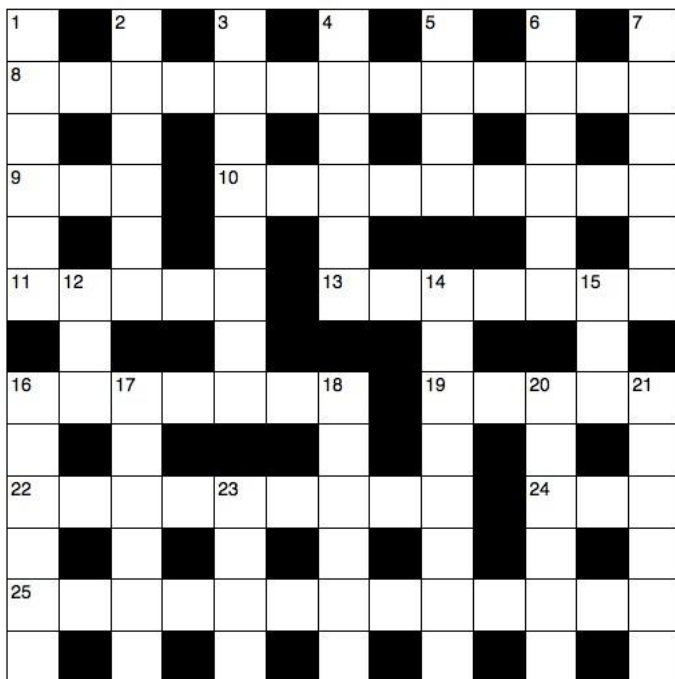
God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided

Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.

(Anon)

April 2016 Crossword

(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today,
it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.



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The Top 10 Bible Stories:

No. 4: Noah

A little boy was listening to the story of Noah's Ark. Suddenly he interrupted: "Where were you in the ark, Grandpa?" His grandfather replied, with some astonishment, that he had not been in the ark at all. That did not satisfy his grandson: "Then why weren't you drowned?"



This month we consider Noah, an example of faith in Hebrews 11:7 'By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.' So - what does Noah teach us about faith?

Faith believes God's Word: Noah believed God's warning of judgment on the people of the earth for their violence and wickedness, despite the lack of rain! Are we prepared to trust God's word, even when we can't see the evidence of his working?

Faith loves and serves God: Noah was moved by 'holy fear', like a child who does not want to displease his father. Do we seek to love God with all of our lives?

Faith obeys God in the face of opposition: 'The construction of the ark is the longest, most drawn out test of faith recorded in the Bible' (Oswald Sanders). Noah built a boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high, hundreds of miles from water to the amazement of the people. Is God calling us to step out in faith in a particular area of our lives?

Faith witnesses for God in spite of rejection: Noah was described as a righteous and blameless man who 'walked with God'. As one who lived right with God, he can be called a 'preacher of righteousness' (2 Peter 2:5). What is the witness of our faith to others? Where were the Noah jokes when it started raining?



After Easter

(John 21)

Resurrection reality –
for Thomas, through the door,
for Peter, on the shore,
for me, right here
where I am, in this situation
that I didn't choose.

Resurrection reality of living love –
Jesus -
walking with me,
forgiving, restoring,
sustaining, strengthening
and gently calling again
that original call
that makes sense of it all,

Follow me,
I am the Way,
I am alive.

By Daphne Kitching



Prayer for every day after Easter

Living, Almighty God,

Thank you that by your Spirit living in me, made possible by the life,
death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, you give me all I need.

Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me. Like Thomas, you
meet me in ways tailor-made for me.

Lord, thank you for the daily personal “nudges” that assure me of
your reality, your presence in my life, just when I need so much to
know you are here.

Thank you that we are Easter People every day, because of Jesus,
and in His name we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Time for a Smile



*Mary wished she'd
never mentioned
Fresh Expressions of Church.*

Nun and Jeep

Found in a diocesan magazine:

*A nun driving her jeep in the
Middle East ran out of petrol.
The only container she could
find was a chamber pot, in
which she collected petrol and
with great difficulty refilled the
jeep. Some Sheikhs looking on
observed: 'Sister, we don't
share your religion, but we
admire your faith.'*

What am I?

I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise: Crrrrraaaaacccccckkkk!
So I've come to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm crispy!

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

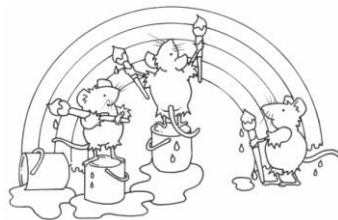
Who?!

Seen in a West Country church:

*Whenever I see a little church,
I always pay a visit.
So when at last I'm carried in,
the Lord won't say 'Who is it?'*

Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.



Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Church Hall Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
4th Monday	2:15 - 4:15pm	Mothers' Union
	7:30 – 8:30pm	Zumba Class
Tuesday	6:00 – 8:15pm	Beavers & Cubs (Term-Time only)
	From 10:30am	Church Coffee Morning
Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30pm	Zumba Dancing
	Thursday	Family Service
Friday	5:00 - 9:00pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides (Term-Time only)

Other Regular Church Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Where</u>
1st Saturday	8:00-9:00am	Prayer Breakfast	In the Shop

St. Paul's Fundraising Shop

(Woodlands Road)

Opening Hours

**Monday to Saturday
10:00am until 4:30pm.**



***Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please
contact Trisha Godley on 01253 732253.***

Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul

Church Services

Sunday

8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
4:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday

10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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Thursday

6:15pm	Thursday Service
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(A service for the younger members of our church, including songs, Bible Stories, prayers and activities.)



(BCP ~Book of Common Prayer; CW ~ Common Worship)

'Parish Surgery' ~ *If you wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding; make a hall booking; or to discuss matters of concern, you are welcome to attend either of the following surgeries:*

Tuesday ~ 4:30-5:30pm at St. Paul's Fund Raising Shop

Wednesday ~ 9:00-9:30am at the Parish Office



Requests for Weddings, Baptisms, etc.

Anyone wishing to arrange a wedding or baptism or perhaps to make an appointment on another matter, please:

- visit our website and complete/submit the form available;
- attend one of our parish surgeries (listed above)
- speak to one of the churchwardens;
- ring or email the parish office;

All relevant contact details are provided elsewhere.

Please note that baptisms may be accommodated at any of our services with the main options being:

- during the Sunday morning 10.30 service;
- a separate family service at 12 noon on a Sunday; or
- at the Family Service on Thursday at 6.15pm.

Dates for Your Diary

April 2016



- Saturday 2nd **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
8:00am ~ in the Shop
- Monday 4th **PCC Meeting**
7:00pm ~ in the Vicarage
- Sunday 17th **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
12noon ~ in the Church Hall
- Monday 25th **Mothers' Union Meeting**
2:15pm in the Church Hall



*Dates
for
Your
Diary*

BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 7th May at 7:30pm
(Further details on page 9.)

HEYHOUSES COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday 14th May at 7:30pm
(Further details to follow.)



ARTICLES FOR THE MAY PNE

If you have an article for inclusion in the May PNE,
please make sure that I have it by **Friday 15th April**

Thank you.

Janet Kimber



*For more information about our Weekly Services and Activities
please see pages 18 and 19*



Let children have the last word!

Good Likeness

Some children were asked: "What do you think of Jesus?"
"Jesus," said one little boy, "is the best selfie that God has
ever taken."