

CAMEO: The next meeting of CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) will be at 2.00 pm on Friday 6 July in Smallfield Church Hall when there will be an opportunity to visit the Sight for Surrey bus. The following meeting will be on Friday 3 August. If you would like to know more before coming along, contact Jo Coulson-Davis (01342 843498).

HEAR HERE! NHS-trained hearing volunteer Helen will be at the hall from 1.30-2.30pm on CAMEO afternoons to provide batteries for and to maintain your hearing aids.

Everyone is welcome at CAMEO or at HEAR HERE or at both.

Windmill United Benefice Services in June

- 3 June **8am** **BCP Holy Communion at Horne Church**
 9.30am Holy Communion at **Burstow Church**
 11am **Family Service at Horne Church**
 11am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**
- 7 June 10am Holy Communion at **Smallfield Church Hall**
- 10 June 9.30am Morning Worship at **Burstow Church**
 10am **Holy Communion at Horne Church**
 11am Holy Communion in **Outwood Church**
 5.30pm **A benefice service of Choral Evensong at**
 Horne Church, preceded by tea and cake
 from 4.30pm
- 17 June 9.30am Holy Communion at **Burstow Church**
 10am **Morning Worship at Horne Church**
 11am Morning Worship in **Outwood Church**
- 24 June 9.30am Holy Communion at **Burstow Church**
 10am **Holy Communion at Horne Church**
 11am Holy Communion for the feast of John the
 Baptist at **Outwood Church**
 4pm Messy Church at **Smallfield Church Hall**

Details of all Windmill Benefice services are on the website: windmillchurches.co.uk

St Mary the Virgin, Horne is part of the Windmill United Benefice with
St Bartholomew, Burstow and St John the Baptist, Outwood

Rector: Revd Nicholas Calver

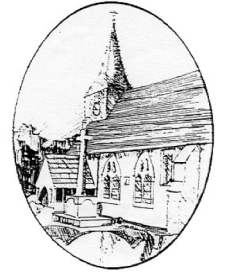
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Diary for June 2018



Choral Evensong

There will be a service of Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church on Sunday 10 June at 5.30pm. This will be preceded by tea and cake from 4.30pm. All are most welcome.

Rector's Ramblings

The month of June brings the longest day of the year, 21 June, the summer solstice. The word solstice comes from the Latin word solstitium, which literally means the sun standing still. From the point of view of an observer on earth, the summer solstice marks the most northerly point of the sun's annual journey through the sky, a time when the sun appears to stand still before retracing its journey in a southerly direction.

I've always been fascinated by the movements of the stars and the planets as well as the moon, both through the year and also on a daily basis. People have shared this fascination for thousands of years. The first day of the week, the day on which Christians worship is named after the sun – Sunday – and the first Christians adopted the general religious instinct of facing the place of sunrise when worshipping. The most important Sunday for Christians is Easter Sunday and Easter is named after the Anglo-Saxon word for dawn Eostre, from which we get our word East, as well as Easter.

After Easter the second most important day in the Christian calendar is Christmas Day. Nobody knows exactly when Jesus was born but the date of 25 December was settled on by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the fourth century AD. It was chosen because it was the time when the Romans already celebrated the rebirth of the sun, the time around the winter solstice when the days stopped getting shorter and started to get longer, and therefore an appropriate day to

celebrate the birth of Christ, the invincible sun of righteousness.

Once the birth of Christ had been set at the time of the winter solstice it became inevitable that the celebration of birth of St John the Baptist would be set at the time of the summer solstice, because, according to the Gospel of Luke, the birth of John took place six months before the birth of Christ and the longest day and the shortest day are six months apart.

In the early church the Birth of John the Baptist was the most important saint's day in the Christian calendar and a much-celebrated holy day (or holiday) in this country until the reformation. John was seen as the light that lit the way for Jesus, the light of the world, so the celebrations always involved firelight, particularly the light of the 'bone fire' (from which we get our word bonfire), which was made by burning animal bones. Its light and pungent smell was believed to ward off evil. Another type of fire was created by wrapping a cartwheel with straw, setting it alight and then rolling it down a hill – a dramatic representation of the sun's journey across the sky.

Sadly for me, a great fire lover, those celebrations are no longer associated with St John the Baptist's Day in this country. However, this year at St John the Baptist, Outwood, we will be marking the day in a special way with a Heritage Day on 23 June, in celebration of all the restoration work being done on the church building. Do come along; further details can be found on the opposite page.

With love and prayers

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WEDNESDAY CLUB: The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 June at 2.00pm at the Lloyd Hall, Outwood when Marilyn Greatorex will speak about local National Trust property, Standen in West Hoathly Road, East Grinstead. It features the history of the Beale family and is filled with art, ceramics and textiles from the Arts and Crafts Movement. There will be a Tins and Bottles stall and the competition is for Old China. Visitors are always welcome.

AFTERNOON TEAS: Teas will be served in Outwood Churchyard (Brickhouse Lane, Outwood) from 2-4pm on Saturday 16 June (inside the church if wet).

Barn dance

Family dance with caller

Saturday 7 July, 7.00 - 10.00 pm

Centenary Hall, Smallfield

Admission £10 (accompanied u16s free)
includes buffet and soft drink, byo alcohol

For your ticket, ring **07849 278 034**

Some tickets available on the door

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Horne



St John the Baptist, Brickfield Road,
Outwood RH1 5QF

23 June: 11 am - 4 pm

Heritage Day

and Horticultural Society Early Summer Show

Find out about our local heritage ■ Explore parts of the church not usually open to the public ■ Look at the old church registers ■ Hear the Architect explain why and how the church is being repaired



Create your own stained-glass window decoration;

Check out the ecology of the churchyard;

Sea shanties from the Windmill Songmen

LOTTERY FUNDED Music, Raffle, Plants, Tombola, Games and free Cream Teas

