

**AFTERNOON TEAS** will be served in Outwood Churchyard (Brickhouse Lane, Outwood) this month from 2-4pm on Saturdays **6 and 20 July**.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH:** The next lunch is at 1pm in Smallfield Church Hall on **Sunday 21 July** No fixed price but donations appreciated. Booking helpful but not essential. If you wish to book please call Kay on 07808 322 440, or Caroline on 07795 346 675 (leave a message if it goes to answerphone). Come with your family or on your own and meet new friends.

## Windmill United Benefice Services in June

### Thursday, 4 July

10 am Holy Communion in **Smallfield** Church Hall

### Sunday, 7 July

**8 am BCP Holy Communion at Horne Church**

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

**11 am Family Service at Horne Church**

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

### Sunday, 14 July

9.30 am Morning Worship at **Burstow** Church

**10 am Holy Communion at Horne Church**

11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

### Sunday, 21 July

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

**10 am Morning Worship at Horne Church**

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

### Sunday, 28 July

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

**10 am Holy Communion at Horne Church**

11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

4 pm Messy Church in **Smallfield** Church Hall

### Thursday, 1 August

10 am Holy Communion in **Smallfield** Church Hall

Details of all Windmill Benefice services are on the website: [windmillchurches.co.uk](http://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

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# St Mary the Virgin

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## Diary for July 2019



### St Mary's South Porch

**You have been glad of my protection from wind, rain, sun and snow,  
You have chatted underneath me to friends before you go,  
You have covered me in garlands to celebrate your joy,  
You have proudly carried to me your lovely baby girl or boy,  
You have passed sadly through me to say your last goodbyes,  
I have heard your voices praising God's Holy Name on high.  
And now I need your help to restore my ancient bones,  
It's not easy to confess to you that I can no longer stand alone,  
Please be generous and giving, your gift as big as your heart,  
So we can go forth together and make a brand new start.**

Some of you will have noticed that the south porch at St Mary's that you can see in the picture above is in need of repair – without urgent attention it will inevitably and soon collapse. Nicholas, the wardens and the PCC have been working on a plan to prevent this happening. An architect approved by the Diocese of Southwark has provided a repair cost estimate so we now need to raise enough money to fund the work – we need to find about £21,000.

We have applied to a charitable trust for a grant but, even if successful, this will not be enough on its own. Some of the fee generated by the recent day's filming at St Mary's has been set aside for the porch repairs but we also need to appeal to our regular congregation, the wider Horne community and local businesses for donations to help fund the full cost of repairs.

You will soon see 'Porch Pockets', dedicated envelopes that will be placed in church, so that you can easily make spontaneous donations towards porch repairs – perhaps to commemorate an anniversary that is special to you. Or any donations would be most welcome by cheque (*made payable to Horne Parochial Church Council and sent c/o The Rectory, 5 The Acorns, Redehall Road, Smallfield RH6 9QJ*) or via BACS, marked 'Porch' (Barclays account number 40495379, sort code 20-23097). No amount is too small or too great!

We will provide progress updates in future editions of the Diary  
Sue Wates and Barbara Verco, churchwardens

**ST MARY'S CHURCH** will now be open for visitors every day.

## Rector's Ramblings

Did you watch any of the commemorations of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day last month? I was struck by the letter to his wife from a soldier killed on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1944 that Theresa May read out. And the French young man's letter to his parents just before he was shot that Emmanuel Macron read out. Justin Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, read a citation and Donald Trump read out Franklin D Roosevelt's prayer.

Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, was there but she didn't read anything out. To me that was a shame. Germans were involved in D-Day too. Germans were killed on D-Day too.

Is it still something to do with *them* and *us* I wonder? The sense of co-operation between nations was celebrated, the allied nations, *us*. But not *them*, and the *them* at that time were the Germans. I feel I've heard *them* and *us* language more often since the Brexit referendum, the third anniversary of which was also last month.

The Sunday following the D-Day commemorations was Pentecost Sunday, when in the church we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples as recorded in the New Testament. Around the disciples were Jews from many nations and they all heard their own language spoken by these simple Galilean fishermen talking. The Bible has a story about people being divided by language, the Tower of Babel. Pentecost is a story of people of different languages being reunited.

The Sunday following Pentecost Sunday, 16 June happened to be another third anniversary – three years since the murder of the MP for Batley and Spen, Jo Cox, who famously said in her maiden speech in parliament: *We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us*. During the D-Day commemorations Channel Four News showed an item about two veterans meeting which to me vividly portrayed just what she was talking about.

It began with a view of the beaches and the presenter saying: *This is the tale of two soldiers who have never met and were supposed to kill each other 75 years ago on this beach. One fighting for the Führer and the Fatherland, Paul Golz, aged 18 on D-Day, the other fighting for King and Country, Harry Reid, barely a year older. You might know him by now - 95 years old, age didn't prevent him from jumping out of a plane yesterday as he did 75 years ago in the first hours of the invasion. He's spent most of his life working for the Salvation Army, forgiveness was virtually written into his contract but yet when we spoke to him recently about meeting Paul the German soldier, he was cautious.*

The scene shifted to Harry Reid who said: *I'm not sure what I'm going to say to him. I'm going to have to think about it. But I do know this. I will accept him. I will accept him.*

And then we saw the two of them meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> in a café in Normandy. Harry's first words were: *I'm so glad to see you and to hold your hand and to say bless you. We are partners. Once we were on a different side but we are partners together in the rebuilding of the world.*

And at the end as they parted Paul Golz said: *Now we are friends.*

To which Harry Reid replied: *We are more than that we are brothers*

I've heard a lot recently about that which divides us. I found it refreshing to hear something about what unites us.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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**WEDNESDAY CLUB:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 3 July at 2pm at the Lloyd Hall in Outwood. There will be a talk on Wiltshire Farm Foods by Joyce Waghorne, and a White Elephant stall.

**CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)** meets on Friday 5 July at 2pm for tea in the Rectory garden (5 The Acorns, behind the church hall). All are most welcome. If you have not been before and would like to speak to someone before coming, ring Jo Coulson-Davis on 01342 843498. **HEAR HERE:** NHS-trained hearing volunteer Helen will be in the church hall the same day from 1.30-2.30pm to provide batteries for and to maintain your hearing aids. **Everyone is welcome at HEAR HERE or CAMEO or both.**

## Swinging Music for a Summer's Evening

on Saturday 27 July, 7.30pm

in St Bartholomew's Church, Church Road, Burstow RH6 9RG

Come along to hear Roger Hind's Burstow Octet playing tunes you know and love, with a few fun surprises!

Tickets, price £12, include interval drinks.

All profits will go to support Burstow Church

Booking via  on the church website: [www.windmillchurches/SwingingMusic](http://www.windmillchurches/SwingingMusic) or by calling Roger on 01293 77181