

THE NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH is on **Sunday 15 March** at 1pm in Smallfield Church Hall. There is no fixed charge but donations are invited. All are most welcome.

PUTTING THE SMALL INTO SMALLFIELD: Calling all babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents and carers – a **new, local baby and toddler group** is starting in Smallfield Church Hall, Redehall Road, Smallfield (opposite the Co-op) **from 9-10.30am on Wednesday 4 March**. Come along to meet, play and chat over refreshments. The group will then meet weekly at this time during school term time. Further details from Judith.calver@btinternet.com

Windmill United Benefice Services in March

Sunday, 1 March

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 Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

Thursday, 5 March

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

Sunday, 8 March

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

10 am Holy Communion at Horne Church

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

Sunday, 15 March

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

10 am Morning Worship at Horne Church

11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

Mothering Sunday, 22 March

9.30 am Morning Worship with distribution of posies at **Burstow** Church

10 am Holy Communion with distribution of posies at Horne Church

11 am Holy Communion with distribution of posies at **Outwood** Church

Sunday, 29 March

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

10 am Morning Worship at Horne Church

11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

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

St Mary the Virgin

Church Road, Horne RH6 9LA

(The church is open to visitors every day)



Diary for March 2020

South Porch

We're delighted to tell you that thanks to your generosity repairs to the south porch have been completed and it looks wonderful! Come along and see for yourself and pause to reflect on the beauty of this historical porch that is now fit and ready for the future.

St Mary's Clean Up Day

Come along on **Saturday 7 March** between 10am and 12noon to help spring clean the church inside and out. Please bring tools you think will be helpful. Please tell the churchwardens, Barbara Verco or Sue Wates, if you have noticed something particular that needs to be done in the church or churchyard and we will make sure it is on the list!

St Mary's Spring Sponsored Walk

This annual sponsored walk is on **Saturday 4 April**. Adults, children and well-behaved dogs can all enjoy along a route through the beautiful parish of St Mary whilst helping to raise funds for the church. Meet at the old school car park, opposite the church, at 10.15am for a prompt start at 10.30am. The walk will take about two hours with the usual stop for refreshments. Sponsor forms are available in the church or from Julie Mohacek (tel: 01342 841752; email: julie@mohacek.com)

Rector's Ramblings

I got an email the other day from my brother in law Andrew saying how he's hoping to take a month off in the summer to walk from Oslo to Trondheim along St Olav's Way – 'not so much a "pilgrimage" for myself as much as to reassess life after 60 and reset work/life balance a bit.'

My first thought was I could do that with him! After all, a few years back, when he had announced that he wanted to repeat the walk that his father had made in 1994 as an escaping prisoner of war over the Appenine mountains in Italy I asked if I could come too – and did so! But my second

thought was that this was his walk, not mine, and he didn't need me along this time. I did look up the way though. It's a 400-mile path through Norway from Oslo to Trondheim where the remains of the 11th century St Olav are interred in the cathedral. And in any case, my brother-in-law has a connection with Norway that I don't have (he lived and worked in Oslo when he was younger and his wife comes from Trondheim). My connection, as I wrote in last year's March magazine letter, is with The Way of St James, or, in Spanish, El Camino de Santiago. I've always felt an affinity with St James as my second name is James, after St James's Church, Stonesfield where I was born and my Dad was the Rector and one day I would like to walk from there to Santiago de Compostela, finishing at the cathedral where the remains of the apostle St James are interred.

And actually, as I write this letter, I have on my desk a map of west France because for my retreat this year I am walking just a little bit of that way, spending three days walking 60 miles down the Atlantic coast of France – a little trial run, as it were, of what would be a walk of over 1200 miles!

There's a Latin phrase *Solvitur ambulando*. It translates as *It is solved by walking*. It's an ancient phrase which bears witness to the therapeutic power of walking – something my brother-in-law is aware of when he talks about resetting his work/life balance. And alongside the map on my desk I have a book called *The Art of Mindful Walking*, written by Adam Ford, a retired Church of England vicar in which he talks about the healing power of thoughtful walking. In the introduction he says *For 'thoughtful walking', there is no need to worry about the thinking – thoughts will arise quite naturally*. In other words, he says don't take your mind for a walk, just go for a walk!

One essential item that I shall take on my walk is my staff, a simple wooden stick left over from coppicing which I picked up in a forest years ago. It accompanied me during my 40 days in the Sinai Desert back in 2014. I say essential, not because I need it to help me in the physical act of walking but because it helps me walk in a more reflective way, a more thoughtful way. It reminds me that what matters is not arriving at a future destination but being in the moment of each step of the walk itself – remember that life is a journey not a destination.

And talking of journeys, my wife Judith and I will be travelling to America after Easter to celebrate Andrew's 60th birthday at his home in Texas. I think I shall take him a copy of Adam Ford's book as a present. And what I would like to leave with you is the thought that any walk can be a mindful one. It doesn't need to be as long as the ones I've talked about, it

can simply be a walk to the shops or the end of the road. What matters is that you don't take your mind for a walk with its worries and daydreams that take you into the past or the future. You just go for a walk and be present in the moment. As another priest writer RS Thomas puts in in his poem *The Bright Field*:

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying*

*on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.*

With love and prayers

Nicholas

01342 842224

Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! The **Horne plant sale will be on Saturday 2 May** in the churchyard from 10am to 12 noon. Please note the date and plant a few extra seeds now for the sale. To make the sale a success we need lots of plants! *Rosemary Spruce (07813 981 202)*

WEDNESDAY CLUB: At the next meeting on **4 March** we shall have tap dancers to entertain us. The stall will be for Cakes and Biscuits and the competition is for a pretty evening bag. Meetings start at 2pm in the Lloyd Hall at Outwood, all are welcome.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) The next meeting of Cameo will be at 2pm on **Friday 6 March** when local yoga teacher Sally Harper will be coming to talk about yoga and suggesting some simple chair-based yoga moves for everyone to try. Tea/coffee and cakes will be served. If you have not been before and would like to speak to someone before coming along, ring Jo Coulson-Davis on 01342 843498.

HEAR HERE: NHS-trained hearing volunteer Helen will be at the hall 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.**