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The native or wild daffodil is sometimes known as the Lent Lily as it blooms during Lent

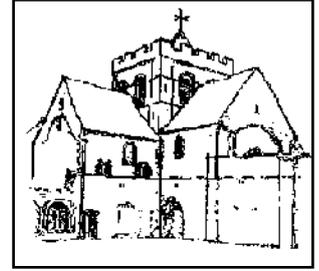
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From Father Dominic.....

Dear friends,

In my last letter I wrote about the unusually crisp winter we seemed to be having, and then February brought nothing but daily downpours: so much for my optimism! What a relief it will be when spring finally comes, the skies clear and some warmth dries out the sodden flowers emerging through the mud.

For a good chunk of English history (from 1155 to 1752) March marked the beginning of the new calendar year, on Lady Day (March 25th), the Feast of the Annunciation. A memory of that old turning point is still preserved in the changeover from one tax year to another. The idea of celebrating new year in springtime speaks for itself, as the last of winter's deadness gives way to signs of new life, and people emerge from the shelter of home to soak up some long-awaited sunshine.

The movement from death to new life, which we see in nature each spring, is celebrated in springtime festivals in cultures across the world. Rabbits, chicks, lambs and daffodils are part of the 'window-dressing' of Easter in our own country. It can be easy to forget that the Christian celebration of Easter is not about nature regenerating itself after a period of hibernation; the resurrection of Jesus after his death is anything but a natural event. The claim of Holy Week and Easter is that the God who loves this world comes into it as a creature and undergoes the destruction of a human death. Because God is pure life and love, death cannot define or contain Him; and so God rises from death in a new and transformed humanity, before taking it into heaven, with the whole cosmos in tow behind Him. From a Christian perspective, we still live in a universe marked by death and decay; but we are already being pulled into a deathless eternity, on the heels of the risen and ascended Christ.

The message of Holy Week and Easter is something we will celebrate in an ancient cycle of services at the Priory as March becomes April. The most important of these days are Palm Sunday, and the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter itself, which spans both Saturday night (as the sun goes down and the 'New Fire' of Easter is lit) and Sunday. Everyone is welcome in church, as we immerse ourselves in this universal drama of mortality, and divine transformation. There will be two events that are particularly accessible for children that week: a very simple Stations of the Cross followed by hot cross buns in the Priory on



Good Friday at 10am; and a community Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 12.15pm in the churchyard.

As I finish this letter it is raining even harder than it was when I started; but I can see snowdrops from my window, undeterred. May the coming of spring be soon, and inspire us with a little optimism for the new season, and year ahead. And may Easter entice us to something even more daring: the hope that *all* shall finally be transformed, in the fulness of God's love.

With love and prayer,
Fr Dominic



Boxgrove Junior Church

Come and join us at the St Blaise Centre in Boxgrove at 16:30 for 30 minutes of activities before the mass @ 5, every second Sunday of the month (excluding school holidays.)

We use craft activities, games, songs and stories to help us learn more about Christian teachings.

After Junior Church, we walk over to church together, to meet up with parents and carers and to enjoy Mass @5 .

We cannot wait to see you at the next Junior Church.

Vicky Willavise

Special Services this Month

Lady Day – Feast of the Annunciation – Wednesday 25 March
Low Mass 12.00pm
Said Mass with hymns and homily 6.00pm

For Holy Week and Easter Services, please see separate page

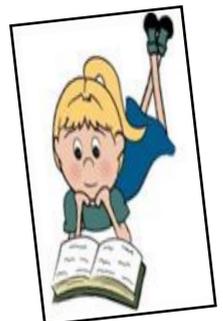


From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

Billy Whiter and Elena Hillier

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BIG BREAKFAST

BOXGROVE PRIORY SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 9-11 a.m.



*Bacon/sausage butties. Tea, coffee & juice
And a selection of fresh cooked pastries
in the Priory Church.*

Come and support Chichester's 'BIG BREAKFAST' in aid of HEART who provide breakfast and support every day of the year to the homeless and vulnerable in Chichester.

Breakfast sponsored by NJS Scaffolding

From Rolls-Royce to Witchcraft: Spring History Talks at Sage House

The 2026 History Talk Programme at Sage House, Tangmere continues this spring with two further talks exploring both international heritage and local history. On **Thursday 19 March**, Andrew Ball, Head of Corporate Relations and Heritage at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, will present *The Story of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars*. The talk will chart the company's development from its founders and iconic models through to its revival under BMW, including the establishment of its headquarters at Goodwood and the creation of the distinctive Rolls-Royce Bespoke offering. The programme then continues on **Tuesday 21 April** with a talk examining *Witchcraft in West Sussex*. Local historian Chris Hare will explore the myths and realities of witchcraft using local court records and folklore, considering how widespread such beliefs were, how accused witches were treated, and the influence of witchcraft on popular culture. Both talks take place from 6.00pm to 7.15pm at Sage House, Tangmere. Further details can be found at www.dementiasupport.org.uk in the *What's On* section.

Calendar and Intercessions

March	Observance	Prayer Intention
1	Sun SECOND OF LENT	Parish and People
2	Mon	Boxgrove CE School
3	Tues	Penitents & Confessors
4	Weds	Sussex Partnership NHS Trust
5	Thurs	The gift of truthfulness
6	Fri	Bishop Martin and his suffragans
7	Sat Ss Perpetua and Felicity	Parish Walsingham Cell & Shrine
8	Sun THIRD OF LENT	Parish and People
9	Mon	Vocations to ministry
10	Tues	Our cathedral church
11	Weds	Growth in faith
12	Thurs	Vocations to ministry
13	Fri of Requiem	Departed of March
14	Sat	The peace of the world
15	Sun FOURTH OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)	Parish and People
16	Mon	The forgiveness of our sins
17	Tues St Patrick	The people of Ireland
18	Weds	Duke and Duchess of Richmond
19	Thurs St Joseph	Foster carers
20	Fri	Those who mourn
21	Sat	St Richard's Hospital
22	Sun FIFTH OF LENT (Passion Sunday)	Parish and People
23	Mon	Baptizands and confirmands
24	Tues	The High Court of Parliament
25	Weds Annunciation of the Lord	Grace to respond to God's call
26	Thurs	Kwa Mkono Children's Hostel
27	Fri	Palliative carers
28	Sat	Homeless and displaced people
<i>HOLYWEEK</i>		
29	Sun PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	Parish and People
30	Mon	The gift of compassion
31	Tues	Perseverance in suffering

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Parish Council, February 2026



I think, if we included rainfall during the nights, we could boast, like much of the rest of the Country, of having rain on every one of 41 days since the new year. It is certainly something I've never witnessed before, nor would I ever want to again. Mind you, I did say during the drought last Summer when my lawn looked like somewhere in Arizona, we shall pay for this! Mother Nature and the natural world always looks after itself. However, we've been fortunate that there has been no serious flooding in The Street and this is due to the persistence of one or two of us pestering WSCC to flush the silt and weeds from the storm drain grilles. It has worked!

Sadly, the persistent rain has created another nuisance: the tractors and implements used to contract farm the fields north and east of the Priory Church have wreaked havoc with many of the footpaths criss-crossing these fields. I appreciate it was too late but I did write to Barfoots Farms at Lagness, the Contract Farmers, to express our dismay that the operatives seem to ignore the fact that these are Public Footpaths and NOT for use by heavy tractors, and I did suggest that maybe when the rain does depart, they might run a roller over the badly affected areas.

The Council has received some trees from CDC under their Plant a Tree initiative and two of our dedicated Rangers, Graham Dipple and Mike Howton, have been busy planting most of them, particularly the bare rooted ones, but we have encountered a snag! Despite getting permission from the Land Agent for who I thought was the owner, and getting agreement with the Contract Farming Company, I've now found out that the land is actually co-owned and the Principal of the co-owner is away at present so we still must wait for total agreement before the Boys can proceed. Many of the trees are fruit trees and it is hoped to create a mini orchard on that, in my mind, unfarmable area of land abutting the Church Yard beside the footpath leading off Church Lane. I did plant a couple of silver birch trees there about 4 years ago, but when Barfoots took it on they put a 'topper' over the entire field including this small area and the birches got topped as well.

Jim McDonald who very expertly heads the Parish Community Speed Watch Group recently provided some very encouraging data which suggests the 20 mph limit has a positive effect in reducing speeding vehicles in the Villages. Sadly, the most offenders are found to be using The Street as a 'Rat Run' to the Goodwood events, but I suppose this is expected from strangers to the area. Keep up this good work Jim, and thanks to the many volunteers who gather much of this useful data. On one occasion as I was exiting the cul de sac end of The Street, a fully laden, 40 footlong articulated HGV drove past heading north. How he managed past the parked cars I wasn't around to find out.

I was dismayed when I received a telephone call followed by an official letter informing me that our Parish Clerk was tendering her resignation after a lengthy 11 years! Imogen has been an exemplary Clerk steering the Council through a maze of new regulations and duties over the years and of course managing the finances of the Council. I cannot thank her enough. She did attend the February meeting in person to say an early goodbye; her final meeting will be the April meeting. We are now tasked with the job of finding a replacement which I can add, is under way.

Finally, I'm sorry to report that there are still acts of stupid vandalism taking place in the Villages: eggs stolen in Halnaker, the very amusing two Hounds outside Forge Cottage were stripped of their dressings, and still covert meetings taking place behind the Village Hall. A picnic table being dragged to an out of view position and much cigarette, and I suspect other stuff, smoking taking place, litter everywhere! Please just go away!

Cllr. Henry Potter
Chairman of the Council.

The 2026 Boxgrove Dog Show is underway Saturday 26th September 2026 that's 26-9-26 easy to remember !

!! GREAT NEWS FOLKS !! The show is going to take place in 2026

Volunteers have come forward to help with:

Feb - May

Judges & Stewards – 3 of 7 have been found. Fun Ring judges needed

Sponsors (old and new) for all classes.

Schedule & posters – design & print

Stalls – invite, invoice, receipt, site plan & emails

Working together with our charities:

Boxgrove Priors

Boxgrove Village Hall

Reg Charity 1131214

Reg Charity 1167340

and a Local Charity T B C

June to September

Publicity *Facebook,*
still looking for help with emails and road-side advertising

More Volunteers for the day – I know it's early days, holidays and all that jazz but
Some folks have signed up and made the commitment to stay in town!!

Site set-up & equipment - Co-ordination of everything used on the day

Agility ring confirmed

Rosettes, order and collate

Catering – Craig & Boxgrove Village Stores



Come and join us, help lighten the load

Contact Ali B boxgrovedogshow@btinternet.com for more details or Tel: 07836 565 380

Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan

Update February 2026

The Modified Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to CDC. The various consultations are being progressed by them, and our expected timetable is that the MNP should be able to achieve a referendum by September 2026.

CDC planning has requested further information about the ecology buffers on the Folly site and consequently this is now not likely to go to the CDC Planning Committee meeting until 15 April 2026. The team and the Boxgrove Parish Council will be supporting this.

The NP team have had a meeting, during January, with the planners and land agent for the Longmeadow site in Boxgrove. This revised scheme is for a 10/12 unit development on the western portion of the site.

The proposal is at a very early stage, but we understand that there have been pre-app discussions with CDC.

It was resolved that each side would advise CDC of our discussions and that Smith Simmons, the planners, would make a representation through the Reg 16 consultation process. This would prevent further delays in our MNP and it would be for the examiner to decide whether to include the site in our plan.

We are aware that ground water monitoring devices have now been installed in the vineyard/field along the A285 in Halnaker.

We will advise when further information becomes available.

Please follow the following link for any further information.

<https://boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/our-neighbourhood-plan/>

David Leah
Chair of Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team

9 February 2026

General Synod Report February 2026

The Synod week began with amendments to Standing Orders. These approved the continued use of hybrid meetings, recognising that while in-person attendance is preferred, online participation remains necessary for some members. Youth representation was also increased from three to five.

New members were welcomed, especially the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally in her new role as Archbishop of Canterbury. Her Presidential Address emphasised sharing God's love throughout the world, collaborative and transparent leadership, the great importance of safeguarding, and believing in hope for God's world while rejoicing in rises in church attendance.

A lot of legislative business was covered. The Bishop of Chichester presented the report on the much-amended Clergy Conduct Measures which was approved. This requires tribunals to sit in public unless privacy is necessary.

Parochial fees received much attention, with proposed increases by £1000 to burial and interment fees being firmly rejected.

A code of practice of the Mission and Pastoral Measure relating to mission initiatives was debated. Synod also called for a review of the formula and processes used to distribute Lowest Income Communities Funding.

The Church's commitment to a strategy to encourage leaders from estates and working-class backgrounds continues: the House of Bishops will address structural and cultural barriers to this.

Reflections on the *Faith in the City* report of 40 years ago highlighted the continuing importance of supporting communities experiencing poverty.

A debate on *Reimagining Care* called on the Government to deliver on its commitment to a National Care Service while drawing on the Archbishops' commission report. A debate on Mental Health stressed the need for improved training for clergy and ordinands, appropriate counselling support for clergy facing mental health challenges, and better resources for Church Schools, particularly for young carers of those with mental health issues.

Safeguarding structures was presented as the next steps, with Synod asked to endorse the proposed direction of travel. Emphasis was put on the process requiring a joint undertaking between the Church and any outside agency.

Liturgical matters included proposals for a Festival of God the Creator (1st Sunday in September) and a commemoration of the twenty-one Martyrs of Libya (15th February).

Living in Love and Faith occupied significant time, revealing differing views, noting much hurt caused, and leading to the creation of new working and consultative groups.

Synod also encouraged the use of sustainable church flowers and approved the National Ministry Register Regulations.

Edited from a report by Mary Nagel



Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

Urgently needed items include tinned carrots, peas and green beans, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat, rice, tinned potatoes/instant mash, tinned rice pudding/custard.

Website link for details of food donation points, opening hours, etc: <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>; **tel:** 01243 773687

From the Boxgrove Belles

For this month's meeting, we had a fascinating talk from Sally Botwright, 'A Walk Through St James'. Sally trained as an official London Tourist Guide and we were enthralled by the history and nuances of the St James' area of London. Sally spoke of the history and pageantry as well as the architecture of some stunningly beautiful buildings. We were introduced to some of the British monarchs who have lived in the area, including King James II who housed his, large number of mistresses, in impressive houses near to his residence. Sally illustrated her talk with slides showing many of the magnificent buildings and the quaint little alleyways and courtyards which added to the enjoyment for those present.

Further reading for those who would like to know more about St James's:

St James's Palace: From Leper Hospital to Royal Court - Edited by Simon Thurley. Scala Publishers

St James's Palace - Kenneth Scott; Scala Publishers

The Royal Palaces - Kate Williams: Frances Lincoln Publisher

Our Book Group will meet on Wednesday morning, 25th February – the current book is Graham Greene's Brighton Rock. The members of the book group take turns to choose the next book and host the group in their home.

The Craft Group meets on the 4th Monday afternoon each month in the St Blaise Centre. Some members are working on their own projects; others are learning a new skill with the support of members. A larger group project has been considered and I look forward to how this plan develops.

On the 5th Wednesdays (4 times a year) Belles' members visit places of interest to us – we've been to gardens; historic houses etc.

Every month, a group of our members go out for lunch at local (and not so local when the weather is brighter) hostelries; I'm assured that a good time is had by all.

The garden to the side of the St Blaise Centre is cared for/gardened by a group of our members who plant and prune throughout the year to keep the borders looking beautiful.

Members have, over the past few months, started to meet in small, independent coffee shops in Chichester for a coffee morning and catch up; this is proving very popular.

New members are always welcome.

Caroline Cooper



Hello from the Hall!

How is it the March issue already?! 2026 is well underway and so are our plans for our Spring Coffee Morning and our Summer Fayre..

Join us on Saturday 28th March from 9:30-11:30am for our Spring Coffee Morning. There will be free children's crafts and free face painting as well as some wonderful local choirs performing for us as we munch on bacon sarnies and sweet Easter treats!

All proceeds go towards the running of our wonderful building. So, please do come along and support us! If you would like to bake something for us to sell at the coffee morning- please get in touch at community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk

Whilst you're here, why not pop the date Saturday 1st July in your diaries for our Summer Fayre! All the details are currently being finalised and we can't wait to share them with you- you can expect the usual free entertainment, children's activities, fantastic local sellers' market, free bouncy castles and much more!

As always, if you want to get involved with events at the hall or are thinking of starting your own community group please get in touch- we have some fantastic special rates available for new, regular hall users.

Until next time..!

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Emergencies 999 or 112 ~ Other matters 0845 60 70 999 or 101

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Action on Elder Abuse

Confidential helpline 080 8808 8141

Action Fraud

National fraud reporting centre 0300 123 2040



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FACE
PAINTING

EGG
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EASTER
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SWEET
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Nature Diary

24th January 2026

For many, many years the inhabitants of the High Trees household have been doing the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place annually in January. I'm sure you have heard of it! For one hour at the end of January normal life stands still. The washing-up gets abandoned. Music practice is shelved and our normal frenetic pace has a 'mindfulness moment' - to use the current obsession.

The idea is that you sit somewhere and count the number of birds you observe. It can be inside or out - your garden, the park, the beach, - anywhere you are likely to be able to see birds. Then for an hour you make a note of the highest number of each species of bird seen at any one time.

Now when we first started participating in this venture we were keen to see the greatest number of species and the rarest type of unusual bird we had managed to attract to our garden. We are far too nesh (northern dialect word meaning wimpish!) to consider sitting on a windy beach or a damp woodland so we always grab a coffee and sit in the comfort of our centrally heated house. Nowadays we divide the hour into 2 half hours on consecutive days so we don't die of boredom!

This year we saw the usual suspects (tits, wood pigeons,) and the specials were a jay, our moorhen and a greater spotted woodpecker.

26th January

For the first time this year the weather was kind enough for me to venture into the front garden and make a start on clearing the old stems of the salvias in preparation for the bulbs planted in the border. As I worked my way along I saw a mound of soil which I assumed was a mole hill and began to level it out. Imagine my surprise when I revealed 2 yellow/green claws sticking upwards towards the sky. I feared that we had lost one of our hens to the fox and 'he' had cached it away for future consumption.

But when I began to unearth it with the garden fork I was astonished to discover the partially decomposed corpse of a little egret! We had seen one around the pond during the very cold snap at the beginning of January and not seen it since. Also during the cold snap we had spotted a fox risking crossing the pond on the ice but plunging into the freezing cold depths halfway across where the ice couldn't support the weight of a fully grown fox. It managed to doggy paddle its way to the side of the pond and scramble out. I do wonder if this was the time when, desperate enough to come out in broad daylight, it had come across our visiting egret.....!



Gerry suggested we could put it in the RSPB bird count but I didn't think they had a section for buried birds!

1st February

Every morning for the last 6 months we have been dragged from the arms of Morpheus by the gentle ululation of our lodgers - the feral pigeons. We have tried to evict them since I realised they were using our solar panels as a modern day dovecot. On one



Above: Toby pigeon-proofs the solar panels

occasion we had seen a total of 11 pigeons having a tête-à-tête up there. Our first parry was to get Toby, the Pest Man, to surround the panels with a barrier of metal spikes to prevent the birds from nesting in the cosy des. res. that was our panelled roof. There were three nests under there which he raked out and the spikes had an instant effect. Toby warned us that the pigeons would take a while to realise there was no point in hanging around and, sure enough, the next morning our wake-up call was decidedly more muted; **but** it was still there. And for the next couple of weeks we waited for them to fly off and investigate some other solar panels. But they clearly loved us and wanted to be near us. So they took up residence on top of the swift box and nearby flood light which are both sited on the north side of the house just under the eaves, giving them protection from the prevailing wind and benefitting from the large overhang of our roof.

Much as Gerry loves having a daily ritual of washing down the pigeon guano on the window- ledges directly under with the roost, we decided further action was needed. He found a set of steel spikes for sale on the internet and ordered a set as well as looking out some rolls of unused chicken wire.

When our gardener was next at High Trees, the three of us attempted parry number 2 - pigeon-proofing the swift box, flood light and assorted plastic downpipes with these various defences.

So with rows of spikes on top of the swift box and more on the flood light and a blanket of chicken wire wrapped around the downpipes you would expect the 2 remaining birds to shrug their wings and 'fly the nest' as it were.

You've guessed! They look incredibly uncomfortable as they crouch between the spikes but they clearly feel at home at High Trees.



In trying to find a title for this article I discovered that there are any number of names for groups of pigeons: flock, stool, band, kit or loft. But sometimes the collective noun for pigeons is "A Plague of Pigeons" - how apt!

Janet Reeves



Humph!

PS I had a little help from AI with one of these pictures!

Petworth House & Park News for March

Petworth House and Park, Church Street, Petworth,
GU28 0AE

Details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth>



'Hop into the wild' Family Trail, inspired by Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers" Saturday 14 February – Sunday 8 March

From 14 February to 8 March, the National Trust is celebrating the release of Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers", in Cinemas 6 March. Discover the 'Hop into the wild' family trail, with storytelling and outdoor play.

If you're a family (with children aged 6-11), come and enjoy the great outdoors, guided by cutouts of the "Hoppers" gang. Collect your discovery passport, explore the animal kingdoms, and most importantly, unleash your wild side!

Ready to hop right in today? Join in the fun at Petworth House and Park.

Normal admission charges apply, no booking required.

Spring Family Trail

Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April

Families can pick up a free 'Tilly Plants a Tree' trail map to follow the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden and discover fun games and activities along the way.

The trail is free but normal admission applies. No booking required.



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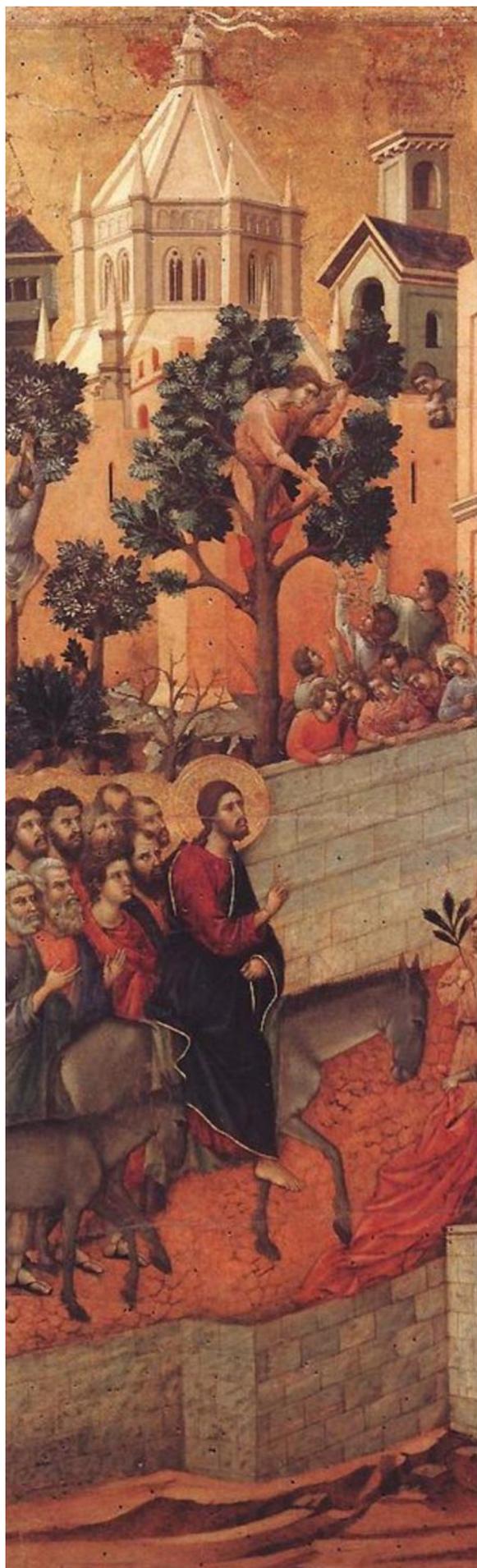
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BOXGROVE PRIORY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 29 March

8.30am Mass with Blessing of Palms
10.30am Blessing of Palms in the St Blaise Centre,
Procession and Solemn Mass

Monday-Wednesday

Monday 10.00am Mass
7.00pm Stations of the Cross with devotional music
Tuesday 10.00am Mass
7.00pm Compline and Benediction with devotional music
Wednesday 7.00pm Healing Mass with devotional music

Maundy Thursday 2 April

7.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose until
9.15pm Compline

Good Friday 3 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross with Children in mind
followed by hot cross buns
1.00pm Confessions
2.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Easter Eve 4 April

8.00pm The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter,
with Lighting of the New Fire
and Renewal of Baptismal Promises
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Easter Day 5 April

8.30am Low Mass
10.30am Solemn Mass
12.15pm Community Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard
5.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

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4Sight Vision Support Launches Major Fundraising Appeal on Valentine's Day

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is a registered charity supporting blind and partially sighted children and adults, their families and carers, across West Sussex. Its free services help clients maintain independence with advice on accessible technology, education, employment, obtaining financial assistance, social activities, and health and wellbeing.

Despite receiving client referrals from West Sussex County Council, it receives no council funding in the face of growing demand: it relies heavily on donations, legacies, and community fundraising – which is increasingly challenging in today's climate. Valentine's Day is a time to show those around us how much they matter, and was therefore the perfect time for 4SVS to launch a major fundraising appeal to raise the funds needed to continue providing its support.



Fundraising Intern Philip shares his story of how 4SVS can really make a difference. "I lived a busy life building a career I loved: I was diagnosed with Glaucoma in my early 30's and suddenly everything changed and a haze descended. My sight deteriorated, and it felt overwhelming. I lost my job and my family dynamic changed: I felt I was a liability, I couldn't even do the washing up or cook.

My brother pointed me to 4Sight Vision Support where a Vision Support Advisor advised me about my sight loss, and introduced me to magnifiers and reading tools. I could read newspaper sized print for the first time in two years! It gave me a spark of hope, things changed, and I now work at 4SVS helping others living with sight loss while rebuilding my independence, confidence, and life."

Your donation, however small, could help provide support that helps change lives. You can donate online at www.4sight.org.uk or call the Fundraising Team on 01243 828555 or email fundraising@4sight.org.uk

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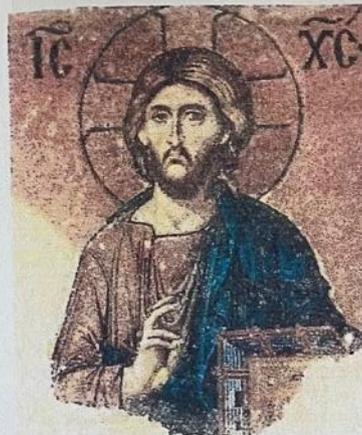
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This Spring in West Sussex:

A Buyer-Led Market in villages and towns across the South Downs



This spring, the West Sussex property market is settling into a more balanced phase, creating genuine opportunity for buyers - particularly in the county's sought-after villages. Increased supply, improved mortgage stability, and a sharper focus on value are shaping a market that is calmer, more transparent, and easier to navigate.

Across West Sussex villages, from Petworth and Midhurst to smaller South Downs and coastal communities, considerably more homes are now coming to market. With reduced competition and urgency, buyers can spend more time assessing setting, scale, and long-term suitability - all critical factors in village purchases.

Mortgage rates, while still above historic lows, have eased further in recent months. This has had a positive impact on confidence, particularly for buyers making lifestyle moves into villages where price points are higher and decisions tend to be long term. Greater certainty around borrowing costs is encouraging buyers to re-engage and plan with clarity.

Pricing remains key. Properties that are accurately priced are attracting interest and progressing, while over-ambitious pricing is quickly exposed. This creates scope for

informed negotiation and value-led decisions, especially when buyers are advised with detailed local insight.

For those looking to buy in a West Sussex village this spring, whether in the South Downs or along the coast, the current market rewards preparation, patience, and expert guidance. With improved choice and more attractive prices, we're seeing some fantastic opportunities for buyers seeking quality homes in well-established communities.

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March 2026

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Tickets are available from £1 and every ticket bought will support the expert care and compassion that St Wilfrid's provides across your local community, to those in need.

The raffle closes on March 2nd, so don't miss your chance to win!

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Moonlight Walk 2026

Walk in-memory of loved one.

On Saturday 1st June, St Wilfrid's are holding their Moonlight Walk, inviting hundreds of walkers to take part in this much-loved in-memory walk across Chichester.

The walk takes place in the evening and explore familiar places, which are exclusively decorated for this walk, including a stop at Priory Park Guildhall, where you can reflect and leave a message in memory of a loved one.

This is a wonderful way to remember those important to you and by taking part and fundraising, you'll be supporting the expert care and compassion the Hospice provides to local lives.

Get your tickets today:

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Gifts in Wills

Your kindness could mean less tax and more hospice care.

A gift in your Will to St Wilfrid's Hospice could reduce the amount of tax you have to pay.

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You can find out more about the importance of gifts in Wills and how it can help local charities like St Wilfrid's here:

www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills

St Wilfrid's Hospice is not a financial advisor. Inheritance Tax rates are complex and could change. Please ensure you have consulted with your solicitor or Will writer about any changes you'd like to make to your Will. The most up to date information can be found at www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax



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Dates for Your Diary

NB Information correct at time of going to press

5th March: Guildhall Open Morning 10-11.30 a.m. Free drop-in to view this Grade I Listed building

9th March: Chichester Festival Theatre's new Festival season opens with "The BFG". See CFT website and latest brochure for details

11th March: Lavant Horticultural Society talk—"Veg on the Ledge" preceded by Spring Flower Competition. Lavant Memorial Hall 7 p.m.

*23rd March: Air Aces Talk—"Hawker Typhoon—Forgotten Hero"
Boxgrove Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £10*

*26th March: Chichester Chamber Concert—Kleio Quartet
Assembly Room, North Street, Chichester 7.30pm
<https://www.chichesterchamberconcerts.com>*

28th March: Spring Coffee Morning at Boxgrove Village Hall 9.30-11.30 a.m.

All month: Celebrate Wellbeing Month in West Sussex libraries.

Various resources are available, including borrowing blood pressure monitors free of charge for up to 3 weeks; help and support with giving up smoking; eating healthily, and how to access other services to support your wellbeing. Some libraries are holding "Live well for longer" events

*On 12th March Chichester Library are holding a slipper swap. You can pick up a new pair of safe, comfy slip-free slippers (no need to take in your old ones!)
Check out the Wellbeing pages on the West Sussex Libraries website.*

"Every Step of the Way" free exhibition at The Novium, exploring The South Downs Way through inspirational artworks

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Please see the cathedral website for details of the many events being held there: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk The popular lunchtime concerts held at 1.10pm on Tuesdays continue in term time. There is no charge for admission but a minimum donation of £7 per person is invited (Gift Aided as appropriate).

10 March— Clara Hope-Simpson, cello & Phillip Leslie, piano

17 March —Dominika Mak, piano

24 March —Helen Roche, violin & Alexander Chisholm-Loxley, piano

PRIORY SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

Sunday Services

8.30 a.m. Mass—*Said Eucharist with a short address*

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass and Sermon—*Eucharist with choral music sung by the Priory Choir, congregational mass setting on the first Sunday of the month*

5 p.m. Mass@5—**2nd and 4th Sundays of the month**—*Informal Eucharist with children particularly in mind*

Weekday Services

Low Mass at 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (on Tuesdays followed by coffee in the St Blaise Centre)

Low Mass at 12 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Evensong, weekday Morning and Evening Prayer and other occasional services as announced in the weekly mass sheet.

You are encouraged to attend the services in person; however, if you prefer you can still 'join in' the Mass from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be more convenient for you, via the Parish [Facebook](#) page.

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER IN THE PRIORY

Palm Sunday: 29th March	8.30 a.m. Mass with Blessing of Palms 10.30 a.m. Blessing of Palms in St Blaise Centre, Procession and Solemn Mass
Monday 30th March	10 a.m. Mass 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with devotional music
Tuesday 31st March	10 a.m. Mass 7 p.m. Compline and Benediction with devotional music
Wednesday 1st April	7 p.m. Healing Mass with devotional music
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