

PARISH OAK



NOVEMBER 2016

Parish Oak Activity Calendar

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 st	2 nd <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	3 rd	4 th <i>The Oak, Smannell: Light & Shade Night</i>	5 th
6 th <i>10.00 am St George's: Communion</i>	7 th	8 th <i>3pm Smannell & Enham School: Messy Church</i>	9 th	10 th	11 th <i>10.45am Christ Church War Memorial: Remembrance Service Andover Food Bank Gift Boxes deadline www.andoverfood bank.co.uk Tel: 362111</i>	12 th
13 th <i>10.45 am Christ Church: Remembrance Sunday 3.00 pm William House: Evening Service</i>	14 th	15 th	16 th <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	17 th <i>10.30am The Copse, Upper Enham: Countess of Brecknock Hospice Coffee Morning</i>	18 th	19 th <i>Enham Country & Western Club: Steve Hanks</i>
20 th <i>10.00 am Christ Church: Communion</i>	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th <i>6.00 am Enham Alamein Christmas Lights Switch On</i>	26 th
27 th <i>10 am St George's: Communion</i>	28 th	29 th	30 th			

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The Church

Parish Priest	Rev. Val Gagen	748065
Pastrow team Priest-in-charge	Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell	512161
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Churchwarden - Enham	Emma Kinchenton	0783 7736681
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PCC Secretary	Margaret Smith	357487
Gift Aid Secretary	Rod Bowker	357201
Parish Magazine Editor	Peter Calcraft	512262

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EDITORIAL

Nearly 30 years ago, I was part of a large group of giggly teenagers that crossed the Channel on a school trip to visit First World War memorial sites in Belgium.

The visits had the potential to be a little excitable and not as profound as perhaps they should have been. It was, however, a most solemn and mind-expanding experience that coupled with an English project reviewing war poetry, changed the way I perceived the world and greatly influenced my learning far beyond school years. Examining in a great level of detail, the words of the war poets came alive. Memories of positioning a poppy on a wooden cross at the grave of an unknown soldier and listening to the bugle sound resonating around the Menin Gate at 8pm with crowds of people, was so heartfelt.

Recently, my husband and I stumbled across a film called *The Wipers Times* which brought a new angle to the conflict. The Wipers Times was a trench magazine that was published by British soldiers fighting in the Ypres Salient during the First World War. In early 1916, the 12th Battalion Sherwood Foresters came across an abandoned printing press. A sergeant who had been a printer salvaged it and printed a sample page. The paper consisted of poems, reflections and in-jokes relating to the military situation maintaining a humorously ironic style. Such an uplifting film and, for me, another reminder of the school trip to the trenches.

My daughter and I recently visited a local secondary school and the student showing us around talked about a similar trip that he had made to the battlefields earlier in the year. Without any prompting, he relayed what an amazing opportunity it had been – I was touched that the job of learning from the past continued. It would be presumptuous to reference the current state of world affairs and offer opinion, but I think there would be wholehearted agreement that the act of remembrance can provide a halt, a brief moment in time to reflect and to find perspective where it is needed.

“All a poet can do today is warn. That is why the true poet must be truthful”- Wilfred Owen.

Helen Murphy



CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM



Ramblings from the Rectory ...

A big thank you to all who came to support our harvest services and also to those who spent time decorating the churches. They did indeed look lovely, and many gifts were taken to the Andover food bank. We also had a school harvest celebration at the Smannell church and money was raised for the Toilet Twinning initiative. This enables a toilet to be built in a developing country for £60. I have visited a village in India where there wasn't a toilet at all (it is not uncommon) and so, if we can help in a small way to make some people's lives healthier and happier, it is all to the good. If you are interested, you can Google "Toilet Twinning" and make your own donation online.

Meanwhile we are busily getting into the swing of Messy Church both at Smannell school on the second Tuesday of the month, and later in the month at Hatherden school. Do come and join us at the school at 3pm. It is open to families with children of all ages. The next one is on the 8th November. We can always do with more helpers, so please ring me if you would like to come along and help, and also if you have any questions.

November is a month to remember, and so, as well as Bonfires and Fireworks, we think of our Remembrance services. We will again be holding our village Remembrance service, along with the school, on Friday 11th November at 10.45am, at the war memorial in the churchyard in Smannell. There will also be a Remembrance church service at Christ Church, Smannell on Sunday 13th November at 10.45am. You will be most welcome to join us at either of these services.

The Christmas services are advertised elsewhere in this issue, but please don't forget the Crib service on Christmas Eve at Christ Church, Smannell at 5pm until 5.45pm. This is a service especially for families and children and indeed anyone of any age is most welcome to come.

The New Year will see the commencement of a regular monthly family service at Smannell church. This will be held on every second Sunday of the month at 10.30am, and it will last for 45 minutes, with refreshments afterwards for those who wish to stay. The first one will be on Sunday 8th January and then the next one will be on Sunday 12th February, and so on. It is a more relaxed and informal service and again it is open to everyone, young and old, and everything in between, as well as for people who often go to a church service and those who have never been to one! It perhaps should really be called an All-Age service, but come along and see, and then you can decide for yourselves what we should call it!

With every good wish for a happy and a healthy month.

God bless,

Val

Rev. Val Gagen
01264 748065

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

William John Cooper on 8th October 2016 at Christ Church, Smannell

We welcome you into the Lord's family

We are members together of the same heavenly Father

Funeral

Geoffrey Fred Loveridge on Thursday 6th October 2016. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Andover and interment at Christ Church, Smannell

David and Valerie Stillwell on Monday 3rd October 2016. Interment of ashes at Christ Church, Smannell

I shall not forget you.

Look, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands (Isaiah 49 v15-16)

Smannell Parish Council

Little London Notice Board

It has been decided to leave this notice board at its current location.

Our thanks go to those who had proposed to the council that it should be moved, others who gave their opinions and those whose opinions were solicited by the council. We received a majority opinion that it should remain.

Our thanks also goes to parish councillor Mark Hurrell who volunteered to repair the notice board.

The bush in front of the notice board has been trimmed and the council asks for a volunteer to keep the bush trimmed in future. It's a small job, and once or perhaps, twice a year would be often enough.

Rod Bowker
Chair, Smannell Parish Council

Enham Alamein Shop and Post Office

We are continuing to support the community and local businesses and always have new products available

There will be an array of gifts and delights for friends and family at our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November.

Posting dates for overseas posting at Christmas have not yet been published, but we have all the packaging ,etc. and we will keep our customers informed.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support at The Macmillan Coffee Morning. In total we raised £538.17! A staggering amount raised by pre-selling a donated crochet blanket, running a tom bola stall, selling cakes and coffee on the day and raffling a donated chocolate house full of Quality Street chocolates. It was a lively morning that followed afterwards and it was highlighted particularly by Tim's Fish 'n' Chips.

Leslie & Tim

Enham Alamein Parish Council

The Community Speedwatch programme has been authorised and are looking for volunteers.

This speed prevention scheme will be more effective with more volunteers and time given to recording speeding vehicles. Two people are required during any daylight hours. There is training given and a simple application form is all that is needed. A coordinator will collect and input all the data. The more data that can be collected will also assist us in reducing the speed to 40 mph approaching the village from north and south.

PLEASE do think if you can give a few hours - here and there - and make a difference - the scheme has proven that it works.

If you are interested please contact me, via the e-mail address: leslie.barry@btconnect.com or speak to me at The Shop & Post Office. You can also speak to any of the other councillors - Thank you.

If you are in the village on 11th November at 11am, please do join us at the statue on the green for a two minute silence.

The Christmas Switch on Lights will take place on Friday 25th November at 6.30pm. Please join us just before to watch the Lantern Parade.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 9th November at 7.15pm in the Cedar Print Room at the Enham Resource Centre

If you are interested in the Speedwatch programme please join us at 6.30pm.

Leslie Francis
Chair, Enham Alamein Parish Council

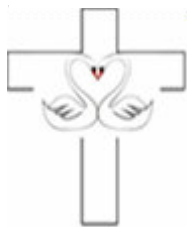
REPORT ON PCC MEETING HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT CAMBER HOUSE AT 6 P.M.

All members were present, with the exception of Margaret Smith who had sent her apologies. The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman. Treasurer Noel reported that 3 bills had been received from Enham who had now agreed to submit a monthly invoice. The annual cost was £1473.60. It was agreed to ask Enham to cut the hedges at the side of the churchyard every 2 years, for an extra fee. The successful social afternoon at the Rectory had raised £77 for the Toilet Fund. The Benefice Administrator was now in post 12 hours per week. A 'Bishop's Walk' practice had taken place – volunteers would be needed for man road crossings. A wrought iron hand rail had been ordered for the graveyard and any donations would be very welcome. Christine agreed to make some walkway signs for Christ Church churchyard. A Pastrow Services rota was now available and Rev. Alex agreed to send a copy of Benefice services from November onwards to the Editor of the Parish Oak. The Christ Church organ had been serviced. The organ at St. George's would be inspected – if required there was a spare organ available at Weyhill. A Parochial Visitation by Brenda Pomeroy would take place on 10th October; Rev. Alex and the Church Wardens would attend. There was a wide discussion on the choirs at the two churches.

Rev. Val, Irene and Emma agreed to form a working party to look at the costings and feasibility of toilets at both churches. Funds were being raised and Noel would hold any money collected. Noel reported that all was well with the finances and contributions to the Parish Share were up to date. Margaret Smith would be the other cheque signatory. It was agreed that the bench in Christ Church churchyard would be removed. The Family Services had been well supported it was agreed that these would take place every second Sunday at Christ Church at 10.15, with Matins taking place at 9.15 on the same day, subject to Bob Wheadon's approval. 'Messy Church' had been well attended with 39 people from 13 families. The occasion would be repeated on 4th October at Hatherden. Environmental health problems would need to be resolved if meals were to be served at these events. A Wedding & Baptismal Policy draft was discussed.

The next Craft Group would meet at the Vicarage on Wednesday, 12th October at 2 p.m. The next PCC Meeting would be held at 6 p.m. at The Vicarage.

Margaret Smith, Secretary to the PCC



To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy

SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is quite hard to believe that we have already reached October half term as time seems to have flown by. That may be due to the fact that it has been an exceptionally busy time. At the beginning of September we welcomed 15 new Reception children to Robins Class which means that we now have just over 100 children in school.

Like many other schools we celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary with a whole week of Dahl-themed learning. However, I think we are the only school in the area that had not one but two visits from Willy Wonka. He enjoyed his first visit so much that when he returned he organised a special golden ticket competition which has resulted in four lucky winners being able to choose their own Roald Dahl book, as well as selecting some for the school library. You may well have noticed a very tall BFG standing guard at the front of the school during this time. He wasn't the only Dahl character in school that week as we all dressed up as our favourite characters.

A real highlight for our oldest children in Swallows Class was a residential trip to a PGL Centre, Little Canada, on the Isle of Wight. They spent a week away from home, learning to live independently as well as trying out amazing climbing activities, dragon boating and canoeing in the sea. I think the picture shows what great fun we all had!



One autumn tradition that I'm sure many of you remember from your school days is Harvest Festival. This year we continued that tradition at Christ Church but in a very different fashion. We focused on the importance of water; because of course without any water there wouldn't be food to harvest. We also learnt that one of the most important aspects of water is sanitation and there are many people who don't have what we regard as essential, which is, access to a toilet. Exploring the idea a bit further enabled us to find out about the Toilet Twinning programme which provides toilets around the world. As one of our school Christian values is Love, we decided to pursue this. So you may well have seen a toilet being carried from church to school but wouldn't have known that in it was over £100 in donations to help us start our Toilet Twinning project for friends in other countries.

As well as these exciting events we've also held a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, worked with the NSPCC to learn how to keep children safe, as well as hosting two 'Messy Church' sessions.

No wonder time seems to have flown by ...

Peter Shaw
Head Teacher





Peta Wilkinson CEO



01264 345800

Hello everyone,

As we see the arrival of November's frostier mornings and colder evenings and the lead up to the festive season, I have so much to share with you.

Our most recent fundraising events, including the 'Big Breakfast' in St. Mary Bourne, a Firewalk & Family Fun Day at The Weyhill Fair Pub near Andover, and a Golf Day at Sandford Springs in Kingsclere, have collectively raised over £5000 for our vital cause. My thanks go to everyone involved, for their hard work and support.

I'd also like to extend my congratulations to all of our Move Centres of Excellence, across the country, that have passed their Move Quality Mark assessments or reassessments. These centres are part of the Enham Trust Move Programme and they support children and adults with disabilities & complex needs to gain functional mobility to an exceptional standard. These centres include: Wyvern Academy in Weymouth, Mayfield School in Whitehaven, Henry Tyndale School, Charlton Park Academy, and Mayfield School in Chorley.

You may also be aware that we have teamed up with the forthcoming local radio station, Andover Radio – formally launching next year – in order to provide the station with a broadcasting base. This venture in turn supports our clients at Radio Enham to gain valuable presenting and production skills that they can then take into the workplace.

Our wonderful Gardening Services team will be selling Christmas trees in the village (outside the cottage on the green), on the following dates between 10am & 4pm: Saturday 3rd December, Saturday 10th December, Friday 16th December, and Saturday 17th December.

Finally, our beautiful village was Highly Commended in the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Village of the Year Awards for 2016. Alongside this fantastic achievement, I'd like to share with you the news that we also received first place in the Excellence in Localism Award for our visionary work.

More information can be found on our website: www.enhamtrust.org.uk

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peta Wilkinson', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Peta Wilkinson, CEO

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Richard Budge
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

TAXI SERVICES AT ANDOVER RAILWAY STATION

I arrived at Andover Station from London recently at 10.40pm and was surprised to find that there were no taxis at all. I went across the road to the office, only to be informed that, under a recently passed law, no taxi could be dispatched until after midnight! Deciding at 11pm that I did not want to sit and wait for another hour, I returned to the office and pleaded for a number to call to secure a ride home. Mr. Westwells arrived in 5 minutes and brought me home. He said that taxi-drivers have an unwritten rule that no lone lady will be ignored!

For your information, the telephone number you might like to keep handy is that of A & B Cars: 01264 323444 / 352535 / 337793.

Margaret Smith

Who is Kath Calcraft?

Tell us a little bit about you, and what fills your day?

I have lived in Smannell for 6 years and find it a very peaceful place to live. My children and grand-children enjoy visiting us also and enjoy the outlook around us. Whilst my weekends are spent mainly with Peter and our family, my week days are spent working for a learning and training provider and I am based in a community centre which is at the heart of the community.



I have been based there for the past 14 years, coordinating the courses we have funding for and meeting with partner organisations, while organising tutors and support staff in their duties.

I have seen many who come to the centre raise their aspiration levels to reach their full potential. Many left school with no qualifications and thought that improving their skill level would be an impossible task, until they attended our courses in subjects such as English, Maths, Confidence Raising and IT.

It is rewarding, for instance, to see a single mother spend 3 years with us gaining qualifications, improving her confidence, and then becoming determined to see her children get the best education, too. This is just one example of many I could tell, and I have become passionate for other's success. People are important and the start they have in life should not preclude them from having something to aim for.

What keeps you motivated?

The job I do and seeing people's lives change as they begin to realise that they can achieve success, gain confidence and change their lives, reaching a potential they never thought would ever happen. I also have a very understanding and supportive husband who keeps me motivated.

What are you most proud of?

From a work prospective I am proud of the achievements of the learners I work with – even walking through the Centre doors is an achievement for many.

From a personal stance I am most proud of my family.

What would be the single thing you would like to do differently or see change?

I would like there to be more understanding within the community, as a whole, for those less fortunate than themselves.

What makes you tick?

As a Christian I believe I am where I am today because it is where God wants me to be and I strive to do well in the situations I find myself.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Kind, caring and compassionate.

Any words of wisdom you would like to share?

I always told my children that people are important, not possessions.

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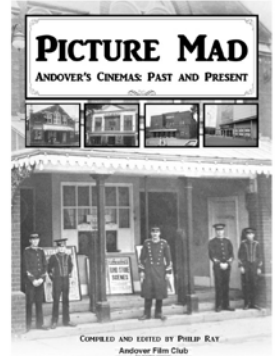
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SERVICES for November and December

An advance notice of some changes to the regular Church Services:

6 th November	Holy Communion	St George's	10am
13th November	Remembrance Service	Christ Church	10.45am
20 th November	Christ the King - Patronal Service	Christ Church	10am
27 th November	Holy Communion Advent	St George's	10am
4 th December	Holy Communion	St George's	10am
11 th December	Holy Communion	Christ Church	10am
11 th December	Carol Service	St George's	3pm
18 th December	Holy Communion	St George's	10am
18 th December	Carol Service	Christ Church	6pm
24 th December	Crib Service	Christ Church	5pm
24 th December	Midnight Mass	Christ Church	11.30pm
25 th December	Christmas day Service	St George's	10am

Irene Wilson 359950 Emma Kinchenton 0783 7736681 Christine Kinchenton 324011

Family Service at Christ Church

Starting in January, there will be a regular monthly family service at Christ Church, Smannell. Please put the dates in your diaries now, ready for the New Year!

It will be every 2nd Sunday at 10.30am until 11.15am, followed by refreshments.

So that's Sunday 8th January, 12th February, etc.

This is a friendly and informal service for everyone, however old or young you are.

Looking forward to seeing you, Val and Yinka.

**SERVICES IN SMANNELL WITH
ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH
November 2016**

Sunday 6th November

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

3rd BEFORE ADVENT

Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November

10.45 a.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*
3.00 p.m. *William House, Enham*

2nd BEFORE ADVENT

Remembrance Sunday
Evening Service

Sunday 20th November

10.00 a.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

ADVENT 1

Holy Communion

Sunday 4th December

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

ADVENT 2

Holy Communion

Sunday 6th November

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

3rd BEFORE ADVENT

Holy Communion

Enquiries for baptisms and wedding to the Priest in Charge, Rev. Val Gagen, at vestry hour at Charlton Church on Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30pm.

Enquiries for funerals and anything else, please ring Val on 01264 748065.

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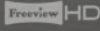
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