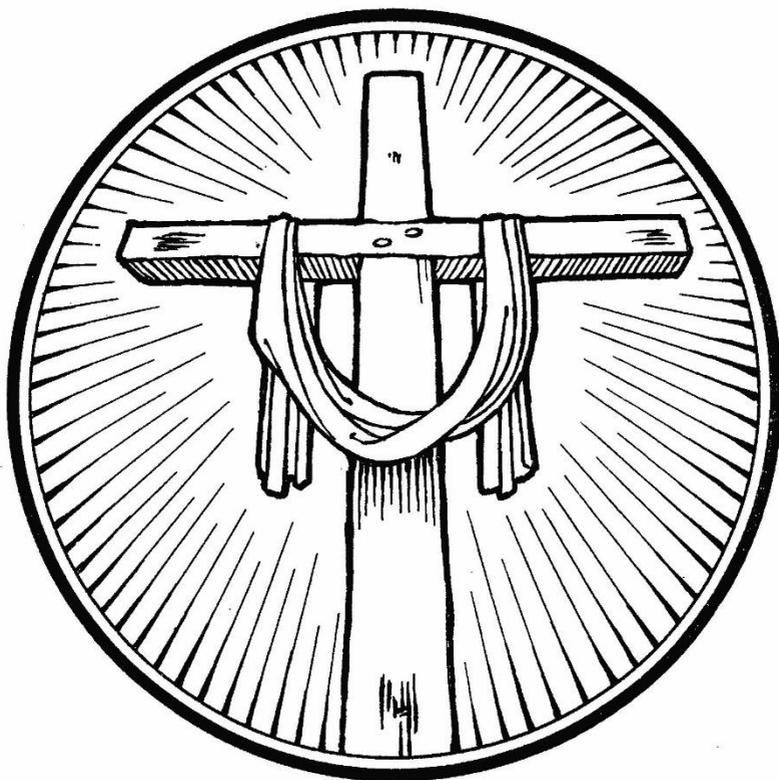




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# PARISH NEWS

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# The Parish Church of St Symphorian

Durrington Hill, Worthing BN13 3HU

Sunday worship:

10.00am Parish Mass

## Weekday Masses:

12noon	Monday
10am	Tuesday
10am	Wednesday
10am	Thursday

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 12th March -9th April 11.30am**

Stations of the Cross and Lent Lunches

**Wednesday 9th March – 6th April 10.45am** Lent Course

**Sunday 3rd April** - APCM following the Parish Mass

*14th April Maundy Thursday 7.30pm*

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch

**15th April Good Friday** Craft Morning 10am-11.30am

Craft bags £3 per child

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy

**16th April Holy Saturday** - church cleaning from 9.30am

8.30pm Vigil & First Mass of Easter

**17th April Easter Day** 10.00am Easter Day Mass

23rd April 6pm St George's Evening. Fish and chip supper with entertainment by Harvest Home. Tickets £11. Order for food taken when you buy your ticket. Booking essential.

**Sunday 5th June** - Parish Jubilee Lunch

**13th -17th June** - Walsingham Pilgrimage.

# KALENDAR FOR APRIL 2022

1	Friday	Wisd 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
2	Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn7:40-52
3	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	Isa 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
4	Monday	Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:12-20
5	Tuesday	Num 21:4-9; Jn8:21-30
6	Wednesday	Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn 8:31-42
7	<b>St John Baptist de l Salle</b>	Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
8	Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
9	Saturday	Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
10	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56
11	Monday in Holy Week	Isa 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
12	Tuesday in Holy Week	Isa 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
13	Wednesday in Holy Week	Isa 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
14	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	Exod 12:1-8,11-14; ICor11:23-26; Jn13:1-15
15	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Isa 52:13-15; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn18:1-19:42
16	Holy Saturday	1)Gen1:1-2:2, 2) Gen22:1-18, 3) Exod 14:15-15:1, 4) Isa 54:5-14, 5) Isa 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11;Lk24:-12
17	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
18	<b>Monday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 2:14,22-32; Mt 28:8-15
19	<b>Tuesday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
20	<b>Wednesday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
21	<b>Thursday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 3:11-end; Lk 24:35-48
22	<b>Friday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
23	<b>Saturday in Easter Week</b>	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
24	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31
25	<b>ST MARK</b>	I Pet 5:5-14; Mark 16:13-20
26	<b>ST GEORGE</b>	Apoc 12:10-12; John15:18-21
27	Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; ohn 3:16-21
28	Thursday	Acts 5:27-33 John3:31-36
29	<b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA</b>	IJohn 1:5-22;Matt11:25-30
30	Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

# FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,

This beautiful painting by Giotto, is one of a series of panels he painted of the life of Christ for the Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel) in Padua.

The symmetry of the painting is defined by it being divided in to two halves, by a striking blue diagonal across its surface, emphasising the interaction between the key figures which is both extraordinary and powerful.

In the left half of the painting, we have two angels both looking to their left, sitting on a marbled wall with a group of sleeping soldiers below them. Though they may be sleeping, the overall impression the group of soldiers creates is one of deep sadness, loss. Equally they are also completely unaware of the powerful events occurring just to the right of the painting.

This painting depicts John's account of the Resurrection, and the central figure is Mary Magdalene, who we are told has recognised Jesus and called out to him. She is told not to touch him because it is not time, seemingly a rather odd response.



Mary is almost completely consumed by her red robe, making her outstretched arms and hands, her plaintive look even more powerful. Jesus has turned back towards her kneeling figure, and looks at her intently as she does him, though makes no attempt to stop moving literally out of the painting, indeed he has almost stepped, even run out of it.

The look that Mary gives Jesus is both desperate and yet hopeful, she appears to be urging him not to go, to remain and in this there is a huge sense of anticipation. However, despite the kindly look he gives her, Jesus is intent on leaving, in anticipation of returning to the Father.

As we prepare later this month to celebrate the Day of Resurrection, remembering that first Easter morn, we do so in peace and safety. So, our thoughts and prayers must be with the people of Ukraine as they live in fear and in the face of aggression. But they, like us, they are the Easter people and so they also live in hope and in the comfort of the saving message of Jesus Christ.

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering and afraid, that You will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in Your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. In Jesus's holy Name we pray. Amen.*

With my love and prayers

Father Robert

# Easter Flowers



It's traditional at Easter, to ask for donations towards the Easter flowers, in memory of loved ones, who will be prayed for at the 10am Mass on Easter Tuesday.

If you are able to make a donation towards the flowers, it would be gratefully received, as there is no other funding available.

Donation forms are available at the back of the church and should be returned to the Parish Office by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March please.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April a small group of volunteers will be busy making floral arrangements to decorate the church, to make it look lovely for the Easter celebration. We would also be grateful for help with the arranging too, so if you have time to spare on Saturday morning, please let me know.

Thank you.

Margaret Watkis

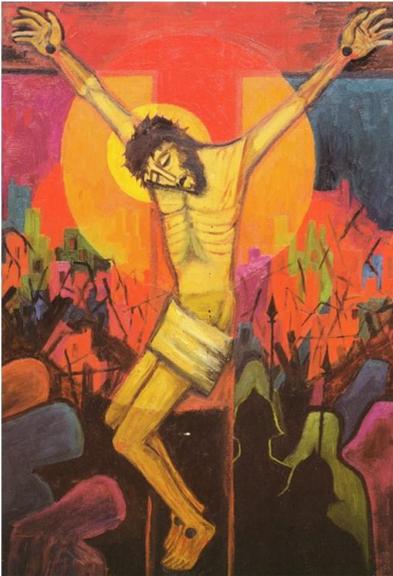




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*Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the world.*

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENT LUNCH



*Starts 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Ends 9th April*

**Saturdays at  
11.30am**

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we meditate on the Cross  
and lunch on a simple  
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## Durrington You Group

If you are interested in Sussex, its history of beautiful churches, its quirky customs and odd road signs, then you could have done better than attend the talk given by Chris Horlock at the well-attended March meeting of the You Group in St Symphorian's Church in Durrington. He presented it well in a pleasant and audible manner and backed it up with a variety of good photographs in a slideshow. It was followed by the usual drinks and biscuits. All in all, a five-star experience.

The next 'You Group' meeting will be Wednesday April 20th at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Graham Farley who is a Beekeeper and will be explaining their importance and their life in the Hive. He is bringing some of the equipment a Beekeeper uses when dealing with a hive and how they produce honey. Also, a look at other bees and wasps and their importance in pollination.

Venue: Inside St. Symphorian's Church, main entrance. Durrington Hill BN13 3HU. Cost £3.50pp to include refreshments. No need to book for this friendly, interest group but please arrive by 2.15pm.

Further details available from the Church Office 01903 268109 or email: [theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk](mailto:theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk).



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## The Durrington "You" Group

We are a friendly community interest group who meet every third Wednesday in the month and welcome new visitors to share fresh knowledge, friends and experiences.

**Wednesday 20th April, 2.30pm**  
**"The Importance of Bees."**

with  
**Graham Farley**



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# St Isidore of Seville

On 4<sup>th</sup> April the church celebrates one of my favourite saints – St Isidore. Back in 2010 we held a flower festival called ‘Blooming Saints’ where we celebrated the lives of the saints. Different areas of the church grouped together saints according to the patronages – and we chose some of the lesser-known patronages for some well-known saints such as lace makers for St Luke. By the Lady Chapel were the ‘modern’ saints – St Clare – patron saint of television, The Archangel Gabriel – patron saint of the telephone, and St Isidore – patron saint of the internet!

So, who is St Isidore and why did he become patron saint of the internet?

According to Wikipedia, Isidore was a Spanish scholar and cleric dating from around 560 – 636AD. For over three decades, he was Archbishop of Seville. He is widely regarded, in the words of 19th-century historian Montalembert, as "the last scholar of the ancient world".

At a time of disintegration of classical culture, aristocratic violence, and widespread illiteracy, Isidore was involved in the conversion of the Arian Visigothic kings to Catholicism, both assisting his brother Leander of Seville and continuing after his brother's death. He was influential in the inner circle of Sisebut, the Visigothic king of Hispania. Like Leander, he played a prominent role in the Councils of Toledo and Seville.



His fame after his death was based on his *Etymologiae*, an etymological encyclopaedia that assembled extracts of many books from classical antiquity that would have otherwise been lost. He also invented the period ( now known as the full stop), comma, and colon.

In addition to the internet, he is also linked to students, computer users, computer technicians and programmers.

# Jams, Marmalades, Pickles and Chutneys

I hope you enjoyed the Fruity Chutney. For April, something different – Lemon Curd. Curds are made by cooking down fruit juice with sugar whereas for jams, the whole fruit is used. The curd is therefore a creamy spread that can be piped into pastries or just served plain and spread onto toast or biscuits.

I remember my gran making lemon curd and explaining how difficult it is. It did seem a lot of work! But now we have the microwave and, to be honest, it is so simple. I use the recipe from Big Bolder Baking which I have found gets my father-in-law's approval every time.

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs + 1 egg yolk
- zest of 2 lemons
- 4floz/115ml fresh lemon juice
- 4 oz/115g butter melted and cooled slightly

The instructions couldn't be simpler:

- Melt the butter and let it cool slightly
- In a large microwavable bowl, combine the sugar and eggs, whisking until smooth. Then, stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, and the butter. If the lemons do not have the required amount of lemon juice, then I just add concentrate lemon juice.
- Microwave the lemon and egg mixture for 3-4 minutes in 45-second intervals, stirring between each interval until the mixture is thick. You are looking the lemon curd to be just thick enough to coat the back of a spoon.
- Transfer the lemon curd to a bowl and cover with a layer of cling wrap, directly touching the curd. This will keep the curd from forming a skin. Allow for full cooling. When cool, cover and refrigerate the lemon curd.

This curd will keep covered in the fridge for up to 3 weeks. I use this lemon curd to make lemon meringue pies as it is so simple. It is also good with a microwave sponge pudding. Both these puddings give me Brownie points with my father-in-law!

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## **DEC UKRAINE APPEAL**

**They need  
shelter, food  
and water**

**Donate**



As you'll likely have seen on the various news channels, over a million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine, leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones. They need shelter, food and water.

It is predicted that 7.5 million people will be displaced. This would make it one of the biggest movements of people in Europe since World War II.

Heavy fighting, shelling and air strikes across Ukraine have had devastating consequences. Lives have been lost and families torn apart. Homes have been destroyed, schools, health facilities, water and food supplies have been destroyed or damaged and many roads are blocked.

At St Symphorian's Church, we are taking a collection after every service for this appeal. So far £294 has been sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal which is backed by 15 humanitarian charities including Christian Aid. All the donations are being forwarded on a regular basis.

Please leave your donations in the basket at the back of church.

# **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This year our APCM is to be held after the Parish Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Unfortunately, it is not usually well attended but it is an important meeting. The 'meeting' is actually made up of two meetings:

The first meeting is the Vestry Meeting which elects the churchwardens for the forthcoming year. All churchwardens must be elected annually with a maximum of six years term of office although exceptions can be made for a parish in vacancy for example.

The second part of the meeting is the actual APCM. During this meeting the Annual Report will be presented as well as the accounts. The meeting will also elect members to the Parochial Church Council (who are elected for 3 years) and to Deanery Synod (if there are any spaces as these are elected every three years as laid out in the rules).

The APCM is also an opportunity to catch up with the events of the last year and to explore the vision for the coming year. Most of all it's a CELEBRATION of all God has been doing in the life of the Church as we look forward to the coming year. For all those interested in the life of St Symphorian's Church, this an important meeting and we hope you will be there.

## **From The Craft Club**

At the back of church, you will now see some handsewn cards. There is a small variety of Easter cards as well as birthday cards and those for any occasion. Each card costs approximately £1 to produce. We ask for a donation for the cards – please give generously. All donations go to church funds.

Do keep a look out at the back of church. In the next few months, we hope to offer a wider variety of items including notepads/shopping list pads and potentially some keyrings. If you are interested in getting involved in the crafts, or have ideas of your own, please talk to Jane. You don't have to come to the sessions to get involved, just let us know what you would like to do.

# THE FAST LIFE

A poem for Lent:

Fast from judging others;  
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from fear of illness;  
Feast on the healing power of God.  
Fast from words that pollute;  
Feast on speech that purifies.  
Fast from discontent;  
Feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger;  
Feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism;  
Feast on hope.  
Fast from negatives;  
Feast on encouragement.  
Fast from bitterness;  
Feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from self-concern;  
Feast on compassion.  
Fast from suspicion;  
Feast on truth.  
Fast from gossip;  
Feast on purposeful silence.  
Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
Feast on prayer that sustains.  
Fast from anxiety;  
Feast on faith.

- *Author Unknown*

# APRIL Prayer Diary

Please find below a daily prayer diary. Each day (except Sunday), we pray for three streets in our parish. If you spot any road is missing from the list, please email [magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk](mailto:magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk).

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	The Society of the Holy Cross Clayton Walk, Cleveland Close, Clyde Close
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	For the people of Ukraine Clyde Road, Colne Close, Columbia Drive
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Isidore Long term sick Clyde Road, Colne Close, Columbia Drive
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Vincent Ferrer The Emergency Services. Copse View, Corfe Close, Cotswold Close
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	National Health Service Cotswold Road, Cradock Place, Cradock Place
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St John Baptist de la Salle Those suffering from coronavirus Crocus Chase, Crockhurst Hill, Crosby Close
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Royal Family Cuckoo Gate, Cypress Avenue, Dart Close
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Those persecuted for their faith. Dahlia Road, Daisy Road, Deerswood Close
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	An increase in faith Downe Walk, Durrington Hill, Durrington Lane
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	An increase in hope East Tyne, Edgehill Close, Edmonton Road
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	An increase in love Elm Mews, Eriskay Court, Essenhigh Drive
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Saturday
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	For the joy of Easter Exford Walk, Exmoor Close, Exmoor Crescent

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Our parish link with Münchberg Exford Walk, Exmoor Close, Exmoor Crescent
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Martin Fircroft Close, Forest Lane, Foxglove Walk
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fr Andrew Cunnington & the people of All Saints, Findon Valley Franklin Road, Fulbeck Avenue, Fulbeck Way
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The anxious and depressed Gatcombe Close, Gaywood Walk, Gladiolus Grove
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	HM the Queen Greenland Close, Greenland Mews, Greenland Road
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	St Mark The unity of the Church. Halfmoon Lane, Halifax Drive, Hamble Gardens
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	St George England Hamble Way, Hammond Drive, Harlech Close
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	The faithful departed Hatfield Walk, Highclere Way, Hildon Close
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter Chanel The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Hildon Park, Hobart Close, Holly Close
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine of Siena Theologians Hollyacres, Hudson Close, Humber Avenue
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Pius V The Armed Forces of the Crown Hurley Road, Iris Close, Ivydore Avenue

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**

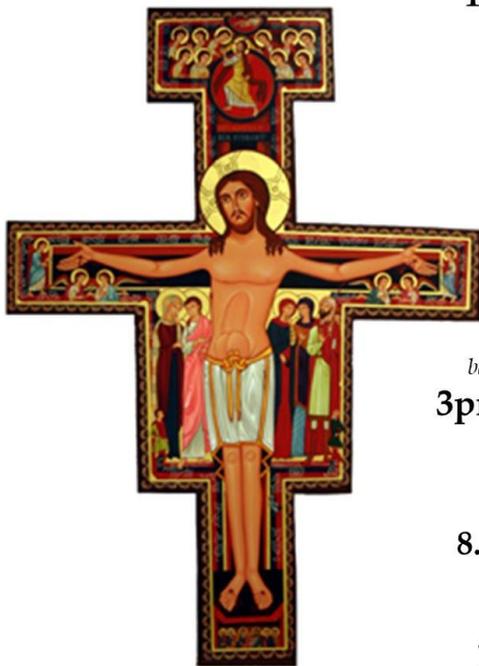




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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

10th – 17th April 2022



## Palm Sunday

10am - Blessing of Palms  
& Parish Mass

## Maundy Thursday

7.30pm - Mass of the  
Lord's Supper

## Good Friday

10am - Children's Crafts  
in a bag

*bags available between 10am & 11:30am*

3pm - The Solemn Liturgy

*with the Veneration of the Cross*

## Holy Saturday

8.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Day

10am - Easter Day Mass

*Please feel welcome to join us at any of our services  
as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter*

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# Dragons, the Bible, and Our Church

When my children were little, we went to see my parents. Both my parents were volunteers in Southwell Minister, the cathedral church of Southwell Diocese. My mum a steward and my dad a chaplain. One day we went to see them, they were both in duty in the Minister, so we went to meet them there. We were greeted by several people including the Head Verger. When he realised who we were, and as my parents were busy, he took my children to a large grate in the Minister and said to them 'Can you hear that? Can you feel that heat? That is the dragons of the Minster, and your granny is the dragon lady!' They were so impressed and then went to find the dragons of the Minster. There are



three dragons protecting the Chapter House, but you must look for them and know where they are. They are hidden in the stonework, in the doorways. And the reason my mum was nicknamed the Dragon Lady was that when they did a children's event in the Minster called 'Time Travelling' she talked to the children from the schools about the dragons.

Did you know that dragons are mentioned at least thirty-five times in the King James Bible translation? Most of these are in the Old Testament.

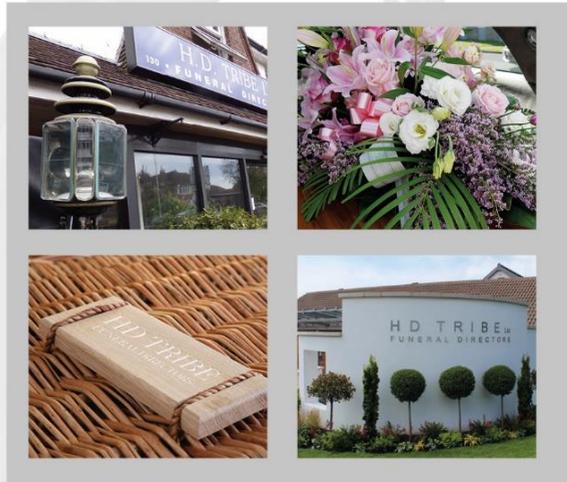
In St Symphorian's Church there are two dragons. Both can be found in the War Memorial Window in the Baptistry. In the left window St George is slaying a dragon and in the right St Margaret of Antioch is also with a dragon. You do have to look hard to see the dragons. Both these two characters are said to have slain dragons, thought to represent or be Satan in disguise.

Do look for the dragons next time you are in the church.



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# Good Friday Craft Morning

This year's Good Friday Craft Morning is based on the Tenebrae Service which dates back to the early Church. 'Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows hence this is the Service of Shadows. During the Craft Morning we will take a look at the Good Friday story through the shadows of betray, aloneness, denial, accusation, suffering, crucifixion and death. The readings, and therefore crafts, start at the Last Supper and move to the Garden of Gethsemane and on to Golgotha – with a hint of Easter.

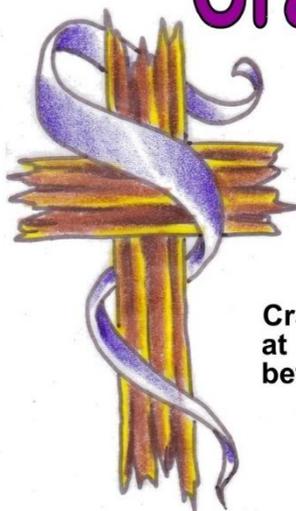
Once again, this craft morning is organised so that you purchase a bag containing all ten crafts; with everything you need except scissors and the odd pen. You may then find a table in the church hall and make the crafts with the help of the volunteers from the church. Alternatively, you may take the bag home and complete the crafts in your own time.

Please do encourage your friends and family to buy a bag. These are made for children but enjoyed by adults – if you don't go to school, you may still enjoy completing one of these bags!

All welcome to buy a bag and / or attend the Good Friday Craft Morning.

## Children's Good Friday Craft Bags

 St Symphorian's Church  
DURRINGTON



**10 crafts including materials and glue— just add scissors**

**Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Crafts can be completed at home or in the church between 10am - 11:30am**

We request a donation of

**£3 per child**

For children aged 2-12years

**St Symphorian's Church**

**Durrington Hill BN13 2PU**

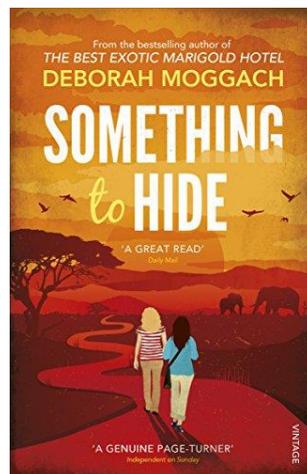
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*Durrington Book Club*  
*Next review time will be on*  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022,**  
when we will discuss “Long Road to Mercy”  
by David BALDACCI.

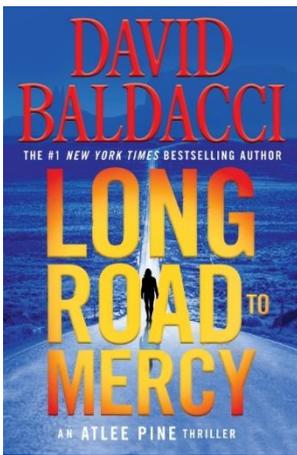


Maybe all of us have something to hide, or something that we would rather not broadcast but some of the characters in this story take economy with the truth to devious level.

Like our last book, we travel around the globe but not on a chronological pathway but rather jump from one scenario and continent to another without any obvious connection. We start in an independent African State, perhaps between Nigeria and the Congo, or could it be nearer Uganda? where we learn that when local inhabitants visit the market, they leave their mobile phones at a kiosk to be charged – quite a risky necessity – because you are never too sure that you can trust the stall holder! Then we jump to the U.S. State of Texas where many people seem to have far too much to eat, and we meet the wife of a soldier serving abroad who has been tricked out of all their precious savings earmarked for a better home for the family. Is there a link? Then we are off to London to meet a lonely divorcee and can only imagine that she will be cheated out of her valuable lifetime home. And we mustn't lose track of the Chinese couple who long to have a baby. And here we start to make a circle; the husband works in Africa and has the wealth to travel to the States to procure a child through a surrogate mother.



Deborah MOGGACH wrote the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel which was so beautifully transferred to the cinema screen through an amazing cast of famous actors. Some of this book's characters are rather unpleasant as they lead us through a jungle of deceit and lies and it is only as we reached the final chapter that we could dare to trust who are the nicer



people with whom we might associate even though they have been manipulated and trampled upon by others. This book required patience. Would we recommend it? Probably not, but another of Deborah MOGGACH's novels might be easier to follow. Nevertheless, we appreciated the writing, so "Something to Hide" scored **7.4** on our Popularity-o-meter.

We will be meeting again on the 6th of April and review the prolific American author, David BALDACCI and his "Long Road to Mercy".

We continue to meet in the church, entering through the side door, up the ramp on the north side of the building, open from 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. We have a tea break in the middle and finish around 4 pm. All are welcome to join us if Covid free. The book that we will collect and tackle during April is "33 Women" by Isabel ASHDOWN which is a psychological thriller and set in Arundel .



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**St Symphorian's**

**Church Hall**

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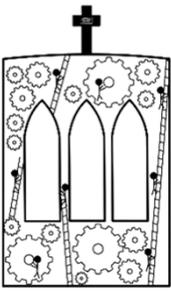


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**Facebook**

There are always mixed reactions to Facebook – we hear all the negativity and believe that it is all like that. Our church has a Facebook page and we have over one hundred people who regularly receive all our information. However, a 'post' (article) on our Facebook page can be seen by 100 to 2,500 people. We include both worship items and social events. There are pictures and videos of everything that is going on. So, if you have Facebook, please find our Facebook page (just type in St Symphorian's) and then start sharing with all your friends our lives with Christ.

## Update from the Buildings Committee



Over the last few weeks there suddenly has been a flourish of work being carried out on the church. Our lighting system has been updated. Over the last few years, about 20 lamps have blown leaving some areas dark. This has now been rectified with new lamps and fitting throughout the Nave, Baptistry and Lady Chapel. The new fittings are meant to be more environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The emergency lights in the church have also been replaced and a new lantern installed in the porch which looks so much better than the floating lamp bulb! We are also pleased to say that the electricians have been replaced throughout the building with some additional sockets around the walls. The job though isn't complete. We are waiting for the new lamp for the Statue of Our Lady – the beam on the original lamp that was sent was too wide. The lamp posts just outside the church also need to be replaced but the posts that were sent were incorrect.



Work is also being carried out on the outside of the church. Some repointing is being carried out on the north and west walls of the church. This is part of our ongoing project to combat the water ingress along these walls. Next year we are looking forward to the redecorating of the church!

Internet will soon also be available in the church. This appeared to be an impossible project as the telephone companies wouldn't come out to look at the work unless they did the work. But we are a Grade 2 Listed Building and need to have the appropriate permission from the Chancellor who wouldn't agree until he knew what they would do which the telephone companies couldn't tell me until they came out to look at the job. A few weeks ago, we had a breakthrough and now we know how the work is to be undertaken and the Chancellor has agreed. Installation should be soon!



St Symphorian's  
Church

Durrington Hill  
BN13 3HU

Saturday 23rd April

6pm

(doors open at 5.45pm)

Price £11

Meal Choices:

(All come with Chips)

- Cod
- Chicken Bites
- Jumbo sausage
- Cheese burger



'Fish & Chip' Supper

With entertainment by Harvest Home

# St George's Day

Advance Booking Essential

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# Celebrate St George's Day!

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April we are planning to celebrate St George's Day with a traditional fish and chip supper accompanied by entertainment from Harvest Home.

Some of you may remember our very successful Harvest Supper and exceedingly popular St Patricks Celebration when Harvest Home provided the entertainment for the evening. We are so pleased that they are returning to St Symphorian's to celebrate St George's Day.

The entertainment for the evening will start at 6pm so please make sure you are there early. We will have the delivery from the Chip Shop around 6.30pm, so hopefully we won't be eating too late for people. Meals must be prebooked, the options are:

- Small Cod and chips.** Our sizeable premium fillets of the highest quality North Atlantic cod, dipped first in rice flour and then in our signature light, crispy batter. We ensure any excess oil is properly drained so that each fillet remains non-greasy and crisp to the taste.
- Gluten Free Small cod and chips** – as above with gluten free batter.
- Chicken Bites and Chip** 6 or 9 Whole chunks of succulent chicken breast in a crispy coating.
- Cheeseburger and Chips** - 100% beef patty, melted American cheese, sliced tomato, shredded iceberg lettuce, diced onion, and ketchup in a sesame bun.
- Deluxe Veggie Burger and Chips** Crispy veggie burger, coleslaw, onion rings, Swiss cheese, baby spinach.
- Plain Jumbo sausage and chip**
- Battered jumbo sausage and chips**

There will also be a pudding! Your meal your will be taken when you buy your ticket – tickets cost just £11 per person.

After the meal, Harvest home will once again entertain everyone for the evening. This promises to be a great evening – please buy your tickets early.



# Shakespeare's Birthday

Shakespeare's Birthday is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day! Most of us will have read at least one book by the great author. However, he is attributed to inventing over 1,700 words! Most of these words would have been in regular use in Elizabethan England, Shakespeare would have been the first person to have written them down. These words include:

accommodation	dishearten	majestic
aerial	dislocate	misplaced
amazement	dwindle	monumental
apostrophe	eventful	multitudinous
assassination	exposure	obscene
auspicious	fitful	palmy
baseless	frugal	perusal
bloody	generous	pious
bump	gloomy	premeditated
castigate	gnarled	radiance
changeful	hurry	reliance
clangor	impartial	road
control (noun)	inauspicious	sanctimonious
countless	indistinguishable	seamy
courtship	invulnerable	sportive
critic	lapse	submerge
critical	laughable	suspicious
dexterously	lonely	

This list was taken from <https://nosweatshakespeare.com/>

We should recognise the words above but there are some words such as 'Armgaunt', 'Eftes', 'Impeticos', 'Insisture', 'Pajock', 'Pioned', 'Ribaudred' and 'Wappened' which we may not recognise. According to the website, they have an idea what these words mean, however they are not sure.



# Update from Chichester Cathedral



***Chichester Cathedral's peregrine falcons are preparing for the forthcoming breeding season and have been sighted regularly from the Cathedral grounds.***

Over the years, the peregrine falcons have delighted visitors with sightings from the Cathedral grounds from March until August and can also be observed virtually through a live stream on the Cathedral website.

The peregrine project is collaboratively run by Chichester Cathedral, the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS), Carnyx and local wildlife enthusiasts David and Janet Shaw who have been observing the birds since 2001.

This year, there will be a series of drop-in Open Days run by David and Janet Shaw (all weather permitting) so that visitors will have a chance to watch the peregrines through telescopes, view live footage, and learn more about the birds and their activities. These Open Days will be taking place every day from 13th June - 3rd July 2022 (apart from 16th June), on the Cathedral's Southwest Lawn.



Peregrines were first seen on the tower in the mid-1990s. They have been very successful nesting on the Cathedral and have fledged more than 70 chicks since

2001. These magnificent birds of prey can grow up to half a metre in length and have a wingspan of over a metre. They live for 15 to 18 years and are the fastest animals in the world, diving at speeds of just under 250 miles an hour to catch their prey.

# Puzzle Corner

APRIL WORDSEARCH

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**MAY 2022**

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# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ST SYMPHORIAN'S CHURCH HALL

Monday	Slimming World 9:30am Penfold Bowls Zumba 7pm
Tuesday	Dazzlers Sing Well Choir Penfold Bowls Jazz Band*
Wednesday	Funtastic Futures Rangers
Thursday	U3A Yoga Brownies and Guides
Friday	Pram and Toddler 10am
Saturday	Dogs Trust

\*in church

## Venue for Hire

The Church Hall and Atkinson Room are available for hire for parties and functions.

Charges are:

Main Hall	£25 per hour
Atkinson Room	£16 per hour
Both Halls	£38 per hour

All bookings have access to the kitchen.

For more information, please visit the website.



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