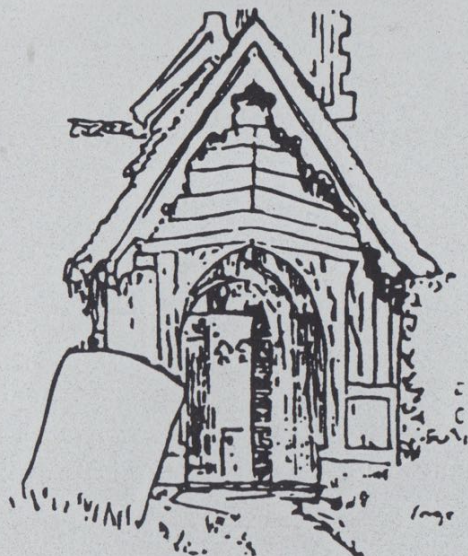


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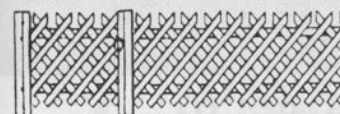
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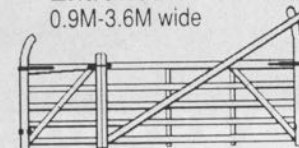
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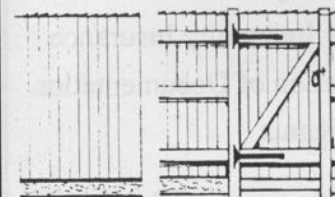
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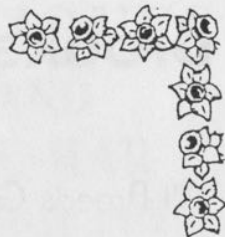
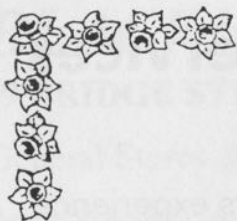


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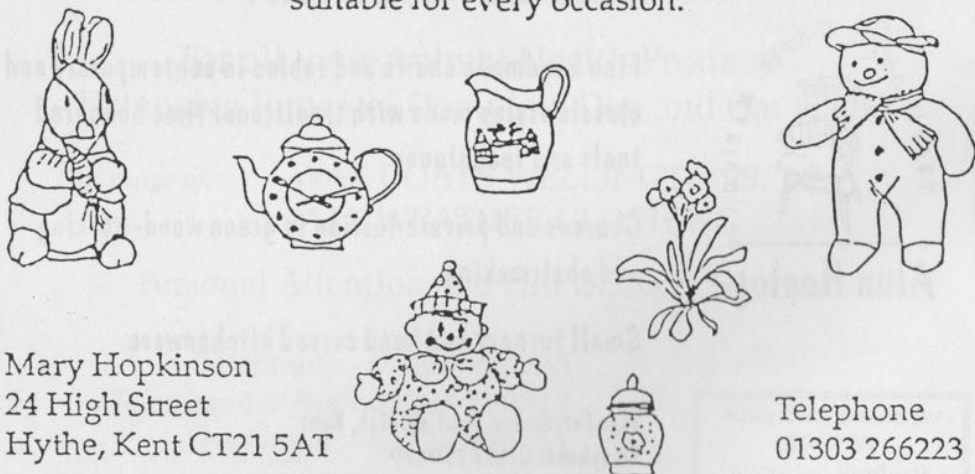
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LENT

My dear friends

So often you hear the accusation that church goers are hypocrites and often disappointment is expressed at the gap between what they believe to be right and the way they behave. Those who are not committed Christians expect that our faith should make a big difference to how we behave and what we say and think.

The church is first and foremost a "school for sinners" and "for those who know their need of God". But the Christian community is also a place where God's transforming power is at work. It is right to expect results from God's promise to transform us by the power of His Spirit. The challenge is that we grow in holiness.

Each Lent, Christians recognise the gap between what they are and what God intended them to be. Lent is not just a challenge to slim, but an opportunity by prayer, discipline and fasting, to be open to God's transforming love and power.

It may be painful to be called a hypocrite, but it is even more painful to be out of step with God.

In His service

Richard Bateman



FOOTPATH WALK

Sunday 8th February was sunny and mild in the morning with the promise of spring hanging in the air. Eleven walkers (and their dog) were so emboldened at to venture further and leave the wilds of Elmsted. Unfortunately the sun spent most of the afternoon playing hide and seek with some all too pervasive cloud and only lit up areas of trees and fields fitfully like some great spotlight.

We set off north from Elmsted Church, turned right at Hill Street and followed the northern border of Spong Wood cutting through the last corner of it to join the footpath that leads back to Maxted Street. From there we carried on south to Homelands Farm and then turned right along the footpath to Whatsole Street. Finally we made our way back to the church dropping off our leaders (John & Jill Argar) at Trinity Farm with our thanks.

I had expected more signs of the unseasonably mild weather on the way (as in my garden) but apart from some primroses in bloom and the spring song of a chatty robin, winter still seemed in control. Perhaps next month it will be different?

We meet at 2.00 p.m. at Little Coombe on the 8th of March.

G.E.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



"Just in case I am unable to thank you in person, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my many friends and patients for their kindness to me over the last few weeks. It has been most heart warming to receive so many messages, cards, letters, flowers and gifts. I have felt the benefits from all your kind thoughts and prayers.

My December stay in hospital was the first time I have been a patient in this country and I have learned a lot which they do not teach you in medical school!! Apart from finding out how to care for flowers in the warm climes of an NHS ward, I learnt that heparin injections sting; that constipation is not a trivial complaint to make light of; that some junior doctors clomp onto the wards at midnight, talking loudly, and that there is a great deal of comfort from other patients. I missed the camaraderie and mutual understanding when I left the ward, though I soon found another kind of support when I returned home.

If all goes well I am hoping to return to work in March by which time I hope to be back to full vigour. However, I am now looking at life in a new way; life is not a rehearsal but must be savoured at every moment."

Dr Roz Waller:



I would like to say a very big "thank you" to all my friends who so kindly sent me cards, flowers, books and chocolates (very naughty but they know my weakness!) during my recent stay in hospital. The fact that I was able to read the lesson in church only nine days after my operation is a marvellous compliment to the wonderful skill of the doctors and nurses who looked after me.

Thank you again.

Ann Nichols

Whiteladies, Bilting

I feel that I would very much like to send a personal message to you as a patient of Wye Surgery. As you know I have left the Practice in Wye after working in the community for nearly 20 years, and therefore 1997 ends on rather a sad note, since it is difficult to just finish such a commitment for this length of time without any emotion. However, I have been absolutely astounded by receiving so much generosity, kind comments, thoughts and support at a difficult time, for which I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those concerned, whether you have actually been "my" patients in the practice, or not. In general practice it is not always possible to be "everything to all men" (and ladies) but I hope that if you have had need over the years that I have been of some little help.

I started in Medicine when the subject had perhaps more of a vocational rather than academic emphasis, and therefore I was very pleased to develop with Gerry Flack, who was of a like mind and similar philosophy, the service which over many years was widely known just as "Wye Surgery". I had been drawn to Wye because of a friendly, innovative Practice that already operated, for example, the Immediate Care Scheme better known as the "Flying Doctor Service", and unusually at that time District Nurses who worked within the surgery. Having worked during this period with so many of the community in the sort of family medicine setting that I still feel is important, the doctor/patient relationship becomes more a whole series of friendships, and for my part I would thank you for these.

Of course many of you have asked me why I am leaving. The reasons are somewhat complex and some cannot be disclosed, but suffice to say that I believe over a period of time the ethos and style of the Practice in respect of priorities and attitudes has changed and therefore as I did not feel comfortable with this in the context of my beliefs, it became necessary to make a decision

about the future. It was not easy, since I felt a responsibility both to my patients and the surgery staff who have played their own part in the good name of the surgery. As you are aware there have been many staff changes recently for a variety of reasons and I would like to pay tribute to those who have been with me over many years and made such positive contributions to the standards of patient care, which has to be very much a team approach. Much has been said and written about my departure and future plans. In fact I resigned from the Practice several months ago, which was not something I had particularly "wanted" to do, since under different circumstances I would have continued for some years. I have not "retired", but for the moment am continuing my previous part-time commitments to Occupational Health and the Police, although since making the announcement about leaving a number of opportunities have arisen which I need to consider in the early part of 1998. So, I would reiterate my thanks for your friendship and support, and honestly say that I consider it a privilege to have looked after you over the years and would wish you all good health in the future.

Ian Nash, January 1998



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The next meeting will be held in Evington Hall on Wednesday, 11th March 1998 at 7.00 p.m. It is hoped that Mid Kent Water will give a presentation followed by a question and answer session on water supply issues. A full meeting agenda will be displayed on the noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place.

Keith Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

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March 8th (Rev. R Bateman)

Sunday (3rd in Lent) 11.00 Holy Communion (ASB)
March 15th (Rev. A Soar)

Sunday (4th in Lent) 9.30 Holy Communion (ASB)
March 22nd Mothering Sunday (Rev. J Hewes)

Sunday (5th in Lent) 10.30
March 29th Benefice Service PETHAM

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Sunday (1st in Lent) 9.30 Family Service
March 1st (Rev. P Filmer)

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March 8th (Rev. A Soar)

Sunday (3rd in Lent) 9.30 Holy Communion (ASB)
March 15th (Rev. J Hewes)

Sunday (4th in Lent) 5.00 pm. Sung Evensong
March 22nd (Rev. R Bateman)

March 22nd MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30 a.m.
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Mid-Week Communion - Wed. 4th & 18th March
8.15 a.m. Upper Maxted St. Farm

Prayer Group - Wed. 11th & 25th March
4.30 p.m. in Elmsted Church followed by
Evensong at 5.00 p.m.

Sunday Seekers - Sunday, 15th March
at 9.30 a.m. Evington Hall



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th Thurs.	Art Group	Ev.Hall 9.30 am
	W I Meeting	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm
6th Fri.	Cricket Club A.G.M.	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm
7th Sat.	Evington Players Dinner	
	Flying Horse, B. Aluph	7.30 pm
8th Sun.	Footpath Walk, Little Coombe	2.00 pm
11th Wed.	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	
		Ev.Hall 7.00 pm
12th Thurs.	Art Group	Ev.Hall 9.30 am
13th Fri.	Whist Drive	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm
15th Sun	Sunday Seekers	Ev.Hall 9.30 am
17th Tues.	Gardeners Society	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm
18th Wed.	Hastingleigh PCC Annual General Meeting	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm
19th Thurs.	Art Group	Ev.Hall 9.30 am
24th Tues.	Evington Hall Committee Annual General Meeting	Ev.Hall 8.00 pm
25th Wed.	Chiropody Clinic	Ev.Hall
26th Thurs.	Art Group	Ev.Hall 9.30 am
<u>April</u>		
1st Wed.	Elmsted P.C.C. Annual General Meeting	Ev.Hall 7.30 pm

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HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

On a cold February evening the Institute was treated to some summer days when Mr Palmer transported us to the Elham Valley for his talk, illustrated with slides, about the Parsonage Farm Heritage Centre. There has been a farm at Parsonage for over 800 years but today it is a Museum of Farm Implements and a home for Rare Breed Animals. Several of the old breeds of cows, pigs, sheep and poultry graze together in serene surroundings and some lovely Suffolk Punch horses complete the picture of tranquillity. The practice of the Heritage is to preserve the past as it was and each summer they stage an old fashioned harvest, with reapers and binders and corn stooks in the fields. The tall wheat varieties are very rare and expensive but the straw does fetch a good price when sold for thatching and corn dollies. Edna Young thanked Mr Palmer for what was a trip down memory lane for a lot of us.

The President drew attention to the Federation Calendar in the East Kent News and the many outings on offer in the next few months.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Denman College a day visit, for members who have never been before is being arranged for 15th June. The Federation is also giving a Bursary of £200, for which all members can apply and the lucky name will be drawn at the Annual Council Meeting at Margate.

Barbara George had a very good evening being joint first with Nancy Butler in the competition for an "Old Hand Tool" and also winning the Flower of the Month and the raffle.

E.P.

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EXTRACT FROM B.D.A. NEWSLETTER

Lorna is the link with this charity and has been collecting in Hastingleigh & Elmsted. She would welcome further contributions.

"WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The waste paper collecting is now going very well. The last quarter of the year 48 tonnes was collected, bringing the total for the year to 126 tonnes. The money received was £8,100 which all goes to local diabetic care and welfare.

I am sure we can do better. If we could collect 50 tonnes a quarter making that a total of 200 tonnes for 1998, the amount the branch would receive for this waste would be an amazing £12,500. You know money is laying around all over the place; it just wants collecting together. We now have 26 bins around the area - local ones:-

Tesco Store, Park Farm Estate, Kingsnorth

Evegate Craft Centre, Smeeth

Sainsburys Supermarket, Simone Weil Ave.

With your help most of these bins are being filled and emptied weekly and taken to Aylesford Newsprint. So keep up the good work collecting this waste which includes all sorts of magazines, phone books and the new yellow pages, junk mail and all newspapers."



WYECYCLE

Due to a cut in their grant from Ashford Borough Council Wyecycle will no longer be making their monthly collection from Hastingleigh.

Robin Redbreast at Easter

Did you witness Christ's last stand?
Did you staunch his blood?
Did you stoop to kiss his hand?
Did you hear the heart's last thud?

Did you bare your noble breast
To help the body on its bier?
Did you seek its place of rest,
Place petals on the sepulchre?

Did you greet that blessed morning
With your shrill song from on high,
Announce a new light precious dawning,
Ease the boulder standing by?

Did you sense the resurrection?
Were you privy to his love,
That now transgresses every nation,
Peace to all from God above.

BM
February 1998



HYMN WRITER OF THE MONTH

The hymn writer this month was a translator rather than an original writer. He is:

Richard Birch Hoyle.

b. Cloughfold, Lancs. 8 March 1875 d. 1939

Hymn: 428

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-cloths where the body lay.

Edmond Budry (1854-1932), the original writer of the hymn was a Swiss pastor. The hymn written in French, was composed in 1896, following the death of his wife. It is thanks to the splendid translation by Richard Hoyle and the majestic tune 'Maccabaeus' from one of Handel's works, that we are able to sing and enjoy it today.

Hoyle was a Baptist minister and knew Kent briefly in his career when he was minister of Belvedere Baptist Church in the 1920s. He was a fine scholar who became a pioneer in this country in the theology of Karl Barth. His academic achievements also included a contribution to the Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics and a spell as a professor of theology in America from 1934 to 1936. He was a gifted linguist able to converse in twelve languages. Yet he was no closeted academic: his life long interest lay in his work with the YMCA and at one time he was editor of its journal 'The Triangle'. His was a fulfilling and active life, but, sadly one that was dogged by deafness. This proved to be a particular hardship in the day to day work of the Christian ministry.

It was through Hoyle's interest in youth work that led him to Budry's hymn, 'A toi la gloire, O Ressuscite'. Hoyle's translation first appeared in 'Cantate Domino', a hymn book published in 1924 by

the World's Student Christian Federation. Its original intention was to serve the international christian student scene and most of the hymns carried translations in French, German & English. This facility has made it invaluable to any international meeting of christians, for example, with gatherings held under the auspices of the World Council of Churches. 'Cantate Domino' is in its fifth edition (1974) and now published by the WCC, a Full Music edition appearing in 1980. Until then only the tune without the harmony appeared with the words edition. Gradually this hymn, wedded always to the familiar tune, has made itself known to church congregations. It might be interesting to contemplate how influential the BBC Songs of Praise has been in alerting congregations of all shades and persuasions to the wider hymn repertoire. 'Thine be the glory' was introduced into the Anglican fold via The Anglican Hymn Book (1965), then in 100 Hymns For Today (1969). This, with its partner, More Hymns For Today, forms the hymn book now used in our two churches. Nonconformist groups have also included the hymn; such as 'Christian Praise' a moderately sized hymn book for student unions, schools and church weekday meetings, published as early as 1957.

Budry's hymn of three verses is based on the Easter narrative. We have references to the stone rolled back and the folded grave clothes. 'Lo, Jesus meets us' is the reference to the women who went to visit the tomb and met the risen Lord. We have, even, a reference to Thomas' doubts in the line 'No more we doubt Thee'. The hymn will take its familiar place along side other hymns sung this Eastertide. It is also one of the few Easter hymns still sung outside the festival. And why not? One instance was at the St. Augustine celebration at Canterbury Cathedral last September. Perhaps more should be sung throughout the Christian Year. After all, the resurrection is the centre piece of the Faith.

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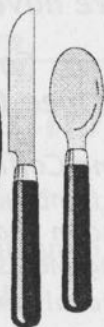
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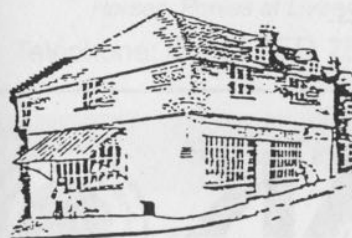
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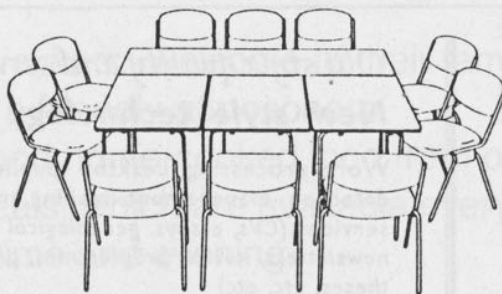
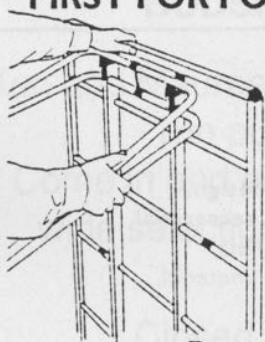
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