

## Diary for May 2017

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
7.30pm	Oake PCC	34 Merrifields, CSL
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	<b>5 St Luke Mews NOT the Community room because of the local elections</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>		
9.30am	Standing Committee	42 Graham Way, CSL
2.30pm	Funeral of Betty Berry	Hillfarrance Church
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		
11am-3pm	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale	Cotford St Luke
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Community Hall, CSL
6.30pm	Evensong	Hillfarrance Church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>		
10am - 3pm	Pray for Schools Day	Oake Church
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>		
10am onward	Churchyard Clear Up	Hillfarrance
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rev David Ager will be taking services in the Benefice</b>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield church
10.00am	Family Praise with Sunday School	Community hall, CSL
	Morning Worship	Hillfarrance Church
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>		
1.00pm	Church Lunch	Hillfarrance Church

Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Ignite! Fun activities for kids!	Community Hall, CSL
	Third Sunday talk - The Dean of Wells Cathedral "What's a cathedral for?"	Community room, CSL
	Holy Communion	Oake Church
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>		
11.15am	Holy Communion	93 Burge Crescent, CSL
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>		
10am	Ascension Day Service	Heathfield Church
5.15pm	Festival Eucharist	Wells Cathedral
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>		
8.30am	Holy Communion and breakfast	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Family Praise and Sunday School	Community Hall, CSL
6.30pm	Evensong	Oake Church
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June		
7.30pm	Heathfield with CSL PCC	42 Graham Way, CSL
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
7.00pm	Quiz Night	Community Hall, CSL
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>Pentecost</b>		
10.00am	Pentecost Benefice Communion with activities for children	Community Hall, CSL
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Noon-4pm	Dog Show & Fete	CSL

## Hillfarrance

### Churchyard Tidy Up

Help needed please on

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am** in Hillfarrance. Please bring tools. Refreshments will be provided. For more information speak to Adrian Dyke on 461440

### Cream Teas

We were blessed by a glorious day on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> when the garden was open at Harnham Farmhouse for cream teas. There were several stalls, a raffle and a wonderful play area for the children. The latter was by the kindness of our neighbours. Thanks to a marvellous team of helpers and the generosity of numerous people who made scones & cakes or gave prizes for the raffle or stalls we raised £700.00. A real team effort, well done everyone. Dawn

## Community Quiz in CSL

On **Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** in the school hall, CSL.

Teams of up 6 people with an optional fish and chip supper. More details to follow.

### Pilgrim Plodders

Due to a clashing date with the Yard sale, there will be no walk this month. The next walk will be on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dawn

### Hillfarrance Festival Weekend

Once again the marquee will go up on the Green and we will be having a weekend celebrating the Summer! On display will be the Community Quilt, which promises to be spectacular. The weekend will kick off with a folk concert in the marquee on

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** and there will be a Fete on **Saturday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.30pm**. More details from Sarah or Marcia

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### *Preb Alison writes...*

Annual church meetings can be just seen as another thing we have to do, but having just done the round of them I was glad of their existence, because it gave me the chance to thank you all for the many and various things you all contribute to the life and work of the parishes. It's not easy being small, rural parishes carrying an enormous load. If you compare the number of people who attend a large church in the Diocese and our own – yet both have to have 2 churchwardens, a secretary, treasurer and PCC – sharing the load is in quite a different order. It could make us quite despondent. This year, because of the number of burdens I'm carrying, despondency was quite high and I found it hard to think back on the joys of the previous year and look forward to the year to come, with its challenges and excitements. Usually I take great delight in this, as I prepare my Rector's report.

So you can imagine my delight when, amidst my preparation for 3 APCMs, I had also to prepare an assembly for Oake, Bradford and Nynehead school on the very topic of joy! But then I came across a Youtube clip of the Happy Pig. The happy pig looks around and is fed up when he sees so much grumbling and misery, and is determined to spread happiness. It becomes contagious, and the moral of the story is: Joy is an act of will!

This should in no way overrule the fact that there will be times when joy is hard to experience, and I don't believe we should go about with false smiles on our faces; but we do have so much to be joyful about, not least of which is our Easter faith. As Christians we should be known not only for our love, but for all the fruit of the Spirit – including joy.

So to add to the list of things which are an act of will, let's throw in Joy! I may be asking each week – what has brought you joy? You'd better ask me that same question!

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