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# Happy New Year

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who supports the magazine. We wouldn't be able to keep the magazine going without our generous advertisers, those who bring the magazine to your door and those who supply content. Please do email me with anything you'd like to be featured; it doesn't have to be about an event or for a group. Anything you feel would be of interest to people is always welcomed. If there is someone who would like to write a regular gardening column, that would be very much appreciated.

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## A new beginning in our parish

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Do you remember your baptism or confirmation day? Maybe not baptism, if you were baptised as a baby. But if you were baptised or confirmed a little older, it may stand out in your memory as a significant day. I was baptised at two months old and confirmed when I was twelve, which was pretty typical when I was younger. I still remember some of my confirmation classes and what I wore on my confirmation day. Once confirmed, I was allowed to receive communion – but not before.

Thinking has changed a bit about this today. If baptism represents full entry into Christian life, why should a person need to wait for confirmation before participating fully in the Eucharist, it is asked.

In the early days of the Church, candidates were baptised and confirmed by a bishop. When Christians grew in numbers there were more people coming forward for baptism than bishops to perform the ceremonies. Local priests baptised and bishops confirmed everyone recently baptised when they visited, by the laying on of hands invoking the Holy Spirit. Baptism and confirmation were thus separated into two ceremonies which grew years apart. Confirmation came to require maturity of understanding, 'entitling' a person to share in communion.

It's now argued these were not originally intended to be separated, and that there is no requirement on a person to 'qualify' for confirmation – it's simply received as a blessing through the grace of God. The Diocese of Chichester accepts this, and on application to the Bishop, a parish may receive permission to admit children to communion before confirmation. Our parish has applied and been given this permission by Bishop Martin. So in January we look forward to exploring this sacrament with our children at St Giles from 8+, allowing confirmation to become a further step on their Christian journey when they feel ready.

Wishing you every blessing for 2020,  
with love from Reverend Vivien

# Services for January

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## **Saturday 4th January**

Annual Church Clean

9.30am Saint Giles Church

## **Sunday 5th January Christmas Two**

9.00am Matins at Saint Giles [BCP]

10.30am Church on Sunday Saint Giles

[No Service at All Saints]

## **Sunday 12th January Epiphany 1**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

## **Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

6.00pm Taize Service All Saints Chapel

## **Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saint Chapel

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

## **Sunday 2nd February Candlemas**

9.00am Matins at Saint Giles [BCP]

10.30am Parish Eucharist Saint Giles

[No service at All Saints]

Cleaners: Annual Church Clean Saturday 4th January 2020

Flowers: Diane Bellis

## Sunday 26th January

Graffham Down Trust work party season continues this month with a session on Sunday 26th January. We have had a great start to the season, but there is still plenty to do. Again we will be offering tea, coffee and cake to fuel the fun and engage in a range of woodland maintenance activities including dealing with the light remains of various trees removed as a result of ash die back and/or tackling more of the coppicing area.

Meet near the Infant school at 9.30am for a 9.45am journey up the hill.

Remember, if you want a lift up the hill, contact Jim Kirke on 867026 or via email [jimkirke@hotmail.com](mailto:jimkirke@hotmail.com) at least 48 hours before the work party and hopefully something can be arranged. Any cake donations much appreciated by all.

## The Graffham Bookshelf

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*is at the village shop - have you seen it?*

**Supporting Stonepillow, books 50p or £1**

# Grey Squirrel

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## A tough nut to crack

I'm crouching behind my sofa hiding from a squirrel. While I'm here peering angrily out of the patio window it has given me time to reflect on the emotional journey that has led me to this place.

There was a time I was nuts about squirrels. As soon as I could walk I was out shrieking through the autumn leaves trying to grab a squirrel's bushy tail as it nimbly skedaddled up the nearest Sycamore. Looking back now I'm not sure what I planned to do with a squirrel had I ever caught one. Once caught it's actually illegal to release a Grey Squirrel because, despite their cute appearance, squirrels are extremely destructive. Grey Squirrels out-compete other animals for food and resources, destroy trees and harbour diseases.

The main problem is that they shouldn't really be in Britain, they are a North American species. We can blame Herbrand Russell, 11th Duke of Bedford for their invite. Herbrand's harebrained



plan was to import squirrels to embellish his estate at the start of the last century. Distributing squirrels as gifts he and his Victorian landowner chums assisted their spread across England. Our wildlife and

landscape just wasn't designed to accommodate this bold new American. Our native Red Squirrel, already in decline, was particularly hard hit. Attempts have been made over the years to control Britain's Grey Squirrel population but these animals seem indestructible.

In the last few weeks the battle has arrived in my back garden. I recently purchased a bird feeding station; an elaborate chandelier draped in peanut feeders, fat balls and coconut shells. Yet the Nuthatches, tits and finches are being usurped by a Grey Squirrel. I'm paying pounds and getting peanuts and it's the squirrel who is packing his cheek pouches. It feels like I have laid on a buffet for my friends only to find some American bloke (who I don't particularly like) has turned up to scoff the whole lot. For weeks we have been locked in an ongoing arms race. I don't want to kill him – I just want him off my new bird feeder. I've deployed Vaseline, peppers and counterbalances but each time I've been outfoxed. He is agile, acrobatic and very clever. Today I cracked. I purchased a squirrel proof baffle (£15.99), a large Perspex dome 100% guaranteed to make my peanut feeder impregnable. I installed it as the squirrel watched curiously and with a confident laugh I returned to my front room...to find the squirrel was already back on the peanut feeder. I have no idea how he's doing it and he's too smart to climb there if he's being watched. So here I am, behind the sofa trying to find out his secret. Whether trying to beat them nationally or just in our back gardens it really isn't reassuring to know we're being outsmarted by a rodent.

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# Graffham Christmas Fair

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The annual St Giles Christmas Fair took place, as is traditional, on the first Saturday of December.

A good crowd enjoyed a variety of stalls created by local volunteers. The Christmas Table was full of great gifts and Christmas decorations, whilst next door, the Produce Stall tables groaned under the weight of delicious, homemade chutneys, cakes, preserves and much more.

In addition to old favourites, including Bottlerama! Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake (a monster at just over 5kg) and the BricabracBocante, our Reverend Vivien did a brisk trade with her new Water into Wine game.

As ever the Silent Auction offered an array of wonderful lots to bid for, ranging from an Italian holiday destination to an antique brass 'Woodpecker' door knocker. Down in the Hall, the star prize in the Raffle was a huge hamper filled with fantastic items donated by local producers and retailers.

To complement our 'Local Stalls' there was a wonderful selection of 'Independent' crafters and artists. Newcomers this year included Graffham's own Lucie Haworth Wreaths and Country Artisan Interiors selling delightful handcrafted fabric gifts. Jo Morris featured





stunning pottery that she had created using Graffham clay and Diana Kingsmill sold all her fantastic knitwear, including the jumper she was wearing! Local artist Sue Hill was selling her beautifully illustrated cards and books for the benefit of the Church. She was also kind enough to provide the Fair Programme cover.

Other activities during the Fair included the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto, decorate a Christmas candle with Jan Brind and, up on the stage, Di Bowden ran a popular Children's space. The fun and games culminated in a Lego building competition and some of the winners are pictured here.

Apart from an opportunity to stock up on seasonal goodies and pick up extra special Christmas gifts, the Fair was a chance to socialise over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie from the Christmas Cafe or a spot of lunch provided by Sally Blunt from the Soup Kitchen.

The organisers would like to thank all those, and there are far too many to mention, who gave their time and expertise to create such a wonderful event. They would also welcome thoughts and comments to help plan next year! Contact by email at: [graffhamchristmasfair@gmail.com](mailto:graffhamchristmasfair@gmail.com)

# Graffham Calendar 2020

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## January

- Sun 5 Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm  
Sat 8 Graffham Empire Movies: film to be confirmed  
Sat 8 Graffham Garden Group Christmas lunch  
Sun 12 Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm  
Fri 17 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room  
Sun 19 Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm  
Mon 20 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting  
Wed 22 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club  
Sat 25 Burns Night, Empire Hall, 7pm  
Sun 26 Graffham Down Trust Work Party

## February

- Sat 15 Graffham Empire Movies, Rocketman  
Sat 15 Graffham Down Trust Work Party  
Wed 26 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club

## March

- Sat 7 Graffham Empire Movies: Official Secrets  
Sun 8 Graffham Down Trust Work Party  
Fri 13 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room  
Sun 14 Graffham Garden Group AGM  
Mon 16 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting  
Fri 20 The Simon Bates Band, Graffham Empire Hall  
Wed 25 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club  
Fri 27 Simply Dan, Graffham Empire Hall

## April

- Sat 4 Graffham Easter Market, 10.30-2.30, Empire Hall  
Wed 22 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club  
Sat 25 Graffham Empire Movies, Wild Rose

## May

- Sat 2 Graffham Garden Group spring plant sale  
Mon 11 Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall

Fri 15 Wed 27 May 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club  
Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall

## **June**

Wed 24 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## **July**

Sat 18 Graffham Garden Group Flower Show

## **November**

Fri 13 Fleetwood Bac, Graffham Empire Hall

## Thursday Club

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday 9th January at 2.30pm in the Empire Hall.

The speaker is Lou Lou Morris, who will be addressing the subject of 'Sculpture for Weaving'. This unusual craft involves decorating statues of varying sizes and different materials, e.g. stone, clay, etc. Once the tapestry is completed, the statue is 'dressed' in the woven material and then left outside to suffer the vagaries of the weather – possibly total disintegration.

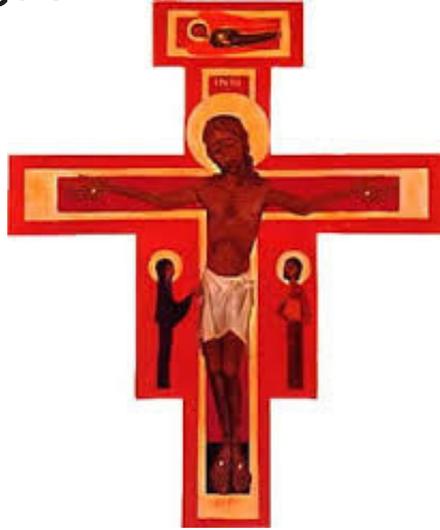
Charity support workers trained in this 'Ephemeral' craft, visit care homes to aid residents to join in this activity. With help and guidance the results can be quite spectacular.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company to hear about this unusual topic.

Raffle and refreshments, as usual.

# TAIZÉ PRAYER

*song, prayer and silence*



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 6pm**  
**All Saints Chapel, Graffham**

*All are welcome to this short ecumenical service  
using a pattern of worship from the Taizé  
Community.*

## **Tuesday 28 January 2020**

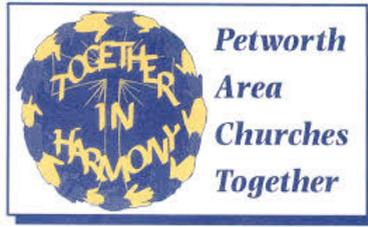
Oliver Stocken CBE will speak on 'The MCC, Lords and a few other things ...'. Oliver Stocken joined the Board of Standard Chartered PLC as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 1 June 2004. He is Chairman of Stanhope Group Holdings Limited, Chairman of the MCC and Chairman of the Trustees of the Natural History Museum.

Hall and Bar open at 7.00pm. Talk starts at 7.30pm. Donations and bar profits will go to Canine Partners.

## **Monday 17 February 2020**

Rt Hon Lady Justice Asplin DBE, (known to us as Sarah Sherwin) a Member of the Court of Appeal, will speak on 'A view from the Bench'. She was called to the bar (Gray's Inn) in 1984 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 2002. She became the Head of Chambers at 3 Stone Buildings in 2009, and was a deputy High Court Judge until her appointment to the High Court on 1 October 2012. She was the third woman to be assigned to the Chancery Division. She was promoted to the Court of Appeal on 7 October 2017. In January 2019, Dame Sarah's appointment as Chair of the Church of England's Clergy Discipline Commission was announced. She simultaneously became the President of the Tribunals.

The Hall and the bar will open at 7.30pm, and the talk will begin at 8.00pm. Donations and bar profits will go to World Vision.



celebrating the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

# **UNITY SERVICE 2020**

*'Unusual Kindness'*

**3pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**at St Mary's, Fittleworth**

**followed by tea**

**Leader: Rev'd David Crook**

A great time for us all to be together as friends in Christ from different churches in the area.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Guest Speaker

## Sue Sibley

*from camera club and beyond*

Artist and photographer, Sue Sibley ARPS, EFIAP, DPAGB & BPE2\* illustrates her photographic career through her varied images.

Midhurst Camera Club

7.30pm -10pm 22 January 2020

Cowdray Hall, Easebourne, GU29 0AW.

Visitors: £7 in advance £8 on the door.

Doors open 7.15pm

[midhurstcameraclub.co.uk](http://midhurstcameraclub.co.uk)

[www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk)

## Feeding local people in crisis

Your donations enable us to provide three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Working with local care professionals to identify those in need, we are able to provide short term relief and support as well as signposting people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problem.

Please help us to feed the hungry by buying some of the following non-perishable food items:

- Tomatoes - (Tinned)
- Tinned custard
- Sugar
- Orange juice (carton)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit - (Tinned)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Meat - (Tinned)
- Vegetables - (Tinned)
- Tuna / Fish - (Tinned)
- Pasta Sauce (Jar)
- Noodles (Dried)
- Tea Bags
- Rice Pudding - (Tinned)
- Chocolate
- Biscuits



Please donate to this food bank by putting any of the items on the list in the covered box in the back of St Giles Church, Graffham.  
 Any queries please ring Ann Brown on 01798 867561

### Catholic Church

The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Angel Street, Petworth, and St Anthony and St George, Duncton and The Divine Motherhood & St. Francis of Assisi Midhurst

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Newsam **01798 342 169**

**email:** pp.petworth@yahoo.co.uk

**Sunday**            08.00 Mass at Duncton  
                         09.30 Mass at Midhurst  
                         11.00 Mass at Petworth

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday            No Mass  
Tuesday           9.30am Mass at Petworth  
Wednesday       9.30am Mass at Midhurst  
Thursday          9.30am Mass at Petworth  
                         12.00noon Mass at Midhurst Convent  
Friday             6.30pm Petworth  
Saturday          9.30am Midhurst

**Confessions:** Petworth: Fridays 6.00pm  
                         Midhurst: Saturdays 10.00am

*Occasionally there will be changes but when these occur notices are displayed at the relevant Churches*

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### Midhurst Methodist Church

Minister: Rev David Muskett **01428 642921**

Sundays 10.00am Morning Worship

Body and Soul worship and lunch 12:30pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (except in August)

Toddler and Carer group 10am Thursdays during term times

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### Society of Friends (Quakers)

2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am St Ann's, Midhurst

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### Petworth United Reformed Church

Rev. Anne Lewitt, Minister

Secretary: Mrs Maureen Purser **01798 343 102**

Morning Service: Sundays 10.30 am

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### Petworth Area Churches Together

Friday Coffee Mornings At Petworth United Reformed between 10am and 11am – you will be made very welcome. Further information on PACT from Maureen Purser on 01798 343 102 or their website:

[www.petworthareachurchestogether.com](http://www.petworthareachurchestogether.com)

# Graffham and Duncton Schools

At the end of term, Graffham CE infant and Duncton CE junior Schools performed the Nativity play 'Children of the World' at Seaford College Johnson Centre.

A big thank you to the Seaford team for supporting our performance again this year, to the amazing PTA 'Friends of Graffham and Duncton' for their hard work in preparing for the performance; and to our fabulous staff in arranging an amazing event! Finally, a huge thanks to our fantastic children! They were wonderful!

Happy New Year everyone.





## Stonepillow Reverse Advent Calendar

A quick note to catch the January magazine to thank the wonderful and generous people of Graffham, St Giles Church, Graffham Infant School and Duncton Junior School for the amazing and huge collection of food, chocolate, warm gloves and hats, bedding, toiletries, and much else. We have three cars completely packed with your gifts to take to Stonepillow in Chichester in time for Christmas. Thank you all for engaging in this so enthusiastically. It is quite overwhelming!

Jan Brind and Ann Brown

# Creating Climate Capacity Competition

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Sussex Wildlife Trust has a £500 community grant for people to fund practical and novel approaches to tackling the climate change crisis. The fund can pay for a young person, community group, social enterprise, school or student association etc. to carry out work to help combat our current climate emergency. Examples of what you can use the community climate fund for include:

- Innovative ways to engage people with climate change
- Support for habitat restoration, wilding, and creating local carbon capacity
- Getting young people involved in creating climate resilient futures
- Funding to help write a community climate action plan
- Training to create climate literacy in your community
- Marine projects which boost climate resilience
- Projects that help instigate behavioural change for climate capacity
- And much more.

Applications can be from a group or an individual, but should state clearly how you think that your project will contribute to creating climate resilience, and how the money will be spent. All applications will be judged by a professional panel. The winner of the competition will be announced at the Landscape Innovation Conference on January 23rd 2020.

To apply, visit: <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/climate-capacity-competition>

Deadline is 10th January.

Please note: Successful projects will usually receive funding following completion of the project, however interim payments are possible on receipt of appropriate evidence. We will ask the winner to provide us with a short report with media / photos showing the progress of / completion of the work. Many thanks to our inspiring conference speakers whose expenses are foregone to pay for this grant.



GRAFFHAM EMPIRE HALL

# **BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION**

**Saturday 25th January**

**Doors open 7.00pm  
Dancing starts 7.30pm**

**DANCING TO  
THE SUSSEX PISTOLS  
PIPING IN THE HAGGIS  
BURNS SUPPER**

**Cost £30 per person  
Please bring your own drinks**

**Enquiries and to book please telephone  
Harriet Rowntree on 01798 867536  
or email: [crowntreeh@gmail.com](mailto:crowntreeh@gmail.com)**

**Dance practices in the Empire Hall:  
Sunday 5th and 12th and 19th of January 2020  
4-6pm, £2 per session**

An evening of music and dance with

# THE SIMON BATES BIG BAND

...Quite simply one of the best BIG BANDS the UK has to offer.

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 8.00PM**

**DOORS AND CASH BAR OPEN 7.30PM**

**EMPIRE HALL, GRAFFHAM, GU28 0QB**

Tickets are available from [empirehall.org.uk](http://empirehall.org.uk)

General Admission £20, seating not guaranteed

Balcony Area £35, with guaranteed seating



Demonstration Lindy Hop/Swing dancers will be there to show the way and provide ticket holders with an opportunity to practice before the event. As one can imagine space will be limited for this crackerjack evening and the dance area will be no less than 25 square meters (which is not as much as it might sound).

**DRESS AS SMART AS YOU WANT**

**The Simon Bates Big Band is an 18 piece power station of musical magic. The all-star line-up assembled by top saxophonist and musical director to the stars Simon Bates includes Shirley Bassey's lead trumpet player, members of funk band Incognito, a finalist of BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year, Van Morrison's drummer, The Syd Lawrence Band's front man and even a member of the Wombles!**

The programme will be assembled from an exciting mix of classic instrumental and vocal big band numbers from the great bandleaders including Glen Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington and from the stunning vocal arrangements sung by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Matt Monroe. The sound of all these amazing musicians playing full-on in the lively acoustics of The Empire Hall will take your breath away!

The Band has appeared as a headline act at many festivals including The 2019 Jazz Gin & Blues Festival and four appearances at the West Green House Festival.

Testimonials to Simon Bates' band include Alice Cooper, Charles Kennedy, Boy George, James Nesbitt, Anastasia, Robbie Coltrane, Jay Kay, Aleisha Dixon, Terry Wogan, Tony Hatch, Cilla Black, Chaka Khan and John Dankworth.

With many reviews in the public domain these two sum it up!

I don't think the word 'amazing' can be used enough times in one sentence to sum you up ...even if you were to put "amazingly amazing" - which still doesn't do it much justice!

**Jez Rose**

Thank you so much for last night, you were all wonderful and succeeded in creating the most amazing atmosphere in that room. Please pass my thanks on to all the members of the band and I'm sorry I was not able to thank them all personally at the end of the evening. You sounded wonderful and really added something exceptional to the occasion - were already worrying about how we are going to achieve the same next year!!

**Margaret Andraos**  
**English National Ballet**

# GRAFFHAM EMPIRE MOVIES

SPRING 2020 SEASON

Graffham Empire Movies (GEM) has been bringing some of the latest and greatest blockbusters to the silver screen in our very own village's wonderful Empire Hall for many years, in conjunction with West Sussex-based professional touring cinema Cinema2U.

It has built a tradition of screening great films with an opportunity for friends and neighbours to meet and greet, and all at prices which represent incredible value compared with the big town cinemas.

**Doors open at 7 pm for screenings at 7.30 pm.  
Tickets are sold at the door - £7.50 for adults and  
£5 for under 18s.**



Refreshments are available from the bar before the screening and during the interval - cold and hot drinks and tasty nibbles.



## SATURDAY 18 JANUARY COLETTE

**R 111 minutes**

Based on the incredible life of the iconic novelist Colette who fought for female empowerment and revolutionised literature and fashion in late 19th Century France.

After marrying an older man, she moves from her childhood rural home to the intellectual and artistic splendour of Paris, where her husband convinces her to write a novel to be published under his name - which becomes a sensation.

With towering performances by Keira Knightley and Dominic West, its beautiful belle epoque costumes, scenery, props and filming make a real treat for the eye.

*The GEM committee voted unanimously to open the spring 2020 season with this amazing movie.*

To help keep GEM financially viable, we are very grateful to the support from a number of local businesses - and encourage filmgoers to support them in return • Foresters Arms, Graffham • Graffham Village Shop • Harwoods of Pulborough LandRover • Hennings Wine Merchants, Petworth • Jackson Stops, Midhurst • White Horse, Graffham



SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

## ROCKETMAN

**R** 121 minutes

Based on the true fantasy that is the life and career of Elton John.

Featuring many of the best-known hits and astonishing costumes that made the singer songwriter one of the biggest superstars worldwide.

*A multiple award winner, Taron Egerton puts in a stellar performance in the title role, with Jamie Bell, Richard Madden and Gemma Jones also among the cast leads.*



SATURDAY 7 MARCH

## OFFICIAL SECRETS (TO BE CONFIRMED)\*

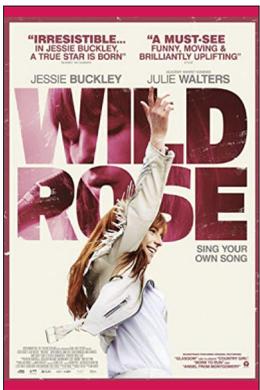
**R** 112 minutes

Another true story – and also featuring Keira Knightley, this time as a British whistleblower who leaked information to the press about an illegal spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The story made headlines around the world... and the rest, as they say, is history.

*The cast includes some of Britain's brightest current acting talents – Matt Smith, Ralph Fiennes, Jeremy Northam, Rhys Ifans, Tamsin Greig...*

*Described by one reviewer as “understated edge-of-the-seat stuff”.*



SATURDAY 25 APRIL

## WILD ROSE

**R** 101 minutes

A troubled working class Glaswegian young single mum dreams of becoming a Nashville country star and put right her chaotic life.

*BAFTA named Jessie Buckley as one of their “Rising Stars” for 2019, she proves why in the title role, while Julie Walters also headlines as her Mum.*

*Among its five-star reviews, The Guardian described it as “a rousing, crowd-pleasing movie to set hearts and heels pounding”, while Variety magazine said it “sweeps you along, touching you down in a puddle of well-earned tears”.*

\*Watch for updates via Graffham Parish News, Facebook's Graffham Noticebook and the GEM pages at [www.empirehall.co.uk](http://www.empirehall.co.uk) or sign up for our emails at [graffhamempiremovies@gmail.com](mailto:graffhamempiremovies@gmail.com)



Celebrating the  
**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
 for Christian Unity  
 20-24 January 2020

# DAILY TIME TOGETHER

**Listen, Pray, Share & Lunch**  
 United Reformed Church, Golden Square,  
 Petworth

**30 minute devotional, “prayer and share”  
 followed by soup & rolls**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Reconciliation	Rev'd Anne Lewitt
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Seek and show Christ's light	Fr Peter Newsam
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Keep up your courage	Rev'd Kate Bailey
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Trust: Do not be afraid, believe	Fr Peter Mallinson
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30pm	Keep your strength up	John & Sue Riddell

The theme ‘Unusual Kindness’ provides the opportunity to reflect on how we bring hope & life into our communities, bring growth & restoration into places of struggle and bring strength & love into our relationships with God & each other.  
 May you be very blessed through this time together!

## **Forthcoming Meetings**

Friday 17th January 2020 – 6.30pm Finance Committee Meeting-7pm. GPC Meeting followed by a KMGF Meeting. Both at Empire Hall.

Friday 13 March 2020 – 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room.

Monday 11 May 2020 – Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall.

Friday 15 May 2020 – Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall.

Agendas, along with draft and approved minutes, are available on [www.graffham-pc.uk](http://www.graffham-pc.uk) and on the notice board outside the Empire Hall.

Other information including contact details for all councillors, dates of forthcoming meetings and procedural documents can be found on [www.graffham-pc.uk](http://www.graffham-pc.uk)

Tracy Rowe

Clerk

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## The Graffham Easter Market

It will be held in The Empire Hall on Saturday 4th April 2020,  
10.30-2.30pm.

If any Local Crafts or Produce people would be interested  
in renting a stall in the hall on that day, please contact:

Jacky Gregory

email: [jackygregory@btinternet.com](mailto:jackygregory@btinternet.com)

# Rental Property Which May Be Used For Criminal Purposes

Community Safety partners have seen rental properties across the county – including Airbnb properties – being used for organised crime/drug dealing/sexual exploitation and other crime.

Local residents and businesses are urged to report concerns if they think properties are being used for criminal purposes.

The majority of guests at hotels, rental accommodation or caravan parks are there to have an enjoyable time. However, there may be a small number who are using these locations as a base to carry out serious criminal activity. If you have concerns about what you are seeing or hearing, please raise these with the owner, your manager or the police.

## Who is your guest?

This is a Crimestoppers campaign that highlights the types of criminal activities which could be taking place, and what to do if you suspect these are taking place. The campaign can be found here:

**<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/campaigns-media/campaigns/hotel-and-rental-sector-community>**

If you prefer not to click on this link, please search online for Crimestoppers.

If you're interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch, or want to find out more, visit **[www.sussexnwfed.org.uk](http://www.sussexnwfed.org.uk)** or send an email to [enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk).



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# Stonepillow Reverse Advent Calendar

In December, St Giles Church was pleased to support the Stonepillow 'Reverse Advent Calendar' Appeal, providing an opportunity to GIVE rather than receive in the approach to Christmas.

The children, families and teachers at Graffham Infants and Duncton Juniors were also keen to get involved, and both schools made a wonderful collection of items from an 'Advent Calendar' style list of 24 items provided by Stonepillow. This included socks, hats, razors, deodorant, sets of sheets, as well as pasta, biscuits and chocolate. The children at Duncton also made special gifts to Stonepillow folk, writing individual messages on Christmas labels to show their loving concern for people having a difficult time, without a home to call their own. So much was collected that the cars of our congregation members delivering the gifts were overflowing. THANK YOU to all those who so generously donated showing giving to others in need is at the heart of the true meaning of Christmas. Bless you for your great KINDNESS.

Reverend Vivien





# In the Garden

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## Top 10 jobs this month

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
3. Mulch any beds that haven't already been covered
4. Test the viability of old seeds
5. Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rots or drying out
6. Prune apple and pear trees
7. Start forcing rhubarb
8. Plan your vegetable crops for the coming season
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
10. Make a shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl.

Cold weather can affect your health. The people most likely to be affected are the elderly, the very young, and people with pre-existing medical conditions.

If you know or look after someone that may be susceptible to the effects of this cold weather period, please help make sure that they stay warm and well, and if possible check in advance that they are prepared for this cold spell.

- Stay tuned in to weather forecasts
- Check room temperatures and maintain it at 18°C or warmer.
- Keep warm and active and if you have to go out dress warmly and wear non-slip shoes.
- If you are concerned about your own health or welfare or that of others please alert the emergency services.

For more information:

- Met Office Cold Weather Alert
- NHS Keep Warm Keep Well leaflet
- WSCC Dealing with extreme weather
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18.30 - 19.20 SCULPT with Ben Banbury  
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The Friends of Chichester Cathedral have marked the start of their 9th decade by launching The Corporate Friends – a new membership category especially for the local business and commercial community.

During the 80 years of its existence, the Friends have played a major role in supporting the Cathedral. Over the last three years alone, the Friends have contributed over £375,000 towards such diverse projects as a new choral scholarship, new chairs throughout the cathedral and sponsorship of the 2019 Southern Cathedrals Festival.

The Cathedral is central to the wider community in Chichester primarily, of course, as a centre for Christian worship. However it is also a major feature in the Chichester landscape, attracting many visitors and enterprises to the city and surrounding region each year from which the local business and commercial community derives considerable benefits.

Membership of the Corporate Friends provides businesses and enterprises with the opportunity to support the Cathedral and to ensure that it continues to thrive and serve the local community.

Corporate Friends membership subscription costs £100 per year and, in addition to contributing to the funding of the Cathedral, Corporate Friends will enjoy full Friends membership benefits as well as an annual invitation to a Corporate Friends Reception.

Chichester Cathedral Friends very much hope that the local business community will support this important new initiative.

Prospective Corporate members can join online at:

**<https://chichestercathedralfriends.selz.com>**

The Friends are a registered charity. For more information on The Friends in general visit: **<https://chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends>**

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# Graffham Garden Group

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# Be An Angel: Help Save St. Giles' By Donating Just £10 A Month

St. Giles' has been at the heart of Graffham village life for a thousand years – but today its future as an independent parish is in doubt.

Unfortunately, despite economising in all sorts of ways, for the last few years the church has run an annual deficit of £8000 to £10,000. On top of this, we now need to raise funds for the maintenance of the church building and our wonderful bells.

Please help us to balance the books and save St. Giles'.

## Graffham Without St. Giles'

Even if you are not a regular worshipper, it's hard to imagine village life without a thriving church:

- Without somewhere to come together as a community at Easter, Remembrance Day and Christmas
- Without somewhere to hold important family occasions like Christenings, Weddings and Funerals
- Without the wonderful sound of bells ringing out on a Tuesday evening and Sunday morning
- Without an institution that supports our local schools that are also under enormous financial pressure
- Without a vicar to help support those who are elderly, alone or vulnerable in our village

## Local Churches Are Closing Right Now

Unfortunately, local churches are closing all the time. Right now, the Holy Trinity church in Worthing is on the market, waiting for a developer to take it on.



Holy Trinity Church, Worthing:  
Currently For Sale

## Please Be An Angel and Give Just £10 A Month

If we could find 100 Angels to make a regular donation of £10 a month, with gift aid this would help us raise £15,000: eradicating the deficit immediately and allowing us to carry out required maintenance work. Please give whatever you feel you can: whether £2, £5 or £10 a month or more.

## It's Easy To Set Up A Regular Donation:

1. Pick up a Parish Giving form from Graffham Village Shop or St. Giles' church.
2. Fill in the form, and don't forget to add gift aid if applicable.
3. Post it in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

**Bless You For Being An Angel.**

