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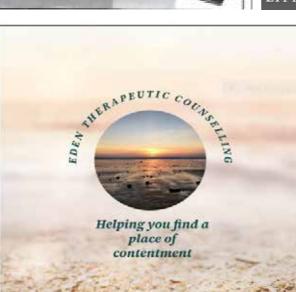
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<u>March</u>

Sunday 3 rd Coffee & Cake after the service			Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th	Durrants Village	10.30a	am Holy Communion
NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME			
Sunday 10 th		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th		11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th	Palm Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
	Liturgy of the Passion		
Thursday 28 th	Maundy Thursday	7pm	Holy Communion
Friday 29 th	Good Friday	12 noc	on
	Liturgy of the Day		
Sunday 31 st	Easter Sunday	11am	Holy Communion

Information on services is updated monthly on: www.rusperchurch.org.uk

Why not visit the Rusper Church website and follow Nick on Facebook? If a priest is required at short notice and Nick is unavailable, please contact the Churchwardens.

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Minister		
Churchwarden	Mr Stephen Busby	01293 871219
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What's in a Name?

On my last trip to the Holy Land a visit was made to a village not far from Bethlehem which I had wanted to see for a long time. Among the residents of al Khader almost every single man and boy is called 'George' or 'Khader', the Muslim equivalent of George. Of course I wanted to see the village church – guess what? Yes, Saint George's!

Of mixed Palestinian and Syrian parentage, Saint George himself came from this very village. George was a historical figure with whom many myths and legends have become intertwined. He was a Christian in the Roman army, who refused the order to kill fellow believers and so was imprisoned and executed. I was able to reverence the chains in which it is said George was held captive, and which are kept in the church into which our Muslim hosts welcomed us.

Al Khader literally translates 'the green one', and with his Springtime Eastertide feast day he is a figure of new life and growth. Perhaps this is why we have taken him to our hearts as being as typically English and evocative of 'Merrie England'. George is sometimes also identified with the Prophet Elijah and as such is honoured by both Christians and Muslims.

Above all in these troubled times we pray for communities and nations divided by increasing violence to focus on a common desire for peace and a true love – not least love of the holy lands to which many faiths claim a sense of belonging, even while engaged in their wanton destruction.

The international community of the Church like the village of al Khader is made up of those who share one name. Christians carry the name of Jesus Christ and seek to live as sisters and brothers in the one human family.

Nick

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Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update. rusperchurch.org.uk





Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parish. He is keen to be told if someone has moved in and to have an opportunity to visit newcomers. Holy Communion can be arranged for the housebound or those who are sick. Nick tries to take Friday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Friday in matters of urgency

RUSPER CHAT 2024



Friday 22 March 2.30 pm Jill, Rusper House Lodge. 871671

PLEASE CONTACT THE MONTH'S HOST IF A LIFT TO ANY CHAT MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL

ALL WELCOME!

Rusper Sports Club Exciting News!

Major upgrades are about to start very soon. These include:

- complete refurbishment of court 2, including new fencing and multi-sport court markings
- a new basketball practice area at the far end of the two courts
- resurfacing of court 1 and remarking of tennis lines
- improvements to the car park area and disabled access
- more activities for members as a result of the improvements
- we are looking for local businesses to advertise and or/sponsor us email

secretary@ruspersportsclub.co.uk if you can help

Mike Costa, our tennis coach, will be adding walking tennis to his normal sessions, which already include adult/child tennis coaching (individual, paired or group), rusty rackets and cardio tennis. Contact Mike on 07944 775262.

Horsham Crusaders, the resident football team, will continue with matches and practices. They are also looking for more footballers from 16 years old to veterans to join their teams. The new multi-sport court means that they will also be able to add walking football to their list of activities. For more information email secretary@ruspersportsclub.co.uk

Rusper Sports Club Committee

RUSPER CHRONICLE

Our February meeting was postponed due to the importance of a meeting on the proposed development West of Ifield the same evening. We were sorry to postpone it, but West of Ifield is an important issue for the future of Rusper.

PUTTING PEN TO PAPER will be the subject of our next meeting on Tuesday March 12th.

So, who are some of these people who have left us a record of life in Rusper? Thomas Marchant is the earliest, keeping a diary from 1712 to 1728. He was a yeoman farmer living in Hurstpierpoint – but his wife, Elizabeth Stone, was born and brought up at Rusper Nunnery, and there are plenty of items in the diary referring to Rusper. The Stones lived at the Nunnery for well over 100 years. We have a copy of this very copious diary for you to see and much to learn of life as a yeoman farmer.

Between 1820 and 1840 Thomas Smith, Curate at Rusper. kept notes on the village and its residents. In 1920 Revd Synnott published his less than fond memories in "Five Years of Hell in a Sussex Village" but remained Rector for several years afterwards.

In 1908 Herbert Adams came as headmaster to Rusper School. His small son remembers Rusper School and life in Rusper and an idyllic childhood till the coming of the First World War. Almost at the end of the Second World War Ron Farley wites home to his mother. And now our own Rector has written his memories in "A Tithe of Rosemary".

As always at our meetings we try and go back to original documents, so plenty to look at. Do you have other written accounts? If so, please bring them to share. And hear more about all these people writing of life in Rusper through the ages.

Tuesday 12th March, 7pm in the small hall, Rusper Village Hall.

Margaret White

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EARLY NOTICE – FASHION SHOW

St Mary Magdalene Church, Rusper invites LADIES to a FASHION SHOW Event venue: Rusper Village Hall

Date to be confirmed April to July 2024 in the evening. Ticket entrance price tbc

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RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – January 2024

These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.

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subscribe: www.rusper-pc.org.uk.

Present: M Cooke (Chair), Cllrs G Hussey (Vice Chair), M Fenton, G Sallows, S White, M Fillmore, F Maitland-

Smith, E Kitchen (HDC).

Declaration of Interests

No declarations were made.

Climate Crisis

The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made

within meeting have consideration to this.

Minutes of previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the previous combined Council meeting held on 19th December

2023 with one change to the attendance list. The Chair signed the minutes.

Open Forum

A member of the public asked if there was a hedge cutting schedule for this year? The Clerk has not received the schedule yet, but it is due soon and will be uploaded on to the website.

Reports from other Authorities

District Councillor Liz Kitchen –noted that there is an increase in the Council Budget Precept, increase in car parking in District Council car parks, Local Plan going through the Public consultation process.

Currently a debate on whether to spend £10M on the Capitol Theatre to refurbish it.

Active Planning Applications

DC/23/2322 Chowles Farm. It was RESOLVED to strongly object to this application.

DC/24/0036, DC/24/0038, DC/24/0037, DC/24/0034, DC/24/0033 Stumbleholme Farm Rusper Road Ifield

West Sussex RH11 0LQ. It was RESOLVED to strongly object to these applications.

DC/23/2328 Mowbray Sub Phase 2 Old Holbrook Horsham West Sussex. No further comment.

DC/23/2325 Scrag Copse Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield West Sussex. It was RESOLVED to strongly object to this application.

DC/23/2326 Wood End Farm Ifield Wood Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LE. It was RESOLVED to support to this application.

DC/21/1427 Horsham Consultation for 221 units, need to comment on the consultation today. Water for 650 units and 220 for Morrisons. The Parish Council agreed the water neutrality statement supporting this development is inaccurate and against the current environmental crisis as reported by Natural England and the planning application should not be permitted.

Reports from Representatives

Cllr S White – no update on speed limits. It was agreed that a new battery should be purchased for the SID.

Cllr G Hussey – Feedback received from the Police liaison meeting regarding illegal Gatwick field parking. A new quotation to finish to the Operation Watershed work was received and distributed to Council.

Cllr R Gatt – Wimlands Operation Watershed –Clerk to meet Cllr Gatt to see the work required and issue a new application to WSCC.

Cllr M Cooke – WSALC forum Chair attended the meeting feedback was that training is key for new Councillors, there is a short supply of Clerks.

ESCC spend 70% of budget on adult care and social services and S106 money is going on infrastructure not affordable housing. The Precepts are increasing around 5 to 6%.

Ifield Court Hotel footpath was in a bad state and has been reported.

Clerk Update

Clerk to reissued reports regarding the Hillybarn Road sign, Langhurst Hill Lane and the hedge opposite The Star pub, update given on Ghyll Manor planning application and the streetlight in Cooks Mead.

Local Plan Extra Parish Meeting 13th February 2024

The Council are holding an Extra Parish meeting on 13th February to discuss the draft Local Plan.

Rusper Sports Club Management

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Section 106 money was awarded for the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

CAGNE/GATWICK

Reports sent in advance of the meeting and are published on the website, email response to CAGNE agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Feedback from the NPSG meeting, draft Landscape Survey had been issued. Draft letter proposed to Council to Natural England to be emailed by Clerk.

Emergency Planning

The draft webpage to address emergency planning was shown the Councillors.

Civility and Respect Pledge

Resolved - to sign up to the civility and respect pledge.

Financial

It was RESOLVED to approve the report, including the bank reconciliation and the schedule of payments.

Future Parish Council meetings

It was **agreed** to hold 2 separate Parish Council meetings again commencing at 7pm, details are on noticeboards and website.

Next meeting is Tuesday 13th February 2024 Extra Parish Meeting – Local Plan.

Combined Planning and Parish Council meeting 27th February 2024.

Parish Clerk

CHURCH CLEANING

March 1 st	Barbara Lloyd	01293 871472
March 8 th	Eileen Hallam	
March 15 th	Judy Butler	01293 871845
March 22 nd	Maggie True	01293 871722
March 29 th	Shona Lidstone	01403 248472

Sue Matthewson 01293 871266

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RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB

Thank you to all those people who continue responding to the request for new members. The Rusper Church 200 Club is one of the continuing forms of income to our lovely church during these challenging times. You can continue to help by joining the 200 Club or buying additional shares. All the details about the Rusper Church 200 Club including past winners. the Rules and an Application Form, are on the Church's web-site at www.rusperchurch.org.uk under "THE CHURCH IS YOU" tab. Just print off and complete the Application Form and then either e-mail it to me at johnmichaeljory@yahoo.co.uk or send it to me at: Elsinoro, Horsham Road, Rusper, Horsham, RH12 4PR. Many thanks to all of you who have been regularly contributing to enable us to make a significant contribution towards the running costs of the Church over the past few years. The results of the latest draws are:

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John Jory

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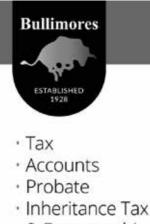




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