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Families are invited to come to make the annual Easter Garden at Berwick Church followed by hot cross buns and refreshments in the garden.

Easter Egg Hunt

2.00 pm Saturday, 8th April at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Wilmington

Join in the fun with our Easter Egg Hunt. Refreshments will be served, and everyone's welcome.

Shirley Pearce

Arlington Village Market and Coffee Morning

10.00 am - Noon, Tuesday 11th April at Arlington Village Hall.

All are welcome. There will be bread, cakes, quiches, local eggs and regular stalls. Thank you to everyone who support our Village Market, it is a very social occasion and proving to be a popular event.

For further information please contact Anne Hope: Tel. 01323 486219, Email anntonyhope@gmail.com

Arlington's Pop-Up Museum will also be at the village markets. For further information please contact Wendy:

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The May market will be on Tuesday 9th May (the second Tuesday of the month) as usual.

Pauline Jackson

Firle and Beddingham Women's Institute

7.30 pm Wednesday 12th April at Firle Village Hall

On Wednesday 8th March 13 members enjoyed a very interesting talk on Chailey Heritage. It was set up in the early 1900s for disabled boys from the East End of London to help them learn a trade and make something of their lives. Girls joined them shortly after and it was later used by soldiers returning from the First World War who had lost limbs and needed somewhere to recuperate.

In 1948 the NHS was started, and they took over the hospital and accommodation

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and that was when it became a residential home for children with complex disabilities and health needs who could not be looked after anywhere else. Since then, it has evolved into the most amazing place and almost 100 children ranging from 3-19 can be looked after there. Some children come to Chailey by day and others are residents. Recently they have added 'Chailey Future' for 19-25 year olds to help them learn a trade that they can use for later life.

Our speaker illustrated his talk with pictures of the facilities they have there as well as telling us about the new technology such as 'Eyegaze', which is now used for communicating with non-verbal patients. All the children are in wheelchairs and the school has been adapted to make every child's life as fulfilling as possible. He talked about 'Hippotherapy' which is therapeutic riding (the children love this as they can be mobile on a pony) as well as having a hydrotherapy pool for them to use so their limbs can be free to move in warm water.

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April, and we shall have a talk on Ronald McDonald House at Brighton Hospital. Do join us.

Rosemary Norris

President Tel: 07784 707016

Village HUB

*10.30 am to 12.30 pm Monday 17th April
at A&S Village Hall*

Join us for the next village HUB - a regular Monday morning spot throughout the year. We will be serving refreshments, delicious tea and coffee as well as homemade cake. So why not join us, pop in anytime during the morning. It is open to all ages, you could bring your little ones for a run around and meet up with neighbours and friends, young and old.

There will be a regular stall run by Selmeaton church selling cakes and quiches so you don't have to go home empty-handed.

As we develop, we are hopeful there will be other things for sale, maybe garden produce, homemade goods, cards, seeds

or plants and hopefully a food bank in time.

This is an idea in progress, and we can hopefully grow into something our small community will use and participate in. Any suggestions or volunteers are welcome.

Future dates include 22nd May and 19th June and will be advertised in the Village News, village WhatsApp groups and notice boards. Please contact any of the committee below if you have any questions or need help with transport to and from the hall. Contact: Thea 07772 155772, Helen 07969 732109, Mairi 07582 938185 or Janie 07785 940915.

Rachel Lewis

Adult Confirmation Classes

Two adults are meeting to prepare to be confirmed on 2nd July. If you're interested in joining them, or simply want to come along to ask questions about Christian faith and worship, you'll be very welcome. Please contact me at

peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk.

All meetings are at Berwick church at 7.00 pm (except where stated otherwise) on Wednesdays 26th April / 3rd May / 7th June / 14th June / 21st June (6.00 pm) / 28th June (6.00 pm)

Peter Blee

Canterbury Cathedral Miracle Windows

*6.45 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 29th April
at Alciston & Selmeaton Village Hall.*

An illustrated talk on the Miracle Windows by Leonie Seliger (Director of Stained Glass Conservation at the Canterbury Studios and designer of the Selmeaton Pilgrim Window) promises to be a fascinating evening. The "miracle windows are a triumph of early Gothic pictorial narrative and an unparalleled storehouse of medieval pilgrimage imagery". The evening will begin with drinks and canapés from 6.45 pm. Tickets are £10 each on the door and all donations to Selmeaton and Alciston churches will be welcome.

Stephanie Lewis Grey

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King Charles III's Coronation Celebration at Berwick

*12.00 to 2.00 pm Sunday 7th May
at Berwick Village Hall*

We are planning a celebration for the Coronation for King Charles and the Queen Consort on the Sunday after the Coronation Day. The village hall is booked and teas and coffees will be available.

There will be music, laughter and hopefully lots of cake and sandwiches to celebrate the Coronation a part of history in our time, everyone is welcome.

We ask that each family brings something for the afternoon tea buffet table such as crisps, biscuits, quiche, any donations of cakes and sandwiches will also be gratefully received.

Any volunteers to help with the teas and coffees would be appreciated please email sue.woodgate1@btinternet.com if you can help or would like more information.

Sue Woodgate

Chair and Secretary Tel. 01323 870078

King Charles III's Coronation Celebration at Selmeaton

*3.00 to 6.00 pm Sunday 7th May
at Alciston and Selmeaton Village Hall*

Mark this historic occasion and join us for a Coronation Celebration Tea with fizz on arrival and a selection of delicious savouries and cake.

Enjoy some outside games, a bottle tombola (we'll be coming for donations!) and a right Royal celebration. Wearing a homemade Coronation crown is highly encouraged with a PRIZE for the best!

The paying bar will be open and the costs are £10 per head or £5 for children under 10.

Contact us to book your place:

Thea 07772 155772,
Helen 07969 732109,
Mairi 07582 938185,
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Rachel Lewis

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Drinks Evening

*6.00 - 7.30 pm Saturday 10th June
in the garden of Geoff and Rosalind
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Arlington, BN26 6SJ*

All are welcome and donations will be invited towards the work of Eastbourne Networkx supporting refugees living in the local area.

Music will be provided by The Melodic Brass Ensemble.

Parking is either on the layby opposite Wellstead or in Tye Hill Road on the grass verge opposite Bates Green Farm.

For further details and RSVP please contact: geoff.daintree@gmail.com or call 07921 722403

Geoff Daintree

Date for your Diary: The 2023 Alciston and Selmeaton Flower Show

*2.00 - 4.00 pm Sunday 13th August
at A&S Village Hall.*

Well everyone, the time is fast approaching to start thinking about the flower show again and we hope that this year's show will be even better than the show last year.

For newcomers to the village this is the 52nd anniversary of the show and features

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classes for fruit and vegetable, flowers, flower arranging, housekeeping and home produce, photography and handicrafts, as well as classes for children from 1-12 years.

Entries need to be staged by 11.00 am on the day of the show. Doors are then closed for judging and the doors re-open at 2.00 pm to enable people to view the produce and take part in a variety of activities, e.g. welly-whanging, chipping and putting, tug of war and a range of activities for children.

Prizegiving is at 4.00 pm. Cups are awarded to class winners, and children winning classes receive a £5 prize for each class they win - which can be quite lucrative if they win several classes!

We will be distributing this year's schedule in April so you can take this into account when planning what to grow in your garden. This year there is an additional class for children to grow their own sunflower and we shall be distributing sunflower seeds to families with children. A fact sheet on tips for growing and showing vegetables is available on request.

This is a great family event. We were a little disappointed last year as there were very few children's entries from the village and we would love to improve this. If you are going to be away, we would be happy to receive your entries before you go, and to stage them for you on the day. (Clearly not entries which will go off before the show!)

We are also keen to encourage exhibits for the flower arranging classes and will be running a session on flower arranging for anyone who (like me) is nervous about this, later in the year.

Finally, we would be grateful for suggestions about activities for the afternoon and also please can we ask for volunteers to help run activities on the day of the show. It doesn't have to be the whole afternoon, an hour would be fine, but it would increase the range of things we are able to offer.

Jan Matthews-Moulding

Berwick Produce Show A Fun Family Afternoon Please Help - We Need Volunteers!

19th August 2023 at Berwick Village Hall

The produce show committee are well underway with the planning for this year's show. For those who don't know about our lovely show, it is held every year at the village hall and playing field. We aren't just a produce show there is lots for everyone to see and do.

We have a great band called 'Recycled', side stalls, tea room with loads of cakes and sandwiches, craft tent, mini car boot sale, not forgetting the family dog show and much more.

The main marquee is full of the produce show entries, you really don't have to be an expert gardener, photographer, crafts person, flower arranger, cook, and artist to enter any of our classes.

Take a look at the show schedule when it comes through your door in April, there are classes for everyone. We also have open classes for entries from outside Berwick.

The children's classes are always great fun it's amazing to see their artwork and imagination, these classes are open to all the children in the village, they love winning the cash prizes and we are increasing the cash prize this year for children's classes and they can win a cup as well!

We are a really friendly bunch of people and are looking for volunteers to help us, we wouldn't be able to run the show without a band of helpers. If you would be interested in helping for set up on Friday 18th August or on show day, even an hour helping on show day really helps, for more details please

[email.sue.woodgate1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.woodgate1@btinternet.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the show.

Sue Woodgate

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The Cuckmere Valley Lunch Club

The Cuckmere Valley Lunch Club which took place at our Alciston and Selmeston village hall, has now been wound up.

For quite a few years, before Covid brought a halt to proceedings, the lunches had proved a very popular meeting place for villagers. A large number of people from Alciston, Arlington, Alfriston, Berwick, Firle, Ripe and Selmeston were regular attendees of the lunches each month, joined by a lot more for the super Christmas dinners.

During that period, we were very grateful, not only for the original donations of more than £2000 to start it up, but also for the continuing donations each month that helped to keep the events going. At the end we even managed to make a small profit. So we have agreed that the monies left over will be donated to some other deserving causes in the area. We decided that not only this worthy journal, The Parish (now Village) News, receive a donation, but also Firle Primary School, St Wilfrid's Hospice and Friends of Eastbourne Hospital. They will all receive a share of the money left.

From the beginning we said that any kitchen equipment we purchased would remain in the village hall, even if we ceased the lunches, and it has. Since that time, it has been put to good use by the many of the people who have used the hall for a large variety of events. We also hope that in the future anybody, (younger than us) who wants to re-start a lunch club will make good use of it.

We would finally like to give a big thank to the many helpers who gave their time for nothing each month to make the lunches a success. We would love to name them all, but if we missed one out that we forget, from a list, would be unfair, so we just say, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND THANK YOU!

*Eileen Fisher, Ginny Lewis
and Linda Champion*

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball is a game for all ages, growing in popularity in the UK. It's a brilliant, fun and sociable game that's a gentle cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis. It's easy to pick up and players at all levels are very welcome.

Just contact my number below and we can arrange a session. Look forward to seeing you there.

Helen - Tel. 07969 732109

"Life in UK" Quiz Night

On Saturday 4th March, people gathered at Berwick Village Hall for a challenge - did they know enough about the UK's "long and illustrious history", its "modern and thriving society" or even "government, law, and our role" to pass the test required of all who wish to become Citizens of the United Kingdom? The quiz was made up of questions from the official book "Life in UK, Practice Questions and Answers", plus a few based on UK life as it is these days for asylum seekers and refugees. The teams who participated gained an average of 85% (compared with the passing threshold of 75%), so they were given home-made certificates.

I think I can honestly say, great fun was had by all. It was in aid of Sanctuary Eastbourne, which is a Community Interest Company seeking to help asylum seekers, refugees and others with uncertain immigration status. Our thanks to all who have donated to this good cause.

More information on the work of Sanctuary Eastbourne is to be found on the website www.sanctuarycafeeastbourne.com, or you could contact us at hellosanctuarycafe@gmail.com.

C Ruth Butlin

Parish Councils Have Their Say on Changes to Planning Laws

All local parishes are seeing their green spaces under threat from developers who, in both Wealden and Lewes council areas, are using the lack of a Local Plan by the District Councils as a rationale for

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targeting sites for developments that neither meet local housing need nor are affordable to residents. This has not been helped by national planning law which, up until now, sees Local Plans that set out where housing should and shouldn't go, and what infrastructure is needed to support them, needing to be updated every five years; this enables planning inspectors to overturn local refusals for applications and sets unrealistic housing numbers as a guide to how much housing needs to be built in an area.

After months of Sussex MPs lobbying Government to change these planning laws, we have at last some light at the end of the tunnel. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is to be changed as part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill that the Government is putting through parliament. Proposals include:

- ◆ Moving to a Brownfield first strategy that will protect our green spaces.
- ◆ Making it harder for planning inspectors to overturn local decisions.
- ◆ Ending the need to renew Local Plans every five years.
- ◆ Scrapping housing numbers so local areas can set their own plans.

Our local Parishes are now responding to the NPPF consultation to feed in the changes they would like to see, and we expect the new national policy to come in this Spring, which should make it harder for developers to target our local area and concrete over our green spaces. Every village from Chailey to Wivelsfield, Plumpton to Ringmer, Newick to Berwick and towns like Polegate have seen local decisions overturned by inspectors and sites not suitable for housing given permission against the will of local people. None of us are against housing but it must be in the right place, with the necessary infrastructure and affordable for local people if it is to meet our housing needs. I will continue to lobby ministers to make sure the progress promised happens so that we can protect our wonderful local area from over development.

Maria Caulfield MP

April's Gardener's Diary

Now the clocks have changed and hopefully the weather's getting warmer, we can start sowing some seeds. Carrots, Beetroot, Peas, Turnips, Radish and Leeks can go in, but only if the soil is workable.

First early potatoes should be planted by now and second earlies 'chitting', ready for the middle of the month. Main crop can be planted at the end of the month.

Get your Onion sets in, when the soil is dry and if not already in, plant your shallots.

If you have Broad Beans in pots, plant them out when they start to flower, pinching out the tops to help stop blackfly.

If you have an area which is too wet to work with, cover it with black sheets and it will keep the weeds from growing, until it dries out.

A little tip for lawns with lots of moss is to get some sulphate of iron and spread over the lawn. This will kill the moss and strengthen the grasses.

Lisa Collington

Recipe of the Month - Rhubarb Fudge Crumble

Serves 6.

Ingredients

700 g Rhubarb cut to 2.5 cm pieces

Grated rind and juice of 1 orange

75 g white or brown sugar

125 g butter

125 g demerara sugar

175 g digestive or ginger nut biscuits crushed into crumbs

1 rounded tsp ground cinnamon

Method

Put the rhubarb, grated orange rind, orange juice and the brown or white sugar in an ovenproof dish, cover with foil and bake at 180°C (160°C fan) for about 30 minutes until the rhubarb is just soft and then allow it to cool.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the demerara sugar and the biscuit crumbs



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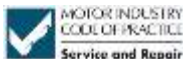
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and cinnamon. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring from time to time.

Cover the rhubarb with the butter crumb mixture and bake in the oven at 200°C (180°C fan) for 15-20 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve either warm with vanilla ice cream or cold with whipped cream.

Valerie Shaw

Family Support Work (FSW)

Last month I told you that we had around 250 active cases across Sussex. This month we are now working with 424 families on an intensive basis. Referrals are pouring in, sometimes several in just one day, and we are doing our absolute best to take on new cases as quickly as we can. Every other organisation working in our area says the same as us - there is virtually no other support available anywhere within the county for families in need of help, so it is vital that we are there to give as much support as we can. Most of our new referrals relate to housing problems and difficulties accessing support for children with additional needs, so it is wonderful that many of our family support practitioners have significant prior experience in these areas which they can share with the rest of the team.

Our group family sessions will be starting up again soon, with a trip to Arundel Castle cricket ground in early April and our first Dalesdown residential of the year later in the month. The feedback we receive from families taking part in these sessions shows just how much they appreciate the chance to get away from their normal, difficult situations and simply enjoy some stress-free time. This is what one parent had to say after a trip to Arundel cricket last year:

"Thank you so much for an amazing day. We are so blessed to have found you. Days like today are wonderful as it is relaxed, friendly, fun for the kids and a chance to have normal adult conversations that then lead to friendships. You and the team always go above and beyond, and we are so grateful for everything you do."

And I've got to say wow, what a truly beautiful location! I never knew it existed, but it was stunning there."

Away from our family activities, we are looking forward to our Easter Monday sponsored walk. If you haven't had time to register in advance then you are welcome to meet us on the day for a 10 am start at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston. Our Open Garden season also begins in April and we hope to see some of you throughout the spring and summer months. The details of all this year's openings can be found on our website under the Events section.

With huge thanks from me and the whole team for all your wonderful support.

February's work in numbers

- ◆ 274 individual visits and 1145 calls with families supporting 279 adults and 203 children.
- ◆ 51 supported meetings with other agencies.
- ◆ 41 group sessions held supporting 580 parents and 123 children,
- ◆ 123 food deliveries made.

Prayer points

- ◆ Pray for all the volunteers who will be supporting our upcoming family activity days, as we couldn't run these without their help, and for new volunteers to come forward as our work expands.
- ◆ Give thanks for all of the regular donors who support FSW with monthly gifts that help us to plan ahead.
- ◆ Pray for all our families currently in totally unsafe housing situations, that new and suitable accommodation will be found for them as soon as possible.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Grey Squirrel

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 led me to this place.

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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. It's actually illegal to release a Grey Squirrel once caught because, despite their cute appearance, they can be extremely destructive.



The main problem is that they shouldn't really be in Britain. The Grey Squirrel is a North American species, and we can blame Herbrand Russell, 11th Duke of Bedford, for inviting them. Herbrand's hare-brained plan was to import Grey Squirrels to embellish his estate at the start of the last century. Distributing squirrels as gifts, he and his landowner chums assisted their spread across England. Our wildlife and landscape just weren't designed to accommodate this brash new American and the native Red Squirrel, already in decline, was hit particularly hard. Attempts have been made over the years to control Britain's Grey Squirrel population and protect the remaining Reds, and the battle continues, but across most of England it seems the Greys are here to stay.

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 cheeks. It feels like I have laid on a buffet for my friends, only to find some American bloke (who I

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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 hurt him - I just want him off my new bird feeder. I've deployed Vaseline, peppers and counterbalances but each time I've been outwitted. He is agile, acrobatic and very clever. Today I cracked. I purchased a squirrel proof baffle: 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 own back gardens, it really isn't reassuring to know we're being outsmarted by a rodent.

*Michael Blencowe (Picture © Dave Kilbey)
Sussex Wildlife Trust*

From the Parsonage

This month of Easter celebration coincides with a feeling of a new beginning at Berwick church. The Restoration Project, which was 63% funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), completed at the end of March. We were working right up to the deadline to complete elements of the project. It has been a complex and demanding project involving a great number of people. Nevertheless, it seems an opportune moment to thank three of them in particular who have contributed so much to the successful completion of the project.

Lady Jane Lloyd chaired the Berwick Conservation Trust; this was set up as a separate charity to raise funds (it has recently been disbanded). Her own financial support, particularly at the outset, was essential to the success of project and enabled the costly preparatory work of commissioning reports, surveys and proposals to be undertaken.

Helen Ellis was appointed Project Manager in 2019 on a part-time basis and has stayed the course through the various changes and challenges we have faced, not least Covid and the necessary extension of the project. She has applied herself cheerfully and with great commitment to a great variety of tasks and has been responsible for the onerous task of liaising with the NLHF.

Crispin Freeman has contributed so much that it is difficult to do his contribution justice, and all on an entirely voluntary basis. The project could not have been undertaken without someone with his professional accountancy skills and experience. He has also been a vital member of the small project team. The death of two churchwardens, John Lewis and Linda Hallums, during the project left Crispin as the only member of the Parochial Church Council who was fully engaged and committed to the realisation and delivery of every aspect of the project from the outset. He has liaised with Charity Commission, drawn up contracts, scrutinised reports, attended most meetings and been on-site whenever needed. His attention to detail has made a critical difference at a number of key points in the practical execution of the project. His has given guidance when there were difficult decisions to make. His role has extended to giving talks on the green energy aspects of the project and on the paintings as well. More recently he has secured a grant for this coming year towards the travel costs of schools and colleges to help the realisation of the educational legacy of the project.

There are of course many, many other people to thank but there is not space to do so here.

Over the project we have hosted a variety of groups, and all have said that they want to return because of the benefits they experienced from their visit. In a busy and rapidly changing world, along with churches in every parish in the country, it offers a place of historical continuity, spiritual refuge and peace.

Rev Peter Blee

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www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk or www.berwickchurch.org.uk .



Palm Sunday 2nd April

10.00 Berwick United Benefice Service

Holy Week Compline Services

18.00 Monday at Arlington

18.00 Tuesday at Wilmington

18.00 Wednesday at Berwick

Maundy Thursday 6th April

19.00 Alciston Holy Communion

Good Friday 7th April

15.00 Selmeston Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday 9th April

08.00 Alciston Holy Communion (BCP)

09:30 Arlington Holy Communion

09:30 Selmeston Holy Communion

11:00 Berwick Holy Communion

11:00 Wilmington Holy Communion

Sunday 16th April

09:30 Arlington Holy Communion

09:30 Selmeston Holy Communion

11:00 Berwick Holy Communion

11:00 Wilmington Family Service

Sunday 23rd April

08.00 Alciston Holy Communion (BCP)

09:30 Arlington Holy Communion

11:00 Berwick Holy Communion

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Sunday 30th April

11.00 Wilmington United Benefice Service

Morning Prayer

9.30 am each Wednesday at Berwick church except on the first Wednesday of the month when there is an Holy Communion (BCP) service instead.

Evening Prayer

5.00 pm each Wednesday at Wilmington church.

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