

900TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALL SAINTS MOUNTFIELD

Saturday 11th April **7pm Celebrations begin with an Easter vigil at the church led by Bishop Laurie Green**

Our Celebrations begin with an Easter vigil at the church led by Bishop Laurie Green. The service begins with the lighting of a bonfire in the churchyard. The paschal candle is lit from the bonfire and carried into church. This symbolises the light of Easter. We sing as the flame is passed to everyone in church who will be given a candle to hold. A moving and joyful way to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

[Laurie Green - Wikipedia](#)

Sunday 26th April **A walk through 'Trees and Time'.**

For nine centuries, All Saints has sat comfortably in the landscape among its woods, fields and manors. In this walk, Peter Miles gives clues which help to build a picture of why that landscape looks as it does using the trees and plants, the bumps and shadows on the ground, and actual evidence that can be handled as well as seen. **Start:** 9.30 am, Mountfield Village Hall. Free parking. Loos available at start/finish.

Distance/Time: Only 2 miles, but minimum 3 hours.

Terrain: Easy but brambles and mud so wellies; lots of standing as well.

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Not really geared for children. Take home info pack. Cost £10.00 per person — profits to All Saints Church. First come, first served...To book, or for more details, contact Peter on savedarwell@gmail.com or 01580 880 614.

Friday 1st May **A walk through 'Trees and Time'. (Details as 26th April)**

Saturday 2nd May **Village Hall Quiz**

The Quiz is at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. £5 per person to include light buffet. Pay on the door. 6 persons per team. Village Club bar will be open to Members and guests. Prizes, raffle. Team Captains please book a table - steveclsmith@hotmail.co.uk or phone/text Steve on 07895 463231

Sunday 3rd May **A walk through 'Trees and Time'. (Details as 26th April)**

Sunday 7th June **10am A special church service for pets**

A special church service for pets and their owners. If the weather is fine we will hold the service in the churchyard. You can bring any kind of pets you like if you can control them!

Saturday 27th June **2pm Village cricket match and picnic during the afternoon followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm in the church led by Archdeacon Edward Dowler**

Mountfield Cricket Club will host a Village Cricket Match against an All Saints Church XI at King George's Field. Please come and bring the family and a picnic. This will be followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm in the church led by Archdeacon Edward Dowler

Saturday 4th July 7.30pm The Wealden Consort choir performing "Music for a Summer Evening" in the church.

Based in the Weald of Kent, the Wealden Consort are a friendly, enthusiastic and accomplished choir of around 25 mixed voices, who enjoy coming together to make music and to perform concerts at charity fund raising events throughout Kent, Sussex and also further afield.

As a choir, the Consort has a wide repertoire, ranging from Early Church music through to folksongs and modern works. Tickets £12 each. Bring a small cushion; pews can be uncomfortable.

To book and any enquiries please contact: Nick Holden 01580 389053 [Wealden Consort](#)

Saturday 5th September Village Day – an Exhibition in the church, an Open Day at The Walled Garden, Mountfield Court and a Community Gathering in the Village Hall

Mountfield's collection of old photographs began as part of Mountfield's Millennium celebrations and was initially used to illustrate our book, 'Mountfield Meanderings'. The collection rapidly grew to such an extent, that a second volume was published in 2004. These hundreds of photographs, and much other memorabilia, now form the Mountfield Archive. An exhibition of these photographs and other items from the collection, relating to All Saints Church, will be on display in the church during Village Day on 5th September. We will include as many pictures as possible of weddings and christenings that have taken place in All Saints, so if you have any pictures you would like to be included, please contact Trish Jones on 01580 880431 or at trish.mountfield@hotmail.co.uk

Our archive also includes photographs of Villagers who are buried in the churchyard and we thought it would be nice to include these parishioners in our celebrations, by placing a photograph of them on their grave. If you have a loved one buried here and would like them to be remembered as part of 'Gone But Not Forgotten', please contact Trish, as above, with the photograph you would like to be placed on their grave.

Open Day at the Walled Garden

The Walled Garden will be open on September 5th from 10-4 with donations on entry towards the church. We will be happy to take you on a tour of the garden or you can just wander around at your leisure. We grow cut flowers and fruit and vegetables, which will all be for sale. There will also be plants to buy. Please bring your own bags and boxes for these.

No dogs please. Easy parking.

12 – 4pm Look out for Mad Jacks Morris at the Village Hall Barbeque [Mad Jack's Morris- contact](#)

10am start – A 5 hour Ramble through the parishes of Mountfield, Brightling and Netherfield

Join Rother Ramblers for a 15km (approx. 9.5 miles) walk through the three parishes of Mountfield, Netherfield and Brightling. The walk will take around 5 hours as we'll go at an easy pace with stops for drinks along the way. Please bring a picnic lunch to eat in Brightling (there's nowhere to buy food on our route). Do wear walking shoes or boots as we'll be going through woodland and across fields as well as along lanes and local footpaths. This event is not open to young children. Well behaved dogs are welcome but they need to be fit and kept on a lead most of the time.

The walk will start promptly at 10.00. Car parking and start point are outside the Walled Garden, Mountfield Court. TN32 5JP OS Grid ref TQ 736205

After the walk you're invited to enjoy tea in the village hall, visit the exhibition in the church and join in the rest of the festivities of Village Day.

Contact Chris Holden on 07871 187057

Sunday 13th September Mountfield Ride and Walk

This is the 10th ride/walk across 8 miles of farmland and woodland, predominantly off road. Riders and walkers may leave between 9.30 and 12.00 at their own leisure. Rosettes will be awarded to all who complete the course. Parking will be below the walled garden at Mountfield Court, TN32 5JP entrance opposite the church. Refreshments will be available at the start/finish. More details to follow.

Sunday 4th October The Primrose Quartet Concert in the church – part of Battle Festival.

We are delighted to welcome one of the UK's top chamber music ensembles to Mountfield. Members of the Primrose Piano Quartet, Susanne Stanzeleit, violin, Dorothea Vogel, viola and Andrew Fuller, cello will present an afternoon concert on Sunday, October 4th. Their programme will feature some of the best-loved classical

music, including works by Mozart, Schubert and Bach. A real treat for all music lovers and not to be missed!
Further details to be published. [About - Primrose Piano Quartet](#)

Thursday 15th October **An evening of storytelling for children in the church including the history of Mountfield, with the choir from Vinehall School.**

Sunday 1st November **All Saints Day service marking the official 900th birthday of the church led by Bishop Martin of Chichester**

The grand finale of our celebrations marking the official 900th birthday of the church will be led by Bishop Martin of Chichester. There will be a chance to meet and chat with +Martin after the service as he joins us for lunch in the Village Hall. The whole congregation is invited to lunch but some idea of numbers in advance would help the volunteer caterers. [Martin Warner \(bishop\) - Wikipedia](#)