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Dear Friends

I hope you'll agree with me, we are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the country with so many footpaths to be able to enjoy the countryside. One of my favourite views in Rudgwick is from the Churchyard, on the Sussex Border Path just past the porch of the Church, looking to the South Downs. You can see the roofs of the houses on Church Street and then the hills in the distance.

The Churchyard is a beautiful and tranquil spot in our village and the mowing pattern – only cutting some of the older sections once a year – helps it to be a haven for wildlife. However, after centuries of use, it is nearly full. You may have seen in September's magazine that at 11am on Tuesday 10 October, the Bishop of Horsham (Ruth Bushyager) will be consecrating the new extension to the Churchyard – just a little further along the Sussex Border Path from the Holy Trinity. This is a very rare event and open to everyone – so do come along and join us to witness this once in a lifetime occurrence.

However, I am also aware that the Churchyard and the Church, being some of the oldest parts of the village, are also difficult to access. Last month I mentioned that, if you are not able to get to the Church porch with requests for the prayer box, you are welcome to email me any prayer requests you have. Yet if you have ever walked the Sussex Border Path up to the Church, you may have noticed that strapline on our notice board is '*Seeking to bring Jesus Christ into the heart of our community.*' With this in mind, we are looking at coming to you! The hope is to be in the vicinity of the Co-op area of the village – probably on a Saturday morning – and offer to pray for anyone who would like to be prayed for.

Every blessing

Martin King