

In generous support of the Blake's Cottage Appeal, internationally renowned Ruth Rosen entranced her audience at St. Mary's Church, Felpham on Saturday, 25th July with a solo performance of Man Without a Mask, her own selection of readings taken from the diverse work of poet, artist and visionary William Blake.

Ruth's voice moved effortlessly to contrast little known letters with the aphorisms Blake is renowned for: 'Prudence is a rich, ugly old maid courted by Incapacity.'

Poetry included Tiger, Tiger and also The Lamb, this read with sublime gentleness and musicality. The performance ended with the ever vibrant Jerusalem to rapturous applause from the audience.

In the performer's words, "Blake is one of my great passions, a hero. The spirit and soul were the only thing that mattered to him. He was 200 years before his time, his obsessions were our New Age preoccupations with healing and the soul."

Angela Barnes, Chair of the Felpham Village Conservation Society said " we really enjoyed listening to the Ruth Rosen performance today. Thank you so much for bringing this event to Felpham. St Mary's as a venue for poetry is just right. William Blake really Got It".

Following Ruth's awe inspiring performance Big Blake are currently investigating suitable venues for Ruth's show in Chichester and Petworth as part of their Literary Festival next November.

Ruth was thrilled to be able to perform in Felpham, Bognor Regis where William Blake lived and found St Mary's a perfect venue for Blake's spiritual reflections. Later this year Ruth Rosen will travel to Rome to perform Keats, in the city where the Romantic poet lived and died.