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St. Leonard's and St. Luke's Churches



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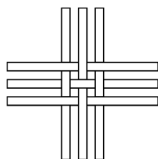
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SEAFORD PARISH CHURCH

ST LEONARD'S AND ST LUKE'S

WELCOME

In June we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God *'daddy'* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

Canon Paul Hardingham

The child had every toy his father wanted.
Robert C. Whitten



Parish News

St Luke's @7

St. Luke's@7 is now on the 4th Sunday of each month. The next two will be on 25th June and 23rd July. We gather beforehand at 5:45pm for supper together. Everyone is welcome, just contact Kate Steer to let her know. Details can be found on ChurchSuite.

The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place is an informal, relaxed service that takes place in St. Leonard's on the 1st, 3rd and 5th (if there is one) Sundays of each month at 11.30am. The service is a time of worship, teaching and prayer with space for reflection and response. We also share communion once each month. This year we will be taking a break during August, otherwise why not give it a try?

Parish Lunch

Parish Lunch is served on the 1st Wednesday of the month in St Luke's at 12.30 for a two course meal with tea and coffee. To book a place please call Julia or Sue on 01323 895073, or 490415.

Seaford Parish Women's Group

Seaford Parish Women's Group meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on Monday 19th June in St. Luke's at 7.30pm. We will have a talk about the Unknown Soldier by Major John Hamill (retired). Members and non-members are welcome to join us for fellowship, refreshments and closing prayers.

Coffee, Prayer Ministry & Communion

You are welcome to join in our next Service of Prayer Ministry with Communion at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 13th/27th June and 11th/26th July at 11.00am. Coffee will be available from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Parish Magazine

The copy date for the August-September edition of the Parish Magazine is Tuesday 18th July. Items of news and articles of interest are most welcome and should be sent to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk. The magazine will be published as usual on Sunday 30th July.

St. Leonard's Church Tower

You will all have noted that we have scaffolding up on the church tower and, at the moment, the clocks are not chiming. The clocks have been silenced, in order to allow the workmen to fix our problem with the Church Tower

The problem is that at the apex of the spire roof on the tower, the supporting timber rafters show evidence of dampness coming through the top around the timber pole that supports the weathervane and its associated head flushing.

There is some erosion of stone to the inside face and top of the parapet walls and some open joints. The result is a leak at the top of the Tower and wet stone is slowly crumbling and dust has been falling on the bells. There is a large cross beam supporting exposed rafters

and the central post for the weathervane. The central post has a large crack in it. Water damage is further leaking down the king post and there is further possibility that the weathervane could rot and fall down. Repair is necessary to the lead capping, tiles and weathervane to stop all this deterioration.

Rest assured, once the scaffolding is down, all the above will be repaired. We will also hear the clocks chiming again.

Fortnightly News

The regular news sheets with updates and reminders is published every two weeks. You can also receive this as an email. Please do ensure that you are receiving this. If you are not on our

e-mail list you can sign up through our website at www.seafordparish.org.uk.

Livestream from St. Leonard's

If you join us online on a Sunday morning you will be aware that over recent months we have had some difficulties with the speed of our broadband connection. This has resulted in some disruption to the livestream. Happily this issue now appears to have been resolved and the livestream have become more stable.

The livestream currently relies on just a few people to make it happen. If you think you might be interested in helping please contact Malcolm Anderson.

E-mail: communications@seafordparish.org.uk



CARING AND SHARING ASSOCIATION (EAST SUSSEX)

ANNUAL EUCHARIST

Saturday 17th June, 11am

St Peter's Church, Bexhill Old Town, Church Street, TN40 2HE

Speaker: Judith Roberts, Tanzanear supporting Buguruni School for the Deaf, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Park at Manor Barn Car Park, De La Warr Rd TN40 2HG (coins & cards).
Fellowship afterwards at St Peter's Community Centre
Please bring a packed lunch, drinks provided

Enquiries: Canon Hugh Moseley annabelle.moseley@btinternet.com



St. Leonard's Open Church Cafe

Free refreshments
& conversation

Saturdays
June 24th and July 22nd
10.00am to 12.30pm

From the Registers

Funerals

David Morgan
Dorothy Kendrick
George Dewey
Bill Kneller
Joan Coombs
Pauline Nash

Weddings

Nick Thompson and Anna Riggs



SEAFORD
Photographic Society

Seaford Photographic Society will be holding their Annual Exhibition in St Leonard's Church from Monday 24th July until Saturday 5th August. It will be open most days between 10.00am to 1.00pm plus all day on the middle Saturday.

There will be around 80 prints on display, with more prints for sale in browsers and a video projection of some of the club's digital images.

Last year's exhibition attracted over 500 people into the church. The club recently won the Kent County Photographic Association Diamond Jubilee cup, competing against 35 other clubs including many much larger clubs. This gives an idea of the quality of prints that will be on display in St. Leonard's. Please call in and enjoy the society's work.



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to the parish of Sutton with Seaford

Thank you for your 2022 parish share payment of £120,000, part of our diocesan family's response to God's generosity.

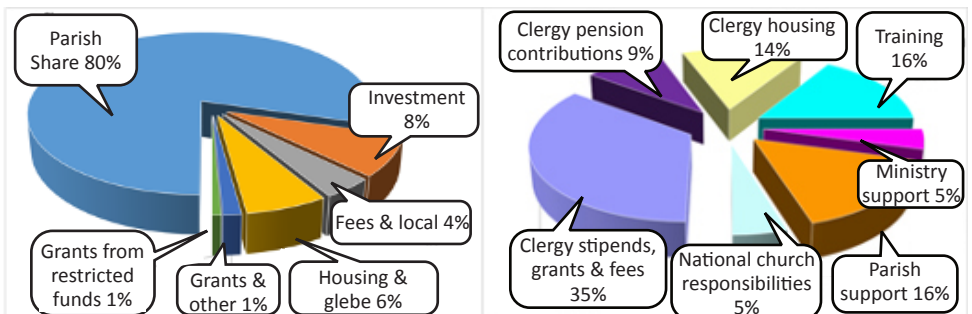
Parish share funds the mission and ministry of the Church in your parish and helps to support our apostolic life across the diocese and beyond. It enables those with more to provide mutual support to those in greater need in our diocesan household of faith.

+Martin (Bishop of Chichester), Milly Murphy (Deanery Treasurer: Lewes and Seaford Deanery)
& Lesley Lynn (Chair, Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance)

Diocesan income and expenditure for 2022

Total Income £17,176,084

Total Expenditure £17,023,980





James Hollingsworth



From June 1st until September 1st I will be away on Sabbatical.

This means that I will not be available. On Sundays you will sometimes see Derreck and on other times there will be visiting clergy, all of whom will be familiar. Try not to email me but if you accidentally do then your emails will be read by Charlie our administrator but you would be wiser to contact her or Derreck directly.

We hold tightly to the hope that we are indispensable. Some of you have kindly said to me "Oh my! How will we cope!" That's the sort of thing my ego enjoys, thank you. However, it's good for me to face the humbling thought that actually you will cope fine for three months, 12 Sundays, one PCC, two standing committees, some school governor meetings, a few weddings and I pray fewer funerals.

Twelve years ago, I went on my last sabbatical. You can read about it at www.jamesinjerusalem.blogspot.com when I returned, I discovered that the Church had grown!



So please do carry on doing what you do. Welcome people who pop into church to light a candle, say a prayer; phone up those you haven't seen for a while and ask how they are; pause at 6.00pm to say a short prayer (I won't be doing them on Facebook); and keep reading your Bible, a little and often. I won't be doing the Facebook *Thought for the Day*, although every Thursday morning there will be a pre-recorded something. Continue to worship the Lord, to volunteer and help with Tots and Sparks and Ignite (especially Ignite as I won't be around to help with that), to enjoy your home groups and to invite others to them.

In the meantime, my plan is to go to Jerusalem for a couple of weeks. I hope, wi-fi pending, to be able to write a bit of a journal you will be able to read them at www.seafordparish.org.uk/blog/

The idea of a sabbatical is to allow your soul to catch up with you. Some of you will know about my poor track record at taking a day off (Tuesdays) and so this break will force me to stop. I remember in my vicar-training days being asked to sit alone in a room in quiet to wait on the Lord. I was allowed a pen and paper. I spent the first 45 minutes simply writing down all the distracting thoughts, 'don't forget: Abi's birthday, sermon writing, that funeral, those wedding banns, to pick hymns, review PCC minutes' and so on. I would pause

and sit still to listen for the quiet whisper of God and then another To-do would come to mind. So, I wrote lists until the last 15 minutes of my hour and then the Lord said: I'm not going to say anything to you, I'm not going to give you any revelations nor any commands, you just need to stop for a moment so let the last 15 minutes be a moment of stop'. God is good.

I'm also off to the Scottish island of Iona. I don't know much about it other than its really not at all easy to get to (two ferries), that puffins can be seen and that it was formed by brave faithful monks leaving Ireland to bring us the Gospel. I'm not expecting any wi-fi there so I make no promises about the blog up date!

Also on my agenda is the task of polishing up 30 hours of lectures. I

teach Church History to trainee vicars (20 hours) each year and this year noticed that my chapter on the conversion of this island is particularly poor. The other ten are focused on the global church in 20th Century which is fascinating but it all needs some t.l.c.



Quite likely you will see me about town during all this time. You're allowed to say hello and ask me how I am and all that. Pray for me, I will be praying for you, and look after each other.

A photograph of a bride and groom walking down a church aisle, holding hands. The bride is wearing a white wedding dress and the groom is wearing a dark suit.

**We love holding
weddings in our
churches**

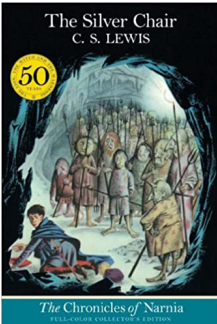
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THE CHURCH
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Book Reviews

James Hollingsworth's recommended reads...

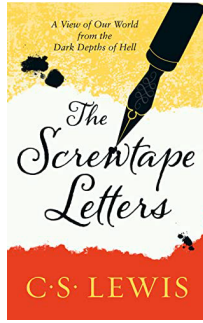
The Silver Chair by CS Lewis.



If you've never read or it's been a while since you read the Chronicles of Narnia then you're missing a treat. A series of books aimed at Primary School Children, of the 1950s. They

take you out of this world and into a world of talking animals where the divine figure appears as a lion; not tame but good. This is the sixth book and it contains the persistent pessimistic Puddleglum who has a way of cutting through the fancy sophistry of the temptations of doubt as the two children try to stay true to the adventure they find themselves on. May you always have a Puddleglum on speed dial.

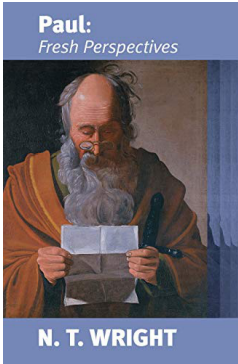
The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis.



Here we find advice written by a senior tempter Wormwood to his nephew a junior tempter *Screwtape*. Published in 1942 it is embarrassingly relevant. Some of the letters are take it

or leave it and so contextual as to not translate so well but most will have you chortling because you know idiot Christians who fall for these simple temptations that take your mind off your saviour and salvation and lead you into judgementalism, and every now and then you find sufficient humility to realise that you're in danger of being that idiot. If you only read one book from this list of reviews it should be this one.

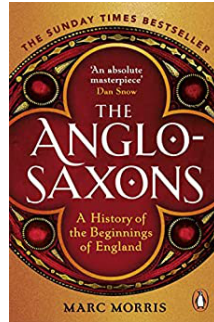
Paul: Fresh Perspectives by NT Wright



When you see a book by this man check first to see if the front cover says N.T. or Tom. If it says Tom then its probably readable, if it says N.T. then you're going to be overwhelmed by some deep thinking. This book unpacks what theologians refer to as the *New Paul* by which they mean an academic movement that started in 1990s that worked hard to reclaim the Jewishness of Paul and by setting him this context so much of what he says makes sense, makes him less misogynistic, and altogether more inclusive than we thought. It's a shame that its still called the *New Paul* as its really a reformation that rediscovers the old Paul.

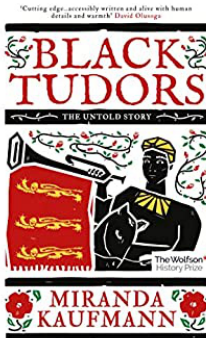
comes forward in to the Stuart period too. Through it she paints a lively picture of the difficulty of poor people's lives as well as the opulence of the rich. This is really good and worth a read but if you're looking for an introduction to this whole subject then perhaps you're better at starting with *Black and British a forgotten history* by David Olesuga which covers many more centuries.

The Anglo-Saxons by Marc Morris.



This book is brilliant, full of unpronounceable names like Aethelbert. Morris suggests that one of the reasons why

Thors-day is Thursday as opposed to Jeudi/Giovedì etc could be because when the Romans left the collapse of the civilization that followed and the invasion of Angles and Saxons and so on meant that there was an insufficient Latin language or Christian following to hold society to the heritage and values it was beginning to enjoy. The chapter that got me most excited is the one about St Wilfrid converting Sussex. That's not quite right but close enough. The gospel was already alive and well here but its likely that Wilfrid did a lot to show the role and relevance of this new faith in a changing world. I will be using it when I come to re-write my Church History course.



Black Tudors by Miranda Kaufmann. This is brilliant, detailed. It does what it says on the tin. She addresses the nonsense that there were no black people in Britain prior to

the British slave trade by exploring in depth the lives of a dozen or more black men and women. She doesn't limit herself only to the Tudor period but



When we shop at the supermarket more often than not we would pick up the tried and tested brands that we are familiar with. Taking a chance with something unfamiliar can lead to disappointment. But the same goes for our spiritual choices too. The message of the Christian Church is as old as creation itself, but for some seeking spiritual answers they instead may choose to consult a medium, a clairvoyant, but there is a risk.

Before I became a Christian forty plus years ago I could more accurately be called a spiritualist. My mother had a psychic gift so I was brought up with tales of the spiritual world and the people she had seen who had “passed over”.

The fundamental truth that I learned and which I have carried over into my Christian faith is that the world we see around us isn't everything. There is an unseen world of spirit, which we engage with fully when we die and no longer have our bodies. As Christians we do believe that our souls' true home is in heaven with the Lord, so from that has led to a belief for some that the souls of those who have died, under the right conditions, will be able to communicate back with us in the material world.

Down the ages reports of ghosts are countless and alongside has been the development of those with psychic gifts who purport to communicate with the spirits. The Witch of Endor in 1 Samuel

28 is one such who brings up the soul of the prophet Samuel for King Saul, who then delivers Saul's condemnation. Further there has been the role of the Church in exorcising ghosts and helping in manifestations of unwelcome psychic manifestations.

The problem lies in the uncertainty of what is being dealt with

The Church has been at the forefront of warning people of the dangers of dabbling in things that they are best well away from. The problem lies in the uncertainty of what is being dealt with. Just as in this life there are mischievous and wicked people who lie and steal and kill, so there are spiritual forces that are at work as well. It means that there can be absolutely no certainty whatsoever that a message purporting to come from a dead loved one is in fact the person. Satan traditionally is seen as a 'liar' and is able to lead people astray by pretending to be someone they are not.

So there are a number of risks for anyone who chooses to consult with the spirit world. One is that whatever you might get told, or whoever you believe is communicating with you – you cannot tell! The mischievous and devious spirits can pretend to be whoever they want and so lead the enquirer down a very wrong road.

There is also the issue that a channel is being opened to a world which is essentially hidden to us in this world, and that means you cannot be sure about what forces might be being released into this world and the damage they might cause. Dabbling in the spirit world is like trying to rewire a house with the electricity still switched on – it's lethal!

The Christian Church has taught from the beginning that Satan's days are numbered. Since the cross he is destined for judgement at the end of time. Until then he will wreak what mayhem he can. Because of Jesus, salvation is assured for those who follow Him, and by His resurrection has revealed who is in charge.

So, as we survey the goods on the shelves of the spiritual supermarket are we going to plump for the one with flashy packaging

but holds a bundle of unpleasant surprises, or are we going to choose the tried and tested item that might look a bit traditional, but has actually satisfied countless generations? With the eternal state of my soul in the balance I know which I choose!

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 **Lewes, Seaford and District Branch** 

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-PHONE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IF YOU CAN HELP



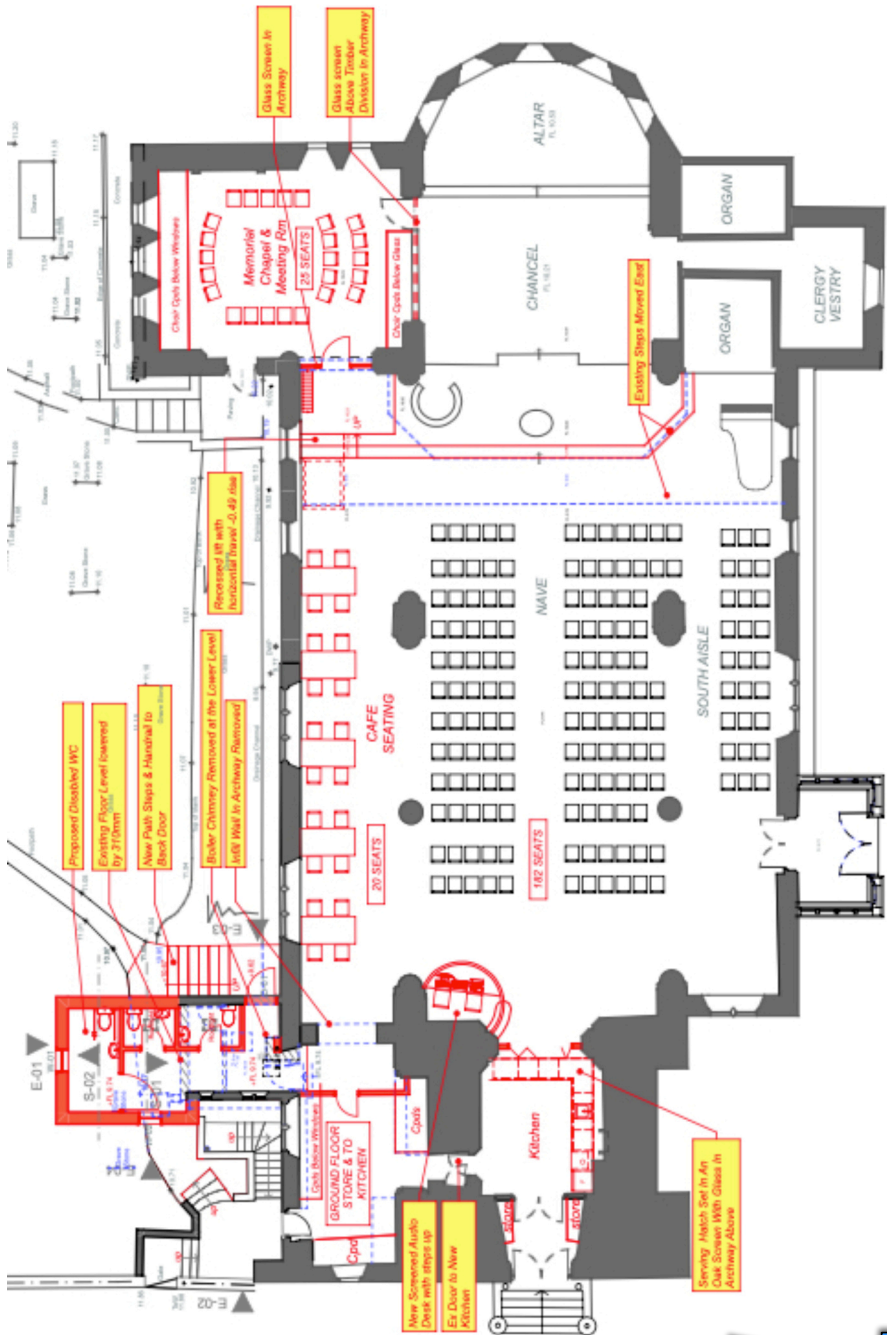
Reimagining St. Leonard's Church to better serve the community

Fred Bass

Thank you to all those who came to St Leonard's in January to see these plans and for the encouraging feedback you gave. So, further to our last article on this we have now submitted plans for St. Leonard's Church so that it can be not only a centre of faith but also be at the heart of our town serving the community by upgrading its facilities, making it more useful for all to use. The funds for this will be raised by the sale of the parish hall on Church Lane.

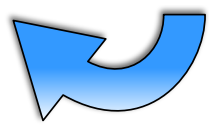
You will see from the plan shown that the only external change to the medieval church is to extend to the north side the small Victorian extension by 4.5m to accommodate accessible toilets (marked in solid red). There is no change to the view from the south side and from the north side little will change with such a small extension but there is a hidden element to the work as this involves digging into the church yard to a depth of about 2 metres to allow a level access from the Church to the proposed toilet facilities. This part of the church yard has no marked or recent graves but inevitably digging in such an ancient space will involve archaeological investigation. The full size plans are on display in the church. As well as the visible external change to create proper safe accessible toilet facilities, internally we plan a kitchen, a small café style seating area and a smaller glazed in meeting space in the side chapel that can easily be heated.

St. Leonard's is the oldest building in Seaford. It is a beautiful ancient space for worship. It is a grade 1 listed building and as explained before funding for our plans will come from the sale of the parish hall to make our wonderful medieval church accessible to all. Refurbishing St. Leonard's church will enhance the space needed for community use at the heart of Seaford town as well as remaining a centre of faith.



Proposed Alterations

Turn to view...





This year feels like it's flying past, but we have been busy so...

The team have been working really hard across all of the groups to ensure we can meet the demand of different groups which are required. I have to say the volunteers have just been amazing!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated funds towards the cost of camp this year. We have 12 children attending camp with 9 needing some form of financial assistance. So thank you so much for your funds, this will greatly impact these families in a positive way and give many memories to the children attending.

It's coming up to that time of the year again where we really start to think about Holiday Club in October half term, running from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October (I know a long way off, but we've got to get planned!). This year we are running The Watt-A-Lot Castle Holiday Club by John Hardwick. I'm looking for as many volunteers as we can possibly get. Generally, we need around 15-20 every day across all roles, with roles either in direct contact with the children or not. If you are able to help please let me know by either telling me or following the link below to book and confirm what you can do or calling/emailing me!

<https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/stfodswc>

Tots' Treats have been going from strength to strength, where, for the first time, we have to turn people away from St. Leonard's as we were completely full! The toddlers have continued to enjoy the various crafts, toys, playdough, books and activities which have been on offer. However it has probably got to the time where we need to change what we do during these sessions at both St. Luke's and St. Leonard's to ensure things don't become too stale.

In Sparks the children have been looking at various parables up until Easter. They are now looking at science and what we can learn about the Bible with science. Some of the questions have been amazing, both the science based and Bible based. We have had a slight dip in numbers across Sparks, however this is likely to pick up over the next few weeks and months.



Ignite has just completely exploded with young people which is brilliant. We had a really big issue with volunteers for the group, we have a big issue across all of the groups, but particularly Ignite. We shot up from 7 young people in attendance in January

to May where we have had 40 attend. But after some panic we have just about been able to cover each night thanks to a home group who is reaching out! These sessions are designed to mainly build relationships with the young people and show that us church goers aren't as weird as they might first think.

From Ignite we then had our first young people (since the pandemic) attend the Joint Youth Service. We had 13 of our Ignite group come along and listen to a message about God for 40 minutes. The Joint Youth Services are made up of 4 Churches at the moment, us (Seaford Parish Church), Seaford Baptist Church, Life Church and St. Michael's in Newhaven. Our last Joint Youth Service held in St. Luke's saw 46

young people come along from across all Churches.

Our Family Worship (on the 2nd and 4th Sundays) has been going really well. We have two

Luke's. In Glow we tend to start with toast and then go in for the start of the service and leave after the first hymn. Then we have a craft activity related to the story that follows. Of course then



families who continue to be the steady families across the services, with a good few activity sheets and of course our bacon sandwiches.

Our Glow Sunday School is now also in full flow and takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in St

we have a question and answer time and then some good old dancing, where the kids can try to win prizes! Following that we head back into the service to join the others for a blessing and a show and tell!

Messy Church has also been developing fantastically too! We have a steady number of families coming along and joining in with the sessions, whilst also allowing us adults to have some really nice chats with parents/carers and children.



The garden project at St. Luke's has been going



Children, Families & Youth

well. We have now got some plans together and are meeting with local people who know what they are doing when growing fruit and veg. I don't really know what I'm doing, but I'm learning as we go along. They offer some really good support and advice. For example, did you know you can pick herbs and vegetables from the gardens outside Morrisons? No me neither!

Our garden project might be a wee bit of time away, but we will get there. It will be an area in which we can all relax, come together and learn to grow or pass knowledge on to children, young people and families for them to be able to learn to grow fruit, veg and flowers and for those to then go out to our community.

It kind of goes without saying, but we do still really need some extra support

with St. Luke's toddler group on a Wednesday and Sparks on a Friday evening. We tend to have enough volunteers to just about cover the sessions, but these are the particular areas of need where we need extra volunteers. Please do think about volunteering if you can. I can promise you that you won't regret it!

If you would like to volunteer with any of the groups, please do let me know by either completing the form using the link below, or by phoning/emailing me. Volunteer form: <https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/bxz0n0b8>

Contact Stefan

**Email: cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk
Telephone: 07506143476**

Coronation Parish Lunch

Parish Lunch had an early Celebration for the Coronation. They enjoyed a buffet lunch, followed by Coronation Cake and cream.



Lunchtime Concerts in St. Leonard's Church

The Concerts remain free and self supporting by the donations given at the end of each concert by our generous audience, to whom we are deeply grateful.

Saturday 17th June at 1.00pm
Rosie Spinks & Keelan Carew
(cello & piano)



As a performer, Rosie has toured in venues across the UK and internationally and has appeared as a soloist performing Haydn's Cello Concerto in C and Tchaikovsky Nocturne with the Oasby Music Group in 2017 under Natalia Luis Bassa and Alex Laing. A keen promoter of new music, Rosie has performed with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group as part of the NEXT scheme in Birmingham Symphony Hall, BSO and the Birmingham Conservatoire. In 2022 she was selected to perform Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time with the BCMG as part of the Edinburgh Fringe at St John's Church.

Pianist and broadcaster Keelan Carew balances a love of piano playing with a broad interest in popularising classical music. Born and raised in Medway, Kent, Keelan began his piano studies at age 7, later graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music with Dr Stephen Savage.

Saturday 15th July at 1.00pm
Sam Lewis (trumpet)
& Adam Repa (piano)

Sam Lewis studied at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, graduating with a MMus with Distinction in 2012, and has since enjoyed a varied performing career encompassing all styles of music. Personal highlights have included solo invitations to the Festival de la Musique Sacrée in St Malo, Brittany, and performing Bruckner's epic Symphony No.7 as principal trumpet with the late Sir Colin Davis as conductor.

With over 15 years' performing experience, Adam Repa has held concerts in both his native country of Poland and across the UK, with venues including Chopin's home in Żelazowa Wola, West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge, Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall in York and Duke's Hall at the Royal Academy of Music in London.



What's Up WhatsApp?

David Farey

Our friends, the Rev Jim and Mary Smith are currently on their three month trip to our Serving Africa Mission base near Accra in Ghana. When they first went thirty years ago, to contact home meant having to book an international call on a phone which was some distance from the base. Today through the wonders of internet we have regular Facebook postings and livestreams, live YouTube broadcasts, and – WhatsApp!

Most of us with mobile phones are reasonably well used to sending text messages. WhatsApp is an internet platform which enables you to send and receive messages to and from individuals or whole groups of people. Our Serving Africa Mission has taken up this platform and is applying it well. We have a number of channels covering different aspects of the Mission; the school, the youth church project, the online gospel teaching, and our Grace Church Internet fellowship.

Supporters are mostly dotted about all around the UK and Ghana. Over the months we have got to know one another through messages and the things we share. Pat and I had the privilege of meeting some individuals when we went to speak at a supporting church just outside Newcastle this April.

The beauty of WhatsApp is that it is

instant and flexible, enabling video calls as well as text messages for all to read that are signed up for the channel. The person setting it up is the administrator and can admit members and delete any messages that don't suit that channel. In ours we put a blanket ban on links from outside sources, which have presented problems in the past, and we keep all postings to the point of what the channel is about. In the middle of a channel about prayers for the Mission school, pictures of fluffy white rabbits, cute as they are, are NOT helpful!

What we have found is that WhatsApp surpasses itself as a prayer tool. In the Grace Church fellowship someone posts that they have just had a fall and waiting for the ambulance.... Within minutes you get several prayers being posted for that person. Instant prayer support and we have witnessed some amazing answers to prayer!

It is an excellent means of passing information, so the Mission updates can be regular and help to inform prayer. If there is a meeting then it can highlight the details and if there is a last minute change it can also tell the members that too. Some of our home groups make use of it in this way.

WhatsApp is definitely a tool which can enhance our Christian walk, and definitely one which is worth exploring!



This prayer diary offers a focus for personal and corporate prayer

I will lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121: 1&2)



Pray for Mission Partners during June CHURCH ARMY

- Give thanks and praise for all the Lord is doing in the work among people in the Centres of Mission across Britain.
- Pray for those who head up the work that they may continue to proclaim Christ, encourage others to follow Jesus and share Him at the margins of society where there is so much need.
- Pray for those in Training through the C. A. College in Sheffield.
- Continue to support the work of Church Army through our own parish with prayer and giving.
- Ask the Lord to bless the CEO and Board members as they work hard to provide support and guidance to all members of the Church Army Community

HOMELINK

Please pray for:

- Those offered loans and looking for a home to rent.
- The many moving accommodation and in need of white goods or carpets
- Financial support needed to continue offering grants.
- Provision of New Trustees (Churches Together in Seaford needs 2 new ones)
- Wendy (Administrator), & Ros Toomey (Chair) as they take up new roles.

Saturday Prayers at 8.30am each Saturday are on Zoom.

Use the following log in: Meeting ID: 731 3210 2295 Passcode 1UWEx6

Prayer@7 at 7.00pm on the second Sunday of each month at St. Luke's

Prayer Ministry is available in the Holy Spirit Chapel at St. Leonard's during Communion on Sunday and at St Luke's at the end of each service.

SUNDAY - The Church Worldwide

- Pray for the renewal of the church in vision, service and the power of the Holy Spirit, revealed through local churches, in every land.
- Pray for Archbishops Justin and Steven, as they lead the worldwide Anglican Communion through challenging times.
- For the “persecuted church”. Christians living in fear of their lives, oppressed by governments or other religions, for believing in Jesus.
- For all Christian leaders that they would lead with integrity endowed with wisdom as they seek to grow their congregations in love, and witness to the world around.
- As the church worships today, that we might all bring the best we can, listen for His voice, and know His presence.
- For those who prayed during “Thy Kingdom Come” for their friends, family and communities, that this momentum will be maintained and they will discern and see Gods answers to their prayers.

MONDAY – The UK

- Pray for King Charles III, Queen Camilla and the Royal Family as they seek to serve the UK and Commonwealth. For strength, wisdom, good health and unity
- For the settlement of strikes between union members, employers and the government leading to disruption in the NHS, travel and education.
- Political stalemate in Northern Ireland without a devolved government and failure to address local issues. For the Unionist party seeking to negotiate with the UK government after the Windsor framework.
- For the new SNP leader Hamza Yusuf as he seeks to address issues of poverty, drug addiction, the needs of the Scottish NHS and education as well as negotiating a second independence referendum with the Westminster government.
- For on going legislation regarding social media, its contents and the need for protection, especially for young people and the vulnerable.

TUESDAY - Parish

- Pray for James on sabbatical to find space and time to be still and allow God to draw closer, to learn more of God as he reads (especially Deuteronomy and John) and as he keeps fit running 'Couch to 5k'.
- For Lucy and the family as they adjust to James' absence
- For Derreck and Corrinne during this time of extra responsibilities.
- For those attending New Wine (26th – 30th July) at Maidstone. For safety, protection, fellowship, fun and spiritual refreshment
- For the churchwardens and the PCC

WEDNESDAY – Children & Young people

- Give thanks for the children, their families and the young people who attend the groups each week.
- Pray for the children attending Sparks Summer Camp (22nd – 27th July) for

safety, fun and friendship. For those youngsters away from home for the first time and their families. For Stefan, Alice and helpers.

- Give thanks for the increase in those attending Ignite. Pray for the young people and the leaders.
- Give thanks for those attending the showing of “The Chosen2. For developing friendships and lively discussions
- For those going to “Glow” (St. Luke’s) and Messy church (St. Leonard’s) that those attending will learn more about Jesus and His love for them.
- Pray for Stefan, Alice and the team as they faithfully minister to the children and families, week by week. Pray for more helpers to get involved.

THURSDAY – For those living in

- 1st June: Manor Road, Manor Road North, Manor Close, Stoke Close, Stoke Manor Close.
- 8th June: Chesterton Drive, Chesterton Avenue, Farm Close, Tudor Manor Gardens, Old Poplar Close.
- 15th June: Eastbourne Road, Chyngton Lane, Chyngton Lane North, Stonewood Close, Stirling Avenue.
- 22nd June: Perth Close, Stirling Close, Elgin Close, Romney Close, Bodiam Close
- 29th June: Walmer Road, Chyngton Avenue, The Shepway, Saltwood Road, Rye Close.
- 6th July: Pevensey Close, Millberg Road, Chyngton Gardens, Greenwell Close, Upper Chyngton Gardens
- 13th July: Hythe Crescent, Dymock Close, Hythe View, Hythe Close, Hastings Avenue,
- 20th July: Dover Close, Folkestone Avenue, Lansdowne Road, Hillside Avenue, Winchelsea Close,
- 27th July: Cinque Ports Way, Deal Avenue, Sandgate Close, Battle Close, Dymchurch Close.

FRIDAY – Seaford

- Pray for the newly elected Seaford town councillors and Lewes District councillors, many for the first time as they deal with local need environmental issues and housing.
- For Christian churches in Seaford, that our witness might impact upon our communities and that we might be one.
- For staff and patients in care and nursing homes. For the teams visiting to take services that message of Jesus’ love might be shared and received.
- For the staff at Seaford Medical Practice and Old School Surgery as they seek to prioritise and meet the demand for their services
- For the members of the emergency services- police, ambulance, fire and rescue, coastguards and lifeboat volunteers

SATURDAY – World

- Pray for an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine. For all trying to come to terms with the consequences of the conflict and rebuild shattered lives.
- UK's international relations with the US and Europe, Russia and China. Give thanks for the rescue of British nationals from Sudan and pray for those left behind.
- For a united international effort to solve the problem of people trafficking and those fleeing their homelands as refugees.
- That world leaders and governments will find workable remedies to cope with climate change and the ensuing environmental issues. That richer nations will offer help to the poorer nations so that there will be better use of the earth's finite resources.
- That we will all learn to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Pray for Missions Partners during July

SAMARA'S AID - Supporting people in Syria

- Pray for the people of Syria who have faced 12 years of war, a deteriorating economic crisis and the damage caused by the recent earthquakes.
- For new teams to be built with faithful people who have the right heart and the resilience needed for this work.
- For protection for the teams from those who persecute them, may God change the hearts and souls of those who wish them ill.
- Give thanks for the team members who work so hard each day to serve the poor, the vulnerable, the needy and the sick. May God continue to strengthen and encourage them in their work.

BEACHY HEAD CHAPLAINCY

- Give thanks for the frontline team of 25 chaplains. Pray for Gods continued protection over their health, spiritual and mental wellbeing, to know the renewing and refreshing of the Holy Spirit and that the August recruitment of new volunteer chaplains will be successful.
- Some people return to Beachy Head on a regular basis. Pray for them to encounter the healing and restoring power of Jesus. Pray also for those in the darkest of places who come to Beachy Head to end their lives – healing from trauma, anxiety, and depression and to replace with his peace.
- Pray for an abundance of God's grace, strength, courage & healing upon all those who have lost loved ones at Beachy Head.
- Pray for financial provision - this year it will cost £230,000 to operate Beachy Head Chaplaincy. Pray for the provision of an electric vehicle to replace their existing Honda CRV Patrol vehicle.



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Operation Mobilisation



In the previous two editions we heard from Matt Miller who has spent three months of his 'gap year' volunteering with the Christian mission organisation: Operation Mobilisation. He is now back home and this is the final article about his experiences on the ship 'Logos Hope':

After I joined the ship in Egypt, we went through the Suez Canal to Jordan, then past Saudi Arabia, to Djibouti, to Iraq and then finally to United Arab Emirates.

The strapline for the ship is 'Sharing knowledge, help and hope' - showing the love of Jesus in different ways. It sails to different countries offering international friendship and working with local schools, churches and organisations. It also has a large bookshop stocked with Christian books and books particularly for those

interested in learning English as a second language. In Egypt we had over a hundred thousand visitors come aboard during the stay, and in other countries quite a lot less.

The main reason for joining this trip was that I wanted to learn more about living for God and getting closer to him; to serve as a Christian; to meet other young Christians from around the world and to see some countries that are so different from the UK. I feel so blessed and privileged to have been able to do those things.

Most of all I learnt more about God's great love for me personally and how connected we are to Him when we allow Him to come close. The more we are filled with him, the more we can overflow with him to others. I also learnt lots of small lessons on how to live life with and for Jesus.

Some of my most vivid memories of my time away are:

- Worshipping outside on the top deck under the stars.
- Sharing food with a family on the street in Djibouti – one of the poorest countries in the world
- Playing football with local youngsters in a public square in Jordan.

It was also brilliant to be able to connect with other young Christians

from around the world and I hope very much to be able to keep in touch with some of them into the future.

I now have a place at Leeds Uni' for this September and look forward to continuing to grow as a Christian through my time there and then wherever God calls me to serve him in the future. Thank you so much to those who have shown interest or kindly supported me in prayer!

A scientist reflects on God's heart for the suffering

It's difficult as a scientist to hear information that is fascinating, but which also involves so much suffering for other people. I worked for a time in a leukaemia research lab. We had to let other people's pain drive our research without it crippling our ability to concentrate on our work. But, during lockdown, I found myself – as a biologically-educated bystander – avoiding looking into the science of COVID-19, because the reminders of its impact on people's lives were everywhere that I looked.

One of the ways I managed my own feelings during the pandemic was by digging deeper into what God has revealed to us about His character, letting that fuel my faith, my prayers, and my actions. For more academic types like myself, study – particularly of the Bible – can be one of the primary ways we connect with God and hear from Him. It's not wrong to be comforted by books, so long as the contents turn our eyes upwards and outwards.

First of all, God hears: "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted' (Psalm 34:18a). In Jesus God took on human form, and He showed us His heart for the world. When His friend Lazarus died, He wept (John 11).

God is "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Human sin has affected the whole of creation, and I believe this is largely the direct impact of our mismanagement of creation and mistreatment of each other. COVID-19 may well be another animal's friendly virus, pushed by human activity into causing havoc in bodies where it doesn't belong.

But God's world remains good. It is still fruitful, praising Him, as Psalm 19 describes. Even pictures of a deadly virus can seem beautiful – especially to a biologist! These good things are hints of the promised "new heavens and new earth" mentioned in the New Testament. One day "creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay" (Romans 8: 21), and for everyone who follows God, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 21: 4).

Behind the debates about suffering is sometimes the assumption that God doesn't care. My experience is that God does care deeply, and He invites His Church to care for those around them – especially the most vulnerable. He is with us, He hears us and grieves with us, He helps us and promises a better future.

Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz



Nicola Ferguson

At the time of writing, we are at the heart of Christian Aid week.

Last week, saw Christian Aid members across the land, filling large envelopes with Christian Aid ones. Lists of roads and avenues were drawn up. Thereafter, churn rotas were filled in at Church and many volunteers quite literally, stepped up and out of the door to deliver and collect the red envelopes.

We started the week as we always do, with our Christian Aid evening service this year on Sunday 14th May. This year we were at St Peter's, East Blatchington, with Arwen and Jo taking the service. We stepped through the doors at 17.45 to be greeted by Arwen, Jo and the glorious scent of lingering incense from the morning service.

Our regional Christian Aid coordinator, Kenwe, was our guest speaker who had travelled across from Canterbury to talk to us about the plight and ceaseless perseverance of the Malawian people. This is the time to speak of their very current, very acute crisis in the aftermath of flood and devastation from 'Cyclone Freddy'

Malawi experienced a year's worth of rain during the 4-week cyclone. The number of people affected by the Tropical Cyclone in Malawi continues to

rise. Over 508,000 people are displaced and hundreds have lost their lives. There's also an increased risk of malaria and cholera in the immediate aftermath.

'It's not just here and there, we are at the receiving end of the worst of climate change... It's not a matter of saying be charitable to your neighbour, this has to do with loss and damage, this has to do with responses that are not tokenism.' Lazarus Chakwera, President of Malawi.

Christian Aid response

Our partners and team in Malawi have been responding to the immediate recovery needs of communities. This includes:

- Corn soya blend for porridge for breastfeeding mothers and children under 5 years
- Mosquito nets for families to provide protection against malaria
- Providing temporary toilets and bathrooms, water containers and water treatment to help prevent the risk of cholera
- Mobile clinics to help people process the emotional trauma of the cyclone
- Distribution of cash to 1,000 households so that families can purchase their immediate needs

As I mentioned in my previous article, this year's Christian Aid week is highlighting the growing and exporting of the Pigeon Pea. Christian Aid were following two growers in particular, to



share their stories of growing the pea crops. One of the two, Jen, has had many of her crops destroyed by the Cyclone. She and her family are safe but says, 'Due to the floods, part of my field has also been washed away. I grew maize and pigeon peas in this field... I would like to let people know that we are facing one of the biggest disasters in Malawi and we need their support for us to manage to move out of this. We pray that our God will also help us in getting across these problems'

In Seaford, during this Christian Aid Week, at the weekly supper shared at St. Luke's for the viewing of 'The Chosen,' a dish of Pigeon Pea stew was served up, with flatbreads and cucumber. Most were pleasantly

surprised at their tastiness and recipes can be found on the Christian Aid website.

During the last two days of Christian Aid Week, volunteers from Churches across Seaford sat with the now infamous milk churn outside the porch of St. Leonard's to collect peoples' donations. We thank each and every one of you for all your giving, be it in time, donations or both.

Our next event will be the ever popular and tasty Cream Tea with plant stall, organised by St. Andrew's Church, in Bishopstone Village Hall, on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from Colin Pritchard or Nicola Ferguson

Adlestrop

Yes, I remember Adelstrop -
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up
there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared
his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop - only the name

Poetry Corner... *Selected by Jim Holmes*

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And Meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Edward Thomas

Poet Edward Thomas was born in Lambeth in March 3rd 1878 and was killed by shellfire during the first day of the Battle of Arras in April 1917.



WHEELS FOR

Stephanie Baker

At the beginning of March 2020 some of you may remember Jill Jenkinson coming to speak to the Women's Group about Wheels for the World, a charity that changes the lives of disabled people and their families in developing countries through the gift of a wheelchair or walking aid. These chairs are donated and refurbished in a warehouse in Aldershot before being sent off. Jill, who is my sister-in-law, told us how, as well giving chairs and walkers, each recipient is given a bible and a hand puppet.

Our group and at least one individual sponsored a wheelchair for £42 and some of our members started knitting! Sadly along came Covid and all the 'Wheels' trips had to stop. They did manage to send out some equipment and give advice via WhatsApp but the puppets, just like us were in lockdown.

On 3rd May this year a team of therapists set off for the Bidibidi refugee camp in Yumbe, Uganda and our puppets went with them.



The Wheels for the World teams have provided 20,000 people with a wheelchair or mobility aid over 56 distribution trips in 13 countries, and shared the Gospel with 30,000.



THE WORLD



FIND OUT MORE...

If you want to know more about the trip you can read about it in the blog at <https://throughtheroof.org/2023/05/05/wheelsblog-uganda-yumbe-2023-blog-1/>
Or access it via the website www.throughtheroof.org.uk



Terry Howell

Annual Report

Our colourful and informative report for 2022 has been produced and may be found on our website at www.lewesdistricthomelink.org.uk.

It has far more information than is possible in this column and photographs including our staff and the last garden party. I hope to display it in church.

New Chair –New Name

Our new Chair Ros Kellaway has been using her business name, but will be known by her married name Ros Toomey. One of her first appointments was to meet the King's Representative in Sussex. She greeted Mr. Andrew Blackman, the Lord Lieutenant, when he visited our Office at the House of Friendship in March. He was very impressed with what we are doing and very supportive of our Charity's work.

Lewes District Council Housing Department

When HOMELINK was set up, it was with the intention to act as a safety net for those whom the Housing Department would not help. (The Council normally only helps those it has a statutory duty to support). All our clients came from the Council. However, we found that the number referred to us was low and that there were others in need we should support so we contacted other agencies such as CAB and Job Centres who sent clients to us. Recently the number referred by

the Council was very low - only 18 in 2022. We manage to arrange for Shaun to explain to housing officers how we could help them. This has borne fruit and we have had 18 referrals in the first quarter of 2023 which is very encouraging.

Face to Face Interviews

At last, we are prepared to conduct face to face interviews at a venue on Denton Island. We have decided to offer £4 at each interview towards the cost of travel. We are expecting to have three interviews per week as well as phone interviews. The latter will be for those in a hurry because they have found accommodation which needs to be rapidly resourced.

Emergency Grants

The demand for emergency grants continues to be very high because when people move from emergency accommodation, they are offered a flat without any white goods or floor covering. The cost of these items is at least £300 for second-hand white goods, and £500 for carpeting. We have been able to offer up to £800 thanks to a grant from Enjoolata charity which can be used for carpeting. However, this money has now run out and we are likely to exceed our budget of £20,000 for white goods so it looks as though we may have to pause these grants before the end of the year. The problem with grants is that although they are comparatively small unlike loans they are not repayable.

Trustees

Our Church supports HOMELINK with finance and prayers as part of Churches Together in Seaford. We need two more Trustees from Seaford so if you care about the housing crisis please think of becoming a Trustee. (Trustee meetings are only four times a year).

Garden Party

David Allam, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, has kindly allowed us to use his splendid 4 acre garden again. Barrack Cottage in Bishopstone will be open on Saturday Afternoon June 24th. from 1.30 pm to 4.30pm. Do not miss it!

Prayers

Please ask for God's help:

- For more Trustees
- In starting our face to face interviews
- For those offered a loan but finding it difficult to find accommodation
- For those in desperate need of grants
- For those struggling to repay their loans



HOMELINK is a registered charity led by a Board of Trustees (including one from our Parish) and run by a Management Committee, all of whom are volunteers. Other volunteers help in a wide range of roles.

HOMELINK normally employ five part-time staff: two Client Managers; a Repayments Officer; a Finance Manager; and an Administration and Development Officer;

HOMELINK's office is rented from Age Concern in the House of Friendship in Lewes.

The Wonder of Creation

The rising sun that streaks the sky with colour,
Each day we see more marvels that unfold,
Nature has a palette like no other –
Creation is a wonder to behold.

And can it be this happened all by chance,
Or did some cosmic force become involved?
A Power operating out of time
That has a greater story to be told.

Our Universe defies all understanding,
Its vastness reaching endlessly in space,
Eternity – we find it hard to fathom
Or of One perhaps who set it all in place.

A Deity beyond the realms of time?
We do our best to try and understand –
Of a mighty hand that flung the stars to flight
Could be the hand still beckoning to man.

Megan Carter



Life And More Abundant Ministries

LAMA

Lesley Gomez



I am writing this during the Easter holidays, very hot (32 degrees) at the start of our Summer season, temperatures can reach to 40's. I was thinking to visit England, but Social Services are preparing our foster baby for adoption, so will wait. Please let me know if you would like me to visit your church - I will put together an itinerary for next Spring/Summer 2024 in UK. Please get in touch if you are interested in a visit: lama.min.org@gmail.com

Chaplaincy

Michael has started his online Chaplaincy course with Waverley Abbey College. He recently applied to the Regional Director of Social Services to volunteer at the Detention Centre for an extra 4 hours a week, he already does Chapel every Tuesday with Simon, Ana and Leah. Answered Prayer as this request was accepted.



A couple of weeks ago as the guard opened the gate for us to enter, we noticed one of the boys sitting with his head down with two houseparents outside the Isolation Unit... we thought he had tried to escape, that usually means Chapel is cancelled but the boys began to gather and help us set up the sound system. The service is always well received, but this time they didn't want it to end. Michael had prayed a closing prayer but nobody moved to go, they stayed seated. "Should we sing another song?" he suggested and one boy asked for "Bless the Lord O my Soul!"

When we came to the last verse, 'And on that day when my strength is failing, the end is near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending, 10,000 years and forevermore,' several boys echoed the words, 'ever-more,' 'ever-more.' It brought tears to our eyes!

Afterwards several boys usually come to the front eager for us to pray with them - first in line this time was the boy we prayed for last month who, whilst suffering with his traumas, had a meltdown and ended up in hospital after self-harming. He had been having nightmares every night and his mind snapped, now he was back in detention and seemed better.



He asked us urgently to pray for one boy who had tried to hang himself. The other boys nodded in agreement and motioned over to the Isolation Unit, the boy we had seen earlier. They were very shaken by what had happened which was why they did not want the chapel service to end, they sense God's Peace during worship. We prayed together - they know God hears. Michael hopes to be allowed to pray with urgent needs like these during his training. Another boy was already a Christian when wrongly accused of a crime. In desperation, he tried to drink poison but only made himself very ill. He was detained in adult prison before transfer to the Detention Centre. When he first attended our chapel service he was so relieved to have found church he had a big smile on his face! Now he worships with his hand placed over his heart, opens in prayer and shares his testimony, thanking God for protecting him in adult prison. He smiles a lot, confident that God has a plan for his life as he waits for release papers. The boys call him Pastor!

EPI-CENTRE Church

When Sam worked at LAMA House before the pandemic we attended an event at his church in Baguio, with LAMA boys and girls and loved the fellowship there. Recently Epicenter Church started a branch in San

Fernando.

Michael, Simon and Ana will lead worship every Sunday with the help of worship leaders from Baguio. It is an AOG church just starting out with a small congregation, but we are excited for the future and love being part of the church family. The Pastor from Baguio recently retired, he reminds me of my Dad as he always has a story to tell in his sermon, often the same ones Dad used!

Beach mission

The worship team continues the weekly beach mission at My Girl Cafe, bringing worship and introducing customers and passers-by to JESUS at sunset. Wonderful times!

Last week as Michael sang about grace, everyone seated at tables fell silent and listened, then at the end of song burst into applause! The Presence of God!

Baby M

Ana's foster-baby is now 6 months old, we are awaiting the adoption process to commence. He loves to chatter and giggle, loves Simon singing and dancing with him. Ana is doing a great job!

Website

We have updated the website - a work in progress but you can see what we are up to now. www.lamaministries.org. Visit our Facebook page to see videos and photos - LAMA House of Worship.



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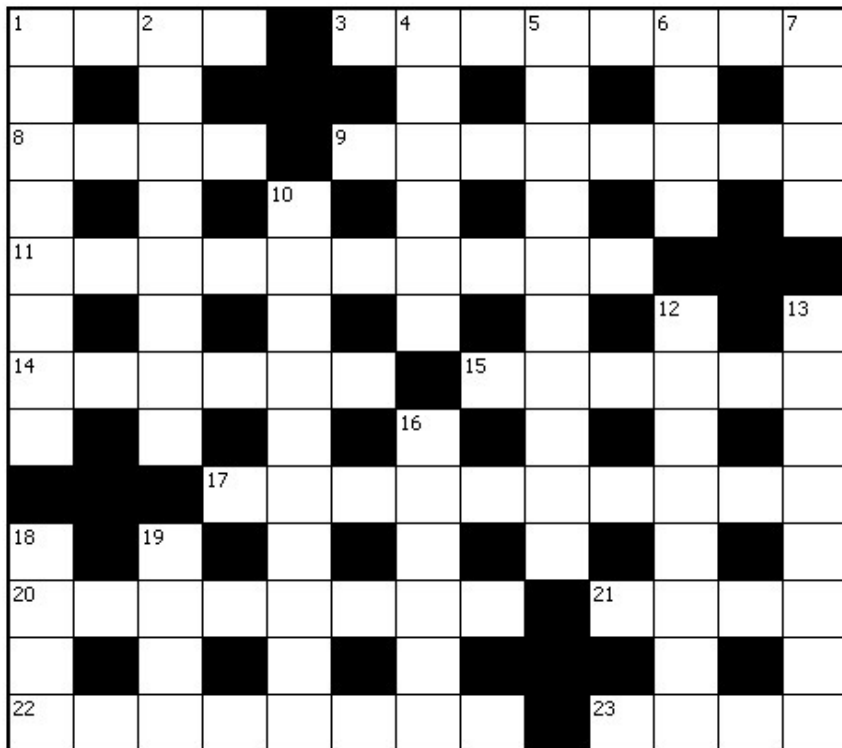


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Crossword



Across

1 See 23 Across

3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)

8 Invalid (4)

9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)

11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)

14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)

15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)

17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)

20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)

21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)

22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)

23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

**4th June: Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31
Matthew 28:16-20

11th June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

Leviticus 25:8-24
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

18th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 31:15-34
Matthew 9:35-10:28

25th June: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 38:1-13
Matthew 10:24-39

2nd July: 4th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

9th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

23rd July: 7th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28:10-19a
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

30th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29:15-28
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



Saturday 3rd	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 7th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Sunday 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 16th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Saturday 17th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 19th	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Wednesday 21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 24th	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
Sunday 25^h	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 27th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 28th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's

Crossword answers

Across

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

Down

1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

Calendar

July



Saturday 1st	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 5th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Friday 12th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Sunday 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 11th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 15th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 17th	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Wednesday 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 22nd	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
Sunday 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 25th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 26th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's



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Regular Services & Groups



Services in St. Leonard's Church

Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion: a quiet said service
- 9.30am Holy Communion: a service with choir and hymns
- 11.30am The Meeting Place: informal worship (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Wednesdays

- 11.00am Matins: a quiet said service (1st Wednesday)
- 11.00am Holy Communion: a said service (other Wednesdays)



Services in St. Luke's Church

Sundays

- 9.30am Holy Communion: a service with hymns (1st and 3rd Sundays)
- 9.30am Family Worship: informal worship (2nd and 4th Sunday) with bacon rolls from 9.00am
- 7.00pm Prayer@7: a short time of worship followed by prayer (2nd Sunday)
- 7.00pm St. Luke's@7: Contemporary worship (4th Sunday)

Tuesdays

- 11.00am Prayer Ministry and Communion (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) followed by refreshments

Sunday	Glow (children's group)	9.30am	St. Luke's	1 st and 3 rd Sundays
Monday	Women's Group	7.30pm	St. Luke's	3 rd Monday
Tuesday	Bell Ringers	7.30pm	St. Leonard's	Weekly
Wednesday	Tots	9.30am	St. Luke's	Weekly*
	Parish Lunch	12.30pm	St. Luke's	1 st Wednesday
Thursday	Tots	9.30am	St. Leonard's	Weekly*
	Choir	7.00pm	St. Leonard's	Weekly
Friday	Mother's Union	2.30pm	St. Luke's	2 nd Friday
	Sparks	5.45pm	St. Luke's	Weekly*
	Ignite	7.45pm	St. Luke's	Weekly*
Saturday	Messy Church	9.30am	St. Leonard's	1 st Saturday
	Open Church	10.00am	St. Leonard's	See calendar

*Term time



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