

Parish Magazine

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



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Welcome

In CS Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the lion Aslan is put to death by the White Witch. The stone table on which He is killed cracks in two, but Aslan meets with Lucy and Susan alive again. He explains the Witch's failure:

'...her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, she would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack, and Death itself would start working backwards.'

This is a great picture of what Jesus' cross and His resurrection has achieved. As Paul writes, *'I want to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection'* (Philippians 3:10). To understand the real Easter, we should experience the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

New Hope: Like the girls in the story, Easter highlights the sadness and confusion that loss brings. Yet the resurrection of Jesus brings new hope, as it demonstrates the victory secured by the cross over sin, Satan and death. We can face life's difficulties knowing that Jesus walks beside us.

New Love: Our relationships are often characterised by a lack of forgiveness, hurt and betrayal. Yet Jesus' resurrection opens the possibility of new love, as His power enables us to accept others and forgive them.

New Life: When we are trying to make sense of life, like the girls in the story, Jesus offers us a living relationship with Himself. It's a friendship with God through Jesus that can begin today and continue for eternity.

When Lucy met Aslan again, she cried: *'Oh, you're real, you're real!'* We too can find the real Easter through a life changing encounter with the living Christ.



Parish News

The Parish of Sutton with Seaford *St. Leonard's & St. Luke's Churches*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 27th April at 11.00am

St. Leonard's Church

Agenda and Reports will be available prior to the meeting

Church Electoral Roll

If St. Leonard's and St. Luke's is your Church family please do ensure you are on the Church Electoral Roll. This year there is a complete revision so all on the existing roll will also need to complete a form. These are now available at the back of both churches and you are encouraged to complete one as soon as possible.

St. Luke's @7

St. Luke's@7 meet for a time of worship and prayer on April 27th and May 25th. Some folks gather and share supper at 5.45pm with worship from 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome, if you want supper please contact Kate Steer.

include a hot main meal, dessert, tea or coffee. For more information and tickets please contact Sue on 01323 490415 or Julia on 895073. Please note the date for Parish Lunch in March will be on the Wednesday 12th. We look forward to seeing you, please book your place using the contacts above.

Coffee, Prayer Ministry & Communion

You are welcome to join in our next Service of Prayer Ministry with Communion at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd April then 13th and 27th May at 11.00am. Coffee will be available from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Life After Loss

The next Life After Loss sessions will be held on Wednesdays 2nd April and 7th May at 63 Chyngton Gardens from 10am-12.00noon. Anyone who has been bereaved whether recently or longer and would like to join, will be welcome, no booking required. For more detail please call Diana Woodcock: 01323 891749.

Parish Lunch

Join us for Parish Lunch on Wednesdays 2nd April and 7th May at 12.30 in St Luke's. The cost of the lunch is £6.00 to

Seaford Parish Women's Group

Seaford Parish Women's Group usually meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. However, our April meeting will be on Monday 14th April when we will be attending the Compline Service which begins at 7.00pm in St. Leonard's Church. Following this women's group members will be serving refreshments of teas, coffees and hot cross buns. Everyone is welcome.

Our meeting on 19th May will be back at the usual time of 7.30pm at St. Luke's Church where we will take part in a 'Baggy Beetle' game. If you don't know what this is you are welcome to come and join the fun. Refreshments and prayers will end the evening. Non members are very welcome.

Mothers' Union

The MU meet on Fridays 24th April and 23rd May in St. Luke's.

Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee morning at 63 Chyngton Gardens on April 5th from 10.00am to 12 noon to raise funds for the May Camp for the youth group. There will be cards for sale. If anyone has any books or little things to donate

and sell we will have a table. Any questions please call Diana Woodcock at 01323 891749.

Easter Flowers for St. Leonard's

We are planning to decorate the church for Easter so there is the opportunity to make a donation towards the arrangements, possibly in memory of a loved one: the names of those you wish to remember will be written on cards to be included in one of the displays.

Donations (together with the names for the cards) should be placed in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' and left at church, or by contacting Margaret Smith (895212).

Chess Club

The Chess Club that met in St. Leonard's on Friday morning has now sadly closed with immediate effect.

Family Support Work Sponsored Walk

There will be a FSW walk on the Cuckmere Pilgrimage Way on Thursday 15th May. If you would like to walk some or all of the 13 mile circuit, please register soon at <https://www.familysupportwork.org/eventss/cuckmere-valley-sponsored-walk/>



St. Leonard's Church

10.00am to 12.30pm

Saturdays 26th April & 24th May

For us and for our salvation...

Nicene Creed Part 3

James Hollingsworth



This year, 2025, celebrates 1700 since the writing of the Nicene Creed and also 950 years since the establishment of our Diocese of Chichester and the building of our Cathedral. Do pop into St Luke's or St Leonard's and pick up a commemorative bookmark.

The creed up to this point has been heavy with some highfalutin theology but now it suddenly becomes tangible, visceral, historical, geographical. The mention of this happening *under Pontius Pilate* helps us to remember where and when in the world we are talking about. This actually happened. This raises the problem called 'the scandal of particularity'. You know this problem well in the form of why did that prayer get answered but not that prayer? Why did Jesus heal these people in Jerusalem at this time, but not also the people in Bethlehem. Couldn't He have just clicked His fingers and made it so? Your answer to this reveals more about you than it does about God. If this gives you hope to persist prayer and in living a life of love and kindness or anger and bitterness. But even there salvation can be found.

Born of the Virgin Mary. Some clever people are usually clever enough to know that that's not possible and so dismiss this line. I admire that ability to sift through the miraculous that enwraps Jesus and say 'Yes' and 'No' to the bits that fit with their world view. From the earliest of days of the Church,

Mary was held in very high esteem.

One day perhaps we will again be able to go to Bethlehem, to the Church of the Nativity, down into the chapel below the church, and there under the altar see a fourteen pointed silver star with a small window in the middle of it. Ask me another time why it's a fourteen pointed star. It looks down onto a cave, the back of a first century house, where Christians have always known that this was where Jesus was born. Here's a moment, literally an X marks the spot, where God, *true light from true light, came down from heaven.*

For us and ... reminds us that Jesus came to show us how to live. Here is the God who in Jesus Christ goes to weddings, drinks and dances; who comes to the grave of His friend and weeps; who protests injustice in a table turning moment; who touches the unclean and infects them with His holiness and restores them to wholeness. Don't skip from Christmas straight to Good Friday but pause to see His life lived.

For us and for our salvation. It is not explained. It's simply stated – *he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried.* This sacrifice happened. The Gospels spend over a third of their life of Jesus telling the reader what happened. Jesus explained it as his sacrifice being a

ransom for many. The book of Hebrews sees this as from a heavenly perspective. St Paul sometimes draws on the Exodus Passover story and elsewhere on the practice of Atonement that we see in the book of Leviticus. But all are clear that this was *For us and for our salvation*, that this was *For our sake*.

God thinks this highly of you. That you are worth rescuing, worth being incarnated for, worth living, worth dying for. You are that precious to God.

On the third day he rose again. St Paul reminds us that if we give up on this then we are to be pitied above all people. The women met the Risen Jesus first; Peter and John saw the folded up grave head cloth; Thomas

had to wait a week before poking his finger into the spear wound; five hundred saw Him at one time. Lives were changed from Saul to Paul, and from an earlier version of me to the me you see today, still on a pilgrimage of transformation. Perhaps other proofs encourage your faith. The world changed.

In accordance with the Scriptures: we see this all the way through the Old Testament and the words of Jesus in the Gospels, helped by the Epistles. So keep reading your Bible for here we find life, faith, hope and love.

Next time: the Ascension, Pentecost, the Council of Constantinople, and Filioque.

Diocesan Synod Report by Mark Gill

The Diocesan Synod met on Monday 17th March to consider a strategic initiative for growth in the church. This would be focussed on three strands of focus:

- Inspiring prayer and worship
- Children and Youth ministry
- Leadership.
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Underlying this is a desire to make Christ known and to make disciples. The plan will build on experience and application to about 80 churches across the Diocese. This will be governed by various boards for accountability as it will have a potential investment to manage of about £22M over 10 years. £12M of this will be applied for from central Church funds with £5M budgeted from the Diocese and £5M from parishes. This Kingdom investment will be sought and hopefully granted within 2025, whence the plan can be implemented with collaboration across the Diocese.

The motion to take on the strategy and application for funding was overwhelmingly voted for.

Bishop Martin concluded the discussion with empowering words of faith and that we are continuing to sustain the Church.

What's This Fasting Thing All About ?

Derreck Lee-Philpot



Good question!

Historians generally agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicea in 325AD, that's the same gathering where we received our 'Nicene Creed'. Earliest observances of Lent seem to have focused on the practice of fasting.

The Council records of 325AD suggest that the fast applied primarily to new converts as a period of repentance and reflection before baptism at Easter, although Lenten fasting quickly became a general practice churchwide. The actual 40-day period varied region-to-region, even church-to-church; some including weekends, some not; some fasting Sundays, others not.

But wherever it was practised the fast was strict: just one meal a day after 3pm with no meat, fish, or dairy.

It was Pope Gregory I (590 - 604 AD) who finally formalised the period of the fast churchwide. It was to begin on a Wednesday 46 days before Easter with a ceremony of ash, and not to include Sundays, which are always days of celebration.

Other historical records indicate that a pre-Easter season of fasting, had actually been in practice already, as far back as the second century, and

perhaps
even
earlier.

For example; one of the early church fathers Irenaeus mentioned that fasting for 40 days at this time was a practice dating 'back to his forefathers.' As he lived from c130-202AD this made him a 'third generation' disciple. So, his 'dating' of 40-day Lenten fasting shows the practice goes back to the very earliest days of the church.

Following Nicea, Lenten practices remained essentially unchanged for centuries.

However, by the 800s, the strictness of the fast began to relax.

By the 1400s, Christians had begun eating the one allowed meal earlier in the day and later began to add a smaller meal to keep up their strength for work. Eventually, the one-meal restriction was lifted altogether, and new practices emerged, like the idea of giving up some luxury or need as a personal sacrifice for the season. Over time, 'giving something up' has become the focus of Lent.

But why fast? apart from copying Jesus forty days in the wilderness.

His forty days were to prepare for ministry, to defeat satan, but what is our purpose?

We are not preparing for ministry, at least not in the same sense as Jesus. So, why fast?

The reason may be found in the strong link between fasting and prayer.

If you are fasting, you are not eating, if you are not eating you don't have to gather, prepare, cook, eat, and then clear the table. This allows a couple of hours where you are now free to be with God, in prayer, intercession, adoration, worship, reading scriptures.

Fasting gave time to give over to God. That hasn't changed, except now we rarely fast a whole meal !

We now 'give something up' for Lent, like chocolate or biscuits or chocolate biscuits! One person I knew gave up watching films through Lent. Giving up biscuits may be symbolic of fasting a meal, a declaration of intent if you like,

but it's difficult to make more time for God if you aren't fasting a meal, just fasting a biscuit!

So how might we return to prayer being the focus of our Lenten fast?

Giving something up for Lent just leaves a vacuum for the few seconds it takes to eat a biscuit.

Why not fill that vacuum/space with something.

As we reach out to the biscuit tin (or whatever you are 'fasting'), **STOP**. Instead of taking a biscuit, stop and pray a short prayer. It might be for a friend's healing, it might be for a personal or family problem, it might be for a world event, it might just be for someone (or yourself) to receive a blessing. **BUT PRAY IT.**

This Lent don't 'fast' don't 'give stuff up' and merely leave a vacuum, fill it with something!

Thank You



We were completely blown away by the love from our church family at St. Luke's on Sunday 16th March as our family and friends joined us for our son Noah's confirmation.

Thank you to Bishop Will for coming to give our boy such a special service. And thanks to all that joined us, sent messages, helped out, provided refreshments, gave time, cards, gifts and words of faith, prayers and love. We appreciate you all and cannot thank you enough.

Lots of love Sam and Paul Fowler

Making Sense of Prayer

Using our senses to pray as we enter Holy week

Carole Darling

On Palm Sunday, we are doing a special prayer session which will include some teaching and practice as we explore Holy Week together and pray through the senses.

Starting at 6.00pm and finishing at 8.00pm at St Luke's Church on Sunday 13th April 2025. All are welcome. Let me know if you intend to come along: revcarole@seafordparish.org.uk



A few years ago, when I worked for a Christian Charity, I was impressed by how a colleague led prayer one morning. Instead of the usual prayer activity that involved a lot of asking God to help; this colleague led a slow silent time of waiting. It was respectful and unrushed. I felt that we had taken time to welcome God, to be thankful and to listen. This prayer time made me stand still and question my prayer life.

If I was to meet up with a friend and my conversation was rushed, brief and all about me, my friend would not feel cared for or loved. How do I come across to God when I pray? How can I love God when I pray?

'Could do better' is the comment that I would make about my own prayer life. I am interested in thinking about expectations in prayer: what does God expect of me in prayer? What are my own expectations, formed from habit and tradition? What should change and how can I make good changes to improve my prayer life?

Prayer and Spirituality is the topic for the current curate training module in these months leading up to priesting in June. I have two assignments to complete by June. Just as well, I say, as my daughter's wedding is in July, so I will need an 'assignment clear time' in the lead up to the wedding.

The first assignment is an essay in which I am asked to critique a spiritual tradition that I am most familiar, with another different spiritual tradition. So, I have decided to take a look at Franciscan Spirituality and make a comparison with the evangelical tradition that I am familiar with. A broad topic, so I will focus on prayer and what we expect in prayer.

The day that I decided on this particular focus for the essay, I was contacted by a member of Seaford Parish who wanted to share what she was reading for Lent. She told me that she was reading a book by Ian Morgan Cron entitled: 'Chasing Francis.' It's about a pastor of an evangelical church in the

states who has a crisis of faith, takes a sabbatical and visits his uncle in Italy who is a Franciscan. It's a good read so far and I am intrigued to read about this Pastor's discovery of the Franciscan tradition, what he notices and how his faith in God expands beyond his familiar tradition. I hope that this book, amongst other books will give me some insight as I write my essay.

The other assignment is to lead an event and then write a reflection. I am designing the 'Making sense of prayer' session on Palm Sunday as the event that I am assigned to lead. What a great assignment! It is something that I am really excited about. I chose to focus on

the senses as a way of being creative and enjoying being in God's presence. I also think that using our five senses will help us to explore prayer and open up space for listening to God in a new way. Perhaps expanding on the tradition that we are familiar with and hopefully giving space for faith to grow and prayer to develop.

I won't be teaching on the subject of prayer as any expert. I hope that on Palm Sunday we can explore prayer together, using our five senses, in a sensitive and comfortable way that is inspiring and helpful as we enter into Holy Week. Please come along!

Psalm 23 for our Modern World

The Lord is my pacesetter I shall not rush
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind and his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day I will not fret for his presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my head with His oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and swell in His house forever.

Written by Toki Miyashina and submitted by Peter Holding

Children, Youth & Families

Stefan Bracher

The past few weeks and months seem to have passed by really quickly. We have been getting up to so much.

On Shrove Tuesday we held our Pancake Party where over 40 children joined us for a time of fun and excitement. As well as completing a range of craft activities the children managed to plough their way through what seemed like a mountain of pancakes. Many thanks to which Jayne Bass (also known by the children as The Pancake Lady) for making these.



We have also had lots of fun at **Tots' Treats** playing on the slides, in the sand tray

and ball pits together with crafts, play dough, kitchen play and a whole load more! We have been taking the time at the end of each session to read a story. These alternate between a faith-based story and one which has a good strong message behind it. The craft is then usually linked to the story. For example, recently we listened to, "The Boy Who Shared His Sandwich". I'll let you work out which Bible story it links to... but we then made lolly stick fish and coloured the sticks in.

Our discussions with parents and carers about faith have initially developed some responses about attending the Alpha course on Thursday evenings.



However, due to being parents, that timing didn't work for them. So Carole was able to lead Alpha at the home of one of the parents. Currently two parents are taking part and it will continue at a pace right for them.



Sparks is still going really steady with some very great engagement by the children. We have been discovering a great deal about who we are in God. We have been looking at creation and what that means for us, whilst also going a bit deeper with our own faith journeys. We have looked at how having people around us who are able to encourage us can be a really good thing and then how we can chat to others about our own experiences.

We are however becoming increasingly desperately in need of some volunteers to support this group. Please do consider if you can volunteer once or twice a month on a Friday evening for 2½ hours. This could even be helping with food and drinks or cleaning and tidying. If you'd like to see a night in action let me know and we can arrange for you to come along and see what happens at Sparks.

Email cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk or call 07506 143 476.



Ignite has continued to be popular, with new people continuing to join almost every week! In case you didn't know they love a

good bit of basketball, followed by a good game of dodgeball. Both of which can get quite competitive. We are currently thinking about a re-jig to Ignite and the activities we offer. So we'll be asking the young people for their thoughts and ideas shortly.

We have also had around 10-15 young people join in with our Joint Youth Services (with us, St Micheal's Newhaven and Seaford Baptist Church), where we dig into a message from the Bible and explore that a little with the young people. This is setting ground to know who we can look to invite to a Youth Alpha, keep your eyes peeled for more!



Messy Church had started back strong in January, February and March, with lots of crafts and activities for

children and families to get involved with. We have looked at messages such as "What is Lent?" using crafts, story, songs, actions and film clips. Messy Church seems to be a continuous session where families feel welcomed to come in and find out more about God in a relaxed environment.

Glow and Family Worship have been going along very nicely. Glow is like a mini-Messy Church. Recently we have covered stories like "The Friend Who Forgives" as we looked at how Jesus

forgave Simon-Peter. We are really keen to ensure Glow continues to thrive, as part of this we are seeking some extra help, on a rota basis of maybe once a month. Please let me know if you would be willing to support us in this way by contacting cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk or 07506 143 476.

Assistant Children, Youth & Family Worker

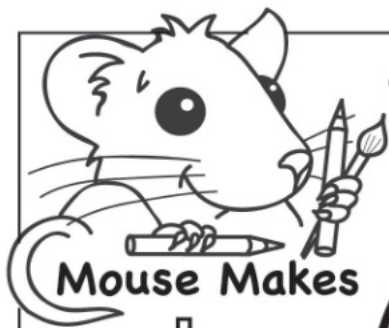
As you are aware we have been putting things in place to enable us to recruit an Assistant Children, Youth & Family Worker. This will allow us to expand what we are doing within our Church. Thank you so much for all of your prayers over recent months they are hugely welcome and much needed!

I am now thrilled to announce that Kim Cuthbert one of our volunteer team was the successful applicant and will be our new Assistant Children, Youth & Family Missioner. Kim brings much experience and has a passion for her work with children and young people.

We look forward to work ahead with Kim now as part of the team and ask that you continue to pray for Kim and all that she will be carrying out in her work over the next few weeks, months and years.

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>

E: cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk
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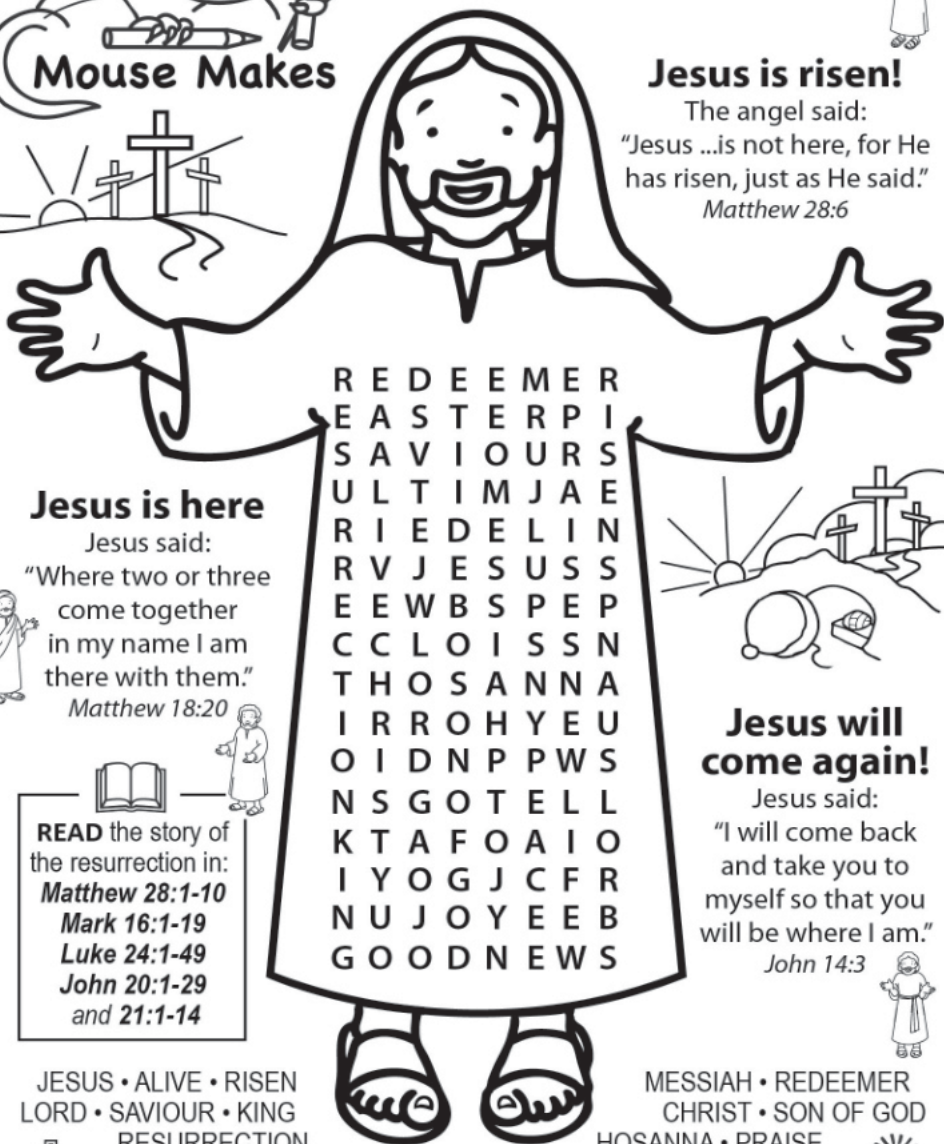
On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
 Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
 and showed us the resurrection to
 come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
 "Jesus ...is not here, for He
 has risen, just as He said."

Matthew 28:6



Jesus is here

Jesus said:
 "Where two or three
 come together
 in my name I am
 there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of
 the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29
 and **21:1-14**

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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
 "I will come back
 and take you to
 myself so that you
 will be where I am."

John 14:3



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Kim Cuthbert in conversation with Stefan Bracher



This is Kim Cuthbert, our new Assistant Children, Youth and Family Missioner. Kim has been a volunteer with us for several years and has been awarded the

Order of St. Richard for her outstanding voluntary work. We are hugely excited to have Kim on board as a full time team member, and looking forward to her work in the parish.

We thought we would get her to answer some questions which you can chat to her about, as we get to know Kim a little better.

SB: Who are you and where you from?

KC: *I'm Kim, I've lived in Seaford for 18 years.*

SB: What did you do before this job?

KC: *I worked as an Individual Needs Assistant, in Cradle Hill School.*

SB: Why this job?

KC: *I really wanted to put my all into work I have been doing as a volunteer in the Church Children, Youth & Family Work. Having volunteered with the Church and grown up attending the youth work up at St. Luke's and then working with children and young people in other job roles, I feel like I really can help spread the good news of Jesus.*

SB: Briefly, how did you come to faith?

KC: *I've been brought up in the Church and it's been a steady constant in my life when a lot of things have changed, regardless of where I was.*

SB: What's your favourite type of movie?

KC: *Love a good bit of a Romcom or an Action Comedy.*

SB: If you could have any meal, what would it be?

KC: *Love all Thai food.*

SB: Dominos or KFC?

KC: *Domino's, because Stefan is currently sat with me...*

SB: What would your ideal relax day be like?

KC: *It has to be sitting in a garden with friends all around, chat nonsense with a nice glass of Pimm's.*

SB: Favourite chocolate?

KC: *Dairy Milk Marvellous Creations with the jelly beans and popping candy in, absolutely banging!*

SB: Pepsi Max or Diet Coke?

KC: *Pepsi Max, again because Stefan is currently sat with me...*

SB: Red Bull or Coffee?

KC: *Love an iced coffee in the summer and so many different things to add in to coffee.*

SB: What's one experience you have never done, but have always dreamed of doing? Who are you and where you from?

KC: *I've always wanted to ride on a hot air balloon, landing in a vineyard with a picnic afterwards.*

Lunchtime Concerts

2025

Saturday 17th May at 1.00pm

Neil Crossland (piano)

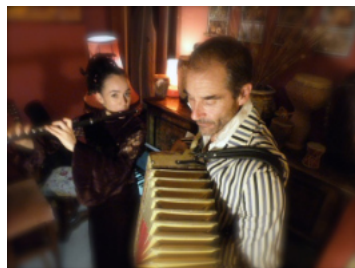
Neil Crossland is a distinguished British pianist and composer hailing from Yorkshire. His musical journey began at the age of six, leading him to the prestigious Royal College of Music in London, where he earned top prizes in both piano and composition. Crossland has performed in some of the world's most iconic venues, including the Barbican, Queen Elizabeth Hall, and Wigmore Hall. He is particularly celebrated for his complete performances of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas at St James' Piccadilly, showcasing his profound interpretation of these monumental works. In addition to his live performances, Neil Crossland is a prolific recording artist. He has undertaken an extensive recording project with the Deltatel label, producing over 20 recordings which include the complete Beethoven piano sonatas.



Saturday 21st June at 1.00pm

Clare Beesley (flute) & Pete Churchill (piano accordion)

Based in The Hague, The Netherlands, Clare Beesley is a flautist with a particular interest in early flutes, performing with various orchestras, chamber ensembles and in solo recitals Europe-wide. She is an enthusiastic teacher and coaches at 'Baroque Week', an annual residential course in Caversham. Clare is a PhD candidate at Utrecht University and serves as an international diploma and grade examiner for ABRSM. Beginning his studies as a junior exhibitor in piano and double bass at the RCM, organ scholar and subsequently music graduate of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, multi instrumentalist Peter Churchill now works as a community musician in Birmingham. He runs several prison choirs, directs Birmingham's Choir With No Name and plays accordion with mega-folk band The Destroyers.



All concerts are in St. Leonard's Church and last for about an hour, admission is free with a retiring collection. Pick up the full concert programme in church or download one from:

www.seafordparish.org.uk/saturday-lunchtime-concerts/



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SEAFORD PARISH CHURCH
ST LEONARD'S AND ST LUKE'S

St. Luke's Garden

Mark Gill

Following the start of renovation in St. Luke's Garden in October, we had a bit of a break in January with the cold weather. Happy to report the work is complete.

The objectives given included: have a meditative space, make access for wheelchairs from the double door exit, have planting beds for the youth group and have a general tidy up.

All have been achieved with a new ramp from the doors to a patio area with pergola, seating and planters with a solar powered water feature, several raised beds, ground and wall planters with a separate patio for potting and activity. The youth groups will be planning some planting now and we look forward to see green shoots soon.



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Where to buy

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About the Real Easter Egg

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What can I eat for Easter?

Can't eat beef... mad cow

Can't eat chicken... bird flu

Can't eat eggs... Salmonella

Can't eat pork... fears that bird flu will infect pigs

Can't eat fish... heavy metals in the waters

Can't eat fruits and veggies... insecticides and herbicides

Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice... nasty carbs

Hmmmmmmmm! I believe that leaves... chocolate!



How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the ‘swoon’ theory? That Jesus didn’t die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don’t fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus’ continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being ‘accompanied’ through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: ‘He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: “Follow thou me,” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.’

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.





Paul Bloxham

Still going strong after 80 years

January 2025 marked 80 years since the creation of Christian Aid. But what a difference does Christian Aid and its partners make as it seeks to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Each year, Christian Aid looks back at its impact. Last year it worked with 260 partners in 25 countries around the world – from Columbia to South Sudan and from Ukraine to Afghanistan and more. Working through 410 projects, Christian Aid tackled climate change, conflict and humanitarian disasters and reached 4.5 million people living in poverty. Over 3 million people had their humanitarian needs met by Christian Aid’s partners – so important in a time of terrible conflict around the world.

This is only possible due to the incredible churches and supporters across Britain and Ireland. Almost 3,000 churches supported Christian Aid last year helping to raise over £80m.

For example, Christian Aid are rebuilding lives in Ukraine. In the Mykolaiv region of Ukraine, Ivanna’s village was almost entirely destroyed by the ongoing conflict. Once the fighting ceased, Ivanna’s and her neighbours



returned to their homes to find and public buildings in ruins.

With support from the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal for Ukraine that raised £438 million, Christian Aid partnered with the Heritage Foundation to provide cash grants for community-led rebuilding efforts. (Sourced from the Christian website)

These ‘survivor and community-led response’ grants enable communities to choose where best to spend the money. The village has used the grant to rebuild their school’s destroyed library and turn it into a community centre for everyone. There are similar projects in Gaza and in Libya.

Every gift, act of solidarity and prayer brings hope and lasting change to communities around the world. Let us make 2025 a brighter future for those facing poverty. To help you make a donation to Christian Aid a little easier, you can use the QR Code and follow the instructions given on the website.



The QR Code will take you to the Seaford's Account at Christian Aid. Just a little way down there is a red 'DONATE' box. You will be asked to identify yourself before naming the sum of money you wish to donate.

Thereafter, at regular intervals, Christian Aid will advise the committee of the total amounts donated to our account.

Local news

In conjunction with 'Churches Together in Seaford' there will be a Spring Coffee Morning on the 12th April at 10:00 to be held at Cross Way Church, Clinton Place, with various stalls available, such as for cakes, books, bric-a-bac, etc.

On Sunday 11th May at 6:00 pm there will be a Christian Aid Service (venue to be confirmed). This will be followed by Christian Aid Week between the 11th and 17th May. On the 31st May there will be a Lunch at St Luke's from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Full details will be displayed on the church notice boards in due course.

For your information, the local churches in Seaford raised just over £8,000 for Christian Aid during 2024. As a result of our annual Quiz Night in February this year, enjoyed by 72 people, a total of just over £700 was raised.

The local Christian Aid Committee would like to thank you for help and generous support you have given over many years and into the future.



Christian Aid Week

**May 11th—17th
2025**

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Love to hear from you...

David Farey

A friend of ours was invited to speak in Moscow to a Christian group that met in a house some years ago during the Communist era. When he arrived he and his friend couldn't open the door. The reason was that the apartment was so packed with people that it was difficult to get the door open. Our friend had never preached literally standing nose to nose with his congregation before!

All the people there were desperate to hear the word of God and to learn and grow in faith. They met in an atmosphere of mistrust and fear of arrest and persecution with secret police always on the look out for such anti-social behaviour, at least behaviour considered as anti-social by the state.

We do not live under such repression. There is a growing tendency within society for the Christian faith to be dismissed and even condemned by some within our communities, but it is nowhere near what is experienced by those living under true repression. Instead, we live in an atmosphere where it is easy to choose to be a Christian and to practice our faith, but it is also easy to live a very shallow faith and not to value our faith as much as we perhaps should. Meeting in small groups to discuss faith and God's word is on offer for everyone, so how can we

find ways to encourage people to do that?

As a culture we are often willing to put in the effort to look after our health and wellbeing. Gyms have full memberships with folks seeking to stay young and fit, adverts bombard us with the latest anti-ageing creams and the like and we are reminded of what foods are healthy and what are not. We are urged to look after our mental health and so work at keeping mentally agile as well. But what about our spiritual health?

The Russians in the story about my friend were hungry to hear God's word. They were willing to risk persecution to learn more about God. They were willing to overcome obstacles and were "hungry" to meet together.

We would like to encourage anyone who is hungry to know more about living as a Christian to meet others who want to learn too. If this is something that you are looking for, we would love to hear from you!

Let us know what you hope to find in a small group that would encourage you. Or you can simply ask us about the groups on offer so that you can join in the fun!

Email us on:
homegroups@seafordparish.org.uk



Prayer Diary

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)

Please pray for our Mission Partner during April:

CAMBODIA ACTION supporting Sarah & Pola Chhin

- Give thanks for M'lup Russey (Sarah is their Technical Adviser) as it works with the national government, NGO's and local communities throughout Cambodia to help young people receive the support they need to integrate into families and the community. Give thanks that in mid-January their Swedish donor signed to renew a contract for funding for 2025. Ask for wisdom and clarity for Sarah over the next few months as she writes a funding application to Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission for 2026 – 2029, which if successful will bring some stability to M'lup Russey's finances.
- Sarah & Pola's daughter Laurie as she starts her new apprenticeship as a welder in a garage in Phnom Penh with a view to working with Pola's furniture making part of his business.
- Sarah & Pola's daughter Alice soon to be sitting her IGCSE exams and that the extra math's tuition will really make a difference.
- Give thanks that Pola and his team of builders have been able to start work renovating and constructing the veterinarian clinic in Siem Reap and for the time management skills required as some of the work can only be done at night when there are no surgeries or training taking place.

Please pray for our Mission Partner during May:

CHRISTAIN AID

- Remember those who lives will be the focus of this year's appeal from the central American country of Guatamala where there is extreme poverty mainly due to climate change.
- Please pray for the collectors in the UK during Christian Aid week (11 – 17 May) as they meet people on the doorstep with a cheerful smile.
- Pray, too for those across Seaford who are delivering envelopes with the request to deliver the filled envelopes to various points across the town, or who are paying directly into our bank account, or using the QR code to pay direct to our Christian Aid account at Christian Aid.
- The volunteers who are as busy as ever caring for refugees and helping people out of poverty in many parts of the world.

SUNDAY

- For a strengthening of our faith and spiritual growth as we gather to worship week by week.
- Those who lead our services, the clergy, the musicians, the choir, the readers, intercessors, stewards, tech teams, vergers and all who attend.
- For those who can only join services on-line.
- Those who can no longer attend services regularly because of health difficulties or frailty.
- The Prayer Ministry Teams at St Leonard's and St Luke's.
- For those suffering for their Christian faith, and living in fear of their lives and livelihoods.
- For those living and working in Chyngton Way, South Way, Mark Close, Newick Close, Hamsey Lane.

MONDAY

- That there will be end to the war between Russia and Ukraine and resolution to the conflict between Israel and the Hamas led Palestinian militant groups.
- Those initiating peace deals around the world.
- For accord and respect amongst the world's leaders.
- The discussions and decisions around the peacekeeping proposals in Europe.
- For those living and working in Fairways Road, Poynings Close, Fairways Close, Lullington Close, Field Close.

TUESDAY

- King Charles and Queen Camilla as they lead the working members of their family in carrying out their Royal duties.
- For the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of the Opposition, Kemi Badenoch, members of the cabinet and all members of Parliament: that they will act with integrity and justice.
- Our criminal justice system; judges and magistrates as they preside in court, the High Court Judges, those serving in the Appeal and Supreme Courts
- Lewes Prison – those serving custodial sentences, those on remand, the staff, officers and Governor Mark Creaven.
- Those living and working in Green Walk, St Wilfrid's Close, Kingston Green, Kingston Close, Kingston Way.

WEDNESDAY

- Our MP James MacCleary: that he will serve the Lewes constituency with diligence and honesty.
- For all members of East Sussex County Council and Leader, Keith Glazier, Lewes District Council and Leader, Zoe Nicholson, Seaford Town Council and Mayor, Sally Markwell.
- Those working within the local Emergency Services: Ambulance, Coastguards, Fire and Rescue, Lifeboat volunteers and the Police.
- The local GP practices and local pharmacies.

- Those residing and working in our local nursing and care homes and those who care for others in their own home.
- Those living and working in May Avenue, Buckthorn Close, Rowan Close, Badgers Copse, Eastbourne Road.

THURSDAY

- Rev James, Rev Lucy, Rev Derreck and Rev Carole in their ministry throughout the parish.
- Our Administrator Charlie and Charlene Hobbs Assistant and Bookings Secretary.
- Our Churchwardens Liz and Fred. Assistant Wardens at St Leonard's Janet Kent and Paul Waller. Assistant Wardens at St Luke's Joanne Lalla and Paul Bloxham.
- Members of the PCC. Our Treasurer: Paul Waller.
- The retired clergy who live in our parish & those who worship with us.
- Those living and working in Ash Drive, Sycamore Close, Elm Close, Willow Drive, Juniper Close.

FRIDAY

- Stefan, our Children, Youth & Families Worker, as he co-ordinates the volunteers as together they plan and organise our youth groups for Sparks 5.45-7.15pm and Ignite 7.45-9.30pm meeting weekly on Fridays at St Luke's
- The Tots Treats meeting every Wednesday in St. Luke's and Thursday in St. Leonard's.
- The work of Mothers' Union throughout the world and the parish's local monthly meetings.
- Those living and working in Bainbridge Close, Sutton Avenue, Links Close, Darwood Drive, Hazeldene, Headland Avenue.

SATURDAY

- That all will find a welcome at both our churches.
- For the monthly Messy Church Service – that the families will be drawn into worshipping regularly.
- The Home Groups and their leaders during the season of Lent leading to the celebration of Easter and beyond.
- The team serving the Children, Youth and Families work under the leadership of Stefan and the new assistant Kim.
- Those arranging and taking regular services in the local nursing homes under the leadership of Brian Millar.
- Those taking and receiving Home Communion.
- Those living and working in Downsview Road, Hartfield Road, Wenthill Park, Wellington Park, Aquila Park, Downs Road.



SPRING HARVEST 2025

April brings us Spring Harvest – the annual cross-denominational conference. It is held over the Easter period in Skegness (7th to 11th) and Minehead (14th to 18th). It is also live-streamed from Minehead.

If you not able to attend Spring Harvest 2025 the event is being streamed live from Minehead! Tickets for **Spring Harvest Home**, are now available.

What is Spring Harvest Home '25

Spring Harvest Home is an online event streamed at the same time as the physical event in Minehead. It will be shown on the online event website and will only be accessible to people who have bought a ticket.

How much does it cost?

£24.95 until the 7th April, £29.95 there after.

For how long will I be able to watch the videos from Spring Harvest Home after the event is finished?

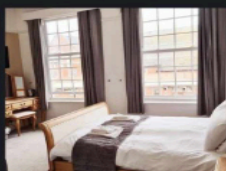
All videos will be available to watch until the 17th May 2025. At that point, all videos will move permanently to the teaching resources streaming website, MY Spring Harvest Plus.

www.springharvest.org/events/news/spring-harvest-home-2025/



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Chichester Cathedral News

Rachel Waller

Chichester



Chichester 950 is a special programme of events for 2025 to commemorate 950 years of Faith, History and Community in Chichester.

The events will honour the cathedral's story and it's place in the life of the city of Chichester and in the counties of East and West Sussex and beyond Among the highlights of the year's programme are:

- The Religion, Rebellion and Reformation Exhibition from 14th February to 15th November with artefacts spanning nine centuries to reveal the impact of Christian faith on the history and people of Sussex.
- A special concert marking the 60th Anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" on Saturday 17th May at 7.00pm.
- A Candlelight Concert with Sir John Rutter on Saturday 11th October at 7.00pm.
- A Light Show to transform the cathedral in the beauty and

wonder of it's 950 year history through art, light and sound from 24th - 31st October.

Additionally there are Deanery Services, Pilgrimages, Ecumenical Gatherings, Lunch Time Concerts, Children's Events and much more! The booking of tickets is required for some events and this can be done through the website below.

For more detailed information go to: www.celebratingfaith.co.uk or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/Chichester950

There is also a special Chichester 950 Booklet full of detailed information.

This is available to look at on the notice table in St Leonard's but we have only been sent one copy so please ensure that it is not removed from the church.

Copies of all the dates and times of the services and events throughout the year are available in both St. Leonard's and St. Luke's and you are most welcome to take one of these.

The Cathedral warmly invites you all to join it in this special year of celebration.

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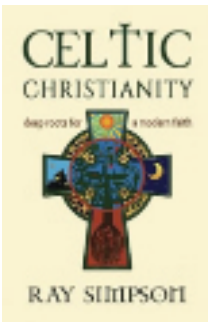


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-PHONE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IF YOU CAN HELP**

Book Reviews

Derreck Lee-Philpot & James Hollingsworth

During my sabbatical I did a lot of reading, still not as much as I hoped. There were two books that stand out and I recommend them below in the form of reviews. I do hope you enjoy...



Celtic Christianity- deep roots for a modern faith.

Publisher:
Anamchara Books
2017
ISBN: 1625240589
Author: Ray
Simpson.

For those who have wondered what 'Celtic Christianity' is, this is the book that will answer your questions and introduce you to saints like Aiden, Cuthbert, Hilda as well as the better-known Columba, Patrick, Brigid, and Brendan. They brought a spirituality from Ireland that was grounded in the realities of creation yet knew and experienced the wonders of heaven in their day-to-day following of Jesus. It's from these saints we get the phrase 'thin places' where they sensed the supernatural, heavenly, unseen world. Yet theirs was a church that lived

naturally and comfortably within the surrounding communities.

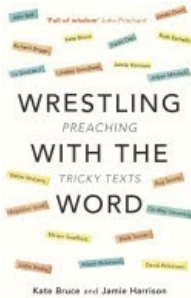
These Celtic saints evangelised and converted much of Northumbria and northern England and the borders. Sailing from Ireland in tiny coracles (hardly seagoing vessels) they came with love, a message, and a passion for their God. They founded communities, the best-known being Iona and Lindisfarne and from these bases reached out to heal, bless, and yes to convert all they came across with a sense of strength, power and humility not previously seen. These simple folk with a mighty faith influenced and guided rulers and kingdoms.

We should be grateful to them, after all one of their number, Wilfrid was exiled to what is now Sussex and seeing his exile as an opportunity brought Christianity to the area for the first time.

The twenty-five easy to read chapters reveal the facets of this gentle expression of faith peeling back the layers to reveal a spirituality that runs deep.

This is a spiritually that we need in our generation today, one that connects with the heart of God, one that respects creation, one that holds to a joyous life of faith and in the words of the sub-title gives us ‘...deep roots for a modern faith.’

The second book is very different....



Wrestling With The Word - preaching the tricky texts.

Publisher: SPCK 2016
ISBN: 9780281076482
Authors: Kate Bruce and Jamie Harrison

Some while ago I read a book called ‘The difficult words of Jesus.’ I was so disappointed; it didn’t discuss difficult words at all they were just words of Jesus that needed a little more thought. It just didn’t live up to the book title, so for me a real damp squib.

However, Kate and Jamie have launched into some really challenging passages. But first, please, please, don’t be fooled or put off by the title. It looks like it is a book for clergy, preachers, aspiring preachers, lay readers etc, it is not. It gives much understated guidance as to how to listen to sermons and how to read these difficult passages in order to receive the gems that are to be found within, especially in the last chapter on application, ‘Tricky text to lifestyle change.’

It opens with two short chapters on the Call to Preach and the Theology of Preaching, they are very basic outlines

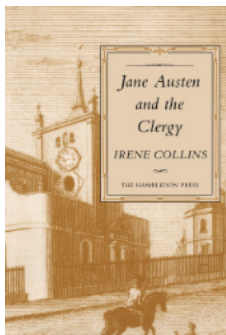
which provide some foundations for the following chapters, but don’t worry if you’re not interested in them, just skip over them as you won’t be missing anything from the body of the book.

It is written in seven sections covering subjects that are; Beyond Human Experience; Violent; Terrifying; Strange; Abrasive. Each section has three sermons written by known accomplished preachers in three different styles. They cover passages and topics like retribution and vengeance, the violent death and dismemberment of an innocent, the awfulness of an ill-conceived promise, unexpected death and bereavement, divorce, living under unjust government. Oh my..... all sounds pretty grim doesn’t it!

But it genuinely isn’t, there is much here to challenge our pre-conceived ideas. This book is the antidote to the widespread tendency to project upon God OUR image and remake Him in it, instead of the other way around. When we do that He is always, always too small!

This book has reminded me that although the Bible is the full and complete revelation of God’s character it was not written to satisfy my curiosity, it was written to transform my life.

Kate and Jamie encourage us to rather than avoid those troublesome (even troubling) texts to wrestle with them, find the jewels buried in their depths and we may find that once again God is bigger, deeper, broader than we can imagine.
(DLP)



Jane Austen and the Clergy

Publisher:
Hambledon
Continuum 2002
ISBN:
9781852853273
Author: Irene
Collins

This is a brilliant book exploring what it was actually like being a cleric in the early 1800s.

This is the sort of book where it helps if you know your Mr Collins (*Pride and Prejudice*) from your Mr Elton (*Emma*). But it's not all about her fictional clerical characters, a lot of this is about the clergy that she knew. It explores their income, relationships with the Patron (eg Lady Catherine de Bourgh), and what vicars got up to. There is nothing in her books to let on about the revolution in France or about the rise of enthusiastic Methodists.

The first tricky thing though was to find a Bishop who would ordain you. They would want you to be "competent in Latin, sufficiently versed in Scripture, and acquainted with the liturgy and the Thirty-Nine articles"

It was generally understood that the eldest son would inherit the estate, that the next son would go off into the army, and the third would have to make his way in the Church. This meant finding a Lord of the manor who might give you the job and with it some small income. Alas a great number of these brought in too small a sum (£150 pa). This resulted in plenty of places being short of a cleric

or getting a cleric who would then have to do all sorts of other things to supplement his income. In 1802 Sir William Scott asked in Parliament how MPs could criticise Clergy for trying to earn more when most of them are not paid "more than most of us in this House pay for our upper servants"! Meanwhile Curates would be lucky to be paid as much as £50pa.

Colonel Brandon (*Sense and Sensibility*) offers Edmund Ferrars a living but he fears it is too small a living to marry on. This is where income must increase through the 'great tithes' (levied on crops like wheat) and 'small tithes' (chickens, eggs, fruit). A vicar might have his own tithe barn into which farmers bring their gift/tax (depending on your perspective) for their vicar to live on. This was awkward for the vicar to request and unpopular for the people to bring. There might also have been a little glebe land for the vicar to till, or to graze their cows on. So the average vicar then was much more attuned to the weather and the farming community. Add to this a school and the fees for teaching and there might be enough for the vicar to start a family of his own.

The next step to adding to his income would be Pluralism. Not the theological heresy but holding the living for more than one parish and so receiving a second tithe. Alas this has gone so that nowadays where a vicar finds herself in charge of two or more parishes, the stipend is the same. Nonetheless even back then it was a credible way of getting a bit of a vicar, not least when you note that in 1817 the 'vast majority of England's 10,500 parishes had fewer than 500 inhabitants'

A Sunday morning might have a 10am Mattins followed by a Holy Communion which together could take up to three hours! After which some baptisms, churching of women, catechism training before a 3pm Evensong.

Jane Austen saw the role of the vicar to be salt and light which meant being close to their congregations. Manners were all very well but not always a reflection of character (see Wiloughby in *Sense and Sensibility*). This meant that sermons were less about a call to a personal faith in living God and more about the duty we owe our less fortunate neighbours. This is commendable no doubt but in *Mansfield Park* Jane shows an awareness that others saw the worship as delivered in a dreary tone which may explain the poor attendance and both

religion and morality as no longer fashionable.

I wonder perhaps if she didn't appreciate the lively faith I suspect she had. She would, where rain forbade church attendance, do her own home devotions. She wrote some prayers, here's the closing paragraph of one:

O God, quicken our sense of thy mercy in the redemption of the world, of the value of that holy religion in which we have been brought up, that we may not, by our own neglect throw away the salvation thou has given us, nor be Christian only in name. Hear us almighty God for his sake who redeemed us and taught us thus to pray
Our Father.

(JH)

A Cleaner Vision

At 6am the door begins to creak,
It's Monday the start of a new week,
I come in and turn on a few lights,
Bowling to the cross, first rites,

I Hoover, mop and dust,
As a cleaner often must,
I share his space with other's prayers,
With a God that hears and cares,

These precious hours talking to the
Lord,
Quiet quarantine, my prayers
outpoured
Then lights go out and doors are
closed again,
Church now ready to receive grime
and stain.

God's Child

God loves me as his child, no other
reason,
From Spring to Winter, every kind of
season,
The Lord holds me closer than many
would,
God is my refuge when I seek some
good,

In silence I call out in prayer,
To my God I know is there,
Without words but with my heart,
to focus on honestly from the start.

Bob Rice

Seaford Choral Society

COME & SING

Good Friday, April 18th 2025

Haydn

Kleine Orgelmesse

Mendelssohn

Hear my prayer
(O for the wings of a dove)

Purcell

Hear my prayer, O Lord

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Do You Believe in Angels?

Michael Holmes



St. Paul's quotes about our bodies in heaven appear in 1 Corinthians 15 and 2 Corinthians 5. In these passages, Paul describes how our bodies will be transformed into spiritual bodies that will live forever in heaven.

Taking 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 Paul says: It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

This is interesting as we may ask what would our spiritual body look like, after we get to heaven? Now I don't know the answer, but what I definitely do know is that what St Paul says is true. Well you may ask – how do you know that? The answer is simple, I was told by an angel.

Now when it comes to angels, I will be honest and state that I was never sure. I heard stories of people who said they had met angels, I didn't doubt they had, but in reality I was never sure, if anything I was sceptical, that was until I met an angel.

To tell my story I have to go right back to 29th December, 1956. I was six and my sister was four. That evening our brother was born, Patrick Daniel Holmes.

Now when Patrick was old enough to crawl he didn't. When he was old enough to walk, he was not even crawling. Obviously this was a concern to our mother and father and, to be honest, of some concern to my sister and I.

Following a number of tests and examinations, he was diagnosed with scoliosis. Scoliosis is a condition that causes the spine to curve and twist to the side, often resulting in an S or C shape. In Patrick's case it was a "C". My

brother's scoliosis was "Congenital" which means "present from birth".

I suppose today, the medical profession talk of back braces, metal rods, surgery and whatever can be done to straighten the spine. Unfortunately that was not the case in the 1950s and I can remember being told that my brother was likely to live to only 18 to 21 years of age.

Actually he died in January, 1993, aged 36. He died in his sleep, his curved spine eventually crushing his vital organs. The fact that he lived so long is a testament to our family and mainly my mother. Patrick spent his life in a wheelchair and was probably one of the happiest people I knew. To some extent he was skin and bone, he never had the ability to develop muscles.

In order to give you an idea of the impact of scoliosis, if you are reading this, I want you to stand up, use your left hand on your left side and use your hand to measure your gap between your bottom rib and top pelvis. Thumb on the bottom rib, stretch your hand and middle finger on the top of your pelvis. Take your hand away and look at the gap. Depending on your height, I would guess the gap at least at some four inches. Now imagine that due to the curve on your spine these (the bottom rib and top pelvis) were touching. My mother developed a special padding of cotton wool and foam to ensure, as much as possible, that Patrick's rib and pelvis never touched.

I suppose some people might find it difficult to understand if I said that he was a gift from God. A peculiar term perhaps, however, he defined both me

and my wife's outlook and that of our sons who were 16 and 14, when Patrick died. He has been, forever, a lasting influence on our lives.

Even now, when I see someone in a wheelchair, I mutter a prayer for them and their family, usually the Our Father, as that is the prayer that Jesus taught us.

When Patrick died in his sleep, he was in a home, a Leonard Cheshire home near Maidstone in Kent. I had a call in the early hours of the morning and remember that I didn't have enough petrol and the main route to the home was blocked due to road works, but eventually I got there.

Now some years later, I was awoken around 2am one morning. There sitting at the end of the bed was my brother. He had a light shining upon him, just on him and shining inwards, not outwards. The room was pitch black except where he sat. Where he sat there was a wonderful light shining in on him. It was a light like I had never seen before and I have never seen since.

Christine was asleep and I tried to get up to go to him, but it was like there was a big invisible hand stretching half way across the bed stopping me. I felt it was a waste of time trying.

Patrick was sitting up on the end of the bed. This had never been possible, when he was alive. So there he was with the "C" curve of his spine, no muscles, thin arms and legs, deformed body; just sitting there.

The conversation went as follows:-

“Hello Patrick what are you doing here?”

“He has sent me; he has sent me in my earthly body, so that you may recognise me”

“Who sent you?”

“You know who sent me”

“How are you?”

“I am fine and I am very happy”

“Can I ask why did he send you?”

“He wants you to know that you are not to worry and everything will be fine”

With that the light slowly dimmed and disappeared and Patrick was gone. Christine woke up and told me that Patrick had been and I asked her how she would have known. She said that there was a powerful sense of him having been there. I told her all about it and she wanted to know what was meant by “not to worry and everything will be fine”. Unfortunately, at that time, I had no idea.

It was some years later that I was having problems being a Catholic; I thought their teachings were too black and white and I could not recognise a forgiving God. I felt that I go to church on a Sunday morning, I pray on my knees and the rest of the week I do as I please, then come Sunday morning I pray on my knees. Christine and I both realized that we were feeling the same. We both decided to leave the Catholic Church and look for something else, where we could practice our Christian outlook in what we thought would be a better environment. Leaving our church caused us shock, deep sadness, anger and guilt and no one in the church chased up to find out why we no longer went to church.

We visited a number of churches – yes we had the usual comments “you are sitting in Mr. & Mrs. A’s seats” and that was said to us more than once. At one time I thought of Patrick and wanted to tell the person – yes I know, we are two angels sent by God back here in our earthly bodies to test your church and we need to tell you that you have failed – instead we just got up and left.

At some churches we stayed for coffee at the end and surprisingly no one talked to us. I think God was showing us that none of these churches were for us. Christine reminded me of her friend Ann, she visited a Jehovah Witness service and told Christine that whoever gave the service announced – all those who want to be saved stay behind after the service has finished – Ann never stayed behind.

A dear friend of Christine’s invited us to her church, St Mary’s, Green Street Green; they also had another church that was a hall at Pratts Bottom called All Souls. It was a lovely service and after we had coffee with all the parishioners and Christine’s friend introduced us to everyone.

We went home happy and this was definitely the church for us – Church of England. Now, at our third service I told the church treasurer that I was an accountant and was more than willing to help him. At the fourth service, I was surprised to find people saying – Isn’t God good, he has sent you to be our new treasurer. So I took on the church treasurer role. No longer could I say I go to church on Sunday morning and pray on my knees, and then the rest of the week I do as I please.

I did the treasurer role for over five years. It was during year 4 that Christine and I decided that we needed to downsize. Our 4 bedroom house was far too much for us. So we started looking, we made a list as to what we wanted. First on the list was a bungalow. Well we toured all around Kent to no avail.

Now Christine had been told by a friend about lovely walks around Seaford and I had played golf there a few times. So, for 4 or 5 times a year, we had come down and walked up Seaford Head and enjoyed Seven Sisters.

In late June 2020, we sold our house and I happened to mention how about moving to Seaford. We checked the Estate Agents and immediately found what looked like just what we wanted. Early July we made an offer. Would you believe we moved in on 2nd October, the quickest move we ever made and, due to Covid, we did not pay any stamp duty?

With St Luke's not far, we set off for church on the Sunday. We were wonderfully greeted by Janet Fairchild and enjoyed coffee and a chat after the service. St Luke's was definitely the place for us.

Now I had promised Christine that I would not get involved in church matters. Soon I was telling her that I had received an email from James, the vicar, asking, I think it was asking, it could have been telling, me to join the PCC. Christine made some comment about me having a big mouth; I had obviously told him about my being a treasurer.

So I joined the PCC, I had no intention of being the treasurer, it was vacant and

Paul Waller took on the job and an excellent job he is doing. I took on the role of Head of Fabric. Since taking on the role some 4 years ago, I have had some hand in arranging many repairs some of the following are:

St. Leonard's Church

- Repair of rattling Ascension window
- Repair of the church tower
- Repair of the outside stonework around the windows
- Repair of roof tiles, bottom part only
- Repair of Lightning Conductor
- Repair of punctured hole in wall / ceiling, including ensuring water does not come in
- Annual maintenance has included the clock, fire extinguishers, guttering
- Repair of vandalised Good Shepherd window, this will start this April

St. Luke's Church and Hall

- Move of parish office to St Luke's
- New church gates
- New cupboards
- Strengthen stage floor
- Re roof the tower area
- Repair floor (linoleum was cut up)
- Update electrics for NICEIC certification
- Repainting of inside and outside, a detailed quote requirement has been prepared and firms are currently tendering, we hope to begin May this year
- Annual maintenance – fire extinguishers, hedge, lawn mower

So definitely now, after church on Sunday, I do not just do as I please. I do believe that God sent us to Seaford.

So, if you do meet an angel and they give you a message from God that you do not understand, don't worry, all will be eventually revealed!



Helping people into Housing

Terry Howell

Christmas Collection Finalised

You may have seen the leaflet ‘**No Cooker. No Fridge. Happy Christmas?**’ A big **thank you** if you donated to this appeal among the plethora of other charity appeals. I had reported: ‘ We have already collected £900 via JustGiving and will have more donations via our website www.leweshomelink.org.uk .’ The collection was open until the end of January The final sum raised was a magnificent £3,182.28 .

This collection will support **Grants** which are needed all year. (You can donate at any time.) 104 Grants were given last year to people in our District who are being offered much needed accommodation **BUT** often without white goods or basic furniture or floor covering. We give grants of up to £350 for goods and up to £500 for carpeting. These are not generous grants but it is surprising how much can be bought second-hand. Gill, a Trustee and volunteer spends 15 hours per week on this work, sourcing second hand goods, contacting those in need, finding their

priorities and arranging safe installation. She is helped by a firm ‘Furniture Now’ who collects furniture and sell it at a very low cost.

Grants last year:

We provided 104 grants which is as many as the previous year. Sadly grants to people suffering from domestic violence increased from 6 in 2023 to 17 in 2024. Our budget of £25,000 was augmented by £6,000 from charity Cliffe Feofees who support people in Lewes. The total spent in the year was £29,139.10.

Loan Results

We enabled 61 tenancies in 2024 which is an amazing 30% increase on the previous year and all the more impressive when the market has been so difficult for renters. We continue to get valuable testimonials from those we help. They are particularly impressed by the empathy, compassion, and efficiency of our client managers Gary and Shaun, and finance manager Gabrielle.

Renters Rights Bill. I have established that it is slowly making its way through parliament and has reached the committee stage in the House of Lords. People are still getting section 21, no

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.

fault evictions, which will stop when the Bill becomes Law We are even helping one couple who were evicted after living in a property for over 15 years! This is in spite of the government promise to get rid of these evictions. The sooner the Bill becomes law and is enforced the better but parliament does not often work fast.

PRAYERS please pray for:

- Gill as she organises grants
- Gary, Shaun and Gabrielle as they help loans
- Trustees as they decide strategy.

Poetry Corner

Amoretti Sonnet 68 by Edmund Spenser 1552-1599

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Amoretti is a sonnet cycle written by Edmund Spenser in the 16th century. The eighty-nine sonnets of the Amoretti were written to correspond with the scripture readings set by the Book of Common Prayer for specific dates in 1594. Sonnet 68 corresponds to Easter Sunday.

Submitted by Jim Holmes

A Prayer of St Francis de Sales (Time)

Do not look forward in fear to the changes and chances of this life;
Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise,
God, to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them.
He has guided you thus far in life, and He will lead you safely through all trials;
and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering,
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, then, and put aside
all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen.

Submitted by Beryl Davies



Life And More Abundant Ministries

Lesley Gomez



Ruffa and Khevin got married and our worship team were bridesmaids and ushers! Fabulous day! Ruffa has worked with us for several years and Khevin is Pastor at the church she attends. So, she is now the Pastor's wife! They both continue to work with us at LAMA.

Joecris

We had devastating news in January, one of our former LAMA boys had taken his life.



We gathered together to r e m e m b e r Joecris and just cried together. He was living on a different Island, so we couldn't go for the funeral and don't know the circumstances surrounding his death.

He was a qualified Caregiver and worked in Singapore for a few years where he met his wife Liz, they have a baby. Jerome,

who was here the same time as Joecris, spoke at the reunion/memorial service and called the boys back to a strong commitment to Christ. Jerome is an elder at the church in Ambaracao where his wife is from. It was great to get together despite the sadness and frustration.

Reunion

The boys had another reunion later with Rico, former House-father.



Ryan, Gener, Jondel, Rico (staff), Jayson, Jerome, Richbert, Erwin.

Chaplaincy at RRCY

If you have a Facebook account, you can follow us at LAMA House of Worship and see lots of videos of worship on the beach and testimonies from the Centre for Youth RRCY. Their worship is so wonderful, and they listen intently to Michael as he shares God's Word - the other week all eyes were fixed on him as he spoke about loneliness. Some looked exhausted, others defeated, some more upbeat despite the terrible burden of life behind barbed wire. God works so skilfully through our team, in worship, prayer and the Word. Only half

of our usual 100 boys were present that day as the others had a lesson in First Aid. As we closed the service they had a break, and they all ran out of the First aid classroom to join those who had gathered at the front for prayer.



Joshua asked what Michael's text was, he wrote it on his hand to study later. In the picture, another week, the sermon was Learning to trust God when it seems impossible! Pray for these boys God is doing great things!



Perhaps the most needy among them was this tiny baby. The very young mother has no breast milk. Please pray, they are buying baby milk but the bottles won't be sterile. Pray another mother will assist her, there are superstitions that prevent this happening. We gathered the village together for prayer. We hope to visit regularly and offer help.

Isla Solomon (The beach church)

We visited the relocation area where families were moved from the beach near us, usually accessed by boat Peter discovered a dirt road and with our team we were able to carry in the boxes of clothing to distribute.



Dear Friends,

I am so thankful to you all! You may remember I was diagnosed with achalasia in 1997.

Right now my general health is poor, over a month of not being able to digest food sufficiently. I have been able to minister with the team until recently - but now have to rest and get strong. They are all doing a great job, God is working in wonderful ways!

Prayers have kept me strong and I know God is my healer, have experienced it so many times. Thank you so much for prayers and donations. Your generosity in all this makes me cry out loud!
In His hands

Lesley x

Crossword

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Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

April-May Lectionary

Sunday 6th April: 5th Sunday of Lent

Psalm 126
John 12:1-8

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

Luke 23:1-25
Luke 23:26-49

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

Sunday 27th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Sunday 4th May: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Sunday 11th May: 4th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 7:9-end
John 10:22-30

Sunday 18th May: 5th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 21:1-6
John 13.31-35

Sunday 25th May: 6th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Thursday 29th May: Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

**The Lord does not shine upon us, except when we
take His Word as our light. – John Calvin**

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
 - 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
 - 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
 - 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
 - 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
 - 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
 - 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
 - 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
 - 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
 - 15 The human mind or soul (6)
 - 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is —' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
 - 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not —' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
 - 20 Bared (anag.) (5)
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April Calendar

Saturday 5th	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Tuesday 8th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 9th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday	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
Monday 14th	7.00pm	Compline	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Thursday 17th	7.00pm	Holy Communion & Tenebrae	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Messy Good Friday	St. Luke's
Friday 18th	10.00am	Walk of Witness	St. Leonard's
	12.00noon	Meditations on the Cross	St. Luke's
Saturday 19th	7.00pm	Easter Vigil with Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 20th Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Communion	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Tuesday 22nd	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 26th	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Baptism	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 29th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 30th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's

Parish Magazine Copy Date

Items for the June-July edition of the Magazine are most welcome and should be sent to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk by Tuesday 20th May.

May Calendar

Saturday 3rd	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	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
Saturday 17th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 19th	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Tuesday 20th		Magazine Copy Date	
Wednesday 21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 24th	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
	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 solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Regular Services & Group

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
 11.15am The Meeting Place: a service of praise and prayer for healing (1st & 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	4 th 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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