

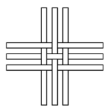
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St. Leonard's and St. Luke's Churches



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Welcome

The simple pleasures of Ordinary Time

One great phrase of the Church of England, which is little-known but carries a wealth of rich meaning, is ‘ordinary time’. While the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Advent all have their fixtures and moments for focus and concentration, the bulk of the summer months is ‘ordinary time’! A very evocative phase – nothing particularly to focus on or to celebrate.

Just because it is ‘ordinary’, it does not mean it is not important or of no significance to how God wants us to use our lives. For most of us life is lived between high and low points: we look forward to something on the horizon or we are seeking to recover from something. So, it should be no surprise that ordinary time is the longest season in the Church calendar. Abraham Lincoln once said that: “God must love ordinary people because He made so many of them”!

Ordinary people, need ‘ordinary time’. Sundays and weekdays in-between, to sense God’s presence with us in the day-to-day mundane, and ordinary comings and goings of life. He is there in the heights of resurrection joy and celebration. He is with us in the vulnerability and frailty of human weakness, modelled in the incarnation. He is with us in our efforts to discipline ourselves and be moulded by him (Lent) but He is also with us whenever we are conscious of life just being ordinary. When our eyes are opened to these things, we will see what an extraordinary God we have!



Parish News

St. Leonard's

St. Leonard's Hall has now been sold, Mark Gill brings us up to date with progress for work in St. Leonard's



We have come to a juncture in our preparations to carry out the following renovations to St. Leonard's which includes:

1. Enveloping the Chapel of the Holy Spirit with glass screens including general tidy up, cupboards and access ramp.
2. New toilet block with 3 cubicles and baby changing on the same level as the Nave, with store for relocating the boiler and new flue; with common access to the Choir Vestry and Bell Tower.
3. Kitchen and servery in the base of the tower with moveable table and seating arrangements.
4. Media desk and associated utility works: water supply, drains, new path.

Drawings are being developed with contracts being made ready for contractors to bid. Once we have price and time scale, we will be submitting the planning package to the Diocese and Lewes DC Building Regulations for final approvals, hopefully all to be ready within 2025. The Fundraising Committee have been gearing up interest in various trusts, but we will as a parish need to contribute to fill the gap which we should know when the bids come in early Autumn. We are hoping that all will be ready well within 2026...keep praying.

Rev. Carole Darling

Our curate Rev Carole Darling will be ordained a priest on 14th June at 3pm at All Saints Church in Hove. Please pray for her over this month. She has been and will continue to be a Deacon, now she will become a Priest. These two are, if you like, qualifications. Her job description of Curate remains the same for another two years. The two new key parts to her work load will be Weddings and Holy Communion. For the first she has spent a year learning some of the legalities and practices off me. For Holy

Communion, she has had Bishop Martin's tutorial. Being a priest is more than gaining a bigger to-do list. Here she will receive a share in the cure of souls for this parish, and with it the grace that we each need to live with our vocations, we should expect the liturgy to detail many aspects of this calling and always the response should be With the help of God, I will. So please pray for God's help to be upon Carole. You might like to widen that prayer to other disciples you know.

Eco Activities

Every year there is a time set aside for the Churches Count on Nature. Our church grounds can be visited to count birds, bugs and flowers. This is encouraged by the organisations: Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha - the latter of which has granted us our Eco Bronze Award. Come along to St. Leonard's Churchyard open morning on Saturday 7th June. At some stage we will have a representative from Seaford Swifts there and some local enthusiasts to share their knowledge.

Parish Lunch

Join us for Parish Lunch on Wednesdays 4th June and 2nd July at 12.30pm in St. Luke's. The cost of the lunch is £6.00 to include a hot main meal, dessert, tea or coffee. For more information and tickets please contact Sue on 01323 490415 or Julia on 01323 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.

Chess Club

The Chess Club has restarted on Friday mornings from 10.30am in St. Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Family Support Sponsored Walk

About 40 walkers gathered at Berwick station, familiar faces were reacquainted from last year and stories shared as we traversed the 11+ miles around the seven churches of the Cuckmere Pilgrimage. Happily, we had a cloudy day to make it a pleasant wee dander through the fields. The wheat was starting to bud, and still very green - it was a marvel that it was looking so well as the ground was cracked dry. I noted in a number of churches that there were Royal Coats of Arms dedicated to different sovereigns like George III and Vitoria. Apparently, Henry VIII made it mandatory for all churches to show allegiance to him as the head of the Church, and all followed the mandate until it fell out of practice during Queen Victoria's reign. Perhaps St. Leonard's also had the royal moniker up on a wall somewhere and was removed during the renovation of 1862, not to be reinstated? £400 was raised and thank you for donations. *Mark Gill*

Safeguarding Training

There will be a C1 Safeguarding training session in St. Leonard's on Saturday 7th June from 11.30am to 2.00pm.



St. Leonard's Church

10.00am to 12.30pm

Saturdays 28th June and 26th July

Parish News

Life After Loss

The next Life After Loss sessions will be held on Wednesdays 4th June and 2nd July 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.

Thank You

Andy and Kate Steer would like to thank everyone for their prayers and wonderful practical support following Andy's stroke last month. We consider his healing so far to be a miracle and thank God for the blessings He has showered on us. We're praying that Andy will return to work in the next month or so. Thank you again, church family.

St. Luke's @7

St.Luke's@7 meet for a time of worship and prayer on 22nd June and 27th. 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.

Seaford Parish Women's Group

The Women's Group meet for their annual meal on Monday 16th June. Look out for details of the July 21st meeting.

Coffee, Prayer Ministry & Communion

You are welcome to join in our next Service of Prayer Ministry with Communion at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 10th and 24th June then 15th and 29th July at 11.00am. Coffee will be available from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Diocesan Synod

The Synod was held in St Mary's Horsham on Saturday 17th May. The Church is much larger than St Leonard's with many colourful windows and a few



St. Leonard's & St. Luke's Mothers' Union Group

**You are all invited to our Ecumenical Service on
Friday 27th June at 2.30pm at St. Luke's Church**

Do come and join us for this informal afternoon gathering of readings, poems, music and prayers on the the theme of Hope



*There will be tea and cakes to follow.
All are welcome, the Mothers' Union is not just for Mothers!*

historic shrines around. For the size of the Church, it had a 5m screen in the sanctuary for media with side monitors, quite impressive. Much more impressive was Bishop Ruth's address sharing of green shoots of growth in the church. After 2 consecutive years where 450 parishioners were confirmed each year, she had done 250 in the past month alone. This was her challenge to Synod, to continue our witness to grow, to love, to follow Christ. While there were a number of administrative issues to engage with, the Officers also shared of their application to central funds for a missional grant to Chichester to support a growth programme over the coming 10 years. The next Synod shared Holy Communion together and planned to meet again in November.

Gardens Open for Charity

Jayne Bass and Sue Topp are opening their gardens as part of the National Garden Scheme on Sundays 1st June and 6th July from 12.00noon to 5.00pm. Jayne is at 130 Firle Road and Sue is 129 Princess Drive. Proceeds will go to MacMillan Nurses and our parish youth work.

On Sunday 22nd June the garden at 34 Chyngton Road will also be open (admission to all gardens on that day is £9) in aid of Family Support Work. Please let Elizabeth Morgan-Jones know if you can bake a cake (01323 880644).

Find out more at <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/22561/seaford-gardens-north>

Garden Party

Threeways Nursing Home, 40 Beacon Road, Seaford are holding a Garden Party/Fete on Sunday 20th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Various stalls, and

free admission. Everyone is welcome. Inside if the weather is inclement.

Seaford Photographic Society

The SPS Annual Exhibitions will be held in St. Leonard's Church from Monday 21st July to Saturday 2nd August. The exhibition will be open Monday-Friday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Saturdays from 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sundays from 12.00noon to 5.00pm.

Caring and Sharing

The Caring and Sharing Annual Eucharist is being held at St. Wilfrid's, Pevensey Bay (BN24 6EZ) on Saturday 7th June at 11.00am. The speaker will be Dr. Ian Spillman from Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda. If you are attending and wish to stay longer please take your own packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Westminster Climate Rally

The Church of England Environment Programme will be supporting a mass rally on Wednesday 9th July. Thousands of people are expected from every corner of the UK to gather in Westminster to meet our MPs and call for them to leave behind policy legacies of climate action and seek positive impact for people, climate and nature. This is your chance to make your voice heard where it matters most. More details, keep an eye on the CoE web pages for the environment.

The CoE National Environment Officer, Jo Chamberlain, is working with the Anglican Communion, and with Faith for the Climate, who are calling for fair climate finance and an end to using fossil fuels and working towards further lobbying at COP30 in Brazil.

...and the Son

Nicene Creed Part 4

James Hollingsworth



This year, 2025, is the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. This is the main creed that all Christians say all over the world, since the year 325 AD. It was written at a gathering of bishops in the little town of Nicaea, now called Iznik in Turkey.

We think about 318 Bishops gathered. We don't know of any British bishops attending, though we do know that earlier at the Council of Arles, 314AD there were 3 bishops: Eborius of York, Restitutus of London and Adelphius of Colchester. Perhaps they came back to this council.

This Council began with Emperor Constantine who was a new Christian. He became a Christian perhaps on the eve of the Battle of Milvian Bridge (28th October 312) when he had a vision from God encouraging him to conquer in the sign of Christ. Within two years he was the sole emperor and there was a cessation of persecution of Christians. When he summoned the Bishops to Nicaea he greeted them, we know this from a historian at the time called Eusebius of Caesarea, by kissing the wounds that had been caused by Roman persecution. Eusebius describes it more graphically than I think I should write here.

They had a council and decided on a Creed and some anathemas (very strongly worded list of Do Nots) and a few Canons (a list of advice about things you should do – including, for example,

the reminder to stand when praying as a default posture).

A few years later in 381, the bishops met again in Constantinople to talk about the creed. They agreed some adjustments and it's really this creed that we have today. So our creed perhaps should be called the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed.

Little bits were adjusted – eg We believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth, and of all things seen and unseen. More detail was added: Who for us and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

Historical detail was added: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

A longer paragraph was added: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. [Can you spot the bit that's missing – keep reading].

And the final section on the Church: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church ... (I will write about that bit next time).

Two issues were being clarified through these adjustments. One was the identity of Jesus Christ. I wrote in more detail about this in the February/March edition. The other issue was about being clear that the Holy Spirit is really fully part of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit didn't have to struggle to be recognized but the bishops wanted to emphasize the on-going work of God's Holy Spirit in the life of Christians.

In 589AD, in Toledo Spain, there was a smaller gathering of Bishops at a smaller council who were trying to deal with a heresy that belittled Jesus. In the gospels Jesus promised that after his ascension, says John 14v26, the Father will send the Holy Spirit in my name. Whilst in John 15v26, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, from the Father. This turn of phrase led to the bishops wanting to add one tiny word into their Latin Creed – filioque. This word simply means *and the Son*. They added it to the bit in our Nicene-Constantinople creed where it says 'who proceeds from the Father *and the Son*'. This creed was agreed, and it caught on, so that actually the creed we say in Church today should be called Nicene-Constantinople-Toledo creed but no one wants to call it that! It wasn't formally added to the Roman Liturgical creed until 1014

Theologically this addition makes sense. It would be nonsense to say that the Holy Spirit comes to us from the Father,

but without the Son, or in the absence of the Son. Then again the addition of the phrase is perhaps superfluous.

But procedurally this was naughty. The bishops had all agreed, back in 431, that they would not add or remove from the creed unless everyone was invited to discuss it. Alas these Spanish bishops had made a local adjustment.

On the one hand, who cares!? On the other hand this was quite a rude gesture towards the eastern Christians, and a sign of western arrogance. This came to a peak in 1054 when a cleric was sent from Rome to Constantinople to ask the bishop there to acknowledge that the Bishop in Rome was more important. This sort of stupid power play led to excommunication and what has become known as the Great Schism. It is why Eastern and Western Christians despite agreeing on everything important will not take Holy Communion together. This is a very great sorrow. A sin that was started by the West. Alas this addition to our creed, *and the Son*, has done more damage than good.

We continue to say *and the Son* because it continues to be a theologically helpful reminder of the perichoresis of the Trinity, the dance, the interweaving of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But when I say it, I remember to give thanks for the Christians in the East.

To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling in us all that God intended him to do when he placed him there. - Lewis S Chafer

Recommending Homegroups

Carole Darling

What are homegroups? I would describe a Homegroup as a group of Christians who meet regularly to read the Bible, pray together and support each other to live for Christ.

I wonder what you think about homegroups? If you have never tried a Homegroup, it could be quite daunting to go along for the first time. You may be worried about going to someone's house that you don't know. You may have questions such as: How do I find a group that suits me? What if it is too intense, or boring? How do I get out of it if I don't like it?

Let me try and answer those questions straight away before I tell you about my experience of Homegroups. A good way to start enquiring about Homegroups is to contact the person who coordinates Homegroups in Seaford Parish, that's David Farey (homegroups@seafordparish.org.uk). David will be able to tell you about each of the groups. You may want to ask him questions such as: When and where do they meet? How does the group study the Bible and how much time to they take to do this? Is the group fun? Do they have cake? Will they expect me to pray in the group?

You can also chat to James, Derreck or myself and another good idea is to ask someone who goes to a Homegroup, about what it is like. My advice is to choose a group and arrange to go for a

t a s t e r session. That way there is no obligation to return if you don't

think that it is the group for you. If you are shy about walking through the door of a stranger's house, you may consider going with a friend or asking a member of the homegroup to bring you. Next piece of advice is to be open-minded because homegroup could be so good for you and also bear in mind that you could be such a blessing to this group of people.

I have had such good experience of homegroups over the years. Let me give you a glimpse so that you can understand why I heartily recommend joining a homegroup.

Homegroup gave me connection with Church when I was a single person and working irregular shifts. I couldn't get to church every Sunday due to my shift pattern and when I did go, I didn't know many people. Homegroup made such a difference because people from the homegroup looked out for me at Church and I always had someone to talk to after Church at coffee time. I got to know people in the group, and got invited to BBQs, parties and when I was working over Christmas, they even invited me round after work on Boxing Day.



Homegroup gave me hope in difficult times. Brian and I were part of a homegroup when we were living in Nepal. During a time of political and social unrest, Kathmandu became a tense city, under economic blockade by opponents of the government. Foreign aid agencies began to advise their people to leave and started block booking flights to get their people out of Nepal. During this difficult time, our homegroup met together, we prayed continually and made sure that each member had enough food. We were like an extended family. Eventually the King of Nepal abdicated, things went back to normal, and we breathed a sigh of relief. With such a depth of togetherness, it is no surprise that these friendships from homegroup have continued to this day.

Homegroup was lots of fun. Returning from Nepal, we settled in Leeds for a couple of years and during this time we joined another homegroup. This was a lively group, and my memory is that we

had a laugh together. It was fun. There was love and support when there were challenges and we encouraged each other through the ups and downs of life.

Homegroup grew our faith and saw many answers to prayer. Moving to Lewes, Brian and I were asked to lead a homegroup. After all our positive experiences of Homegroup we were keen to lead one but made sure that all the members could get involved and lead discussions, prayers and socials if they wanted to. We had people of different ages, nationalities, traditions. It was such a rich experience. We grew in faith because we read the Bible, discussed what it meant for our lives, and prayed together through heartache and joy.

So, there you have it, my reasons for recommending Homegroups! Give it a go and let me know how you are getting on!

Ordination Day approaches

I will be ordained as a priest by + Ruth (Bishop of Horsham) on Saturday 14th June. The service takes place at 3pm at All Saints Church in Hove. All are welcome, there is no ticketing for this service, so if you are interested, do come along. I would love to see some familiar faces from Seaford Parish on the day!

There are eight Curates who will be ordained as priests in June on the same weekend, some on Saturday and some on Sunday. The ordinations take place in Parish churches rather than in the Cathedral. My fellow Curates are: Quinn Delpont, Zoe Eborn, Tim Newton, Scott Canadas, Tom Dare, Nat Gillett and Matt Porter. They are a good bunch, and I am getting to know them because we train together every month and go on Curate training residentials together.

We are all quite different in terms of age, tradition, experience and of course, personality and yet in the short time that we have been training together, we have formed into a positive team. May I ask you to pray, not just for me but also for my fellow curates as we approach Ordination Day. Many thanks.

Thy Kingdom Come Celebrates 10 Years



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC), held this year 29th May to 8th June, is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray, from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus.

“This year we're very excited to be celebrating the 10th year of Thy Kingdom Come!” says a spokesman.

Since it began in May 2016, TKC has grown from a dream from the Anglican archbishops into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer.

TKC is now held in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions. The aim everywhere is the same: that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

“Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call.”

Whether you have joined in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ before now or not, you are warmly invited to take part & join in for this 10th anniversary of worldwide prayer.

For this 10th year, the focus will be on the Lord’s Prayer itself. As the TKC website explains:

“The 'Our Father' prayer transcends the ages - uniting people across different denominations, generations and nations and we believe now more than ever, we need to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' - over our homes, communities, nations and our world.”

There are resources that can be used individually at home available to download from the TKC website at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Prayer Journal

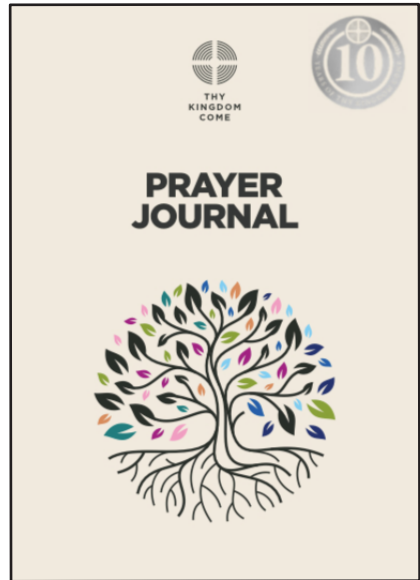
This year's Prayer Journal features contributions from a range of voices across different denominations and traditions. Each day's reflection will focus on a line of the Lord's Prayer and include a time to pause and pray for your five, in keeping with that day's theme.

There is also space each day for your own notes. If a phrase jumps out at you or God brings something to your mind as you prayed you can make a note so that you can remember what God has been saying to you through your reading and your prayers.

You can download the Prayer Journal here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>

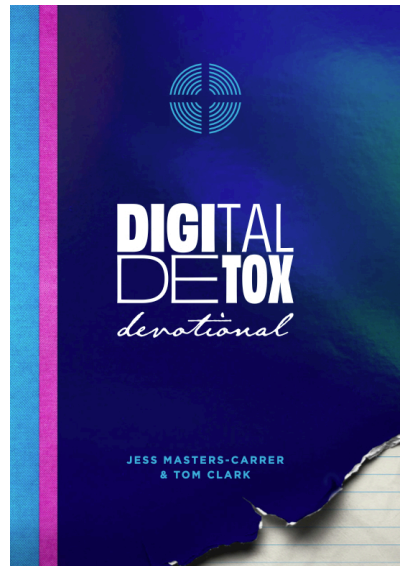
There are also copies of the Novena Prayer Diary in church.



Digital Detox Devotional

A digital detox is a chance for us to all have a breather from the relentlessness that is the digital world. Sometimes it's good to take your eyes away from your phone, tablet or computer. This devotional is an encouragement to be still and not be distracted by your device. As you do this devotional you are encouraged to lay down your devices and take some time away from the digital world.

You can download the devotional here:
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/digital-detox>



Lunchtime Concerts

2025

Saturday 21st June

Clare Beesley (flute)

Peter 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.



Saturday 19th July

Maggie Grimsdell and Pam Cragg (piano)

Pam and Maggie were both scholars at the Royal Academy of Music and have had wide-ranging careers in music, taking in broadcasting, Journalism, education, and arts administration. Over the last few years they have established themselves as a popular piano duo, giving regular concerts in the South East and London. Their repertoire includes many of the famous favourites for four hands but they also enjoy finding surprising gems from all periods of piano music. They are pleased

if they can encourage other people to play piano duets-there is some wonderful music for two players and it's great fun! Maggie founded the Zongora Piano Courses for adult pianists who want to revisit or build on their skills with a flourishing group in London and Sussex area. Zongora.weebly.com



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

The Organ in St. Leonard's

John Baker

On 13th July 2025 the organ will celebrate 60 years from the dedication of the organ rebuilt by Hill Norman and Beard in 1965 when a recital was given by Dr Francis Jackson Organist and Master of the Music of York Minster. The organ was originally built in 1909 by Morgan and Smith of Brighton.

The following article appeared in the local newspaper at the time:

Crowds queued at both doors of Seaford Parish Church on Tuesday for the service of dedication of the rebuilt organ by the Vicar (the Rev. Colin Docker) and for a recital by Dr Francis Jackson organist and Master of the Music of York Minster. Long before the service was due to start the church was packed to capacity and extra chairs had to be taken from the nearby school. Many were unable to get into the church but stayed outside in the churchyard and street to listen to the recital, while others crowded into the choir vestry to listen.

The opening hymn was played on the temporary organ and after the act of dedication, the first to play the rebuilt organ was Mr Brian Richards, organist and choirmaster and a former pupil of Dr Jackson. He was assisted by Mr Richard Hames of Lewes, who is a former pupil of Mr Richards.

The address was given by the Rev. Michael Nott, former Vicar of Seaford and now Senior Chaplain to the

Archbishop of Canterbury who recalled 'how at the beginning of his ministry at Seaford he was from time to time somewhat shaken by the tone of the old organ and by the vagaries of its performance, dependent entirely on its temperament and age and not at all on those who played it'.

The Canticles sung at the service were 'Stanford in C' and the Anthem 'Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ' by S.S Wesley. Dr Jackson's recital included: John Stanley's Voluntary in E Minor. Toccata and Fugue in F- BWV 540 by J S Bach. Pastorale by Fricker. Chorale No.3 by Franck. Variations on 'Mein junges Leben hat ein End' by Sweelinck. Impromptu Berceuse by Vierne and the Prelude and Fugue in B by Dupré.

Here are a few more facts about the organs and music at St Leonard's, which I hope you will find of interest.

In the early years of the nineteenth century there was no organ at St. Leonard's and the music was provided by "four or five men in the gallery under the tower, with bass-viol, flute, oboe and clarionet". There is evidence of a small Organ built by Mr W. Pilcher of Pimlico and dedicated in 1840 situated in the west gallery and moved to the south side of the chancel at the time of the restoration in 1861-2 when the gallery was removed. Access to this Gallery had been by an external staircase adjacent to the Tower side of

the then South door of the Church. This was the newspaper report at the time: Seaford

An organ purchased by public subscription was opened in our parish church yesterday se'nnight. Lord Seaford, Lord Howard de Walden, the Earl of Chichester, Thomas Chambers, Esq (Mayor of Seaford), the magistrates and several of the farmers each subscribed 5l, the Rev Jas. Carnegie, vicar of the parish 10l, the Rev. C. Hutchinson 5l.

Nearly all the respectable householders of this town and port contributed towards it. Our esteemed clergyman preached an excellent sermon in the morning from 1Cor. 14c.40v. "Let all things be done decently and in order" and in the evening from 47 Psalm, 6 and 7 verses The church was fully attended, and rather more than nine pounds was collected after the sermons for defraying

some contingent expenses. It is a good clear toned, powerful instrument, built by Mr W. Pilcher of Pimlico, stands in the gallery, and is about 12 feet high, and 8 wide, and cost 100l. Mr Horn presided at the organ and conducted the playing in a very able manner.

The town, which is remarkable for the salubrity of its air and picturesque scenery, has had an usual number of visitors this season, several lodging house are now occupied. The proximity of the sea, and the moderate rents of

houses, offer great inducements to persons of limited incomes.

This instrument survived for another thirteen years and was replaced with an organ of 2 manuals, 11 stops and 3 couplers by August Gern of Notting Hill, London. Mr. Robert Taylor then organist of Brighton College gave the opening recital on the 18th of August 1875. The cost of the instrument was £229.10s - raised by subscription, the sale of the old organ realising £30 towards the

total. Gern's organ was a sound instrument, but small and hand-blown.

In November 1908 it was decided to replace Gern's instrument with a "more modern and powerful one". The PCC accepted a quote of £500 from Messrs. Morgan and Smith, Ltd. of Brighton. The Gern organ was then moved across the churchyard to the Baptist Church in Broad Street (where Boots the Chemist

is now) and remained there until the early 1970's when that church was demolished. Members of Seaford Museum then acquired the organ, and we think the Dutch Organ Builder Taco Boersma eventually found it a home in Holland.

The new Morgan and Smith organ was given by Mr and Mrs James S. Burroughes (local billiard table makers) and dedicated in July 1909. After nearly sixty years the organ was in need of



major work and in 1965 it was rebuilt at a cost of £6,153 by the Hill, Norman & Beard (the London organ builders owned by the Christie family of Glyndebourne). The old organ cases were taken away, the organ lowered in the chamber and new higher pitched mutation organ stops added to make it sound a lot brighter. Modern oak grills in the Chancel and South Aisle were added to let more sound into the church.

During October and November 1989, the organ was cleaned and overhauled by Hill, Norman & Beard at a cost of £12,560. In February 2002 a new Trumpet stop was added to the Great organ to replace the one removed in 1965. The 58 pipes were made and voiced by F. Booth & Son Ltd. of Bramley Leeds. Trevor Reed from Lewes, (previously of Hill, Norman & Beard who had ceased trading) carried out the building of the organ wind chest and the installation. The cost of nearly £8000 was substantially met by a bequest left in 1993 by Sidney Thompson who had been the Deputy Organist for many years. The remainder was raised by members of the congregation within a month of an appeal being launched in 2001. The Great Organ Trumpet is clearly visible situated in the Chancel arch above the organ console and brings the total number of pipes in the organ to over 1500.

The organ has two keyboards and a pedal board, the lower keyboard is the Great Organ with ten stops (stops are mechanisms that select which pipes play when a key is depressed) and approximately 638 pipes, some of these can be seen if you look inside the organ case in the South Aisle. The

Upper keyboard is the Swell Organ; this also has ten stops and is situated against the South wall inside the organ chamber in a box with louvre shutters at the front which are operated by the large foot pedal under the keyboard. As the Swell box is so well insulated the louvres act as a volume control as they open and close. The Swell Organ has approximately 764 pipes. The Pedal Organ of 32 notes which is played with the feet has nine stops with approximately 184 pipes. The two keyboards and pedal board can be used together or separately to play different parts of the organ.

The wind for the organ is provided by a large 3 Phase electric blower which is situated in its own chamber next to the clergy vestry and supplies wind to a reservoir in that chamber and two other reservoirs on the floor of the organ.

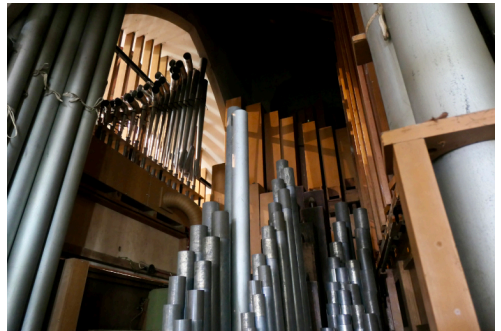
The humidifier although not technically part of the organ is situated inside the organ above the passageway to the Clergy Vestry. It is plumbed into the mains water and programmed to pump slightly moist air around all the working parts of the organ if the air gets too dry. Without this the leather and wooden working parts of the organ could split and cause very costly damage only repairable by dismantling the organ.

Our organ has a reputation for being one of the best church pipe organs in this area of East Sussex.

I am very grateful to Tony Willer who has helped me with the research for this article. There is a leaflet at the back of St Leonard's Church with more detail about the present organ.

Known Organists at Seaford Parish Church

Organist	From	To
Mr. Emmanuel Horn	1840	1844
Miss. Nunne	circa. 1863	
Mr. R. Taylor		August 1875
Mr. J.S. Eld	August 1875	September 1877
Mr. Guglielmo Lardelli	January 1878	December 1880
Mr. G. Bramley	January 1880	February 1881
Mr. A. Fred Booth	February 1881	September 1881?
Mr. Ernest Brumleu	1882	September 1883
Mr. L Bradley	1885	June 1888
Mr. P.C. Barrett	September 1888	February 1890
Mr. Packman	1890	April 1891
Mr. A.E. Gledhill (Deputy Organist)	1890	October 1891
Mr. W.H. Eveleigh	February 1892	September 1892
Mr. J.N Yolland A.C.O.	1892	August 1893
Mr. Fred Scadding	October 1893	1897
Mr. John C. Dunlop	1898	May 1899
Mr. John William Case	1899	1903
Mr. Herbert Macfarren	1903	1904?
Mr. J.T. Barker	1905?	1908?
Mr. Herbert J. Boden	1909?	1915?
Mr. Charles Billingham	1915	March 1927
Mr. J. Cornish	March 1927	1930?
Mr. T.W.H. Ringrose	1933	December 1958
Mrs. E. Simmons (Deputy Organist)	1936	1948
Mr. Brian Richards	1959	1989
Mr. Sydney Thompson	1962	1992
Mr. John Baker	1990	Current
Mr. Kevin White (Deputy Organist)	1994	2020



60 Years Ago...

Bob Carrington



This year I am celebrating 60 years since being admitted to the Office of Evangelist by the then Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey. I was commissioned as a Church Army Officer in July 1965 and can look back with a number of memories during my days in Church Army.

The photo you see below has myself on the right hand side holding a cap. Holding centre stage on the rostrum is Paul and the middle of 3 ladies is his wife Olive who live in Bexhill. I'm sure you will realise that this photograph is taken at Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London. Every week during our 2 year training, which is what we are all doing in this photograph, we had to get up and speak for two minutes telling people the Good news of Jesus. Not the easiest thing to do I can tell you. My

work has all been with Young people and children across parts of U.K. including with the Royal Navy. It is since 1980 that I came to Sussex and was Diocesan Youth Officer for 22 years and of course have lived in Seaford nearly 40 years now.

I am reminded of that chorus 839 in Songs of Fellowship which goes...

I walk by faith, each step by faith, to live by faith, I put my trust in you.

Every step I take is a step of faith, no weapon formed against me shall prosper. And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith, and if my God is for me then who can be against me. I walk by faith.

Keep Walking by Faith



The Church Army: Faith in Action on the Margin

If you've ever wondered how the Church can reach people beyond the walls of our buildings, then the story of the Church Army is a powerful reminder that the Gospel is still very much alive in the streets, communities, and quiet corners of our society.

Founded in 1882 by Revd Wilson Carlile, the Church Army began with a simple but radical idea: that ordinary Christians lay people could be trained and equipped to share the love of Christ with those who might never step inside a church. Carlile's heart broke for the poor and marginalized, and he wanted the Church to move outwards, bringing the Good News to where it was most needed.



A Bold Beginning

At a time when street preaching and social work were still novel ideas in the Church of England, the Church Army was breaking new ground. One of its earliest hallmarks was giving women leadership and evangelistic roles long before they were officially recognized by the Church. These pioneers brought hope into prisons, workhouses, and the streets of London's East End.

Carlile famously said, "We must go where the people are, and not wait for them to come to us."* That spirit still defines the Church Army today.

What Does the Church Army Do Now?

Fast forward to today, and the Church Army is still doing what it does best sharing Jesus' love through word and action. Church Army Evangelists are trained lay people who serve in some of the most challenging and overlooked places in the UK and Ireland.

You'll find them:

- Supporting homeless people and rough sleepers
- Running food banks and community hubs
- Visiting prisons and hospitals
- Leading youth outreach and mentoring programs
- Creating new Christian communities in areas with no church presence

Their mission is clear: to walk alongside those who feel forgotten, offering friendship, practical help, and spiritual hope.

The Church Army reminds us that evangelism isn't about loud preaching or clever arguments—it's about showing up, listening, and sharing the love of Christ in real, tangible ways. In the words of Wilson Carlile, it's about being "the Church with its sleeves rolled up."

You can visit www.churcharmy.org to find out more or sign up for their newsletter.

Running on Empty

David Farey

A lot of people speak highly of Bishop Ruth, Bishop of Horsham, so it was a second reason to go to the Deanery Confirmation on a lovely sunny evening in Peacehaven. As we entered, she was speaking to the candidates in front of the growing congregation, encouraging them and describing how they should receive Communion. As a former bishop's chaplain, I was amused to hear the same phrases as I'd frequently heard by other bishops at Confirmations of past years. "If you aren't sure what to do, just look at me. And relax and enjoy it." Same words, different bishop!

Bishop Ruth certainly made an impact, speaking about faith being all about trust. So, her chaplain brought a chair forward and she spoke of trusting it enough to rest a finger on it, but to show full trust – she stood on it! Having belief in Jesus is all about putting ALL your trust in him – for everything. She certainly makes an impression!

Among the fifteen candidates we were there to support our candidate from Seaford. He had been a participant in the last Alpha course and made an impression in the way he talked about how his life had turned around because of faith in Jesus. He spoke of the way that he talked to his friends about his faith, in the hope they too, could open their hearts to Jesus. It was lovely too, to see his family and friends there.

What was of note was that of the half a dozen of us who had been with him on

the Alpha course, five of us who came are continuing to meet as a group. As the course had drawn to a close several people wanted to keep meeting, because they found that they enjoyed being together, talking and learning about matters of faith. The bonds that grow mean that when one of our number is going through a major event of their life we all gather round to either celebrate with them or help support them through the hard times. This is something that many of our homegroups experience.

It is an interesting observation that as we meet and a portion of scripture is explored, many comment that they had learned things they never previously knew, despite having been Christians for a number of years.

And there's the thing..... Unless we take steps to feed our faith we often rely on things learned years before. Gradually that reservoir of knowledge begins to fade and our faith fuel tanks end up running on empty. It is where the homegroups come in. It is in these small, friendly fellowships that faith is kept alive and our spiritual fuel tanks can be kept topped up. They are also the places where you can get both the support in the difficult times, but can also celebrate with friends in the good!

Confirmation isn't the end of learning – it's just the beginning!

For information about home groups speak to James, Derreck, Carole or David and Pat Farey or email: 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 Partners during June:

CHURCH ARMY

- For the CEO Matt Barlow as he seeks, with the Board of Church Army, to make necessary changes to restructure finances etc.
- For the plans to move to a new premises and realise a new place and home for C.A.
- For Evangelist working in areas of deprivation seeking to bring new life and hope for communities in need.
- For those being newly commissioned as Evangelist on 19 July.

HOMELINK

- The Trustees appointed from the different churches in the Lewes District – Ros Toomey (Chair), Christine Tutt (Honorary Secretary), Hugh Jones (Finance), Terry Howell (Operations), Jane Lee, Jill Short, Joanna Slaughter, Joan Wignall, Linda Fisher, Malcolm Mazey, Christopher Whittick and Graham Maunder.
- That new trustees will come forward to fill the current vacancies.
- The staff - Gary Brettle and Shaun Gilbert (Client Managers), Gabrielle Hill (Finance Manager, Fran Hymas (Loans Officer) and Wendy Hogg (Development Officer) that they will continue to work with integrity and compassion.

Please pray for our Mission Partners during July:

SAMARA'S AID

- The orphans, widows, vulnerable women and children worn down by twelve years of brutal conflict as they fight for survival, may they find the facilities provided by Samara's Aid enabling them to gain skills by accessing the daily education programme which includes, Arabic, maths, English, science, art music, French, sewing or hairdressing.
- Those seeking help from the Medical Centre that provides free care to anyone who attends.
- Protection for the staff and their families so that these facilities can remain open.

BEACHY HEAD CHAPLAINCY TEAM

- For the many families who have lost loved ones to suicide at Beachy Head. For their healing and comfort. Grant them peace and solace that surpasses all understanding, calming the storms within their hearts, minds, and souls and that they will regain the ability to remember with love.
- Pray that the memories of their loved ones be a source of comfort and joy, a testament to the love they shared. Help them to cherish those precious moments and to find peace in knowing that their loved ones are safe in your eternal embrace.
- For the protection and safety of the BHCT in light of recent increases in speeding vehicles and irresponsible driving at Beachy Head. That there will be an end to speeding and racing and that their efforts to petition ESCC to reduce the speed limit on the road to 30MPH will be successful in 2025.
- For the newly trained Chaplains that have now been put on the rota. That they will be a comfort to all those they meet at Beachy Head.

'As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled, they devoted themselves constantly to prayer' (Acts 1:14): So it is recorded after the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven.

Let us - between Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May and Pentecost, Sunday 8th June – join the renewed call across the church to set these days apart to pray, and for each of us to pray for five people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Then continue to pray for your 'five' during the rest of June and July.

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.
- Those living and working in Walmer Road, Chyngton Avenue, The Shepway, Saltwood Road, Pevensey Close, Millberg Road.

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 Manor Road, Manor Road North, Manor

Close, Stoke Close, Stoke Manor Close, Chesterton Drive, Chesterton Avenue, Farm 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.
- Lewes Prison – those serving custodial sentences, those on remand, the staff, officers and Governor Mark Creaven.
- Those that are homeless on our streets. Those running and using the foodbanks in Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford.
- Our local retailers and small businesses struggling to survive.
- Those living and working in Eastbourne Road, Tudor Manor Gardens, Old Poplar Close. Chyngton Lane, Chyngton Lane North, Stirling Avenue, Perth Close, Stirling Close, Elgin Gardens.

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 recently elected Mayor, Maggie Wearmouth.
- Those working within the local Emergency Services: Ambulance, Coastguards, Fire and Rescue, Lifeboat volunteers and the Police.
- Our local hospitals, GP practices, pharmacies and those working in the full range of support services both NHS and private.
- 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 Hythe Crescent, Dymock Close, Hythe View, Hythe Close, Hastings Avenue, Dover Close, Folkestone Avenue, Lansdowne Road.

THURSDAY

- James, Lucy, Derreck and Carole in their ministry throughout the parish.
- Our Children, Youth & Families Workers Stefan and Assistant Kim.
- Our administrator Charlie and Assistant and Bookings Secretary, Charlene.
- Our verger Heather and cleaners Bob and Andy.
- Our Churchwardens Liz and Fred, Assistant Wardens Janet Kent and Paul Waller (St. Leonard's), Joanne Lalla and Paul Bloxham (St. Luke's). Treasurer: Paul Waller.
- The newly elected PCC members.
- The retired clergy who take services, worship with us or live in our parish.
- Those living and working in Bodiam Close, Cinque Ports Way, Deal Avenue, Sandgate Close, Battle Close, Dymchurch Close, Hillside Avenue, Winchelsea Close.

FRIDAY

- All adults who volunteer and children who attend our youth groups 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 morning in St Luke's and Thursday morning in St Leonard's.
- The monthly Messy Church Service at St Leonard's – that the families will be drawn into worshipping regularly.
- Those from Sparks joining the Generations Christian Camp 26-31 July.
- Stefan and Alex (SBC) as they go into our local schools (Alfriston, Annecy, Chyngton, Cradle Hill and Seaford Primary) to distribute the booklets, 'It's Your Move' to help pupils transfer to secondary school.
- Those living and working in Chyngton Gardens, Greenwell Close, Upper Chyngton Gardens, Rye Close, Romney Close.

SATURDAY

- Those attending various holidays and camps including our own Parish Camp at Chiddingly Saturday 16th to Monday 18th August.
- That all will find a welcome at both our churches whenever worshipping, visiting or working.
- Our surrounding neighbours at both churches – for good relationships.
- The Home Groups and their leaders.
- 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 Seaford Grange, the development on the former Newlands School site off Eastbourne Road.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my guardian
I have many blessings
He makes me rest in His love
And keeps my spirit calm,
Quenching my soul.
He guides me along the right way,
Making sure I stay near to Him.
Even though I know my journey will
end

I am not afraid,
For He is always with me.
His grace and mercy

They give me comfort and peace.
He pours grace and forgiveness over
me.
My soul overflows with blessings.
His love, peace and joy
Are with me always.
When my life's journey ends
I will live in heaven
With Him for ever.

Linda Parsons



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

Religion, Rebellion and Reformation: *An exhibition sharing the story of the Christian Faith in Sussex*

The exhibition, which runs until 15th November 2025 at Chichester Cathedral, features fascinating artefacts from across the Diocese of Chichester, spanning East and West Sussex. Each object reveals remarkable moments and people from history.

Highlights include:

- Bejewelled rings and intricately decorated staffs and croziers owned and worn by the influential bishops of the Middle Ages.
- Comparing a delicate bronze Medieval crucifix, unearthed in a churchyard in Coombes, with a simple wooden cross fashioned from duck board by a WWI soldier in the trenches.
- A pocket-sized Bible donated by the Sussex Regiment, containing a pressed flower from Macedonia, where its owner served on the front line.
- The inspiring story of a group of wealthy and well-connected women who defied societal norms to help establish the first Anglican sisterhood, The Society of St Margaret, in 1854. Read their journals to explore how their tireless work brought lifesaving care to the sick and destitute in East Grinstead and beyond.
- Meeting Reginald Peacock, a Bishop of Chichester and the first theologian to write in English—a bold act that ultimately led to his condemnation as a heretic.

These and many other fascinating artefacts will allow visitors to discover nine centuries of hidden histories and to reflect on the enduring role of faith during times of hardship and change.

Entry is free but a recommended donation of £5.00 per person is welcomed. The Cathedral is open Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Sundays 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Visit www.chichetsercathedral.org.uk for more information.

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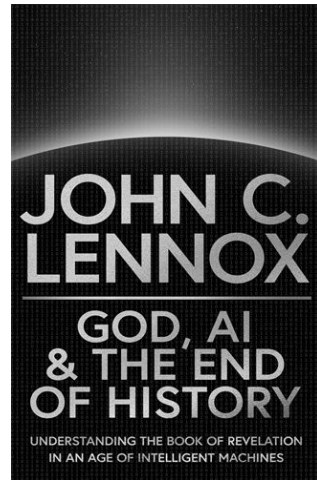
**God, AI and the End of History -
Understanding the Book of
Revelation in an Age of Intelligent
Machines**
By John C Lennox, SPCK, £29.99

A fresh interpretation of Revelation for the 21st century, exploring the connections between St John's visions and the terrifying prospect of an Artificial Super Intelligence that emerges to deceive the world and oppose the rule of Christ.

As Lennox says: "Revelation promises to do two things: fill our hearts with praise to God, and also simultaneously prepare for God's inevitable cataclysmic intervention in this world to judge evil righteously at the return of Christ."

Countless books have been written on the meaning of Revelation. This one draws on the work of great interpreters of the past, but also advances reasons as to why we need to take very seriously the possibility that a supernatural power opposed to God is using technology - and in particular advanced AI - to drive a transhumanist vision of upgraded humans.

Already some scientists are envisioning the development of superintelligences



that may become the gods of the future and rule over humans. Others raise the even more disturbing prospect that ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence) could eventually achieve world domination. These developments, argues Lennox, are likely to involve the deception of billions of people, inspired and engineered by the one whom the New Testament calls 'the Antichrist'.

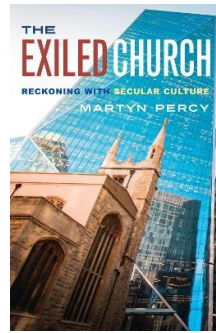
To find out how John Lennox reaches that conclusion read this fresh, wide-ranging and amazingly thought-provoking commentary on Jesus' last message to His followers.

The Exiled Church - Reckoning with secular culture
By Martyn Percy, Canterbury Press, £18.99

The Exiled Church explores how churches and faith communities are faring in a highly secular contemporary culture.

In many places, traditional denominations are in steep decline, church buildings are up for sale, even fast-growing new churches appear to be in a 'boom and bust' trajectory, and religion has effectively retreated from public life. Yet it was in exile that Israel discovered a deeper and truer knowledge of God.

Drawing on theories of secularisation, the experiences of a wide variety of churches, new religious groups, and voices in the emerging field of secular and sacred community innovation,



Martyn Percy charts the shifts in power from institutional religion to individualistic spirituality. He asks whether the age of institutional Christianity is effectively over, and is being replaced by networks of socio-spiritual-political values, focused around issues of common concern.

Imaginatively and engagingly written, *The Exiled Church* is ultimately a hopeful and confident book that offers a lifeline for all churches on the margins.



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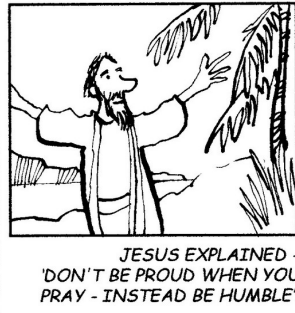
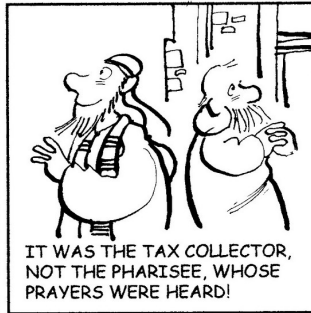
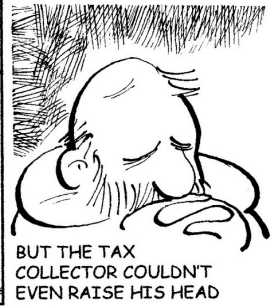
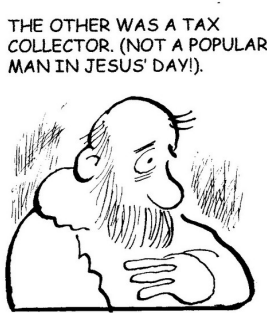
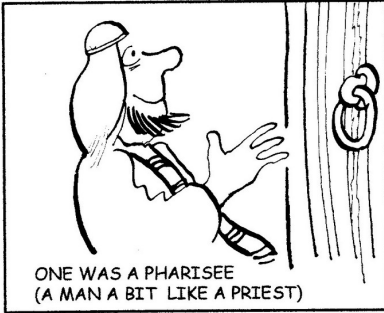


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The moment is right now, right here,
Here in God's embrace, nothing to fear,
I hear his soothing in my head today,
All I can do is sit right down and pray,

I need no more to be prompted to
respond,
No song or scripture of which I'm very
fond,
Just knowing that he loves me,
Such love flows from me to thee.

The breaking dawn

The sun heralds the dawn once more,
It comforted those who mourn before,
whose daybreak they weren't ready
for,
Empty cold hands of the helpless and
poor,

Pain flows like rivers through our land,
Suffering we just cannot understand,
We stand in faith, hope and prayer,
to place God's love right there.



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Dinosaurs and the Bible!

Why aren't dinosaurs in the Bible?

The Bible wasn't written to list all the animals on earth or tell us about science. It was written a long time before people started to use science to learn about the world.

When the Bible was written, people didn't even have a word for dinosaurs yet! But it's not just dinosaurs that aren't mentioned in the Bible, it doesn't talk about armadillos, kangaroos, sabre-toothed cats or penguins either!

That doesn't mean that the Bible is out of date or wrong, or that these animals aren't important. Rather than teaching us science, many Christians believe that the Bible was written to tell people about God, how much He loves them, and all the amazing things He has done.

The Bible says that God made everything, and loves everything He made, so that includes dinosaurs. It also encourages people to explore and find out all about the wonderful things it says God has made. Science is a part of this exploration.



Did God make the dinosaurs?

The Bible says that God made everything. All the stars, the Earth and all the amazing plants and animals that have ever lived here. So yes, most Christians believe that God made the dinosaurs!

The Bible also teaches that God loves it when people explore His creation, and science is a great way of doing that. So, for many Christians, science is one of the fun things we can use to learn all about **how** God made everything, including all of the dinosaurs!

Were humans and dinosaurs ever living on earth at the same time?

Yes! But probably not the kind of dinosaur you're thinking of! Most of the dinosaurs died out a very, very long time ago, way before humans first lived. But some of the smaller, feathery dinosaurs survived and over a long time they have evolved into the animals we call birds.

So, from chickens and robins to penguins and ostriches, there are dinosaurs living all over our world today!

These questions and answers are taken from The Faraday Kids website (www.faradaykids.com). For even more science-faith Q&A's, check out 101 Great Big Questions About God and Science, Edited by L Henderson & S Bryant (Lion, 2022)

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In Luke 10 we read the familiar story of the visit of Jesus to Mary and Martha. Martha, the activist was concerned to be the perfect host and give Jesus and a house full of guests an excellent meal. Mary the more contemplative was content to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen in rapt attention to him.

In this story it was Mary that was commended. What Jesus wanted was fellowship rather than food. He wanted peace and quiet, rest and relaxation in the company of the two women he cared for.

However, in other places in the gospels Jesus commends the activists, calling and commending all who would be his followers to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked

and to visit those who are sick or in prison. In so doing we are told that we are doing it for him. As disciples of Jesus we are called to be involved with God's world on the one hand and to develop intimacy with God on the other. To be both a worker like Martha and a worshipper like Mary. Those of us who tend to be activists need to remember that what we do with Jesus is more important than what we do for him. That our love is more important than our labour.

Unless we make time for intimacy we find ourselves busy not blessed, weary but not refreshed. Draw near to Jesus and He will draw near to you. That is what the Bible promises, why settle for less?

Church Sitting

Janet Fairchild

I have been church watching for a few years. I started when I was new to Seaford and attending St. Luke's. When I moved from St. Luke's to St. Leonard's (for practical reasons) it helped me to get to know people in the St. Leonard's congregations. I have recently started doing a regular slot on Saturday mornings. It can be very entertaining or very quiet, not so a few weeks back.

It was like the United Nations with the first visitor being from Australia followed by visitors from France, Poland and Hungary. All were visiting our lovely town of Seaford and wanting to see the inside of our beautiful church. Some people just want to walk around others just want to sit in the peace and quiet, some want to chat, maybe because they are lonely.

I really enjoy church sitting. I have learnt about bell ringing and admired the skills of the flower arrangers. It is never dull.

God is always present, you are never alone, why not give it a go? Perhaps I will see you one Saturday morning.

Serve on a team

Could you serve on the Tech Team in St. Leonard's?

There are various roles including:
vision mixing, sound, and words.

Previous experience not needed (although it's always
an advantage) as we can help you to learn!

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email malcolm@seafordparish.org.uk

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making up packs for distributors and ensuring that
copies of the magazines are available in both churches.

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Helping people into Housing



Terry Howell

Loans

Most of our money goes into providing interest-free loans for Rents. (75% of these are repaid and recycled) These are of three types:

1. Council homes
2. Housing Association homes
3. Private rentals.

Each type has its own character – all are in very short supply.

1. Council homes require no rent in advance but have stringent requirements in terms of needs. They are rented for life BUT usually have no floor covering or white goods.
2. Housing Association homes require rent in advance no damage deposit and have long rentals.
3. Private Rentals are for a fixed term of 6 months after which they need renewal or can be cancelled by a section 21 no fault eviction. A deposit equal to one month's rent is required and held by a third party.

The Renters Rights Bill. currently making its way through parliament, will abolish fixed term limits on rentals. Tenants will be able to leave after two



months' notice but landlords will need a valid reason to give notice. The bill is good for renters but may cause Landlords to give up renting which will exacerbate the already great shortage of rental accommodation.

Grants

The demand for grants for furniture, white goods and floor carpets remains very high. This is because those on council waiting lists are offered Council or Housing Association accommodation which may have no floor covering or white goods. Our staff and volunteers are being stretched by such high demands, We are hoping that the office administration can be speeded up and made easier by IT but this needs careful planning and

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.

implementation. It is a difficult job to adapt IT to our particular needs and to check and install it. Fortunately, one of our new Trustees is well qualified to assist in this but it will take time.

Prayers

- Our need for new Trustees has been met with four new Trustees

for which we thank God. However we are short of nominations for three Trustees from Seaford and two from Newhaven,

- Please pray that the difficulties in finding and installing a useful IT system may be overcome.

Poetry Corner

Rudyard Kipling's

The Way Through the Woods

Selected by Jim Holmes

They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago.
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know
There was once a road through the
woods
Before they planted the trees.
It is underneath the coppice and heath
And the thin anemones.
Only the keeper sees
That, where the ring-dove broods
And the badgers roll at ease,
There was once a road through the
woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods
Of a summer evening late,
When the night air cools on the trout-
ringed pools
Where the otter whistles his mate,
(They fear not men in the woods,
Because they see so few)
You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,
And a swish of a skirt in the dew,
Steadily cantering through
The misty solitudes,
As though they perfectly knew
The old lost road through the woods
But there is no road through the woods





Lesley Gomez

Pastor Ray Duclayan

We were shocked by the very sad news in April that Pastor Ray had died suddenly.

I have known him since a little boy at Miracle Bible College in 1983. His parents Pastor Abe ministered healing to me on several life-changing occasions. Ray was a very dear friend and partner in the ministry, also Director of a Children's Home. Please pray for his wife Grayce and three young children, Hannah, Mathew and Magnus. Peter is helping at their church on Sundays until they know how to proceed.

Let's cover them in prayer! If you would like to send a donation to help them you can do so through LAMA Ministries.



The power of prayer and worship

Recently a Social Worker friend invited Michael to visit her office (DSWD) to talk about introducing Jesus and Worship to the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) in that place. She is struggling with a growing number of cases, and heard about our Chapel Services at RRCY, the transformation that God is working there. Riots were common before and staff often dealt with suicide attempts and escapes, but now the atmosphere has changed. Her colleague was visibly shaken as she opened up about her experiences while working at a Centre where she came under intense attack. There is a very real spiritual battle that rages for children at risk. The 'enemy of our souls' is ruthless; he uses abuse and trauma as an avenue to cause havoc in and around them. It can be frightening, there seems no hope for them to be healed and have a good life. We were reminded how crucial the work of LAMA House is, pushing back darkness, bringing healing through JESUS to the



children, and encouragement to the helpers. We experienced such grace over LAMA House when we took care of many of the worst cases of abuse. His grace is truly amazing!

We want you to understand how mighty our weapons of prayer, worship and God's Word really are! The Name of Jesus, His Blood over us, our testimony... these are powerful to tear down strongholds! We need you to fight with us! 2 Corinthians 10:3,4 NLT "We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons to knock down strongholds..."

Thank you so much for prayer and help for medical needs. Lesley is slightly better but has not gained weight, so surgery is postponed. She has finished one week of treatment for infection in the oesophagus followed by two weeks for infection in her stomach. She is feeling depleted due to too many antibiotics. She can eat small amounts and soft diet, milk and smoothies! Always hungry! But holds on to this promise in Isaiah 58:11, He will satisfy my needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen my frame. I will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Looking

forward to that! We hope to finalise Mattheo's adoption soon - he is such a joy!

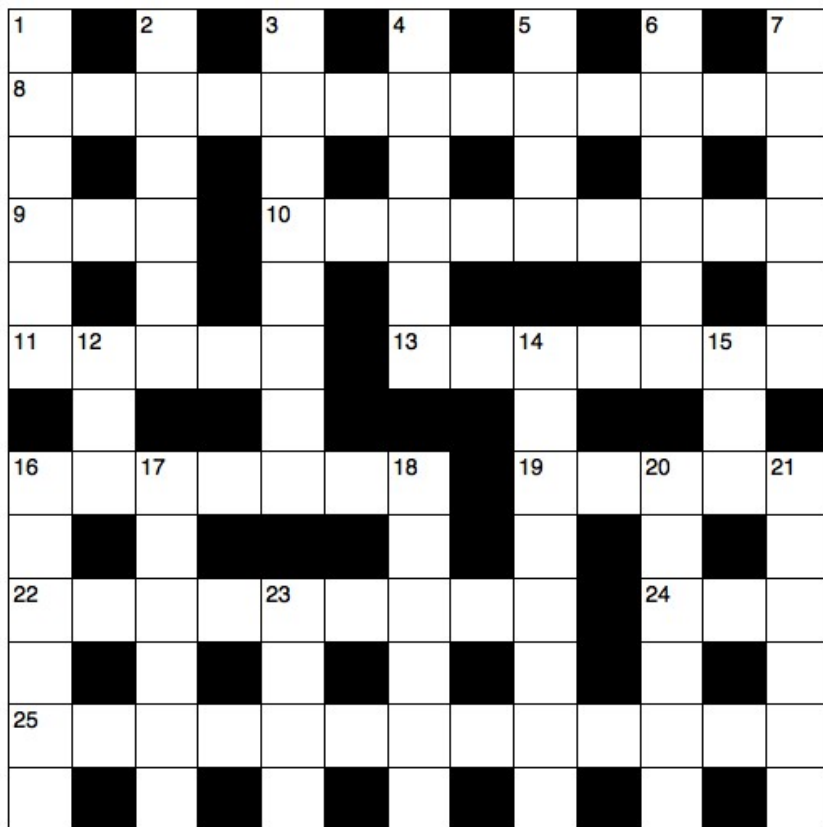
What a beautiful, unexpected gift he is! Michael needs to either find someone to repair his guitar, or funds to buy a new one. We are so thankful for God's provision in every circumstance! To continue, we need at least £3000 monthly for the team to minister at RRCY and other venues - and more than that to maintain LAMA House.

Prayer points

- Grayce, Hannah, Mathew, Magnus.
- Spiritual Warfare for Children at Risk and in Conflict with the Law
- For boys who have been released from RRCY, those still detained and opportunities to minister to others in Jesus Name,
- For former 'boys and girls' of LAMA House Residential Home.
- For our team: Michael, Jeli, Simon, Ana, Leah, Esther, Ruffa, Kat, Khevin and Homer,
- For Michael's children Rain, Riley and Natalie.
- For LAMA Ministries financial needs.
- For Lesley's health.



Crossword



Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
 9 In favour of (3)
 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
 22 Holy Communion (9)
 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)

June-July Lectionary

June 1st: 7th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 22.12–14, 16,17,20,21
John 17.20–26

June 8th: Pentecost

Acts 2.1–21
John 14.8–17, 25–27

June 15th: Trinity

Romans 5.1–5
John 16.12–15

June 22nd: 1st Sunday after Trinity

Psalms 22.19–28
Luke 8.26–39

June 29th: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 3.14–21
John 16.7–11

July 6th: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

1 Peter 2.4–10
Matthew 16.13–20

July 13th: 4th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1.1–14
Luke 10.25–37

July 20th: 5th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1.15–28
Luke 10.38–end

July 27th: 6th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 2.6–15
Luke 11.1–13

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- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
12 Ate (anag.) (3)
14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
23 Diva (anag.) (4)
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June Calendar

Sunday 1st	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
Wednesday 4th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Saturday 7th	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
Sunday 8th	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 House
Tuesday 10th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 11th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 16th	7.30pm	Women's Group meal out	
Wednesday 18th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 21st	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Baptism	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 24th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's

Crossword solution

ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

July Calendar

Wednesday 2nd	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Saturday 5th	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
Sunday 6th	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
Wednesday 9th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Baptism	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
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Tuesday 15th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 19th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Baptism & Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 21st	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Wednesday 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 26th	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
Sunday 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	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

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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
 11.15am 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 (Tuesdays following the 2nd and 4th Sundays) 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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