



Parish Magazine

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



For great
is your love,
reaching to the
heavens;
Your faithfulness
reaches to the
skies.

Psalm 57:10

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Welcome



Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they weren't about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers "Where is your faith?" It's not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don't get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God's help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

'Peace' in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand.

I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

Dr Ruth Banciewicz is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge and writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Parish News

St. Leonard's Renovation

In July, we had the detailed design of the new facilities complete and ready to be sent for Building Regulation approval. At the moment, we are on track to appoint a contractor by the turn of the year. Bids will be sought shortly and hopefully by September we will have a preferred bidder with confirmed prices and time frame which we can send to the Diocese for faculty approval. We hope to have a short congregational meeting to share the status of the project and have opportunity for questions, listen out for an announcement. Once bids are in, we will share our fundraising targets and get on with some of the easier tasks we can start with once a Diocesan faculty is granted. Please commit our plans to God in prayer, for it is He who builds the house.

Parish Lunch

Join us for Parish Lunch on Wednesday 3rd September 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 there will be no Parish Lunch in August.

Life After Loss

The next Life After Loss sessions will be held on Wednesdays 6th August and 3rd September 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. For more detail please call Diana Woodcock: 01323 891749 or Chris Doherty: 01323 658309.

St. Luke's @7

SL@7 is taking a break in August but do join us for a time of worship and prayer on Sunday 28th September at St. Luke's... at 7.00pm!

Seaford Parish Women's Group

SPWG are having a social afternoon tea at Arlington Tea Gardens on Wednesday 20th August at 2.30pm. Women's Group then restarts on 15th September for a board games evening at St. Luke's.

Mothers' Union

There is no MU meeting in August. The next meeting is on 26th September with a visit to Arlington Church followed by tea and cake.

Coffee, Prayer Ministry & Communion

You are welcome to join in our next Service of Prayer Ministry with Communion at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 12th and 26th August then 16th and 30th September at 11.00am. Coffee will be available from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Church Electoral Roll

You may recall that the previous Church Electoral Roll was deleted and a fresh one compiled. This happens every six years. A cross reference with the previous roll finds that a hundred people have not signed up again. Quite a few of these have moved away and so on. If you find someone you have not seen in Church for a while do ask if they have re-submitted their church electoral roll membership. Forms can be found at the back of St. Luke's or St. Leonard's. The comparison between the old list and the new list highlighted fifty-two people who have joined the

Church over the last couple of years. You are very welcome. Keep praying!

Inspiring Faith: more people are asking about Baptism and what it is. I've written something to explain some frequently asked questions on the website - <https://seafordparish.org.uk/baptism/>.

Meanwhile the Diocese has produced a rather useful resource to encourage you to grow your faith: <https://inspiring-faith.com/>. Here you can learn about reading the bible, the church, prayer, and more. This is good for all of you.

Coffee Morning in aid of Beloved Missionary School

David and Pat Farey are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 13th September, 10.30am - 12pm at our home, 2 Elgin Gardens, Seaford to raise money for the Beloved Missionary School just north of Accra in Ghana. The base is part of the work of the Serving Africa Mission.

David is a trustee of the Mission and the school has nearly 300 children. He says, "We have recently been able to build a Computer Suite and install an interactive white board. Our school on the base is at the forefront of teaching the children in our valley the IT skills they shall need, to take their place in the 21st century. In keeping up the standard and further enhancing what's available we are looking to buy 20 handheld tablets at a cost of about £250.00 each. This will further improve the standard of learning in an area where families would not have such devices."

The Mission will be known to some who have contributed to the plans for a football stadium, still ongoing.

Make a date, come and enjoy coffee, cake and chat and help support a worthy cause!

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SEAFORD PARISH CHURCH
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES
ST LEONARD'S AND ST LUKE'S

= Free Ice-cream

Summer Programme of Children, Youth & Family Events 2025

<p>Sat 26th July, 3pm Thur 31st July, 3pm ✦ Sun 3rd Aug, 11.15am-12.15pm Wed 6th Aug, 9.30am-11am ✦ Sun 10th Aug, 11.15am-12.15pm Mon 11th Aug, 10am-1pm Wed 13th Aug, 9.30am-11am Sat 16th Aug, 9am Mon 18th Aug, 3pm Thur 21st Aug, 9.30am-11am ✦ Sun 24th Aug, 11.15am-12.15pm Thur 28th Aug, 9.30am-11am ✦ Sun 31st Aug, 11.15am-12.15pm Fri 5th Sep Sat 6th Sep, 9.30am-11am Sun 7th Sep</p>	<p>Sparks Camp Starts Sparks Camp Finishes Beach Church - Near Martello Tower Tots' Treats - St Luke's Beach Church - Near Martello Tower Cake, Games & Craft Day - St Luke's Tots' Treats - St Luke's Seaford Parish Camp Starts Seaford Parish Camp Finishes Tots' Treats - St Leonard's Beach Church - Near Martello Tower Tots' Treats - St Leonard's Beach Church - Near Martello Tower Sparks & Ignite Return - St Luke's Messy Church - St Leonard's All groups return as normal</p>
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Thank You

After very many years David and Hazel Bramley are stepping back from being responsible for bundling the magazine for distribution and ensuring copies are available in our churches. We extend our many thanks to them both for their faithful commitment to this. From this issue Tony Willer will be taking on the task.

Parish Magazine: October-November

The copy date for the October-November issues of The Parish Magazine is earlier than usual. Please could all items of news and articles be sent as soon as possible in August but by Monday 1st September at the very latest. Your help will ensure the editor gets a restful September and the magazine appears on time!



Open
Church
Cafe

St. Leonard's Church

10.00am to 12.30pm

Saturdays 23rd August and 27th September



Beach Church

The graphic features a stylized beach scene. In the foreground, there are four colorful beach huts with red, blue, yellow, and red roofs. The background shows green hills and a white seagull flying in a light blue sky. The text 'Beach Church' is written in large, white, sans-serif letters across the middle of the scene.

Sundays 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st August
11.15 Near the Martello Tower



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[https://tinyurl.com
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SEAFORD PARISH CHURCH

ST LEONARD'S AND ST LUKE'S

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Nicene Creed Part 5

James Hollingsworth

We believe in the Church. This is an encouraging reminder that we're not solo Christians. We are the body of Christ. On the one hand you can do quite a lot of 'being Christian' on your own. You can read the bible on your own, give to charity on your own, pray in the car, sing hymns whilst washing up but there's something special about coming together.

I think I mean more than just that thing about how you can exercise on your own but it's often more effective to do it in a group, at a gym. Here in this sense, we can read the bible in Home Groups and this is good as it will protect you from just reading into the Bible whatever you want and it will challenge you when you start to think of God the way you want to rather than the way the Scriptures want you. Its healthy to come together as Church. And likewise in worship, there is something quite indescribably wonderful about feeling lifted up in a moment of praise and adoration in a big gathering of fellow believers.

The Church does a lot of good. We give to other charities, many of them local in Seaford and some of them global. We are open from 10-1 every day for quiet prayer and some company should you wish to stay and chat. We support the local foodbank and Family Support work. We do pre-school Toddler groups and children's after school groups for primary and for secondary schools. We go into Care Homes to visit or take a

service. We do lunches, choir, cake and coffee, even bacon. We do weddings and baptisms and funerals. I once wrote an A-Z of all the things we do. There's a copy at the back



of the Church pick one up and see if you can spot what I left out. A is for the Alpha Course, look out for the next one. Come and join in. Be part of your amazing church.

Our Creed calls us to believe in the Church. This Church is to be One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

We are to be One. This is the prayer of Jesus that we might be One. It might be that we do not look as if we are One. I suppose it depends where you are looking for the unity. Even in the Acts of the Apostles there was quite quickly two congregations in Jerusalem – Greek speaking and Hebrew speaking – and they didn't always get on that well. I take comfort in that. Sometimes when I am in a School, doing a 'Grill a vicar' session, one of the questions is 'What sort of Christian are you?' By this they mean are you Roman Catholic or Protestant. If you've been reading this column over this year you will be aware that there are more categories still, especially as you look to the East to see the variety of Orthodox churches, and I

haven't even mentioned the Coptic Christians. So then picture their faces when I give them the complicated answer that being Anglican means we are Reformed Catholic, neither Roman nor Protestant!

You might think of this bit of the Creed as being a failure: We believe in One ... Church. We don't look like one until you pause to ask each of these different sorts of Christians: what's the central part of your faith? Here we all agree on Jesus Christ. So, I say we are One because we believe in One Lord Jesus Christ. There's lots of different variations that matter to different people to varying degrees but Jesus is the solid ground on which we build our faith, our church.

We believe in one *holy*... Church. We don't look very holy. We're a congregation of sinners, some are hiding it well, others less so, some are hypocrites and know it, and others have blind spots to their prejudices. We sin and that's not very holy. So if the Church is holy perhaps it is holy in the sense that the same Christ who forgives you your sins, also makes the Church holy. Perhaps it is because we are growing in holiness as we, together, walk our pilgrimage through this troublous life. Perhaps we are holy in the sense of being set aside as a role model to show what it means to live in community as the people of God.

This would mean that the Church as a community of followers of Jesus are to be a slice of heaven. I think that sometimes this is true. I think that often it isn't, but at its best, we find people who are kind, generous, forgiving, not judgemental, and aware of their own need for God's love, forgiveness, and

energy to go and live the life we are called to live.

We believe in one holy *catholic* ... Church. You'll notice I used a small c not Catholic. This *catholic* simply means universal, for all. This is a Church for all people, cultures, geographies. This means that you, and you and you, are all very welcome here in this catholic Church. Across time and history, we have had to work out what that looks like. In clergy ordination vows we find the call to proclaim afresh the gospel in each generation. Here is an awareness that we each have a role and a place in this church, this home, for us and our hopes and fears need to be heard. You too need to know the redeeming love of Christ in your context. The belief in a catholic Church is not a belief in a uniform global culture. This is not Church as sponsored by MacDonalds but rather a community that seeks to bring a wholesome healing to all, so that all might grow in faith. Come and join us and perhaps you might find yourself in Church this week.

We believe in one holy catholic and *apostolic* Church. This word looks back and looks forward.

There was a second century bishop called Ignatius of Antioch. He found himself dealing with heretics at a time when there was no agreed creed, no agreed amount of New Testament writings. In his argument for the saving power of the sacrifice of Jesus, Ignatius had to argue that he knew he was right because he was maintaining the same teachings that were passed on to him by those who knew the apostles directly. Ignatius used *apostolic* in this looking back sense that anchored him to Jesus. This phrase in our creed calls

us to look back over the history of the Church and to think about where our forefathers got it right, got it wrong, to repent and learn and to grow in faith.

The other sense of *apostolic* is in its Greek origin. The 'stolic' bit means 'sent' and the 'apo' bit means 'away from.' Being an apostolic church means that we are a church that goes out to bring the Goodnews of the Gospel to others. It is a reminder that we are sent into our communities to show the love of Christ, to be a prayerful calming

presence, to witness to the love, joy and peace that comes from our faith in Christ.

So we believe in One holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Next time: Baptism, Forgiveness, the Resurrection of the Dead and the life of the world to come! If you haven't got a Nicene Creed book mark please do pop into either St Luke's or St Leonard's and take one.

Archery

Again we had the joys of going to Plumpton Racecourse over the May Bank Holiday where over 400 teenagers were camped to learn about Jesus.



Stefan and Kim took a handful of our teenagers too. Mostly I spent the weekend helping about 180 young people have a go at archery. It's great watching them grow in confidence and faith.

Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) Training Programme

The Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) training programme offers flexible, skills-based training for lay people who feel called to serve in their local church. ALMs play a vital role in the public ministry of the Church, supporting and enriching parish life through a variety of ministries.

While the shape of ALM ministry varies depending on the parish context, ALMs typically lead, support, or collaborate within ministry teams. They are also encouraged to nurture and develop the gifts of others in their communities.

Most candidates will complete between 6 and 12 training sessions, depending on their chosen ministry elective. Training runs from September to May, with dates and venues confirmed once student numbers are known. Please note that some electives or venues may not be offered if there is insufficient interest.

Training sessions may take place on weeknight evenings or weekends, so some flexibility is required. A small number of assignments are completed. These written or practical assignments are designed to deepen your learning and are not graded. The course is accessible to people from all educational backgrounds, and the assignments reflect this inclusivity.

Training is offered in the following ministry areas:

- Catechists
- Chaplaincy
- Care for Creation & Eco Church
- Mission Enabler
- Pastoral Ministry
- Preaching
- Rural Ministry
- Traditional Music in Worship
- Worship & Liturgy
- Youth & Children



Applications should be received by 12th August 2025 for a September 2025 start and 24th November 2025 for a January 2026 start. For more details and how to apply please visit www.chichester.anglican.org/authorised-lay-ministry

Lunchtime Concerts

2025

Saturday 16th August

D'ARCY TRINKWON, ORGAN

One of the distinguished musicians of his generation, D'Arcy Trinkwon is acclaimed as a unique artist who demonstrates superlative artistry and prodigious talent at international festivals and celebrity concert series in concert halls, cathedrals and churches around the world, including solo, concerto and broadcast appearances, master classes and coaching. Alongside his concert career he is Organist to the University of Sussex.



Saturday 20th September

CHRISTINE BURAS, SOPRANO


Christine received her early musical education as a chorister at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and later obtained her BA (with honours) in Music History and Theory from the University of Chicago and her Masters of Music at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music Historical Performance Institute. Christine recently completed her MA in Vocal Studies at the Royal Academy of Music, where she was generously supported by the Josephine Baker Trust, the Adah Rogalsky Scholarship, and the William Gibbs Educational and Religious Trust. While studying at RAM, she won third prize in the 2015 Joan Chissell Schumann Lieder Competition and was commended in the Major Van Someren-Godfrey Prize for English Song and the Marjorie Thomas Art of Song prize. Upon graduation, she was awarded a DIP RAM.



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/


The parable
of the
Fish
and the
Nets



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!



WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING THEY THROW THEIR NETS INTO THE LAKE...




...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE



ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



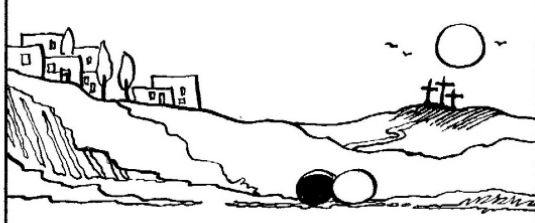
THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.



Children, Youth & Families

Stefan Bracher

We have had a brilliant couple of months, which have just zoomed past! From May Camp, to our regular groups and then opening two new groups with the arrival of Kim Cuthbert, our Assistant Children, Youth and Family Missioner. We have been having a huge amount of fun as we head towards planning for Parish Camp. A quick reminder to book in if you haven't already, or if you are seeing this after Parish Camp and missed out on booking... Oh my word it was amazing!!

Parish Camp

Parish Camp is right around the corner, and is happening from Saturday 16th to Monday 18th August 2025 at a Christian campsite in Chiddingly. It is one of the best times to be able to sit and chat with everyone altogether in one place. It's also a time to get stuck into some amazing workshops. There will be archery, Celtic knots, church history, guitar, boom whackers, flower arranging, a Chiddingly walk, water fights, inflatables and so so much more! The campsite is almost flat, with accessible toilets and showers and a fully equipped kitchen making it the perfect place for all ages to come along and join together.

You don't need to camp/caravan, you can come for the whole weekend as a day visitor or come for a day. Chiddingly is only 30 minutes from Seaford, so it's fairly easy to get to as well.

It will be really helpful if you can now get booked in ASAP as we need to know

how much food to order for the camp. Ideally we would have everyone there to join in as one big Church Family. Use the link below to book in or call/email Stefan on 07506 143 476, cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk or you can book the Parish Camp here: <https://tinyurl.com/spcc2025>

October Holiday Club... coming up!

We are also planning for the October Half Term Holiday Club. This year the theme is Jungle Jamboree and will focus on five different parables. We are looking for volunteers again so please do get in touch if you would like to volunteer or even better use the link below to book in. We will need volunteers for the kitchen team, packed lunch team, group leaders, craft leaders, floating support, 1-1 support and other various roles. It takes a huge team to ensure that 70 children have the most amazing time and feel completely supported, but it is so much appreciated by us, the children and their parents/carers.

Volunteer for holiday club 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/hcvol2025>

Holiday Club Quiz Night Fundraiser

This year sees the return of our Holiday Club Quiz Night on Saturday 20th September 2025 from 6.00pm to 10.00pm in St. Luke's Church. Tickets cost £6 each and teams are made of 6 people, with light table snacks available. Feel free to bring your own beverages and more food! See if your team can be the winner of the brilliant

Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club Mugs and Chocolate Medals. There will also be a fantastic raffle with lots of exciting prizes to win, so be sure to bring a nice wee bit of extra pocket money with you as we raise funds to ensure our holiday club can remain free for every single child.

Book in for quiz night here: <https://tinyurl.com/quiznight2025>



In **Tots' Treats** we have been reading all kinds of stories, from w r i g g l y

rabbits to finding out about how God cares for us all. We've been getting stuck into some fantastic crafts, like glueing and sticking, decorating bags, making a lollipop fish and painting a rabbit cutout. The outdoor space has been a big hit in St. Luke's and well worth the effort! We have also had brilliant discussions with parents and carers about faith. Several have joined us for our family services and more parents have been asking about baptism. This has led to some expressing how they are feeling the power of the holy spirit moving them and leading them to find out more about faith. Do please continue to pray for these groups and the discussions which happen on a weekly basis, as well as praying for the leaders who come and run the sessions.



Sparks has going along nicely. We have had reduced numbers over the past term, and some of the older members have

moved on to other groups. Towards the end of the term, we had our summer programme, where a few people invited their friends to join us, so we look forward to more starting back in September. However, it has meant that we have been able to really develop into some brilliant topics of faith and learning about more Bible stories. This is something we will always continue to build on.

We are still in need for some volunteers to this group, so please do consider if you can volunteer once or twice a month on a Friday evening for 2½ hours. 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 and if this is something which you could give some time to. Email cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk or call 07506 143 476.



Ignite has continued to be popular, with numbers starting to settle down. As the night is more focused on the

young people having a safe space to be able to meet together and relax together, we have created a new faith exploration group called Fuelled. At Ignite the young people love a good bit of dodgeball, basketball, pool, Nintendo Switch, board games and of course crafts with Trisha! We have also been awarded some very generous gifts of £500 from Seaford Lions and £550 from Seaford Rotary for new items for the youth work in Ignite! Please do pass on our thanks again if you know of anyone in either of these organisations.

Fuelled is a brand-new group which focuses on young people who are looking to explore faith and what that might mean for them. We have had several meetings over the past few months with one young person even feeling able to stand up at St. Luke's @ 7 and give short testimony. These are small steps in faith for this group and we do ask for your prayer for these young people. Pray that they can ask the questions which are truly on their heart about who God is and then pray that as leaders will have the right responses and that we can guide them forward.



Messy Church has continued to thrive over the past few months. We have had lots of people join us recently with

close to 60 attending our last session! Recently we have been looking at roads, seashores and mountains in the Bible with all different kinds of crafts being made from footprint walking, to decorating toy cars to making fish bracelets. We look forward to our September session following a break in August. We could do with a couple of extra volunteers at Messy Church. If you think you'd be able to give sometime to help lead a small craft it would be great to hear from you. Call or email Stefan on 07506 143 476 or cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk.

Glow and Family Worship have been going along very nicely. We switch between the two at St. Luke's. On the first and third Sundays we have our Glow Sunday school and then on the second and fourth Sundays we have our Family Worship where the Church family comes together (it's not family

worship which is aimed just a families, but that we as the Church family come together). They have both been doing very well, especially since we have lunched the **Glow Gardening Club** where the children have been planting, weeding, sorting and tasting things they have grown in the garden. Here they are adding a whole new perspective on what is God's Garden!

Assistant Children, Youth & Family Missioner

As you may be aware earlier this year we appointed Kim Cuthbert as our new Children, Youth & Family Missioner. This has already meant that we have been able to lunch two new groups, Glow Gardening and Fuelled, whilst keeping the other groups moving along nicely. Our focus as we move forward in faith is to look to develop our existing groups further whilst identifying other needs and opportunities to reach out into the communities around us.

So keep watching this space!

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

Contact our CYF Team

Stefan Bracher
cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk
07506143476



JUNGLE JAMBOREE HOLIDAY CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 20th September, 6pm-10pm

St Luke's Church, Seaford, BN25 3TH

Help us raise funds for our free holiday club.
Bring along your own food and drinks.

Small table snacks, tea,
coffee & juice will be available.
Up to 6 people in a team

£6
Per Person



tinyurl.com/quiznight2025

To book a place
scan QR Code or email/call
cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk
07506 143 476



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JUNGLE JAMBOREE HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term 2025
(27th Oct - 31st Oct), 9.45am-12.30pm
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For Reception to Year 6 Aged Children

Fun

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Bible
Stories

Dramas

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A man had a dream

David Farey

Mr Smith had a dream. He dreamt he had died and had turned up at the pearly gates. St Peter was there, waiting for him.... with a clipboard!

“Ah, Mr Smith, welcome. Just a few preliminaries before you go through.”

“Oh, ah... Right.” Mr Smith was feeling well out of his depth. He wasn’t expecting this at all.

“Take a seat. This shouldn’t take too long. But after all, we aren’t clock watching anymore, are we?” St Peter gave a little chuckle.

Mr Smith looked around for a chair and a cloud had appeared just behind him. He sat down gingerly and found it quite comfortable.

“Just a few questions. So how old were you when accepted Jesus into your heart?” St Peter’s pen was poised over the clipboard.

“Pardon?”

“How old were you when you realised that Jesus had died for you on the cross and cleansed you of your sins?”

“Well, I’ve always been a churchgoer, and....”

“No, no.” St Peter interrupted. “That is very good, but you have to have reached a point in your life when you

realised that knowing Jesus was the most important thing in your life.” St Peter said hopefully.

“Oh. Well, I’m not sure. I had my career you see. And a wife and children. I had to think of them.”

St Peter’s brow became furrowed. “I see,” he said slowly. “So, what does Jesus, and what he has done for you actually mean to you?”

“Well, he’s a good chap, and all that. Done some awfully nice things. He’s a bit like the family dog, always loving and there when you need him.” Mr Smith smiled to himself that he could say something positive about Jesus.

St Peter was looking at Mr Smith, somewhat bemused. He placed his pen down. “Tell me Mr Smith, do you read your Bible?”

“Oh yes, I’m sure we have one somewhere on the bookshelf.”

“Yes, but have you read it?” St Peter was becoming concerned.

“I’m sure I did at some point. I mean we all have to do a bit in RE at school, don’t we... oh, but I expect it was different for you.”

By now St Peter was looking somewhat exasperated. “So, you might have a Bible... somewhere, which you may, or

may not have read when you were at school. Have I got that right?"

"Yes, that sounds about right." Mr Smith was feeling pleased that St Peter was understanding him. "And of course, we hear it read in church and have sermons about it."

"Just on Sunday, I suppose...?" St Peter said resignedly.

"Oh yes, of course. Never miss it... except if something else crops up. Holidays or a golf match, you know."

"You never took advantage of learning more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? Joined an Alpha course, or joined a Bible study group? Never felt the need to explore the depths and richness of just what it means to be a follower of our Lord? To learn of just how deep his love for you

is? To learn how you might better serve Him as he serves us? To learn just what it cost Him to go to the cross, to suffer the pain and agony and shed His blood for you Mr Smith?" St Peter's tone was not a comforting one.

"Well no." mumbled Mr Smith.

St Peter stood up, and in cool tones said firmly, "I think we are done here Mr Smith."

Mr Smith began to hear an insistent buzzing sound. He instinctively turned over and switched off his alarm clock. As consciousness slowly began to form, he was slowly remembering his dream... and wondered...

For information about home groups in our parish speak to James, Derreck, Carole or David and Pat Farey. Or email homegroups@seafordparish.org.uk.

Prayer grows in popularity



Well over three million people have now used the Church of England's Daily Prayer podcast and app, which offers Morning and Evening Prayer in audio form.

Launched during the pandemic, the service has seen over 12 million downloads, with thousands tuning in each day. Blending scripture, music, and reflection, it reflects a wider resurgence of interest in regular prayer and spiritual rhythm, showing that ancient words continue to find new life in modern formats.

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

Bygone Church Press

CLERGYMAN'S GALLANT ACT.—Despite the fact that he is 81 years of age, the Rev. Dundas Harford, of Sandpit Cottage, South-down Road (assistant priest, at the Parish Church) is still a competent ice skater, and, thanks to him, a few weeks ago, a lady visitor to the town, who was in danger of falling through the ice on the River Cuckmere, was saved from drowning. With his customary modesty, Mr. Harford made very little of the event and it was only quite recently that it became known that he had been awarded a certificate by the Royal Humane Society. The name of the lady who was saved is not known, even to the rescuer, but there was a happy sequel to the event on Tuesday evening when the Vicar of Seaford (the Rev. Chas. H. Maxwell, R.D.) presented the certificate to Mr. Harford at the annual vestry meeting. At the close of the usual business the Vicar said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. Last January the Rev. D. Harford, who was 81 years of age, was skating on the Cuckmere when he saw a lady in a precarious position owing to the fact that the ice had broken. He quickly realised the danger she was in, and skating to the spot—at some risk to himself—he managed to extricate her from the water. The Royal Humane Society had decided that the act was well worthy of recognition and had asked him to present their certificate, on parchment, to the rescuer. He had much pleasure in performing that duty (applause). If Mr. Harford was able to do that sort of thing now, he wondered whatever he would do when he grew up (laughter). It was a remarkable and very brave achievement for a gentleman of his age, and they all greatly admired and respected him for it (applause).—The Rev. D. Harford, who was loudly applauded when he received the certificate, said he only did what anyone would have done in the same circumstances. Fortunately, he was sufficiently experienced on the ice to know how to deal with such a contingency. He knew how to place his feet in order to be able to pull the lady out of the water.

From the Crawley and District Observer 30 March 1940

A series of extracts from newspapers of the past, some serious, some amusing, some inspirational.

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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 August and September:

LAMA

- For our new Pastor at the Epicenter Church, Pastor Amiel, will have favour in the universities and colleges and schools of San Fernando, his vision is to reach campuses with the Gospel. This has long been our vision too but we need permission to do so.
- Continue to pray for the former boys and girls of LAMA House.
- For the boys awaiting court hearings and those being released from the Regional Rehabilitation Youth Centre.
- For health, as it is monsoon season. Lesley still quite weak and needs to gain weight before surgery can be done, provisionally scheduled for September.
- Michael and Jeli's son, Rain that he will be granted the 50% off his tuition fees for which he eligible as a top student. Pray school will award this as tuition fees are high.
- For Edelyn battling cancer.

LINK TO HOPE

- We ask as another Shoe Box Appeal begins that the boxes are filled to capacity with gifts for families and the elderly.
- The 19 projects that Link to Hope are involved with in Eastern Europe.
- Pray for yourselves and other supporters who are looking for ways to help those who are surviving on next to nothing.

MOTHERS' UNION

- The families staying in the 'Away from it all' caravan this year.
- The 'Summer of Hope' nationwide appeal.

THE SCHOOLS IN SEAFORD

- For protection from accident and illness for our children and young people over the summer holiday; we pray for happy and loving times with friends and family.
- For a good start to the new term in September; pray against anxiety and stress for both students and teachers as they return to school after their holiday; particularly for those starting new schools and new posts that they find friends and helpful colleagues to ease their transition.
- The leaders, managers and governors. Give them wisdom and insight; for all members of staff, the site teams, admin teams and support teams giving them the resources they need to complete their vital roles.
- For all families and particularly those who are struggling with financial hardship and those suffering long-term illness.
- For the message of our Lord Jesus to be heard and reach the hearts and minds of the students and teachers; pray for the teaching of the Christian message and values; for clergy and youth teams going into schools that they are welcomed and can make a difference to students' understanding and their lives.

Prayers for each day in the week:

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, prayer ministry teams, stewards, tech teams, vergers and all who attend.
- For Beach Church on Sundays 3, 10, 24 & 31 August at 11.15 near the Martello Tower.
- Those running, giving help and attending our Parish Camp at Chiddingly Sat 16th to Mon 18th August. Pray for more participants to sign up to come by the day or stay overnight.
- Those living and working in Alfriston Road, Sutton Mews, Alfriston Park, Seafeld Close, Old Nursery Close, Kammond Avenue.

MONDAY

- For accord and respect amongst the world's leaders.
- That there will be leaders who desire righteousness for all especially the poor, so often overlooked.
- For mercy on those who promote war and terror tactics, gangs involved with people smuggling, human trafficking, modern slavery, illegal moneylenders, those exploiting and abusing children. All those who suffer and are oppressed because of their actions.
- For those living and working in Cradle Hill Road, Sutton Road, Harrison Road, Meadow Way, Sheep Pen Lane

TUESDAY

- King Charles and Queen Camilla as they lead the working members of their family in carrying out their Royal duties.
- Members of Parliament during the time of Parliamentary Recess in August, two weeks of sitting at the beginning of September followed by the Party Conferences.
- Our County Councils and other local authorities as they undergo significant changes including potential restructuring into unitary authorities and increased devolution of powers.
- Those responsible for the administration of justice as they resolve legal disputes, protect rights and maintain order within our local area.
- Those living and working in Sandore Road, Sandore Close, Bromley Road, Blue Haze Avenue, Richington Way.

WEDNESDAY

- Those working within the local Emergency Services: Ambulance, Coastguards, Fire and Rescue, Lifeboat volunteers and the Police. Those needing their help.
- Our local hospitals, GP practices, pharmacies and the full range of support services both NHS and private. Pray for staff and patients.
- Those residing and working in our local nursing and care homes.
- Those needing care and support in their own homes and those who help them.
- For those in the parish who are sick or frail at this time.
- Those living and working in Eton Close, Harrow Close, Roedean Close, Benenden Close, Rugby Close, Dulwich Close, Millfield Close.

THURSDAY

- Rev James, Rev Lucy, Rev Derreck and Rev 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 cleaner Andy.
- 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. Treasurer: Paul Waller.
- The retired clergy who take services, worship with us or live in our parish.
- Those living and working in Valley Drive, Quarry Lane, Lexden Road, Lexden Court, Barn Rise, Raymond Close.

FRIDAY

- Give thanks for those who volunteer and those who attend the Sparks and Ignite youth groups, that they will return refreshed on 5 September.
- The Tots Treats summer meetings – Wednesdays 6 and 13 August at St Luke's and Thursdays 21 and 28 at St Leonard's returning to every Wednesday morning in St Luke's and Thursday morning in St Leonard's in September.
- The Cake, Games and Craft Day at St. Luke's on Monday 11th August 10.00am to 1.00pm.
- Those living and working in The Peverells, Lexden Drive, Pitt Drive, Barn Close, Coxwell Close.

SATURDAY

- That all will find a welcome at both our churches whenever worshipping, visiting or working.
- Safety for visitors to our town whilst on the beach, cliffs and countryside.
- Members of the Church family visiting or looking after grandchildren and relatives in the holidays.
- The Home Groups and their leaders as some break for the summer.
- 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 Vale Close, Vale Road, Etherton Way, West Dean Rise, East Dean Rise.

Give Him a call!

The phone was a great invention. How easy, to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. Once a phone was a luxury item; now we take it for granted that this gadget in our pocket enables us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place. However, how many times have you rung someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you must wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. A voice informs you that 'your call is important to us' ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it's good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him. There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free, with no charges. He hears our every call, and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

'When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.' (Isaiah 58:9)



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Rachel Waller

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



To mark this year's Earth Day and an ongoing commitment to creating a more sustainable future, Chichester Cathedral has unveiled a new Bug-thedral project in partnership with local schools, a haven for insects and minibeasts.

This unique, eco-friendly sanctuary also serves as a sustainable tribute to the City's Cathedral's 950th anniversary, which is not

only a celebration of the past nine centuries, but a pledge to protecting our shared environment.

The project was led by Cathedral Maintenance Assistants Simon Mears and Matt Adams, with the help of local school children who took part in a creative workshop designed to raise awareness of the climate crisis and the importance of living sustainably.

The temporary structure is located near the Cathedral's West Doors, surrounded by flowers and plants to help encourage biodiversity.

The bug-thedral is one of many projects the Cathedral has planned to raise awareness of and address climate crisis and promote the conservation of nature. In 2024, their commitment was recognised with Gold Eco Church status by the Christian conservation charity A Rocha UK.



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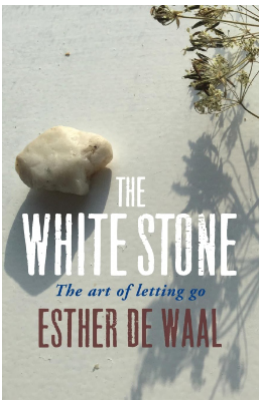
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Book Reviews

Derreck Lee-Philpot



The White Stone (£12.36 Eden Books)
Publisher: Canterbury Press
ISBN: 9781786224019
Author: Esther De Waal

This is a delightful, gentle book. The sub-title gives some insight into its content, 'The art of letting go'. It is written around Esther having to move away from her beloved Welsh cottage where she wrote most of her twenty plus books in the cottage kitchen.

I read it during time we sold our previous home in Thatcham, Berkshire last year. It has much to say about our connections to a loved home we have to leave. But it also speaks to the whole

circumstance 'moving on', particularly as we get older. She writes with great personal insight on letting go of people, or possessions, and her embracing of ritual, lament, the monastic traditions to lead her through unsettling times of change.

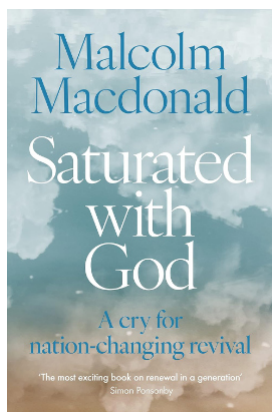
She also speaks of the concept of 'diminishment', what the American Franciscan Richard Rohr calls the 'spirituality of subtraction'. It's a phrase that jars but Esther embraces it as she writes, *"I know that I have to let go as I age, for otherwise I shall be clinging to the past, and that will prevent the new, in whatever form that might take, from coming to birth. Letting go has a hidden freedom in it, for surrendering is really a liberation, allowing me to live fully but differently."*

The white stone of the title refers to a small pebble from the river that ran through her Welsh garden that she keeps in her pocket, but also strikes a note of hope referring to the new identity promised by God (Rev 2:17).

This is not just a book about moving house, it is about moving on in all our life, told with a gentleness and

sensitivity mixed with the profound wisdom that comes from the lived experience of being there, done that. I heartily recommend this book to those who are going through personal life change, but also to those who are seeing life around them change in ways that feel unsettling.

About the author: Esther de Waal is an Anglican retreat leader, historian, speaker and author who has written widely on the Celtic tradition, on Benedictine and Cistercian spirituality and on Thomas Merton. Her husband is a Catholic priest.



Saturated with God (£12.52 Eden Books)

Publisher: SPCK

ISBN: 9780281088034

Author: Malcolm Macdonald

Rev Malcolm Macdonald is currently vicar of St Mary's Church, Loughton, Essex. He confesses that he only has one sermon that he has preached over his thirty-year ministry: Revival!

Many 'switch off' when they hear the 'R' word. Some out of disinterest, some out of disbelief, some from weariness -

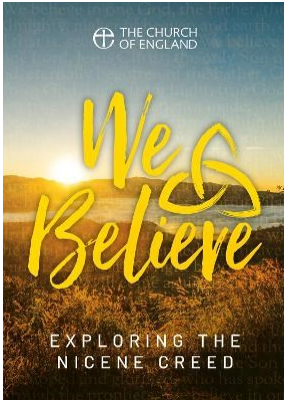
always waiting for revival but it never seems to come. Many believe revival is possible here in the UK, there have been many mini-revivals notably in Wales, but it does always seem to happen somewhere else, usually abroad.

If you are fed up with denominational in-fighting, church scandals, a sense of just marking time in endless debates and talking shops, then this book may let you see that you are not alone. Many yearn for revival in our nation.

Malcolm Macdonald uses the profound images of water in scripture, from baptism to an 'outpouring' of the Holy Spirit, to explore the topic. 'Saturated With God' paints a compelling vision of what the Church can be today - shining with the love and power of God - and stirs up the call on every Christian to more closely follow Jesus today. And as we do so, bring the day of revival closer.

I have seen astonishing happenings in Africa and Eastern Europe, I yearn to see them here also, Saturated with God is not a bland 'how to' book but a vibrant signpost to walking, living in a way that will accelerate the coming of revival and change our nation forever, for the better.

About the author: Rev Malcolm Macdonald is currently vicar of St Mary's Church, Loughton, Essex since 2009. He has been a New Wine speaker and seminar leader where the first thoughts for this were presented in the 2018 early morning series 'The Missing Revival'. His other book 'Set Me On Fire' (2015) is also on the subject of revival.



Creed' as celebrated by Chichester Diocese (and many others) I commend this booklet to you to read alongside our preaching series on it.

It is structured as twenty-four single page chapters. Each has a reading, a short reflection, a question for further thinking, and a short prayer. It is pocket-sized (A6) and so easily slipped into a Bible.

We Believe (£3.99)
Publisher: Church House Publishing
ISBN: 9781781405154

"The Nicene Creed is one of the most enduring statements of Christian faith, uniting believers across time and space in a shared confession of who God is and what He has done in Jesus Christ." So says the back cover of this little booklet in introduction. This year being the 'Year of the

For those of us who have been saying the words of the Nicene Creed for a long time it is a helpful refresher refocussing us on the fundamentals of our faith. For those who are newer to the faith it is an accessible introduction to this statement of faith.

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Poetry Corner: Bob Rice



Under the Bonnet

Do you always look under a bonnet?
Or more at the badge sitting upon it?
Can you glean truth from critics of a book?
Do you find Christ in the places you that look?

Common as I am, it's hard to understand!
But my faith is simply as God planned.
I don't pretend to know why Christ said what he did,
But value the miracles and healings his words bid.

I can welcome a Blessing knowing it is mine,
I don't need its manufacture date, or design,
My belief is what I came to know is true,
As God's precious Spirit inside grew.

After Trinity Sunday

I am sitting on a merry-go-round,
With the Trinity seated all around,
Angels flash like fire, amid heavenly song,
A Brief moment in time, nothing is wrong,

I sense those upon the other horses,
In praise travelling the same courses,
Collectively we go up and down on the ride,
with the tender love of God held deep inside,

Each time I enter this communion space,
A tear or smile appears on my grateful face,
Held in the middle of the fairground,
God's promises keep me going round.

Faith on the Rails: Celebrating 200 Years of Railways



This year marks a momentous anniversary: 200 years since the dawn of the railways in Britain. In 1825, George Stephenson's pioneering Locomotion No. 1 pulled the world's first passenger train on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. Two centuries on, the railway remains one of Britain's most iconic achievements—and, as it happens, one with a surprisingly rich connection to the Church.

Steam and the Spirit: A Shared History

The early 19th century was a time of innovation and transformation, not only industrially but spiritually. As iron rails began threading across the land, so too did new opportunities open up for the

Church's mission. Suddenly, the "parish" could stretch far beyond walking distance. Clergy could travel more easily to serve scattered communities. Trains became, quite literally, vehicles for pastoral care.

In fact, the earliest days of the railways were marked by collaboration between railway companies and the Church. Many stations had chaplains, and some even had their own chapel rooms. Sunday services were adjusted to allow for the arrival of trains. And in some cases, churches were even built near newly laid tracks to serve growing communities of railway workers and their families.

Vicars and Locomotives: A Curious Affection

As the years rolled on, a gentle affection grew between the clergy and the railway. Perhaps it was the rhythm of the trains, the quiet precision of timetables, or the sense of a journey with a clear destination—whatever it was, many a vicar found comfort and joy in railways.

One of the most famous examples is Rev. W. Awdry, creator of Thomas the Tank Engine. Awdry was a lifelong railway enthusiast who saw in his stories a way to teach children about kindness, discipline, and redemption. He once said: “God is the Controller. We are all His engines.”

Bishop Eric Treacy (Bishop of Wakefield from 1968 to 1976) was a well known and well published railway photographer. A plaque at Appleby Station in Cumbria commemorates him: ‘Railway Photographer, Pastor to railwaymen, lover of life and railways’. Bishop Eric died in 1978 at Appleby whilst photographing the last steam locomotive built for British Railways, the aptly named Evening Star.

The Railway as a Spiritual Symbol

It’s no surprise that trains have often been used as metaphors in sermons and spiritual reflection. Tracks symbolize guidance and purpose; stations mark rest and transition; the journey itself echoes pilgrimage.

There’s comfort in knowing we’re “on track”—and a challenge in staying the course.

Some have even drawn parallels between the steam engine’s great effort to move forward and the spiritual life: full of bursts of energy, moments of rest, the need for fuel (prayer and Scripture), and the occasional unexpected stop along the way.

Celebrating 200 Years

Across the country this summer, heritage railways, museums, and churches near historic lines are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the railways with exhibitions, services, and special events. Why not visit a preserved railway line and enjoy not just the engineering marvels, but the stories—often deeply human and spiritual—that surround them?

The story of Britain’s railways is not just one of iron and steam—it’s a story of connection: between places, people, and even between heaven and earth. As we give thanks for 200 years of railways, let us also celebrate the quieter, spiritual tracks they’ve laid through our national story—and perhaps through the lives of those who serve God both in pulpits and on platforms.

All aboard!

Find out more at:
<https://railway200.co.uk>

Did you know that on 27 September 1825, the world’s first passenger train, hauled by George Stephenson’s Locomotion No.1, carried more than 400 people along the Stockton and Darlington Railway? The landmark event drew crowds of up to 40,000 people and marked the birth of modern passenger train travel.

Bygone Church Press

CHEAP TRAVELLING.—At the Town Hall on Saturday, J. S. Eld, of Eastbourne, organist of Seaford Church, was summoned by the railway company for travelling on their line without a ticket. The defendant took a first class season ticket in 1875, which expired in April, 1876, and since that time he had continued to travel first-class without a ticket till last month. He was fined 40s. and costs, amounting together to £4 8s. 6d.

On Tuesday the same defendant appeared at Lewes Petty Sessions to answer a complaint for riding from Polegate to Lewes, on the 4th ult., without paying his fare. He was fined an additional £2 and costs.

From the Hastings & St Leonards Times 08 December 1877

It just goes to show that you cant help some people!
Or can you?

The early Organists were so poorly paid, for the amount of times that they were expected to play, most had real struggles to survive financially. This is not the only clipping about our organists, but we will keep you in suspense for now.

Keep looking.



A series of extracts from newspapers of the past, some serious, some amusing, some inspirational.

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Helping people into Housing



Terry Howell

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 14 June at St. Luke's church. It ran into a number of other parish events on that day but 40 people from the District did attend and the HOMELINK team were very pleased with the support for setting up. Extracts from the AGM follow...

Ros, our Chair, thanked Jane Lee, Vice Chair, for the 25th Anniversary Gala Concert which was a huge success. She noted that the Board is considering a business plan and whether we could help people in a wider geographic area after Local Authority reorganisation.



Gary, Client Manager, noted that the number of referrals to us were far more than the loans made, This reflected the difficulties in finding

rented accommodation. The loan repayment rate is very good at 77%. Shaun, our other Client Manager, spoke of the uncertainty of Landlord intentions and the doubts about the house building programme.



Gabrielle noted that donations had continued to grow with new supporters but grants are more challenging to obtain. Last year ended with

a surplus of £5,000. Gill Short reported that last year we gave 98 small grants helping 118 adults and 76 children into empty accommodation. This service is being renamed Home Essential Goods Service (HEGS) to better reflect its work.

Our guest speaker Mark Slater, cabinet member for tenants and those in housing need, focussed his talk on the changing times for local government illustrating the need for HOMELINK's service in the future with its challenges as well as opportunities. The AGM ended with questions from the floor.

Variations in the housing market are being seen due to the Renters Rights



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.

Bill currently making its way through parliament. The large number of landlords pulling out at the same time may lower the cost of rented housing as some landlords realise it will be more expensive to keep the property in good condition.

Prayers please for:

All in need of housing in our District; all who are looking for rentals they can afford and all moving into housing in need of essential goods. Please also pray for Trustees as they plan, for the future with its uncertainties and ensure the smooth running of the service.

Poetry Corner

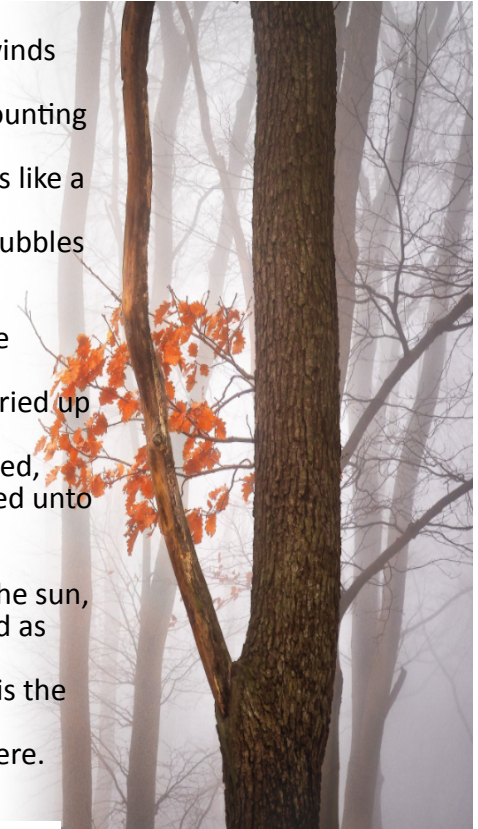
Autumn by John Clare

Selected by Jim Holmes

The thistle down's flying though the winds
are all still,
On the green grass now lying, now mounting
the hill,
The spring from the fountain now boils like a
pot;
Through stones past the counting, it bubbles
red hot.

The ground parched and cracked is like
overbaked bread,
The greensward all wracked is bents dried up
and dead.
The fallow fields glitter like water indeed,
And gossamers twitter, flung from weed unto
weed.

Hill-tops like hot iron glitter bright in the sun,
And the rivers we're eying burn to gold as
they run,
Burning hot is the ground, liquid gold is the
air;
Whoever looks round sees Eternity there.





Lesley Gomez

Dear Friends,

I first met Pastor Baltazar Caranay in 1984 when I visited the Provincial Jail to share the Gospel. The story of the dungeon-like conditions is included in my book, *Have A Little Faith*. Baltazar was released from prison after serving 12 years for selling marijuana. During that time, he was ‘Pastor’ of his cell. It is a remarkable story! On his release my sister Esther sponsored him through Bible School. As pastor of a fellowship group in Naguillian he founded what is now Endless Destiny in Christ Church.



This photo shows his widow Nida, who helps lead the church now with Pastor Viel. It was wonderful to attend the 38th Anniversary of their church. Hundreds were at the celebration, held in a Shopping Mall as their church building is not big enough.



This church is vibrant and thriving – we often attend their powerful monthly Worship Nights. 38 years of witness and still growing! In July, Pastor Balthazar’s son, Bal Jr, graduated as a Pastor. It was wonderful to attend his graduation too. His sisters Leah and Esther help us at LAMA House.

Spiritual Warfare

Lucille is a High School Teacher - you may remember her husband Temmy (one of our Trustees) died quite recently. She needs prayer support as another teacher is harassing her for being a Christian - witchcraft is involved. She has been in an intense battle for several years. Pray this will end. Let’s lock arms with her in prayer!

Children in Conflict with the Law:

Michael has begun Chaplaincy to a group of children in a nearby town who instead of being referred to the Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Youth, have their criminal cases managed in the community by

Municipal Social Workers. He will be speaking to Law Enforcers there this month about the changes we have experience at RRCY and the hope that Jesus offers and chance of new life. Their ages range from 10 - 16.

Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth

Pray for Joshua - he and his 2 friends always come for prayer after Chapel. Their Promulgation in Court has been postponed time after time. This month though the verdict was finally reached but Joshua was not released. His 2 friends went home but he has a different complainant. It is very discouraging and confusing for him. Please pray he will be allowed home.

He writes Scripture on his hand to memorise every week.



Epicenter Church

We attend Epicentre AOG church in San Fernando where Michael, Simon and Ana lead worship. We now have a new Pastor, Pastor Amiel, who is setting up the leadership team. I am helping with the Ladies’ ministry. Michael and Jeli

have a Home Group at our house every week where 12 or so meet together to grow in their faith. Michael and Jeli have started a small Coffee Shop at our house which is growing in popularity, a great way to meet new people.

Guitar and Funds:

Michael bought a very nice second-hand Epiphone guitar. Thank you for responding to our last appeal - some increased their monthly giving and we are so grateful, we also received a generous gift that put our funds back on track for now. Please get in touch if you would like to help or email me anytime at lama.min.org@gmail.com.

With our thanks for your faithful support. Blessings from Lesley, Peter & family.

Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for Grayce, Hannah, Mathew, Magnus.
- Spiritual Warfare for Lucille.
- For boys who have been released from RRCY, those still detained.
- Marko (discouraged in his faith due to setbacks), Joshua.
- Former ‘boys and girls’ of LAMA House Residential Home. Tony.
- Our team: Michael, Jeli, Simon, Ana, Leah, Esther, Ruffa, Khevin.
- LAMA Ministries finances.
- Lesley’s health, still weak.

Find Out More

<https://lamaministries.org>

Crossword

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Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

August-September Lectionary

3rd August: 7th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

10th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity

1 Peter 3:15-22
Mark 1:1-11

17th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity

1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Matt 22:23-33

24th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 1.4-10
Luke 13.10-17

31st August: 11th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 2.4-13
Luke 14.1, 7-14

7th September: 12th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Luke 14:15-24

14th September: 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
Luke 15:1-10

21st September: 14th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 8:18-9.1
Luke 16:1-13

28th September: Harvest

Psalms 100
John 6:25-35

Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

August Calendar

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	Beach Church	Nr. Martello Tower
Wednesday 6th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
Sunday 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	11.15am	Beach Church	Nr. Martello Tower
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's House
Tuesday 12th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 16th		Parish Camp	Coldharbour Meado's
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
Wednesday 20th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	11.15am	Beach Church	Nr. Martello Tower
	Tuesday 26th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion
Wednesday 27th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 31st	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	Beach Church	Nr. Martello Tower

Crossword solution

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

September Calendar

Monday 1st	Magazine copy date		
Wednesday 3rd	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Saturday 6th	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 7th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Baptism	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Monday 15th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Tuesday 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 17th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Saturday 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
Sunday 21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Sunday 28th			
Tuesday 30th			

Parish Magazine Copy Date

Items for the October-November edition of the Magazine are most welcome and should be sent to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk as soon as possible and by Monday 1st September at the very latest.

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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