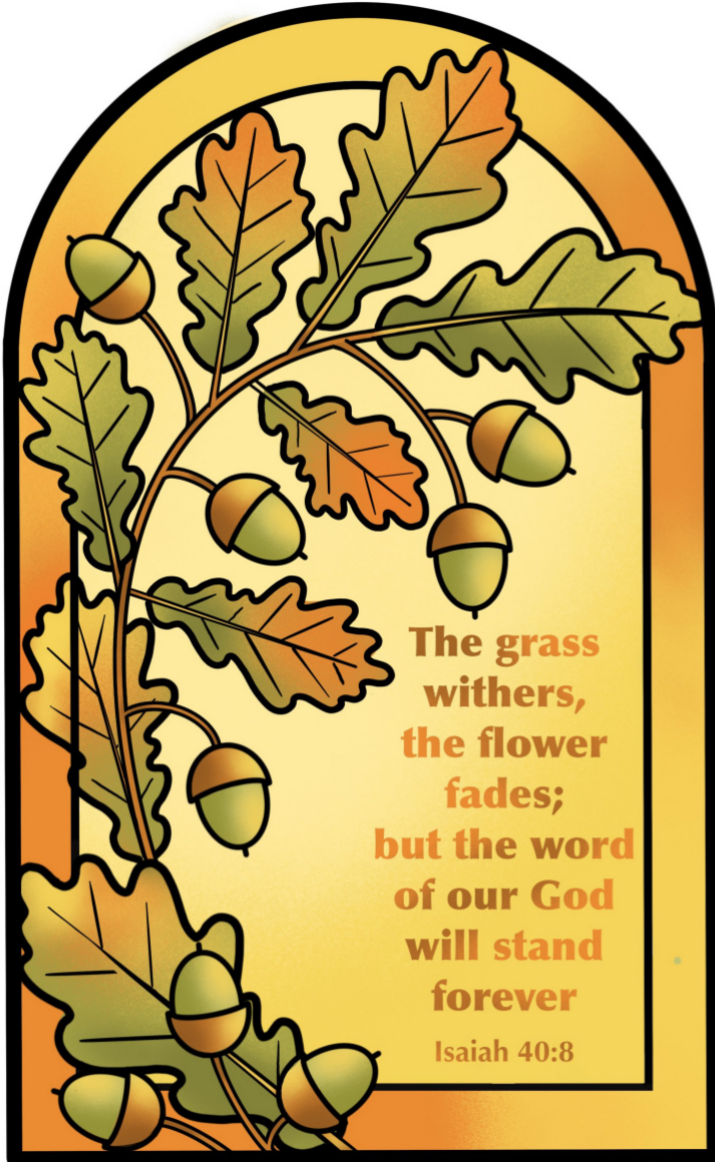




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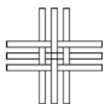


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fades;
but the word
of our God
will stand
forever**

Isaiah 40:8

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Welcome

All Hallows Eve or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November – All Saints' Day – was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Parish News

St. Leonard's Renovation

By the time this is published in October, the Building Control Regulation checks will be well under way, and as I write, a number of issues have been already addressed. With detailed drawings complete, 4 packages were issued for tender pricing with returns due late September. Further work on making ready the submission to the Diocese has been done in early September and the process continues.

So by October we will have the design complete, approval process well under way and prices available for assessment as to appointment of a contractor. We remain on course to start the renovations over the turn of the year. Once started, while there will be some temporary reorganisation with some fenced off areas, as far as possible, Services and activities will carry on in St Leonard's.

Work has also been ramping up for fundraising. We will know the full picture (as to how much we will have to raise) when bids arrive in late September. Give thanks to God for the work done so far and keep praying for the project, for funds and a good contractor.

Parish Lunch

You are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Lunch on Wednesdays 1st October and 5th November from 12.30, in St Luke's Church, Walmer Road.

We serve a hot main, a dessert, tea or coffee for £6.00 and good companionship. For tickets and more

information call Sue on 01323 490415 or Julia 01323 895073. Make a note of the dates and be sure to let us know before attending. We cater for all dietary requirements.

Life After Loss

The next Life After Loss sessions will be held on Wednesdays 1st October and 5th November 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

Join us for a time of worship and prayer on Sundays 26th October and 23rd November at St. Luke's... at 7.00pm!

Seaford Parish Women's Group

We meet usually on the 3rd Monday of the month in St Luke's Church, Walmer Road starting at 7.30pm.

On Monday 20th October the meeting will be run by one of our members who will give a history of post boxes. This will be followed by a game of Spot the Post Box and where it is situated. At the meeting on Monday 17th November we will start our collection for the Stopover charity and have an evening of Christmas crafts run by our talented members.

We break for refreshments during the evening and close with prayers. Lifts can be arranged and we welcome new members.

Mothers' Union

Please note the change of date for the next meeting which is now Friday 17th October at 2.30pm at St. Luke's when Rev James Hollingsworth will be telling us about the book of Judith from the Apocrypha. Not your usual Old Testament Book!

On Friday November 28th come and join us at 1.00pm at St. Luke's for a Friendship lunch followed by Christmas bags for YMCA and Stopover. Please contact Janet on 07739705911 for more details.

Coffee, Prayer Ministry & Communion

You are welcome to join in our next Service of Prayer Ministry with Communion at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 14th and 28th October then 11th and 25th November at 11.00am. Coffee will be available from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Children and Holy Communion

Receiving Holy Communion, the bread and the wine, the body and the blood, is for many people a wonderful encounter with God. In this tangible mystery, they find themselves receiving Jesus, receiving the love, peace and forgiveness that they need, or the strength, hope, and faith needed to face this next week. In this sacrament, we find ourselves pulled together as a community, and encouraged in our pilgrimage through life.

Anyone who is not quite ready yet to receive can come and receive a prayer blessing from the priest.

The Church Council (PCC) of St Leonard's and St Luke's recently voted to include young people from school year 5 upwards to go through a preparation course and onto receiving a first communion. We will be starting

this in the new year. If you would like to know more about this do get in touch with James the Vicar or Stefan or Kim. We hope to have a first group ready for a special service shortly after Easter.

Alpha

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Each session covers a different topic of faith, and there's plenty of space to share your thoughts. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. For more information ask revcarole@seafordparish.org.uk

Parish Magazine: December-January

Items for the December-January edition of the Magazine should be sent to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk by Tuesday 18th November.



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity!'



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10.00am to 12.30pm

Saturday 25th October and Saturday 29th
November for Seaford Christmas Magic



Christmas

Greetings

Last December we published a Christmas Card in the centre of The Parish Magazine where many members of our congregations sent Christmas greetings. We hope to do the same again this year. Please send your Christmas message to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk by Tuesday 18th November. There's no charge but if you would like to make a donation to church funds this would be most welcome.

JUNGLE JAMBOREE HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term 2025

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Nicene Creed Part 6

James Hollingsworth

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This year has been the year of the Nicene Creed. About 300 bishops gathered in a little town south of Constantinople in the year 325 in order to find an agreement over the language we use for God, particularly for the role of Jesus Christ the Son of God. This led to the Nicene Creed. Mostly. Well, in 381 in Constantinople they met again and agreed to add some things a lot of which are these last few lines.

We've had a special commemoration bookmark made so do pop into St Leonard's or St Luke's and ask for one.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Lets start with *sins*. I once asked a wedding couple which version of the Lord's Prayer they'd like explaining that one used the olde language of 'trespasses' whilst the other said 'sins'. One of them replied, 'the old one please, none of my family commit trespasses'.

I didn't know what to say.

The Baptism liturgy invites us to repent of the sins that separate us from God



and neighbour. I like this definition of

sin because it isn't a clear *to do/to don't* list but rather a call to see that we live our lives in a way that doesn't cut us off from other people or from God. This is a much higher standard.

All the more reason to know that there is *forgiveness*. Forgiveness is not saying 'oh it's okay, it didn't matter'. CS Lewis was right when he said "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive". Its not easy. But its worse to hold the bitterness, the grudge, the need for revenge. I've heard that described as being like drinking poison in the hope that the other person will die. The journey of forgiveness is not easy but it starts with prayer and pondering the Lord's prayer (forgive us our sins as we ...), and with looking to the cross to see the love of Jesus, and how we too are loved and forgiven.

Baptism. For me that happened when I was about three months old, but for some of you that will have happened as an adult. The first baptisms were done by full immersion symbolising the death of the old character of the person getting baptised. So your old self was buried and then raised to new life in Christ. So we call it Christening meaning to become more like Christ. That too is a journey as we pray and belong to a Church family and read our Gospels and learn to follow Christ more.

You only need *One*. One baptism. That's all. Alas we have sinned again, even after we were baptised. The Church has always acknowledged that anyone being baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is baptised. It doesn't matter if it happened in a different church to my church, we recognise that you too are a child of God. This is why *We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins*.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Mary and Martha knew that a day would come for the resurrection of the dead and that their late brother Lazarus would be part of that wonderful moment. But Jesus was keen to explain to them that He Himself is the Resurrection and the Life. He brought Lazarus back from the dead. Jesus went on to suffer and die and rise again and in that broke death. St Paul described it as Death losing its sting, the Grave losing its victory.

CS Lewis in the *Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, described this moment writing "when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward."

Our creed calls us to *look for* the resurrection of the dead. I think we can read this both in a hopeful sense of the resurrection to come but also in the immediate sense that Jesus meant. He often spoke of our eternal life starting now. He invited us to be born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit. St Paul reminded his readers how "We were dead in our sins but God

made us alive in Christ." In this sense we do see the resurrection of the dead whenever someone receives Jesus into their lives. That moment of reconciliation brings forgiveness of sins, the supportive help of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, and the start of a new self, a new life, an eternal life.

And *We look for ... the life of the world to come*. The creed could have simply said 'We believe in heaven.' But this is a bigger call. Yes there will come a point where all of us in Christ will be caught up to heaven where we will be *like* angels, says Jesus. This is a wonderful mystery that St Paul describes as us being like a mere seed compared to the plant we will be in heaven. Jesus' own heavenly metaphors often looked to a wedding as an example; celebration, joy, peace, love.

Our creed calls us to *look for* the life of the world to come. The parables about the Kingdom of God often showed how much God cares for the lost sheep, how justice and mercy will be meted out by the King, how goats who failed to help will go one way whilst the sheep who followed will go another way. So *we look for* glimpses of where we do see God's Kingdom. Where people are treated right. Where the Earth is stewarded well. Where you see them, give thanks to God for them and pray for more, and join in with this encouraging this sort of blessing.

But we also see in our world, in our news, pain and injustice. This is the call for us to pray all the more *Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. We pray for peace, we pray for justice and mercy, we pray for God's wisdom and help. And we pray for ourselves to explore what small things

we can do that might help that. Saint (Mother) Theresa reminds us that whilst we cannot all do great things, we can do small things with great love.

So we close our Creed with *Amen* meaning 'so be it'. As we say it together

in Church we are agreeing to work towards this sort of a world that looks for our lives to be transformed by Jesus' sacrifice and love and for this world to have more justice and mercy in it. Yes please Jesus, So be it, Amen indeed. Amen.

Archery and Family Support Work

Back in August, James and Lucy attended a Family Support Work picnic at Agmerhurst House in Ashburnham and enjoyed some archery with all sorts of different people. Seaford's own Mayor Maggie Wearmouth was also there. They will have done this again in West Sussex by the end of September.

These fun days are only a part of the offering made, each practitioner runs their own events and we join with other organisations such as the Arundel Cricket Foundation for their activity days. It is so important to run these events to allow families time to relax together and build happy memories.

Summer is a time with children at home we see an increase in need from the food bank, currently we need almost every thing except Breakfast cereals.



July's work in numbers

- 237 individual visits and 816 calls with families supporting 275 adults and 256 children
- 68 supported meetings with other agencies
- 67 group sessions held supporting 767 parents and 649 children
- 71 food deliveries made

Prayer points

- For those families struggling with the cost of school uniform
- Give thanks for the Church communities and families that support our work .

Lunchtime Concerts

2025

Saturday 18th October
Phil Hopkins (harmonica) and Rachel Fryer (piano)

The chromatic harmonica is a uniquely expressive instrument, equally at home with baroque music and contemporary film scores. Phil Hopkins studied with the greatest classical harmonicist, Tommy Reilly, and has since played harmonica with the London Sinfonietta, BBC Concert Orchestra, and for West End musicals such as *Porgy and Bess*, *Gone with the Wind* and Tim Rice's *From Here to Eternity*.



Rachel Fryer, a well-known local soloist and accompanist on the south coast, has performed nationally at the Fairfield Halls, St John's Smith Square and for the Beethoven Society. Phil and Rachel will perform repertoire chosen from Bach, Handel, Debussy, Bernstein, Poulenc and Morricone.

Saturday 15th November
(Charity Concert for St. Cecilia's Day in support of Christian Aid)
Sussex Flutes



Sussex Flutes is an ensemble of Sussex based flute players and teachers. They were formed at the start of 2009, and have established a reputation for high quality flute chamber music. Performances usually include the whole range of the flute family, from piccolo to bass flute, which gives their recitals great variety. They have a substantial repertoire, which ranges from original works for two, three for four flutes to many of their own arrangements of classics and more popular music.

All concerts are in St. Leonard's Church and last for about an hour, admission is free with a retiring collection.

New Wine... a personal view

Derreck Lee-Philpot

New Wine, what's all the fuss about?

Why would I want to spend time with a bunch of weird charismatics?

I don't do camping!

I don't like large crowds...

I can't stand the noise!



If any of the above chime with you, then read on you may be surprised.

Let's start at the beginning. 'New Wine' is a large grouping of Anglican churches found throughout the UK and eight countries abroad in South America, Africa and Europe. Their strapline of 'Local churches changing nations' is achieved through the vision of, "...impacting nations by helping individuals discover God's purpose for their lives, develop Spirit-filled leadership grounded in God's Word, and deploy them as vessels of God's blessings." The underlying values of New Wine come from Paul's letter to Titus... "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age..." (Titus 2:11-12). So you see New Wine (although evangelical in outlook) is theologically in the broad centre of Anglican spirituality.

To squeeze the most out of the New Wine experience being on-site camping is best but there are a range of options, under canvass, in caravan or

motorhome or offsite in hotel or B&B the choice is yours. For some this year who could not physically travel they watched online in small gatherings at home in Seaford, no doubt with tea and choccy biccies flowing! Corrinne and I stayed in a caravan with an awning so that groups of us could meet, chat, and listen together (on the site radio) to the services if we didn't want to go to the venue.

There is so much to do each day, there is something for every taste. We started with a service called 'Rise' starting at 7.15am in one of the smaller venues. There was a time of worship led by a trio of singer, acoustic guitar and violinist, beautiful. Then some excellent teaching by Nicola Moy who did a series on 1Timothy, and she faced the difficult topics unflinchingly, e.g. Godly leadership, homosexuality and physicality, women 'keeping silent', caring for church family, leadership, godliness and truth. All excellently presented to a group of about 150 people.

Following Rise was 'Chapel' at 8.00am a time of quiet reflection, prayer, readings and simple communion, sometimes taken by our previous bishop +Richard – now of Hereford.

Then at 8.45am in the Big Top 'Worship for everyone'! A service that seeks to be not purely 'family worship' but 'family-of-God worship' – elevating the importance of children while engaging every age and stage of life. These early services have smaller numbers due to the varying appeal of each service, but then at 10.30am comes...

...Morning Celebration in the big top. This is the service you tend to hear about with the keynote speaker doing a morning series (this year Paul Langham on 'the woman at the well') and 7000 worshippers. That number of people is not to everyone's taste (listen from your tent on the radio) but the experience of worshipping with that number broadens our perspective of the church, our faith, and the might and majesty of our God. The emphasis in the worship is upon the 'pursuit of the Spirit' to worship with, be ministered to, be generally built up and encouraged in our faith. Seeing the Holy Spirit minister to dozens, even hundreds of people at a time is a truly moving experience – especially when you are one of those being ministered to!

Paul Langham's series was again brilliant. Discussing who is Jesus, then of course answering the question using Jesus' words, restoration of women, replicating Jesus by following Him. All challenging stuff to be reflected upon over the coming months.

I must also give an honourable mention to our own Bishop Ruth teaching

brilliantly on 'Growing in Godliness' in her one seminar session.

After the morning celebration there are multiple seminars and teaching sessions on so many topics I cannot possibly list them here – but something for everyone, even children.

There are seven venues for children of varying ages, some where they can be left and others require parents' being present, there is Luminosity Village for teens+ to hang out, discuss, receive ministry and spend time together. Don't forget the bookshop to wander around, the cafés to chat in.

It is a wonderful atmosphere, and then back to tents and caravans for tea, cake and chat talking through the days worship and teaching.

The challenge will be now to put what has been learned into practice, both in our individual life and our corporate life together.

So, there's lots to make a fuss about. If you don't want to spend time with weird charismatics spend time with normal Seaford people having tea and cake. If you don't do camping, stay offsite. If large crowds are not your thing go to the quieter less crowded sessions. If you can't stand the noise listen to the New Wine Radio in your room/caravan/tent.

For Corrinne and I the worship was a delight, the teaching superb, the fellowship with others a joy, the weather wasn't bad either! So, if you have nothing better to do next July/August give New Wine a go, you might be pleasantly surprised.

Children, Youth & Families

Stefan Bracher

Wow, what an awesome summer we've had! In July we had Sparks Summer Camp followed in August with; Tots' Treats, Beach Church, a Craft & Cake Day, and of course our Parish Camp. We are now looking ahead to our amazing Holiday Club which is just around the corner.



Holiday Club

This year our theme is Jungle Jamboree and we will be looking at some of the parables of Jesus. It's a great chance for the children to join us for the whole week taking part in music, drama, games and crafts (including cooking).

The Holiday Club will run from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025. Doors open at 9.45am, we'll start at 10.00am and finish/pick up time will be at 12.30pm. Throughout the whole holiday club the children will get points for amazing dancing, trying their hardest, remembering memory verses, being helpful and a ton of other things! We'll be giving prizes out for all their hard work, with a winner from each year group. On Friday 31st October from 3.00pm to 4.00pm parents/carers are encouraged to come along too and find out what the children have been getting up to. There'll also be some prizes for parents too on Friday evening!

We will also be providing free packed lunches for the children to take home throughout the whole holiday club. This helps those families who need some extra support with food over half term. This year our Holiday Club has been funded by The Wellington Hotel in Steyne Road and The Holiday Club Quiz Night. We are so grateful to The Wellington Hotel for their contribution, which they have made to help run this year's Holiday Club. We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our quiz night. I'm sure we had a great time. (As we are writing this beforehand. Haha!)

However as with every holiday club, we need a huge team of volunteers to be able to pull the holiday club off. Actually the magic number is around 30 volunteers a day. Please, please do really think about if you are able to help at all. It would be fantastic if you could make the whole week, as the children really do start to bond with you. But, any support would be hugely appreciated. To volunteer for holiday club please follow this link:

[https://seafordparishchurch.](https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/wyhtr7tq)

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or email/call Stefan using the details at the end of this article.

Sparks Summer Camp

At the end of July we took 5 children to our Sparks Summer camp at Generations Christian Camps in Chiddingly.

The theme this year was *Then Christ Came!* Each day we got stuck into so many amazing activities. Starting and ending with Worship. Each day the children were really able to think about how people's lives were changed with Jesus. This had a huge impact on them as they thought about what faith means for them and learnt more about God and who Jesus is. The children really do want to find out more about faith, they have so many brilliant questions, they just need the right platform to be able to ask them.

We had a huge ton of fun with swimming, chips on the beach, archery, a visit to Knockhatch Adventure Park, abseiling, high rope, crate stacking, games in the woods and lots of other activities!

Seaford Parish Camp

One of the other big highlights of the summer was the Parish Camp. We had an amazing time with over 60 people attending across the weekend. We had various activities and workshops including, Celtic Knot making, inflatables, campfire cooking, guitar, flower arranging, little chef baking, Chiddingly Walk, archery, prayer tent, movie tent, pool, air hockey, crafts, festival games, samba drum workshop, karaoke, prayer workshop, sharing the faith workshop, church history and grill a vicar/youth worker.



There was plenty to do across all of the age ranges and also plenty of time to sit and do nothing but relax! Not to mention the food at camp, with bacon, cereals, pastries, yogurts and fruit at each breakfast. Lunch consisted of favourites such as a ploughman's, BBQ and pizza, whilst delicious dinner had been spaghetti bolognese and baked potatoes. Huge thank you to the kitchen team – they were absolutely amazing! It was a huge team effort to be able to pull off such a huge event for the whole weekend. I am so grateful to the volunteers who came and made it happen. A huge thank you to all those who volunteered with the camp.



One of the most important aspects of camp was the worship and coming together as one big family, which really did feel like a family! The conversations which were happening were just fascinating as people from St Leonard's & St Luke's, people who don't always get to meet each other, let alone sit and talk with each other. Camp has also become an outreach too. We had five families join us from our Tots' Treats groups. They asked questions about faith and what it means to follow Jesus.

This year our theme was based around Sermon on the Mount. We looked at some sections each time we met, reminding us what directions Jesus gave us for living the best possible life we can.

We are hoping to do camp all over again next year. We would love your feedback if you attended, but were unable to give us your feedback at camp. We have four sections Stop, Start, Continue and Anything Else, so feel free to write those headings down and hand it to Stefan or Kim or send an email.



Perhaps you have something which would help you to be able to join in with the fun, let us know that too. Suggestions from this year is a mini bus to help people get from the church buildings to the site.

But if you're also thinking about being able to help out next year, please do let us know. It could be something small or big that you get involved with at camp, all help is greatly appreciated.



If you want to run your own social event come and speak to us, or drop us an email (and we'll try and get back to you ASAP) and we can chat through ways you might like to do it and what things to may bear in mind. It would be amazing to be able to be more sociable together.

Coming Up...

As we are writing we are busily planning for all of our groups and holiday club. As well as taking part in the Christmas Magic event held in town, this year we are going to be bringing back the Church Christmas Fare held on Saturday 6th December in St. Luke's Church 10.30am to 3.00pm. All the funds raised here will be going towards the Children, Youth & Family Work of the Church. So get crafting, cake making and telling others to book a table for their stall too! Use the link below to book in: <https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/events/cfvfceim>

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>

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Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.
How do you praise and worship God?

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!



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Should Christians go to war?

Have you ever wondered how people of peace, like Christians, can contemplate the use of force? Certainly, the violence of the first quarter of the 21st century is staggering. Terrorist activity and military conflict worldwide – the resulting loss of life is never be something of which the human race can be proud. No wonder such mayhem causes us distress – and this distress should ideally drive us to prayer.

As for what Christians should do, here are some questions to consider:

1. Do we believe in the validity of punishment? The answer, surely, must be Yes – if there is such a thing as objective truth and a given morality by which human life is ordered. If this were not so, we would have to remove from our vocabulary such words as ‘reward’, ‘merit’, ‘justice’ and even ‘forgiveness’.

Punishment is not a popular word in circles that dislike the language of retribution, and who speak rather of ‘corrective punishment’. However, St Paul said that secular authority is “God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.” (Romans 13:4, NIV). So, the treatment of wrongdoing must have a retributive element in it, if it is ever to be corrective.

2. Is there a difference between force and violence? The use of force is the disciplinary exercise of lawful authority – as seen, for example, in a well-run police force. This is a valid part of God’s order. St Paul said: “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities...he who rebels is rebelling against what God has instituted....” (Romans 13:1,2 NIV)

Of course, ‘force’ can become ‘violence’ under a repressive authority. Revelation 13:5-8 depicts such authorities as a blasphemous “beast”. Then the call can indeed be for civil disobedience. The earliest Trades Unions themselves were begun through Christian influence!

3. Do we assent to the depravity of the human heart? People are selfish. We can’t be trusted to behave well towards others. So, our societies need to agree rules for our order and survival. Without such restraints, and the power to apply them, chaos and anarchy are the result.

A Christian is called to shun all violence, but to also be committed to the disciplined use of force. Sadly, a lot of muddled thinking takes place (especially during times of international conflict) when the debate fails to take account of the difference between violence and force. Force is concerned with the upholding of law. Violence is concerned with the overthrow of law.





War and Peace

John Lennon wrote: ‘Imagine there’s no countries, It isn’t hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.’ But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the *real* way to peace.

The way of war: ‘What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.’ (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: ‘They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.’ (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God’s anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: ‘Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God’s plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.

Do You Want to Live in a Hole in the Ground?

David Farey

What is your best way to learn? There are broadly speaking three ways. You might be the sort of person who learns best by hearing. You could sit through lectures, sermons and radio programmes and you can retain the information that you have heard. Or you could be someone who needs to watch and learn. You could watch programmes or videos showing you how to do stuff, or could watch teaching demonstrations and you could replicate what you have watched. Finally, there is the kinaesthetic learner who needs to actually do the thing being shown them in order to learn.

Church services can cater for all. There are lots of words to listen to and so sermons really suit the auditory learners. But there is also the visual effect. Holy Communion uses the manual acts over the bread and wine, as well as the colours and movements that the visual learner can appreciate. As for the kinaesthetic learners, they will enjoy all the movements within the liturgy and can actually get involved by volunteering for the many tasks that a service of worship involves. Something for everyone!

Our home groups are varied in their approach. We have those where there is a theme, so there is a degree of listening, but quickly followed by discussion. Leading can also be shared

around within the group which being a “doing” activity appeals to the more kinaesthetic person. Visually some groups explore using video teaching, so there every type of learner is catered for.

So which are you? What group would best suit your style of learning? The person who stops learning and having a hunger and thirst to grow – in whatever thing you are interested in, be it gardening, history or butterfly collecting(!) – you might as well give up everything and go and live in a hole in the ground! Life is all about learning and growing, and what could be more important than learning and growing in faith and understanding of God?

So, as the Autumn approaches and evenings begin to close in, how are you going to pursue your own spiritual growth? As a church there is something for everyone! Forget the hole in the ground scenario – come and find out more.

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



Time to Make Your Will

British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Crisis, NSPCC, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? Next month the charity Will Aid's 'Make a Will Month' will offer you the opportunity to put your affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping those in need.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £120 for a single Will, or £200 for a pair of mirror Wills.

As many as half of all UK adults in the UK don't have a Will. They have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

More details at <https://www.willaid.org.uk/register>. Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities: namely ActionAid, Age UK,

In every culture, and apparently throughout history, it has been normal for man to assume that he has some continuance beyond the grave. *Arthur Custance*

Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea. *Samuel Rutherford*

Bygone Church Press

A FLAG WANTED.

Mr. Murray asked why the French flag was hoisted on the church tower on the Queen's birthday. If it was done by mistake, the mistake ought to be explained, but if it was done intentionally, it was in bad taste.

The Vicar said the church did not possess a flag, but he understood from the "Seaford and Newhaven Gazette" that the French flag was flying from the church tower on the Queen's birthday.

Mr. Bull said he was not responsible for it, and knew nothing about it, until he saw what was stated in the paper. He had tried to get a flag from Major Crook, Mr. Pride, and Mr. Stone. He did not see the French flag flying.

Mr. Stone: It was the Nicaragua flag, which is the French flag reversed.

Mr. Pawson said the flag was taken down before twelve o'clock and the Union Jack was hoisted in its place.

The proceedings then terminated, and the Vicar, in closing the meeting, expressed a hope that the parishioners were satisfied with what had been done during the year.

From the Croydon Observer 09 June 1899

We would assume that if the Queen had seen the flag, she would not have been amused.

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:

CAMBODIA ACTION

- Sarah, Pola, and daughter Alice Chhin living with their large household near Phnom Penh. Daughter Laurie living independently nearby and working with Pola creating furniture and fittings whilst serving an apprenticeship for an engineer in the city.
- The safekeeping of M'lup Russey's Emergency Team as they travel to see families facing difficult circumstances during the day or night.
- That the necessary documentation will go through smoothly so Sarah, after a two year break, will be able to return as a volunteer Technical Advisor to the Government's Child Protection Department.
- Give thanks for the Bibles provided by Cambodia Action and given to officials and personnel at the Office of the Council of Ministers who have been reading them and asking questions and sharing what they have learnt with others.

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

- Our local family practitioner, Phillipa Fleming, working in the Newhaven, Lewes and Seaford area under pressure from more referrals and a heavy case load.
- For those attending the drop-in baby sessions in Peacehaven.
- Struggling families as they face the pressures of Christmas.
- For continued support to the Food Bank at both churches especially in November with food for the festive season and toys, gifts or vouchers to use as presents for all the families they support.
- For the extra activities, parties and outings that the practitioners arrange for their families.

SUNDAY

- For a strengthening of our faith and spiritual growth as we gather to worship week by week.
- All those who lead our various services, the clergy, the musicians, the choir, the readers, intercessors, the stewards, tech teams, the vergers and all who attend.
- The Prayer Ministry Teams at St. Leonard's and St. Luke's.
- For all who visit St. Leonard's during the week and those who greet them.
- For those to be baptised by immersion at St. Luke's on Sunday 12th October.
- Those living and working in Jubilee Gardens, Argent close, Queensway, Maple Fields, Balmoral Close, Monarch Gardens.

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. For those attempting to broker peace deals.
- For those persecuted for their Christian faith, and living in fear of their lives or who have lost everything and are now destitute.
- Provision and guidance for Christian and other aid agencies that respond to crises, alleviate extreme poverty, and work towards a better future.
- The Coffee Morning Services at St. Luke's on Tuesdays 14th October, 11th and 25th November.
- Those living and working in Normansal Park Avenue, Chalvington Close, Normansal Close, Seagrove Way, Sovereign Close, Sandringham Close, Belvedere Gardens.

TUESDAY

- The King and Queen and members of the Royal Family.
- For the Prime Minister, cabinet and all members of Parliament: that they will act with integrity and justice.
- The Welsh and Scottish Parliaments in their regional responsibilities.
- Wisdom and guidance for those working in government, the courts and other statutory agencies, charities and support groups as they seek to alleviate the suffering of genuine refugees who have fled to Britain from intolerable situations.
- Those living and working in Sutton Drove, The Byways, Parkside, Byedown, Hindover Road.

WEDNESDAY

- Our MP James MacCleary: that he will serve the Lewes constituency with diligence and honesty.
- For Seaford Town Council.
- Those working within the local Emergency Services: Ambulance, Coastguards, Fire and Rescue, Lifeboat volunteers and the Police.
- The local GP practices and local pharmacies currently under extreme pressure causing worry and distress for patients.

- Our local nursing and care homes remembering those who go from the parish to provide regular worship services.
- Those needing help and support in their own homes and those who care for them.
- Those grieving and those attending the 'Life after Loss' Coffee Mornings.
- Those living and working in Hindover Crescent, Haven Brow, Rough Brow, Short Brow.

THURSDAY

- Rev. James, Rev. Lucy, Rev. Derreck and Rev. Carole as they minister to the parish and beyond.
- Our Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens.
- Our Administrator Charlie and assistant and bookings secretary, Charlene. Our Verger Heather and cleaner Andy.
- The retired clergy who live in our parish & those who worship with us.
- Those living and working in Milldown Road, Sutton Road, Mill Drive, Parkside Road, Gildredge Road, Grove Road.

FRIDAY

- Stefan and Kim our Children, Youth & Families Workers, as they co-ordinate those volunteering and preparing for the primary aged children's Holiday Club: 27 – 31 October in St. Luke's.
- The Tots Treats meeting every Wednesday in St. Luke's and Thursday in St. Leonard's.
- Our youth groups for Sparks 5.45-7.15pm and Ignite 7.45-9.30pm meeting weekly on Fridays at St. Luke's. Those youngsters digging deeper into faith at fuelled on Sunday evenings.
- Those living and working in East Albany Road, Stafford Road, Meads Road, Cornfield Road, Middle Furlong.

SATURDAY

- Those organising and those worshipping at Messy church Services on the first Saturday of the month in St. Leonard's.
- The monthly Open Church Coffee Mornings in St. Leonard's providing a welcome for all who come along.
- As we open St. Leonard's for 'Christmas Magic' to welcome one and all for the town wide celebrations on Saturday 29th November.
- The lunch time concerts on Saturday 18th October and 15th November welcoming many to enjoy music together in the hallowed space at St. Leonard's.
- The Parish Lunches on Wednesdays 1st October and 5th November at St. Luke's. The team preparing and those who attend.
- Those living and working in Highlands Road, Cornfield Close, Mercread Road, Guardswell Place, Vicarage Close.

Praying with the Prayers of the Bible: *the Prayer for Holy Love*

1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13, runs: 'May the Lord ...establish your hearts unblameable in holiness.' Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian church, dating from about 51 AD, is generally regarded as the first book in the New Testament to have been written. That means that this prayer is the first New Testament prayer to have been composed.

Paul has already highly commended the genuine spiritual experience and character of these new Christians. He thanked God for their faith, love and hope, 1:3; they were examples to others, 1:7; their faith in God was being widely spoken about, 1:8; and having turned from idolatry they were now serving the true God and expecting Christ's Second Coming, 1:9, 10. It is for these new and enthusiastic believers that Paul now prays.

The prayer asks for two great blessings for these Christians. First that they may abound in love toward each other and to the world, and then that their conduct will be characterised by holy living. What a model prayer this is for Christians in every age! Note Paul's words, 'may the Lord make you increase and abound in love' (v.12). This is not merely asking that these believers will love one another, but that their love will be full and overflowing.

Perhaps Paul is recalling that Jesus said the world would recognise His disciples by their love toward one another (John 13:35). But this love, the essence of

Christian experience, is not narrow or parochial. Paul prayed that their love would abound not only to each other but also 'to all men.' What a picture of what His church should be! All of us who claim to be His people should be known by our love for one another and for the world for which He died.

Then comes the second request in the prayer, that their hearts will be 'established unblameable in holiness.' (v.13). The word translated 'established' means to be fixed, to be settled, indicating constant character. In this world no Christian can be faultless, but by His grace and mercy we are called to be blameless. In the prayer Paul brings together the condition of our hearts – overflowing in love, and the quality of our conduct – steadfast in holy living. What a combination of holy love, a reflection of what Jesus was!

One other aspect of this prayer is worth noting. When Paul prays that the love of these Christians will abound to each other, he adds that this is how he feels about them; 'as we do to you' (v.12). Likewise, in 2:10 Paul says the Thessalonians are witnesses of His holy, righteous and blameless conduct among them.

The love and holiness for which Paul prays for these believers can be seen in his own life and work. Surely the most pressing need in all our congregations is that all of us as Christ's disciples will consistently bear witness to His love controlling our hearts and our conduct.



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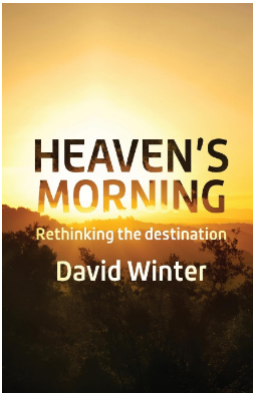


Book Reviews

Heaven's Morning

David Winter

Publisher: The Bible Reading Fellowship
ISBN: 0857464760



What, where and when is Heaven?

David Winter wrote "Hereafter" fifty years ago. He reread it just recently and realised the questions have changed. And so to Heaven's Morning.

As followers of a faith whose basic tenet is that it's founder rose from the dead and promised eternal life to those who believed in him, can we represent the issue of death and the "hereafter" in terms that make sense to people who are in a world not only vastly different from biblical times, but from that of a mere thirty forty years ago? Heaven is often reduced to a vague hope that "all will be well". But life is so powerful that it cannot be terminated by the death of the body. Yet in the end we are faced with the end of

physicality. Death is moving from the physical world of atoms and molecules into the spiritual world of God.

David Winter approaches in a systematic way – we believe in eternal life not everlasting life, there is a place for you, does your deceased relative exist in any way, what is eternal life, judgement, the kingdom of heaven and heaven?

He writes of a place for you with an exegesis of John 14:1-6. How many meanings are there for "house", "dwelling place." Jesus is the way, he will take us there. Going to the Father requires a guide, a means of access, a companion on the journey. The most convincing evidence for life beyond this life is, quite simply, this clear and unequivocal endorsement by Jesus.

He deals with the matter of dead people, are they still there? They are proof of the durability of truly loving relationships. Whatever resurrection is it is certainly not of a physical body. It won't wear out or decay but is gloriously, powerfully spiritual. We who are made in his image will one day share his eternal being, freed from the created universe to be with it's creator. That is the staggering implication of "eternal life", not life that lasts forever but life in all it's fulness. In heaven we shall be alive in the way that God is

alive, fully, splendidly, gloriously, satisfyingly. The whole concept of infinity, eternity is beyond rational human thought.

The author deals with judgement, the best form being self judgement. Would anyone plead innocence?

The Kingdom of heaven is not to be feared but to be longed for. Heaven is when our lives are complete within the love of God.

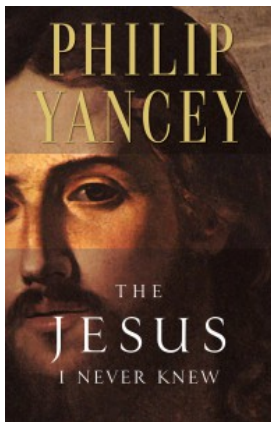
Reviewed by Barry Ranger.

The Jesus I never knew

Phillip Yancy.

Publisher: Zondervan

ISBN: 9780310261575



To those who had read any of Phillip Yancey's many books he will need no introduction.

He has a humility found in few authors, with that there is a humour and insight into

Christian spirituality that

has been born out of a grounded faith that does not dodge the difficult questions. This can be seen in the titles of some of his many books, e.g. *'Disappointment with God'*, *'Where is God when it hurts'*, *'What's so amazing about grace'*, and *'Prayer: Does it make any difference'*.

This book (first published in 1995) might be dismissed at first glance as one of those books which seek to

reveal the 'real Jesus'. Rather it is the story of his walk in faith, from Sunday school innocence to losing his faith at bible college, to finding it grow again as he investigated the gospels.

It's divided into three parts, Who he was, Why He came, What he left behind.

The first chapter entitled 'The Jesus I thought I knew' looks at all his (and maybe our) misleading even wrongful assumptions about Jesus from our upbringing, culture, media, art, that we may have assimilated without question. He does it in such a way that we don't realise he is deconstructing our image of Jesus, and then pointing to the vibrant, vivacious, alive Jesus we see in the gospels if only we would see through our preconceptions.

It's fascinating, and having read it several times since buying it myself I am still surprised to find new things within its pages. I can almost guarantee that you will find something new about or see a different perspective of Jesus that you hadn't known or seen before in every chapter.

I am tempted to say every page but you might think I was exaggerating!

The final chapter entitled 'The difference He makes' is not a statement, neither does he attempt to draw a conclusion to fit everyone but rather leaves it up to us to decide what difference He makes.

Are you willing to be surprised by a Jesus you never knew?

Reviewed by Derreck Lee-Philpot

Poetry Corner:

Bob Rice



A wedded bliss

Inspired by Matthew 22: 23-33

A woman who hated wedding cake,
You'd think there's been a mistake!
She tried it seven times, one brother after another,
After the first one died, she married his brother,

Soon enough he too went to heaven,
And so from one party to seven!
The final husband's optimism wasn't great,
The priest wondered if the groom would be late!

Second helpings

'Eastenders' on, a knock at the door
I went in the hall and guess who I saw?
Jesus there with a multitude in white,
'I hope fish fingers will be alright?'

How will I feel when Jesus comes again?
No trace of tears, gone is the scar of pain,
Will I look young again, lots of hair?
Stood in a bathrobe, will I care?

It will be such a great party!
Lost loved ones all to see,
My place which Jesus bought at a price,
I simply say "Thank-you, that's very nice!"

The media monster

There is a Valkyrie of the vocal ,
A loud siren shrills quite local,
It sits happy here in my eager hand,
A mobile tries to make me understand

It rules my time, it thinks its right,
choosing my focus day and night,
My only real function is to plug it in,
An idol of the internet, a modern sin!

There is no replacement for a Bible ,
But if anyone's guilty I think I'm liable ,
It tells me what it thinks I want to hear,
But God's talk of truth and faith is clear .

Somehow comforted by its screen,
From things that might have been,
distant from God through a portal,
I find my weaknesses as a mortal.



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Being a pastor in the Ukraine

Pastors in the Ukraine are continuing to minister to their beleaguered congregations, bringing comfort and hope into the most frightening and desperate war-torn situations.

So says Transform Europe Network, a Christian ministry which serves alongside indigenous Christians in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. In a recent report, it gives an update from one of its partners on the ground:

“Pastor Evgeniy serves in the war-torn Kherson region of southeastern Ukraine. Since 2022, he and a small group of volunteers have brought food, comfort, and hope to people living amid the destruction.

“Evgeniy and his team recently came to a village that had been shelled. One family’s home was reduced to rubble, and their vital documents were buried. The team arrived in bright, civilian clothing, deliberately chosen to identify them as volunteers, not military. As they began to pull back the rubble, they remained calm, focussing on their priority to help the family escape.

“40 minutes later, the volunteers heard and saw a reconnaissance drone circling above them. They couldn’t tell who it belonged to, but its presence was ominous. Then came a different sound — sharper, lower, and closer. A small military drone was heading straight for them. In a moment that could only be described as divine intervention, the drone clipped a tree branch and

crashed to the ground next to the team’s car.

“The team cautiously approached the drone, still twitching and sparking. Minutes later, a second drone appeared. It aimed for the fallen drone, possibly to trigger an explosion by striking the first. But it too missed its target—crashing about six meters from the car, hitting a nearby concrete wall rather than the group. No one was injured.

“But the volunteers knew then that they were under attack. They gathered their tools, helped the family into the vehicle, and drove away. Just seconds after they left, a third drone struck — right where their car had been parked moments before. The resulting explosion could have easily taken their lives. But once again, by what they all believe was God’s hand, they were spared.

“Reflecting on the events, Pastor Evgeniy was asked if he ever felt hatred or the desire for revenge. His answer was quiet, but unshakable

‘No. I just understand. I understand the pain. I understand the fear. But if we don’t bring light into this darkness, who will?’

“For Evgeniy, war is not a reason to harden the heart—it’s a call to deeper compassion. Even as drones fly overhead and homes crumble, he continues his ministry, bringing food,

prayer, and humanity into places others flee from.

“This is what faith looks like in the ruins. It looks like a small group in bright vests, carrying hope into danger. It looks like a pastor who chooses grace over vengeance. And it looks like a God who protects, even when the bombs fall close.”

Since the talks involving the US and a possible ceasefire, the local leaders testify that instead of de-escalation, they've experienced a significant rise in attacks and shelling. Transform Europe Network (TEN) asks Christians in the UK: Please pray for pastors and church teams, exhausted by serving many people on the frontline.

Pray for those who are confused, discouraged and angry, even with each other. Pray for healing and comfort from the Holy Spirit. Churches in Ukraine do all they can to reconcile local people, but it is getting harder and harder.

Mothers are afraid that their teenage sons will be taken away for conscription, which has become increasingly aggressive. This also causes men to run away from home and so many families are fractured and deeply stressed as the war grinds on.

More details at: <https://ten-uk.org>

The Iron Lady of Britain

One hundred years ago, on 13th October 1925, Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90). Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer and Methodist local preacher in Grantham, and she was brought up as a strict Wesleyan Methodist. At one point just before the Second World War, the family gave sanctuary to a young Jewish girl who had escaped the Nazis.

Margaret later became a lay preacher herself, and was married at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London, where her children were baptised. Afterwards she and her husband Denis (later Sir Denis) attended Church of England services and became Anglicans. She felt her policies as a Conservative aligned closely with Christianity. She was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th century and, partly because of her resilience, aroused strong feelings both for and against, having to weather difficulties and misjudgements, such as the poll tax. Those opposing her described her policies as 'Thatcherism', but others put a positive slant on this. Her nickname of Iron Lady – first used by a Soviet journalist – aptly described her leadership style and lack of compromise.

When she arrived at Downing Street, she adapted a prayer of St Francis beginning “Where there is discord, may we bring harmony”. She died from a stroke while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London in 2013 at the age of 87, having been unwell for some years.

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Helping people into Housing

Terry Howell



The Renters Rights Act I have written about previously was expected to cause some problems but not as serious as the resignation of the Minister responsible for housing! She gave notice to tenants of houses she owned because she wanted to sell them. Having failed to sell them she re-listed them for rent increased from £3,300 to £4,000 and four months notice.

This is currently legal but it does show a lack of moral judgment when she is introducing a Bill that requires six months notice. HOMELINK has long been advocating a longer period to find new accommodation because the current market has such a shortage of housing that many find it difficult to find what they can afford in six. The six month period is still on the short side but a good compromise in my view.

The work of letting houses with care but compassion continue in spite of some illness in the team involved. The rate of loans and the number of grants for those moving into new housing without essential goods is still high and our finances don't allow a second loan to those who move twice. However as usual I can report that loan repayments are still at a high level. We are looking at applying for national lottery money which I personally find wrong but I will be outvoted I think.

The search for a specialist IT system to meet our needs is continuing and takes time to get right. Meanwhile we have to pay for help.

CONCERT

The annual Ashdown Singers concert will be held on Saturday 7th December. Further details to to follow.

PRAYERS

- For all who are worried about loosing their home or have no home.
- For the Renters Rights Act in its final stages.
- For the reorganisation of Local Government
- For the Trustees response to changes in Local Government

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.

Poetry Corner

Selected by Jim Holmes

An Irish Airman foresees his Death

W.B. Yeats 1865 - 1939

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate
Those that I guard I do not love:
My country is Kilkartan Cross
My countrymen Kilkartan's poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before,
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A Lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.





Lesley Gomez

Life And More Abundant Ministries

Dear Friends,

Just a quick update - I arrived 'home' to England with Ana and Simon on the 24th August for a few weeks, visiting till the end of for September. Mum celebrated her 95th birthday on August 5th, so a bit late but we hope to help her celebrate some more! Also, with my birthday on the 30th and my brother Philip's soon after, the plan is to spend time with family, rest and hopefully 'restore settings' so I can get properly well.



Tropical Cyclone

We have just come through a terrible typhoon, the strongest storm to hit La Union in 16 years, leaving us in a state of calamity. It unleashed its fury in the night, tore trees up and roofs blew off, electric poles down - we had no electric for one week, Michael 2 weeks. Not many trees are left standing. Several families evacuated to LAMA House. Our buildings are only slightly damaged, but Jasmine (who attends Michael's Home

Group) had a close call when a tree fell through their roof narrowly missing her in bed, then the roof flew off completely. It is calm now, but we expect more typhoons before end of the year, a lot of clearing up to do. We will need to fix our buildings soon to avoid further damage. Another typhoon arrived the day we had to travel to Manila airport for our flights. Special thanks to the Mission Support team for your "safe journey" prayers!

Growth Group

Michael and Jeli host a weekly Growth Group/Discipleship group at our house, we are so excited to see what God is doing! He brought together a great group of friends who now attend church with us, young couples and singles hungry to grow in their faith and bring others to Jesus.

Last week Michael ministered to a group of children/young teenagers 'In Conflict with the Law' in another town about 2 hours' drive from us. He is helping the Department of Social Welfare and Development & the Social



Workers with their community program for children who have committed crimes. Pray that the same work of the Holy Spirit that we experience every week at RRCY will be spread to every town. I will ask Michael to tell you more in the next newsletter.

Answered Prayers

We have seen amazing answers to prayer for young men in RRCY. Michael was concerned for M who always joined the prayer and worship, he was badly disappointed when a Court Hearing extended his sentence, it shook his trust in God, and he drifted away from Chapel services. We spoke with him and prayed together this month - and asked you to pray. Now he is actively involved again. J stood by him to help him, he also expected he would be released, we prayed together every week, trusting God to do a miracle - but when the day came, his 2 companions were released, and he was not. He was afraid he would be transferred to Manila Jail or elsewhere - we asked you to pray. Last week he told us he had a good result in Court and would soon be allowed home too. He has been making the most of his time learning to cut hair and First Aid. This time last year we asked you to pray for C - who came to us after Chapel last year all excited, expecting to go home,

but the Court instead sentenced him to Manila Jail. He had already served 9 years as a young offender. Devastating news - we were in England last year when he messaged Michael to say he was on the way to Manila Jail, Michael spent the night in tears praying for him. C held on to his faith, 'maybe God wants to use me there.' Last week we ended the session praying in groups - 60 boys attended as others had skills training. One of the boys told Michael there was a surprise for him. We saw someone standing near the office, a big smile on his face. We went over to say 'hello' - it was C! Released after serving a very difficult year - he was praising God and thanking us for prayer. He will be 'processed' now and allowed home. The other boys were so happy to see him - it gave them hope. I was like the girl at the Prayer Meeting (in the Bible story) who opened the door to Peter after he was miraculously set free from prison! It was like I was seeing a ghost! I couldn't believe it! And then the tears of joy hit all the way home! This is thrilling!

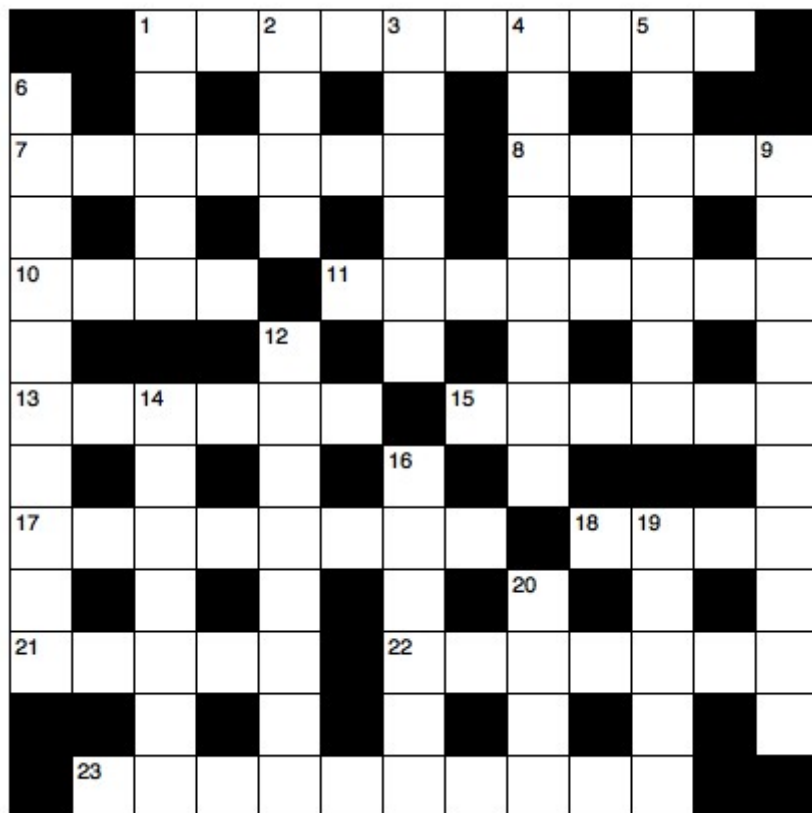
God answers your prayers for us! Thank You!

Blessings from Lesley & family

There is no better proof of friendship than to help our friends with their burdens. *Augustine*

Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding does unite them. *Woodrow Wilson*

Crossword



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
 8 Relieved (5)
 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

October-November Lectionary

Sunday 5th October

16th after Trinity

Lamentations 3.19-26

Luke 19.11-26

Sunday 12th October

17th after Trinity

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7

Luke 10.25-37

Sunday 19th October

18th after Trinity

Jeremiah 31.27-34

Luke 15.11-32

Sunday 26th October

Last after Trinity

2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Luke 18.9-14

Sunday 2nd November

4th Before Advent

2 Thessalonians 1.1-12

Luke 19.1-10

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance

Romans 8.31-39

Matthew 22.15-22

Sunday 16th November

2nd Before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Luke 21.5-19

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

Sunday 30th November

Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2.1-5

Matthew 24.36-44

Down

1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)

2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)

3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)

4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)

6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across

October Calendar

Wednesday 1st	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's	
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's	
Saturday 4th	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's	
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's	
Wednesday 8th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	9.30am	Holy Baptism	St. Luke's	
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Peter's	
Tuesday 14th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's	
Wednesday 15th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
Friday 17th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's	
Saturday 18th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's	
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's	
	3.00pm	Memorial Service	St. Leonard's	
Sunday 19th	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's	
	Monday 20th	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
	Wednesday 22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 25th	10.00am	Open Church Cafe	St. Leonard's	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's	
Monday 27th	Holiday Club (daily until Friday)		St. Luke's	
Tuesday 28th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's	
Wednesday 29th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's	

Crossword solution

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.

November Calendar

Saturday 1st	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 5th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Sunday 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	Venue TBC
Tuesday 11th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 15th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 17^h	7.30pm	Women's Group	St. Luke's
Tuesday 18th		Magazine copy date	
Wednesday 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Family Worship	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 25th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 26th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 28th	1.00pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Saturday 29th		Seaford Christmas Magic	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Holy Communion & Glow	St. Luke's

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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