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## EASTER Sunday

God always wants the best for us,  
But in Eden we sinned; we really blew it.  
We disobeyed God's direct decree;  
We separated from Him, and we knew it.  
You'd think we'd learn to behave ourselves,  
But through all time, we just kept doing it;  
Piling wrong on top of wrong,  
Our punishment—we kept accruing it.

Jesus came and changed all that;  
He paid the price for all our sins;  
When we repent and believe in Him,  
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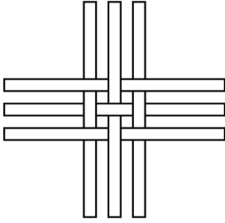
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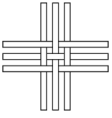
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# Parish News

## Churches Re-Open

On March 14<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday) both St. Leonard's and St. Luke's re-opened for public worship having been closed since the new year. Currently there are services of Parish Communion at 9.30am in both churches and The Meeting Place at 11.15am each Sunday. The two services from St. Leonard's are also available online. Places are limited to just 30 at each service, booking is required for the 9.30 service in St. Leonard's only, for all the others you are free to simply just turn up! Details of all regular services can be found on page 45.

## Join James on Facebook

You can join James on Facebook @seafordparishsussex Monday to Friday at 7.30am for a Thought for the Day. At 6.00pm each day there is a service of Evening Prayer.

## Online

Links to all our online services together with Zoom meeting IDs and passcodes can be found on our website at

[www.seafordparish.org.uk/online](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/online)

## St. Luke's@7

Over the past 12 months SL@7 has continued on a weekly basis on Zoom, generally from The Steer Household. This will continue for now, however there are some specials coming up...

11<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Praise

23<sup>rd</sup> May: Pentecost Praise

Both will be livestreamed from St. Leonard's. See page 45 for log in details and new meeting ID.



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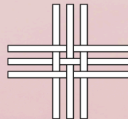
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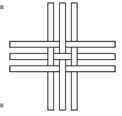
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# Easter

## **Monday 29th March**

7.30pm A Service of Compline in St. Leonard's Church

## **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 2nd April**

10.00am to 1.00pm Good Friday Prayer Stations in St. Leonard's

## **Thursday 1st April: Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm Holy Communion and Service of the Shadows  
in St. Leonard's (also live streamed)

## **Friday 2nd April: Good Friday**

10.00am to 1.00pm Good Friday Prayer Stations in St. Leonard's  
2.00pm to 4.00pm Good Friday Prayer Stations in St. Luke's

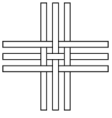
## **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

4.00pm Messy Church (livestream only)

## **Sunday 4th April: Easter Day**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in St. Leonard's  
9.30am Parish Communion in St. Leonard's (also live streamed)  
9.30am Parish Communion in St. Luke's  
11.15am The Meeting Place in St. Leonard's (also live streamed)

Each service is limited to 30 seats. You only need to book for the 9.30 Parish Communion service in St. Leonard's.



## Parish News

### **Safeguarding**

Some people will know that I have been carrying out DBS checks throughout the last few months, but there is no immediate hope of getting back to having the big training sessions we have had in the past. Our last one was in June 2017, so any one who did that, will need to up-date. If you are taking a role in any of our church missions, can I please urge you to do C1 on line. There are people who have completed it recently, so do ask around if you would like some help, or contact me. Go to the diocesan safeguarding website [www.safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/safeguarding-training/where](http://www.safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/safeguarding-training/where) you will find the E-Learning. You will need to create an account and password, so you don't have to do it all in one go. If you have not done any training previously, then you need to do C0 and C1, and if you have completed C1, you just need to repeat C1. The Diocese is not chasing us at the moment, but I think they will be doing so soon. Please let me know when you have your certificate so I can up-date our records. Thank you so much to everyone in advance.

*Ruth Saunders*

### **Envelope Giving**

Many thanks to all those who have been saving their envelopes and leaving them in the donations jar in church or just giving a lump sum. This is much appreciated. There are many who cannot easily get the envelopes to us or send their donation so, please do contact the office (see page 46) and we can make arrangements to collect your envelopes or advise you of other means. Your generous giving is even more vital in these difficult times when we miss the weekly offertory in our Church services. If you pay a cheque to the parish please make payable to Parochial Church Council of Seaford.

### **From the Registers**

#### ***Weddings***

*George and Rosemary Nuttman*

#### ***Funerals***

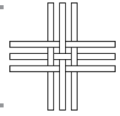
Robert Leslie (Bob) Izzard  
Tom Davies  
Eunice Mary Palmer  
Doris Joyce Wright  
Nina Buckland

### **Parish Magazine**

Items for the forthcoming editions of the Magazine are most welcome and should be sent to [magazine@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:magazine@seafordparish.org.uk)

#### **Copy Dates**

June-July edition: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
August-September edition: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
October-November edition: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
December-January edition: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November



## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

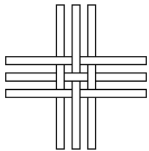
The APCM is an opportunity to look back to the past year and to look forward to the work of the church in the future. The meeting receives a number of reports from parish groups together with the statement of our finances. Although the last meeting was delayed from April to October in 2020 that meeting covered the year to December 2019. So this year's meeting will review a somewhat different 2020 as we consider the impact on the parish of Covid-19.

At the time of writing final details of the venue are to be decided. If we emerge from lockdown as planned we may be in a good position to have the meeting in St. Leonard's. Please keep

an eye on the weekly news sheet for final arrangements.

In addition to the various reports it is at this meeting that elections for Church Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod representatives takes place. All those on the parish electoral role are eligible to vote. Nominations will open shortly and as always there is an encouragement to consider how you might best contribute towards the work of the church in the parish. PCC membership is on a rolling basis so there are nearly always opportunities to become a member.

Group and financial reports will be available online and in printed form shortly before the meeting.



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

# **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm**  
Venue details will be confirmed nearer the time

*Agenda and Reports will be available prior to the meeting*



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# Derreck Lee-Philpot

## Into Uncertainty... Together

As this edition of the magazine is released (or does it escape?) we will be in the throes of Easter weekend.

The electrifying narrative of Easter week, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday will be behind us and we will be celebrating the moment when an angel came to earth to toss aside the stone across the opening revealing an empty tomb. I love the image of the angel just nonchalantly sat upon the stone dusting himself down awaiting the arrival of the women.

The women seeing the angel and hearing his instruction to go and tell

the disciples left with a mixture of “fear and great joy” (Matthew 28:7,8), on hearing the news Peter and John ran to the scene, John arriving first didn’t go in but waited (John 20:5) at the entrance. There is a sense with John that he was standing in the entrance on the edge of the unknown, he saw the grave clothes and wrappings, the face-cloth lying folded in its place. This was so strange, nothing was as it was supposed to be, I am guessing that John was confused, unsure, more than a little nervous, even a little afraid to step over the boundary into the tomb.

The women too had a similar experience, a maelstrom of emotion, a combination of fear and joy. What

was happening here, what is supposed to happen next?

For John there is a sense of trepidation of stepping into what was to come next, causing him to stop at the entrance. Then Peter arrived and dived straight in, Peter was always the most impulsive of the disciples, followed momentarily by John. If they hadn't stepped into the tomb they would not have begun to question and then begun to understand what had happened, what was happening. That first step into an uncertain, confusing place was their first step into the future that would change their world, and the whole world.

It feels a little like that for us at this time. We are just coming out of a pandemic, lockdown is loosening, there is a chink of light to suggest some form of normality is ahead. But as we look to 'take the next step' in our story how do we feel? As a result of Easter morning the disciple's lives would never be the same again and there was hesitancy in John as he peered into the tomb. As we squint into the future is there some hesitancy within us? Are we unsure as to how all this will work out, will we have online or 'live' service, and for how long, will homegroups restart, can we hug once more?

I don't think anyone has the answers to all those questions. Although I suspect all those things will happen eventually, but probably not in the same form. The disciples developed

new ways of worship, they did something new and radical called 'church' and planted them everywhere, they ate with one-another, and after the shock and horror of losing Jesus found a new joy that they could share with one-another and others they had never met – Jew and Gentile. But it all began by taking the next step into the unknown, that's where we are now – where are we to find the strength and resolve to take this step into a future that is familiar....but different at the same time.

The answer is, just like John and Peter, we step forward together. Together we encourage, strengthen, and support each other. As in many ways we have been separated over the past year, now comes our time to stand together as we step forward into an uncertain future. Notice as the women left, fearful and joyful, together in their obedience they found Jesus. As we too move forward into the uncertainty, looking for Jesus we will find Him – most likely in the midst of us! But we will find Him, it is then up to us like those first disciples to follow Him, be empowered at Pentecost then step out confidently into an uncertain future – together.

*With every blessing at this exciting time of year, Derreck.*

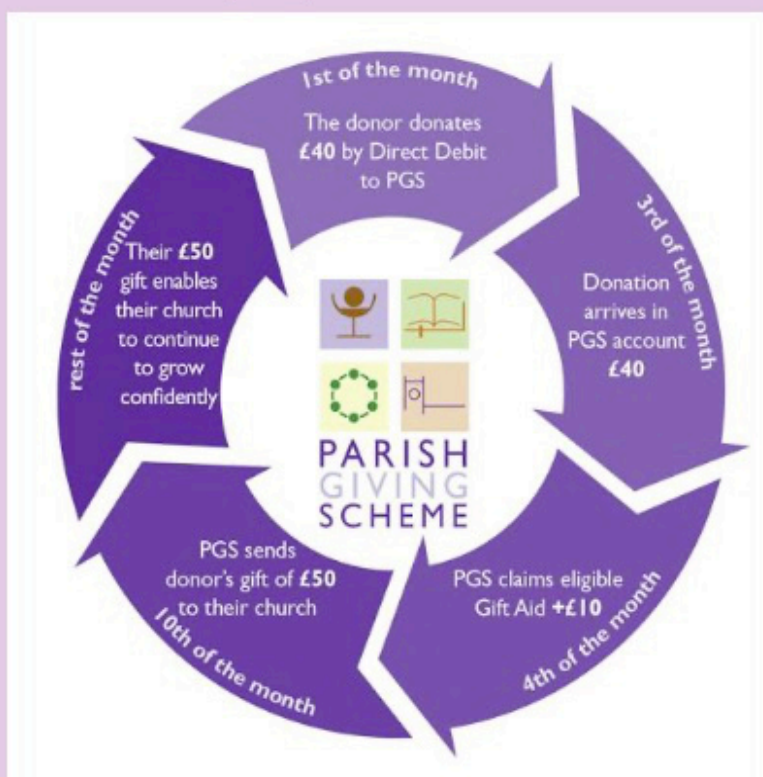


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# Stefan Bracher



You might remember me talking about how the children and youth groups had dwindled in numbers in the months on the lead up to Christmas, as we have been meeting on Zoom. Well since then we have changed the way we interact with young people before the meetings. They now receive a care package before the meetings, usually with an activity and some extra goodies connected to what we are talking about in the Zoom session.

### **Sparks & Ignite**

The young people have been responding really well with these and have been attending our Zoom meetings and I have to say there hasn't been a dull meeting since Christmas. The Bible section of the meetings are deliberately kept short, but the meaning of the word is throughout the whole evening. This helps the young people to just relax and feel comfortable with each other in an online environment. I can report back that the Strava fitness app is the best thing since sliced bread... according to the Ignite youth group!!

We are looking to return to face to face meetings on Friday 30th April for both

Sparks (the children's group) and for Ignite (the youth group). New timings will also be coming soon so keep an eye out for those!

### **Tots**

We have been running the online Tot's groups with limited success in terms of parents and toddlers being involved, which I could imagine is just the fact of day-to-day life and that trying to do any online meeting and sitting in one place is almost impossible with toddlers. However, it is there if parents just need a chat. This will run up to the Easter Holidays.

The toddlers meeting has been highly successful in a slightly different way than we expected, by allowing the opportunity for some staff members to think about what the return to face to face tot groups might look like. We are planning to return to face to face meetings on Thursday 29th April in St Leonard's Church (not the Church Hall, due to covid restrictions). We expect to return to St Luke's Church on Wednesday 12th May, allowing us time to reflect on 2 weeks of operating St Leonard's tots.

## Messy Church

Messy Church has been a brilliant opportunity to come together and worship in a fun and very relaxed way with some brilliant crafts (it's not just for kids you know...). We started delivering around 15 packs at the start of the pandemic and that has risen to 73 for Mothering Sunday and it looks to be climbing again, which is brilliant. The Easter Bunny is going to be busy I think, as we learn about when Jesus died on Earth and then rose again.

For now, there is no plan to return back to Messy Church in a face to face approach any time over the next 2-3 months. We would love to have everyone come back together and jump around, hand out bacon rolls and drinks and just make a mess of the church, but we anticipate this being more towards the summer before we come back to Messy Church for face to face services.

If you want to get involved in Messy Church, feel free to fill out a form using the link below to register for your Messy Church Craft Pack. These will be delivered before the service starts on the first Saturday of every month. Whilst we are online only, we will deliver the crafts out to everyone.

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## Teamwork

Throughout all of the children, youth and family work we have some fantastic staff who come and help out with loads of things behind the scenes. So I would like to thank those for stepping up and helping our young people and families out. However we are in need of extra volunteers who can help support the groups and become a staff member. This doesn't need to be hands on with children, we need: cleaners, welcomers, refreshment organisers, group leaders, session speakers and many more.

## Feeling Connected

Young people need to feel that connection with the older generation to show that the older generation "understand them" and so the younger generation can also "understand" the older generation. So please don't dismiss yourself, you might just help to shine some light onto a young person or family opening the door for them to talk about faith. If you are up for finding out more give me a call or email using the details below:

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## Getting to know me Part 4

**James Hollingsworth**

I was standing in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, feeling like a fraud and a plonker, wearing a clerical shirt for the first time when I had this awful feeling that I was going to cry.

For me the purpose of these columns isn't just to pad out an excellent magazine but to give you and I space for conversation when we finally get round to having a cuppa and you say to me something like 'tell me about yourself' and I say, go read the mag, why don't you tell me about yourself. Or you say, I liked / didn't like that bit when ... and off we go with some banter.

### **Resurrection**

The disciples don't say Ooh Jesus is risen from the dead, that's nice, we can go back to learning how to walk on water,

multiplying loaves and fishes and getting invites to weddings. It takes a while but slowly the first Christians began to see that death had been broken, the grave had lost its sting, that whatever counted for normal was gone and there was no going back for these believers.

And so began a long task that we continue of Reconciling the world to God (2 Cor 5.18).

It shouldn't be a surprise to you, if you read last month's column, that I was a bit of a mummy's boy. So, with Mum dead, come the school holidays, there was just Dad and myself rattling around a vicarage. It's not like we didn't get on, it's just that we hadn't really bothered with

needing to get on. So now there was this sort of awkwardness with two men processing grief in different ways and not talking about it.

I'd been to Church and heard a rubbish sermon on the Prodigal Son. I remember thinking "that's not the meaning that I would be trying to tell people, the meaning that I would be wanting to say would be something about reconciliation between a father and a son". I wondered what would happen if I listened to my own preaching rather than dissed the valiant efforts of the young curate. I think I was unbearably opinionated back then. I went home to Dad and sat on the end of his bed and we had that kind of conversation that fathers long to have with their children and Our Father longs to have with us. The conclusion was lots of tears and hugs, so from that day on I suppose I was a bit of a daddy's boy. We got on like a house on fire.

Dad made the first suggestions to me that I should think about **Ordination**. I had some fireside chats with some clergy, even a Bishop. I don't think I realized that this was Serious until one day I found myself driving to my clergy selection conference. Remind me to tell you about that another time.

### **Ascension**

I love this thoroughly ignored festival. Its significance is huge so I hope that when we get to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May that I will preach some of it to you. What do you think Jesus is doing in Heaven? Romans 8.24 and Hebrews 7.25 talks about Jesus praying for you. Gosh do we need that.

It's a poor sequitur I grant you but I needed to find somewhere to slip in that by the time you're reading this I will have been made Rural Dean of Lewes and Seaford Deanery. It's a great honour. Anyone who's ever been promoted where the work load gets a lot more and the pay doesn't and you're told it's an honour will immediately say 'Ah, I see what you mean'. Rev Hugh Atherstone was Rural Dean here when I first arrived in this Deanery so perhaps there is indeed some honour.

I've tried to describe it as a Shop Floor Steward for other local Clergy but I'm not sure that many companies still have those. It's a sort of first rung up in middle management. Hmm. Ask me again in a year's time whether the balance of the privilege of representing my fellow clerics is worth the pain that it brings.

Anyway, my point is that Jesus is my shop-floor steward before the Father, interceding for me, for you.

### **Pentecost**

And so there I am in the Cathedral. It was the day of my being ordained Deacon (that's when you wear your stole across the chest rather than straight down). It's a very exciting culmination of some years of training and essay writing ; from here on I will be allowed to preach, take funerals, but not take weddings and not preside at Holy Communion.

By this point, I'm married to Lucy and she is very pregnant with our first

child, Ruth (the now social worker in Nottingham). Lucy is so pregnant that the Cathedral staff have nervously, deliberately, put her in the front pew so that IF needs be she can be swiftly ushered out a side door, and me with her, as we go to the hospital! It wasn't needed.

In the midst of this service, I started to feel a sort of cathartic healing process going on inside of me. Unresolved knots of issues to do with mum and dad and grief and stuff, it just came bubbling up. Picture the scene: to my right is a thousand size congregation with my wife and her family in the front pew all proudly staring at me, to my left a fabulously colourful display

of senior clergy in their finest shiniest array and around me a dozen other imminent Deacons. I was trying to calculate if could just not cry before the Peace where I might have a moment to pull out a handky and blow my nose in a loud manly fashion when it just started. Oh it was awkward! And awe-full and wonderful and cathartic. I've heard it sometimes called the gift of tears. It might be that as we start to come out of lockdown we will find a need for such tears, some of sorrow, of joy, of frustration, of relief as we let go of our tension and it all will be part of our healing process. May you too be granted the gift of tears.



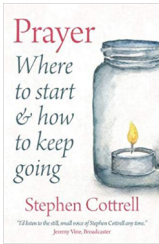
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Bible by the Beach 2021 will be an online event only but with the opportunity to interact with others during the day. There will be many elements you will be familiar - excellent Bible Readings, inspiring music from EMU and children and youth will also be wonderfully catered for! So book the date in your diary and join us at Bible by the Beach 2021 on Saturday 1st May!

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**Prayer – Where to start and how to keep going by Rt. Rev Stephen Cottrell (+York)**

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One of my Christmas presents from Derreck this year was a copy of Stephen Cottrell's book about prayer. The book has only 87 pages, has lots of illustrations and most of the words are in larger print but please do not be fooled by its simplicity. There is a straight-forward, back-to-basics, down-to Earth quality about this small publication which I found totally inspiring.

One of the things which Stephen Cottrell highlights is that the whole of the Jesus story could be summed up as being 'A love letter to us from God' and that what we call prayer is our sometimes stumbling and faltering response to that fact.

I have to admit that I sometimes find the loving relationship element of prayer between The Father, Jesus, us, and the world around us, quite difficult to grasp but when I read the section (p.17-p.18) about God's love letter to us, I was stopped in my tracks. I was reminded of one of the pictures which we have at home.

On the wall at the top of our stairs is a small, limited edition print which we bought a few years ago. It is of a painting done by an artist called Sherree Valentine Daines and is called 'Lost among the poppies'. It is a beautiful picture of a small boy standing in a field of poppies. He is resting his hand on a cricket bat and he seems to have lost a ball somewhere in this field. This artist has created many wonderful paintings of children, but they are always depicted from the side or the back, never face on. In effect these young ones could be any or every child. This particular picture looks very much like our grandson Isaac and, when I first saw this painting, I felt such a fierce love for him that it brought tears to my eyes. I had to have that painting!

Why did this picture come so strongly into my mind as I was reading Stephen Cottrell's book? I think it was because it reminded me what fierce love looked like, the sort of love that God must have for us, His love for 'everyman' and 'everychild'.

I want to remember that glimpse of fierce love in my prayers each day.

Thank you Stephen Cottrell. Thank you Sherree Valentine Daines. But, most of all, thank you Lord!

Corrinne Lee-Philpot

# Thought for the Day

Wendy Ogilvie

Recently James has been interviewing some of the church members on Zoom, as not everyone has online access, we thought you may appreciate a précis of the take-home thoughts which came in response to the question, 'What keeps you sane during these strange times?'

It will come as no surprise to hear that out of the fifteen to date interviewed, most said that the Word helped. In a variety of ways, people are turning to the scriptures; in audible on smart phones while walking the dog, others said sharing helpful verses with friends on texts helped keep them going. Some were working their way through the bible under various schemes and with a collection of translations. Specifically one person quoted Philippians 4:8. *Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable. If*

*anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about these things.*

Prayer featured too, 'chat' to God through the day, another found contemplative prayer helped always starting by asking God to speak to them.

No surprises so far, songs of faith in both their lyrics and sung lifted the spirit, songs which were getting one through serious health issues, 'Nobody loves me like You love me Jesus' came repeatedly to mind. Music whether playing an instrument, singing or listened to all helped; styles ranged from traditional hymns, UCB broadcasts, Phatfish.

Possibly a new idea to some, prayer doodling was really helpful and if you don't know what this is, a photo is reproduced below. 'Whatever makes your heart sing' was another helpful expression;

creative things like art, crafts, Pilates- everyone would find some way to make their heart sing.

When someone heard what was going on, but doesn't do Zoom offered, 'remember you are dearly loved' and finally, do you remember the old song, Count your blessings? A lovely definition of a blessing was offered from one of our Lent books, 'the extraordinary bursting into the ordinary'.

I expect by now, you have some thoughts to the question, 'What has kept you sane during the past

year?' Why not send them to Wendy Ogilvie and they can appear in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

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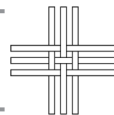


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# April-May Prayer Diary



This prayer diary offers a focus for our personal and corporate prayers. The first section for each month focuses on our Mission partners followed by a topic for each day.

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. Matthew 18: 19

## Pray for Missions Partners during April

### Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Link: Ali Gill/Sylvia Coombe

- Give thanks that at the heart of MAF lies the desire to make Jesus known, demonstrating love in action to the ends of the earth.
- Pray for MAF South Sudan, as several staff members leave this year, including the country director.
- Increased Covid cases in South Sudan, pray for continued wise and safe operations. For healing of divisions and peace within the country.
- Pray for Danny as he prepares to leave South Sudan and relocate to the UK. Praise God that he has a job at a church in London, where he will be able to work alongside people, and learn new skills.

### WAVES

Link: Geraldine Grimble

- Pray Waves are prepared for the needs of families as we come out of lockdown.
- For the trustees and staff thinking about plans for the future.
- Wisdom to know the right time to open the Centre again.

### Mission Direct

Link: Chris Chester

It is likely that Rewired will be unable to go to Zimbabwe or Zambia in 2021. A final decision will be made shortly.

Give thanks for: Valued supporters for Mission Direct and Rewired Africa

- The amazing work of Mission Direct at home and overseas.
- Our partners overseas continuing to work so hard in these difficult times - Alick and Garikai in Zimbabwe; Vasco and the footprints team in Zambia. All the schools we have worked with installing computers and training the teachers.

Pray for: God's peace and protection for our partners in country working in the schools and on the streets.

- The team members who are frustrated at not being able to help in country.
- The staff and trustees of Mission Direct trying to keep the vision alive in these challenging times.
- The projects we are still continuing with.

## Daily Prayer in April

1. Schools as they break for holidays. For teachers and staff for rest and relaxation.
2. Reflecting on events of Good Friday, pray for those visiting our churches today.
3. Families joining Messy Church today. For Stefan and the team.
4. As we celebrate Christ is risen, may the true message of Easter be widely shared in Churches, online and social media across the world.
5. Those living in Chyngton Way, South Way, Mark Close, Newick Close, Hamsey Lane, Fairways Road, Poynings Close, Fairways Close and Lullington Close.
6. All attending Spring Harvest Home (4<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup>) online. That the message be received with power to change lives and bless those who hear it.
7. For young people anxious about their education, future and career pathways.
8. For Bishops Martin, Ruth and Will as they lead the Church across the diocese.
9. All NHS staff, for strength and support. Name before God those you know.
10. People of Myanmar, for citizens' protection and for stability to be restored.
11. Give thanks for Covid vaccines, their effectiveness and the speed of delivery.
12. Those living in Field Close, Green Walk St Wilfrid's Close, Kingston Green, Kingston Close, Kingston Way, May Avenue, Buckthorn Close and Rowan Close.
13. Local shops as they reopen and try to recoup lost business during lockdown.
14. Justin Welby and other church leaders for guidance and vision to lead wisely.
15. For the UK generosity to share Covid vaccine with poorer nations.
16. James and Lucy Hollingsworth for vision and wisdom in their ministries.
17. For fragile or broken family relationships. Pray for unity, healing and peace.
18. The Prime Minister and Parliament for wisdom tackling constantly evolving situations.
19. Schools as they reopen, pray for all to settle into effective, safe and helpful learning.
20. Families and communities bereaved through the global pandemic.
21. Those seeking assurance of God's love and grace in their lives to find him near.
22. Those living in Badgers Copse, Eastbourne Road, Ash Drive, Sycamore Close, Elm Close, Willow Drive and Juniper Close.
23. Financial provision to maintain the life of the Diocese and it's churches. That we play our part with grateful and generous hearts.
24. All waiting for health investigations, medical procedures and operations.
25. APCM, give thanks to God for his guidance and faithfulness during another year.
26. Derreck & Corrinne Lee-Philpot for God's blessing and guidance in their ministries.
27. Any families known to you who have been, or still are, affected by Covid 19.
28. Parishes in the Diocese without permanent clergy, and their churchwardens
29. Those monitoring measures to control the virus to avoid any future lockdowns.
30. All on job furlough, anxious about future job security & those seeking work.

## Pray for Mission Partners during May

### **Christian Aid** (Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> May) *Link: Colin Pritchard*

2021 donations will focus on areas greatly affected by climate crisis like Kenya with long drought followed by flooding. Christian Aid helps in providing sustainable sources of water to facilitate hand washing in fight against disease as well as drinking and essentials. Pray for:

- Safety for those delivering and collecting envelopes during Christian Aid Week.
- Joy and safety for those attending the milk churn from May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Discernment of God's heart for speakers and congregations at Christian Aid events.

### **Cambodia Action: Sarah and Pola Chinn** *Link: Elizabeth Morgan-Jones*

- The family mourning the loss of their 'Cambodian daughter's' Grandad and for their Grandma (married to Grandad since a teenager) who lives in very, very poor circumstances.
- Sarah facilitating the M'lup Russey Management Team in their new strategic plan, restructuring and streamlining their programmes amidst reduced funding.
- Wisdom for doctors treating Pola with long term health issues and that he will feel better.

### **Diocesan Family Support** *Link: Elizabeth Morgan-Jones*

- Three new Family Support Practitioners (Petworth, Midhurst & Rye) to settle well, and make good contacts.
- The new Co-ordinator for the Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (a joint appointment between FSW and Mothers Union).
- That the Open Gardens in Seaford (May 30<sup>th</sup> & June 13<sup>th</sup>) will raise awareness and funds.

### **Daily Prayer in May**

1. Members of Sparks and Ignite. For Stefan and the team as they lead and guide them.
2. Ministers and members of churches in Seaford for abundance of God's blessing
3. Seahaven foodbank that they will be well resourced, providing for all in need.
4. Mayor Rodney Reed and Seaford Town Council for wise and honest decisions.
5. Leaders and governments across the world to work together to reduce the impact of climate change.
6. Election for East Sussex County Council and Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.
7. Those living in Bainbridge Close, Sutton Avenue, Links Close, Darwood Drive, Hazeldene and Headland Avenue.
8. Those being cared for in Care homes and for spouses and families at home, that they will know God's presence with them.

9. Healing for those suffering effects of Long Covid, especially any known to you.
10. All victims of religious and racial hatred and persecution across the world.
11. Mental Health Services as they prioritise and support the diverse needs of clients.
12. Hotel and hospitality industry preparing to reopen and rebuild following lockdown.
13. Ascension Day. “Thy Kingdom Come” when Christians around the world will be praying for people to come to know Jesus. [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)
14. Those of our family and friends who do not yet know the love and forgiveness of the Father for themselves.
15. Christians in the nations around the world praying for “Thy Kingdom Come”.
16. For those who have drifted away or struggle to feel part of Church family that they find a spiritual home where they are welcome, can belong & heal.
17. Churches involved in 24/7 Prayer and prayer gatherings during this time, that they will know a real sense of unity following separation.
18. The video clips and interviews posted daily by Thy Kingdom Come for adults and children that they will be enjoyable, encouraging and inspire faith.
19. All who have lost faith that they will return to a loving, forgiving God and be welcomed back into the family of God. Pray for anyone known to you.
20. Writers and developers of materials and resources which encourage and inspire faith.
21. For those who tasting church online and exploring faith that they will find the “pearl of great price” and become part of the church family.
22. The Holy Spirit would empower us, that we would be more effective in sharing Jesus Christ with those we meet day by day.
23. Pentecost. Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.
24. Our Prime Minister and MPs for wisdom and integrity as they make decisions that impact us all.
25. Refugees & migrants who have had to flee their home countries. Those who endeavour to help them.
26. Our parish administrator, Charlie and for Tony & Bob who assist.
27. Those living in Downsview Road, Hartfield Road, Wenthill Park, Wellington Park, Aquila Park and Downs Road.
28. For James as he takes on the role as Rural Dean. May he be a blessing and encouragement to many.
29. Our services tomorrow whether in Church or online – for those who lead & those who attend.
30. Elizabeth II as she approaches 69 years as Queen. Give thanks for her steady Christian witness to the UK.
31. Pray for one another especially those you have not seen for some time or who do not feel able to leave home fully yet,

*The next edition of the Prayer Diary will be in the June-July magazine, at the back of both churches or can be download from [www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk)*

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# Where do our young people go from here?

## A historical perspective

### *Wendy Ogilvie (Grandmother & Reader)*

During this past year our young people have been hit hard. University experience became their computer screen, our school experience showed struggle to motivate and keep engaged, our children's lives became very confined. As I pondered this, I listened one morning to Auntie Nina Buckland reminisce, that day would have been her 78<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The setting was 1943 Beirut and that is where their shared journey began.

To explain the connection between our pandemic experience and theirs, when they finally returned to England in 1945, there were few jobs, the years when they would have gone to University had passed. Now they were in Seaford, Auntie developed TB and they had a two-year-old daughter to care and provide for. Theirs was not a unique experience, six years of world war had unsettled this young generation, had shown them other parts of the world in very uncertain times; they had matured very quickly, however, all was not plain sailing for them now.

During this time, with Auntie in a sanatorium, their daughter Little Nina

in the care of her grandmother, how was Uncle George going to provide? The plan had been to go as a manager to a Ceylon (Sri Lanka) tea plantation but this was out of the question in their circumstances. Whilst wondering what to do, Uncle decided to reupholster a chair of his mother's that was worn. He took it apart, saw how it was made and rebuilt it. A friend of the family, saw his work and asked him to do some of her chairs too and from this embryonic beginning, developed over the years into a very successful business which was able to not only provide for his family but also the families of those they employed.

As I listened to Auntie Nina, a scripture came to mind, 'What is that in your hand?' (Ex 4:2), as we pray for our young people, let's expect God to bring good to them despite all they have lost, isn't it our experience, that God blesses us where we are? God meets us at any stage in life and we have testimony of His blessing and guidance. A lovely definition of 'blessing' in our Lent books, is God entering into the ordinary with something extraordinary. May He take our young people in all their bewilderment and bring good out of their lost year.

*Note: This article was written before Nina passed away aged 98. Wendy wished this to be published in memoriam of Nina.*



## Thy Kingdom Come 2021

Initially an invitation in 2016 to the Church of England by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) has spread to become a global and ecumenical call to prayer. TKC has inspired Christians from nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across denominations and traditions to pray for more people to come to faith in Christ, during the period of Ascension to Pentecost. In 2020 for the first time, this included Central African Republic, Chad, Cuba, and the Maldives.

On Tuesday 9th March more than 1000 people tuned into the virtual resources launch for Thy Kingdom Come 2021 with folk from across the globe, ranging from Slovakia to Sri Lanka, Jamaica to Jersey and Korea to Canada tuning in for the event. They came from different denominations and traditions including the URC, Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic Church, Assemblies of God, Salvation Army and Church in Wales.

Whilst the heart of Thy Kingdom Come remains the commitment to prayer for evangelisation, the team are also adapting their offer - creating resources designed to refresh, encourage and inspire worshipping communities, families and individuals who may have struggled with the idea of Church at Home. This last year has been challenging particularly for those without, or who struggle with technology. However, for others, online services have been an opportunity to “taste & see” what Church is all about without having to go out of their homes. To reflect these issues, this year, in addition we are asked to pray for those who have drifted away or struggle to feel part of Church, and those who are exploring faith, that they will all see the wonder and love of Christ and will be drawn closer to him and to the Church family.

A selection of new resources have been developed, catering for ages from 5 to 105 years old and will be available on the TKC website over the next few weeks including: The Cheeky Pandas video series for

children; Youth video reflections and daily videos to be shown between the Ascension and Pentecost period. A number of the written resources have been or are being translated into other languages, including Finnish, Maori, Gaelic and Korean, reflecting the increasing reach and appeal of Thy Kingdom Come. The award-winning Thy Kingdom Come app, available in nine languages, will for the first time, include audio content from 24-7 Prayer's Lectio 365 with reflections from Pete Greig, Archbishop Justin and 24-7 Prayer GB UK Director, Carla Harding.

During March and April, there will be a series of webinars which you can

find a [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). There will be further ideas of how we can all participate in this year's event.

Thy Kingdom Come this year is from **13<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Especially during this time please pray for:

- 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus;
- For those who have drifted away or struggle to feel part of Church family
- For those who are just tasting Church and exploring faith
- For a deepening of our own relationship with Jesus Christ
- The empowering of the Spirit that we would be effective in our Christian witness

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## Nikki Kerr

It is fair to say that our families have found this latest period of lockdown and homeschooling very challenging, but overall they have been incredibly resilient and managed to get through it, thanks to the fantastic support offered by our practitioners. As we make tentative steps back into some sort of normality, we are very proud that our families have coped so well over the last year.

We are interviewing candidates this week for the new practitioner roles that were mentioned in my last update and hope to have some good news regarding appointments shortly, which we will of course share with you as soon as we can.

After some hugely generous donations to our food bank over Christmas which kept us well stocked throughout January and February, we are now running low on many items. If anybody is in a position to arrange a food collection, we are in need of nearly everything with the exception of pasta and tinned tomatoes, of which we have plenty. Tinned meats and fish, tinned vegetables and fruit, soup, tea/coffee and table sauces would be particularly welcome.

With the Government's road map giving us some of idea when we may be able to resume our face-to-face activities, we are planning how to do this both safely and successfully, and I hope to be able to share news with you in the next update of our plans for the rest of the year. In the meantime, thank you all for continuing to share our news and support us in prayer during the last month.

### February's work in numbers

- 311 individual visits and 163 support calls with families supporting 33 grandparents, 354 parents and 296 children
- 18 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
- 24 online group sessions held, including half-term activities
- 396 food deliveries made.

### Prayer points

- Pray for wisdom for our interview panel in selecting the right candidates for the new practitioner roles
- Give thanks for recent funding successes that will provide some stability in the coming months
- Pray that our staff remain healthy both physically and mentally after an incredibly tough few weeks.

Household cleaning, personal hygiene items as well as dried and tinned groceries can be left in St. Leonard's Church when open, or the porch at 16 Hill Rise, Seaford, BN25 2UA or telephone Liz Morgan-Jones (01323 890644) for collection.



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HOME is new acronym for our work: Based on a core value of Christian compassion, we look for the following in our service:-

- H**ope for the homeless
- O**penness to all
- M**aking lives better
- E**ffectiveness in our work

### **The current situation**

The work has grown enormously over the last few years and now over 400 local tenants benefit from interest-free loans repayable in easy stages. Trustees, nominated by Churches Together in Seaford, Lewes, and Newhaven; come from all denominations. Seaford nominates

four Trustees who include Diana Dixon and myself from our Parish, a Trustee from St. Andrew's Bishopstone and one from St. Thomas More.

### **Personnel**

We have recently appointed a new employee, Gary, to help Pippa in administration and interviewing. Interviewing now has to be done by telephone rather than face to face. This makes the job more difficult both in terms of evaluating the person interviewed, and emotionally because the responsibility for decisions about suitability falls on one person. In February, we have had the largest number of applicants ever in one month. This is sadly almost always because of relationship breakdown in shared accommodation during lockdown.

Gary has made an excellent start in learning what to do. Very unfortunately, he was recently taken ill and, after two days in hospital, found to be suffering from appendicitis. He is currently recovering at home and we hope that he recovers soon to provide Pippa the help she desperately needs after she has worked overtime to deal with the high demand as well as

training Gary. It is a blow to her because she had thought that Gary had reached the point of taking on a substantial share of her job as planned.

We have decided to call Pippa and Gary: 'Client Manager' replacing 'Service Manager' because this better represents their employment.

### **Finance**

Our financial situation is satisfactory in spite of the number of loans and grants given. We are advertising for the very important job of Treasurer who is a volunteer Trustee because our excellent current Treasurer is retiring in July. This is obviously a difficult post to fill although we have a paid financial assistant in Gaby to keep the books.

### **Prayers**

Please pray for: -

- Pippa and Gary our Client Managers
- A full and speedy recovery for Gary
- The need of applicants for a new Treasurer.
- All those who are in need of housing in our District
- All those needing a grant because they are moving house.



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**Christian Aid Week**

**10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



**With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis**

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water.

The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live.

Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

Rose and her grandchildren shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of

the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.
- **Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

**Together we stop this climate crisis.**

Join us at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

## Christian Aid in Seaford

The Seaford committee has not yet finalised just what we shall be able to do this year; last year was a total wash-out, though we still managed to send to Christian Aid a couple of thousand pounds. It is my hope that this year, apart from the lunch, the week will proceed much the same as it has in the past. I certainly expect to deliver and collect from my 5 roads with their 94 houses.

There are 7 participating churches in Seaford. Each allocated certain roads. St Leonard's is allocated 35 roads or groups of shorter roads amounting to about 1750 houses. We usually manage to cover most if not all of the roads allocated, some of them we deliver and collect from, others are delivery only of envelopes. There are then three collecting points for people to bring such envelopes as are not being collected. We possess a half size genuine milk churn, in the past this has sat outside Crossway church on Clinton Place attended by a succession of people. Quite where the churn will be this year will depend on the progress of the building works at Crossway church.

There may now be people who have previously collected for Christian Aid here or elsewhere and would be able to do so again, there may be people now who have never done so, but might be inspired to be involved now.

Please give me a ring and I shall include you in the process.

Alas, this year we shall not be allowed by law to have our usual money-making lunch just before the week begins. We wait to see whether we shall be able to hold this later in the year.

Like last year's plans, this year the money will be concentrated in areas dramatically affected by the climate crisis. Rose Johnathan in Kenya is suffering from the effects of climate change. It means that they are in the double bind of long drought followed by such torrential rain as to cause flooding. The pandemic hits them worse than many as there is little enough water for hand washing to keep the virus at bay. We shall help the likes of her to have a sustainable source of water.

Above all, please pray for the work of Christian Aid, for those of us active on the ground in Seaford delivering, collecting or sitting at the churn to receive people's money and envelopes.

Colin Pritchard 01323 894899





Thank you for praying and supporting us here at LAMA House.

We are still very limited by pandemic restrictions. Drs received vaccinations today at LORMA hospital in San Fernando. However, we have no idea when or how everyone else will be able to get it.

We continue to renovate the building, it's marvellous what we have been able to get done. We are very thankful for our hard-working builders, Arnold, Judy and Erwin from the village. They have helped us from the start when LAMA House was being built in 1990 and it really is a labour of love for them.

I was tidying the classroom today, renovations left everything very dusty. I found a notebook with Vincent's name on the front... inside the pages were filled with neat handwriting from him and other boys, Bible verses and notes taken at devotion time with Michael. It blessed me so much to know we could teach them to read and write God's Word and to pray. They came to us not knowing their alphabet.

They all need your prayers now; these are hard times. Pray they will find a church to belong to and work. Some names: Vincent, Joshua, Rustom, Ivan,

Jitel, Kevin, Nicole, Nikka, Jimo, Jesus, Michael ... and so many others...Julius, Fidel, Jack, Jessie, Bryan, Nenyoy.

We are in touch with them all. We follow up the children/ young people closely, delivering groceries to those we are able to visit personally (with these restrictions) and we give financial help when needed to all who have once been in our care and to needy families. Special thanks to all at St Leonard's & St Luke's for your continued financial support which helps us provide these essentials. We appreciate you so much. Please also pray that our former staff can find work.

Perhaps you would join me in praying these verses over the boys and that they would indeed leave their past behind and walk with those whose heart is pure. Not easy - but who said anything about easy! God's Word spoken in prayer will set in motion the answers, just as rain falling on dry ground will achieve results.

Thank you! Much love to you

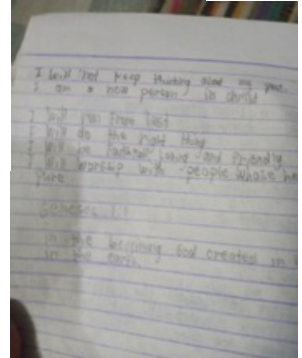
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John 7:37; Proverbs 7:1; Proverbs  
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## Elizabeth Morgan-Jones answers questions about the work of Cambodia Action and Sarah Chinn

### **How did the parish first become involved with the work of Cambodia Action?**

It was through direct contact with Sarah Chhin (or Buddell as she then was) who grew up in Seaford. She worshipped at Seaford Baptist Church. Some of us knew her when she was a guide. Whilst still at school, Seaford Head she had felt God calling her to Cambodia and went on to study languages and Khmer in particular: to help with this she volunteered with Cambodia Action which is a UK based charity.

By 2000 Sarah went as one of their missionaries to manage Project Sky whose aim was to provide support and ensure the social inclusion of young adult orphans out of orphanages and into communities.

Sarah needed to raise financial and prayer support for this project and so visited the local churches here in Seaford for help and we responded.

### **What happened to this Project?**

Having trained local staff to manage this work for themselves it was registered as a local Non-Governmental Organisation under the name of M'rup Russey which is the only programme in Cambodia

concentrating on supporting the reintegration of children in residential care who are orphans, abandoned, homeless or sex-trafficked children. Their Key team members have worked in this field of alternative care for up to 12 years.

### **What does Sarah do now?**

Sarah is officially the Strategic Technical Advisor for M'rup Russey and works tirelessly to raise funding on an international scale for their projects but she has increased her advisory work to the Royal Government of Cambodia. Sarah worked closely with them to draft the country's Minimum Standards for Residential Care. She also undertakes a lot of translation work not only for M'rup Russey but also for other NGO's. The government recently made Sarah an official member of the Ministry of Social Affairs Secretariat which is finalising the procedures for implementing kinship care and foster care.

### **What does the name M'rup Russey mean?**

Literally 'Shade of the Bamboo'. There is a Khmer proverb, 'The young bamboo will replace the old bamboo' which is taken to mean that children need to be guided and protected by adults. It is easy for a Khmer person to

make the connection between the shade of the big bamboo and the protection given by family.

### **Why are there so many young people in orphanages and what happens to them?**

There are no social services in Cambodia. Poor families can usually only provide either food or education but not both, so they tend to send their children to orphanages to get an education. Sadly once they leave they are then abused by employers as well as rejected and criticised by neighbours: they fear for their lives. Most survive on less than 75p a day and all have been homeless at some point during their transition out of the orphanages.

### **Why can't they return to their families?**

Although most have parents and other relatives who could be supported to look after them the tragedy is that most of them will not be able to return to live with their families, as they have become disconnected and alienated from them. It is not that there are orphanages because there are orphans; there are orphans because there are orphanages. M'lup Russey is working hard to change this culture.

### **What sort of family does Sarah have?**

A very supportive one! Her parents who now live in Hampshire co-ordinate her support and distribute her publicity material. Sarah is now married to Pola whose own family suffered greatly under the Pol Pot regime. They live with their two daughters, Hannah (14) and Alice (12) in a village on the outskirts of Phnom

Penh but in addition they have taken full responsibility over the last ten years for 5 orphaned sisters now aged 13, 16, 20, 25 and 28. Lyne the second eldest is now married to Kimhach and they have a year old daughter: they rent a room in the same village.

Until January 2019 they were all living together as one household but then they found that their home was being destroyed by termites so they all moved out into their temporary 'Little House' that Pola built in the back yard. He is now constructing, when his other building work allows, a new home on the site of the old one.

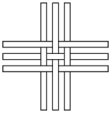
### **How does Sarah keep in touch?**

The parish receives the quarterly coloured magazine from Cambodia Action which is distributed at both churches and there is the opportunity to sign up for a regular newsletter 'Side by Side' and or very chatty prayer requests which can be sent by post or email. When she visits the UK she is always happy to come and speak to us and can often divulge more information than when she writes. Please continue to keep praying for them.

Find out more about Cambodia Action at [www.cambodiaaction.org](http://www.cambodiaaction.org)



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# April Calendar and Lectionary

<b>Thursday 1st</b>	10.00am	Prayer Stations in St. Leonard's	See page 5
	7.00pm	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's*
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	10.00am	Prayer Stations in St. Leonard's	See page 5
	2.00pm	Prayer Stations in St. Luke's	
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	4.00pm	Messy Church	Online
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Day</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Easter 2</b>	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Easter 3</b>	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Easter 4</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom

\* Services are livestreamed and available at [www.seafordparish.org.uk/online](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/online)  
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## **4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday**

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

## **18<sup>th</sup> April: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

## **11<sup>th</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 4:32-35

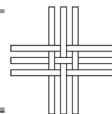
Gospel: John 20:19-31

## **25<sup>th</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Gospel: John 10:11-18

# May Calendar and Lectionary



<b>Saturday 1st</b>	4.00pm	Messy Church	Online
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter 5</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Easter 6</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	7.00pm	Ascension Day Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Easter 7</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom

**For all the latest news and details of any changes please see the weekly news sheet or subscribe to our news email at [www.seafordparish.org.uk/latest](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/latest)**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Gospel: John 15:1-8

## **16<sup>th</sup> May: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Gospel: John 17:6-19

## **9<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Gospel: John 15:9-17

## **23<sup>rd</sup> May: Pentecost**

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

## **13<sup>th</sup> May: Ascension Day**

Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Luke 24:44-49

## **30<sup>th</sup> May: Trinity Sunday**

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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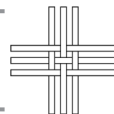
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## St. Leonard's Church

### *Sundays*

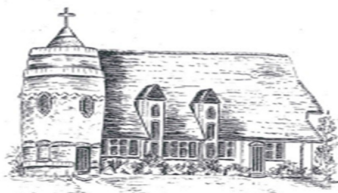
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
9.30am Parish Communion (also online)  
11.15am The Meeting Place (also online)

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month*

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

### *Saturdays*

8.30am Parish Prayers (on Zoom)



## St. Luke's Church

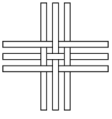
### *Sundays*

9.30am Parish Communion  
7.00pm St. Luke's@7 (on Zoom)

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