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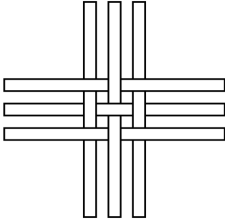
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St. Leonard's & St. Luke's Churches

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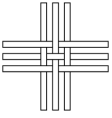
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Parish News

Next Steps- A message from James

Most road signs are really clear – do this, don't do that. But a few, especially the circular ones mostly in blue invite you to give way. They give a sense of who does have priority but also require you the driver to be sensible. St. Paul in Romans 14 calls on those of us who think we're 'Strong' Christians not to run roughshod over those you might think 'Weak' Christians. Meanwhile 'Weak' Christians should endeavour not to judge the 'Strong'. All this is a theological roundabout way of saying Be Nice and Be Sensible please in the next steps.

- 1. No need to book to come to any service. Just come!*
- 2. We will keep chairs 1m apart and zone churches with back rows allocated to non-singers.*
- 3. Continue to sanitise your hands upon arrival and continue to give your name at the door (track n trace). We will not be taking your temperature.*
- 4. We will keep hymns short, with consecutive verses of the same hymn when those in the front zone can join in. At St. Leonard's and St. Luke's we will all sing outside without masks at the end, weather permitting. At The Meeting Place songs will be sung in full.*
- 5. Continue to wear a mask.*
- 6. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in wafer form only following the existing routines.*

7. The services in St. Leonards at 9.30am and 11.15am will continue to be available on our YouTube channel.

More than likely over the next few weeks as the situation continues to change further advice will arrive. Please continue to look at the weekly sheet, website and social media for further news.

Church Services

As we look forward to further relaxing of Covid regulations so too there are some developing changes to the pattern of our services. Please see page 45 for full details and also keep an eye on the weekly news for late additions and amendments.

Join James on Facebook

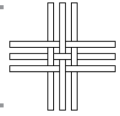
You can join James on Facebook @seafordparishsussex Monday to Friday at 7.30am for a Thought for the Day. At 6.00pm each day there is a service of Evening Prayer.

Climate Sunday

We will be celebrating Climate Sunday on 29 August in St Leonards and St. Luke's. Part of this will be to make some commitments as a church.

Mothers' Union

The MU will be holding a Welcome Back Afternoon Tea on Friday 10th September at 2.30pm in St. Luke's. All members and new members are most welcome.



The Parish Men's Meal

We have not closed permanently!

As restrictions begin to ease further we have been seeking information from our usual restaurants and one other about their availability to receive us again. It does seem likely that we may be able to meet again in mid to late August. We look forward to renewed fellowship as we meet again. Watch this space, the weekly Parish news sheet and regulars, your email inboxes!

Keith Carlisle

Ride and Stride

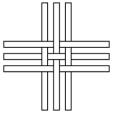
Charlie Christie and Bob Carrington will once again be taking part in Ride and Stride on Saturday 11th of September. Last year they were blessed with a hot, clear day and on parts of their walk were treated to absolutely stunning views. Once again we will be walking and the offer is open to anyone wanting join them. Details will be in the weekly news nearer the time. As always we will need people to steward tables at both of our churches for other Ride and Striders to sign in, providing refreshments and encouragement. Most importantly Charlie and Bob need you to sponsor them! Without your sponsorship this event is merely a pleasant walk through the beautiful town and surroundings. With it, the Riding and Striding become a community effort to raise much needed funds, not just for our beloved churches, but for churches country wide.

The Single Consecrated Life

Since writing in the December-January Parish Magazine the date when I make my lifetime vow has been moved and will now take place on Friday August 6th at 11.00am in St. Leonard's Church. As it appears restrictions will be lifted this is open to anyone interested in attending following whatever guidelines we have concerning mask wearing and distancing. Bishop Martin will lead the service.

My vocation to the Single Consecrated Life began over fifty years ago. I was a Novice for three years living in a Convent. The Nuns lived under three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to the Head of the Community. Due to family circumstances I had to leave before taking my final vows. I sensed my vocation to respond to this call never ceased and it is only now that I am able to fulfil my vocation by taking my vow to follow a monastic way of life. For the past three years since I took my first vow my journey has been overseen by the Bishop. This lifetime vow involves a vow of celibacy, prayer through the day, living a simple uncluttered life and undertaking Pastoral Care as needed. The Bishop and a Spiritual Director support individuals living the Single Consecrated Life throughout their life. For more information you can visit the website: www.singleconsecratedlife-anglican.org.uk

Diana Woodcock



Parish News

The 2021 Parish Flower Festival is coming!

The Flower Festival arrangements are in hand and progressing well.

This time we are also advertising our event as part of the Lewes Artwave which is an annual festival of artists and makers from Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven and the surrounding villages and runs from the 11th to 26th September.

So instead of holding an 'Open House' at Hill Rise to showcase Anthony Morgan-Jones's paintings and cards they will be displayed, together with a contribution from the hand of Nina Buckland in St Leonard's Church. The idea will be as before, that any sales will be for parish funds. Of necessity this will be a small exhibition, casually displayed as it has to be able to be put up and taken down easily to accommodate existing services and bookings and apart from weekends will just be open during the regular hours of 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

Our main focus is the Flower Festival Friday 24th to Monday 27th September entitled 'Window on our World'. Arrangers are pleased to be back to provide displays based on different countries and some of our parish mission partners serving overseas. Musicians and others are looking forward to providing musical interludes each day.

We now need your help to steward this event and hopefully, by then, serve simple refreshments. Please sign up when the lists become available in both churches. Please tell family and friends and display a poster at home and in any other venue you can!

This is another opportunity to share our heritage building and give a warm welcome to the wider community whilst providing a worthwhile experience for all.

It would be lovely to have your help and it will be much appreciated.

Liz Morgan-Jones & Margaret Smith



Flower Festival

24-27 Sept

Art at St. Leonard's

11-27 Sept

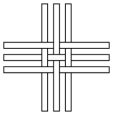


Window On Our World

ART ~ WAVE

10.00am - 5pm : Sat 11th, Sat 18th, Fri 24th, Sat 25th, Mon 27th
Midday - 5pm : Sun 12th, 19th, 26th (Sun 26th Evensong 6pm)
10.00am-1pm : Weekdays: 11th - 22nd
Closed : Thursdays & during services

St Leonard's Church, Church St, Seaford, BN25 1HH
www.seafordparish.org.uk



The Coffee Cup Fund



The Coffee Cup Fund continues to boil. The great news from the Coffee Cup Fund is that we have another seven new contributors to the Parish Giving Scheme. This will generate income of £1000 a year plus Gift Aid of £250. There are also seven existing givers who have raised their monthly direct debits by £150 (in total) a month, which means income of £2250 a year. That is £3500 we will now receive in a

full year. As well as increases through the Parish Giving Scheme we have also seen more cash in the collections which in the three months to June was £3470. Let us keep this generous giving going. Well done everyone, thank you.

Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a simple and secure way for you to make regular donations to the work of our parish. PGS manage Direct Debit donations on our behalf by processing regular donations and collecting gift aid. PGS eases the administration burden and improves the predictability of cashflow.

A unique feature of the scheme is the option to commit in principle to increase your gift annually in line with inflation. While this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of the church.

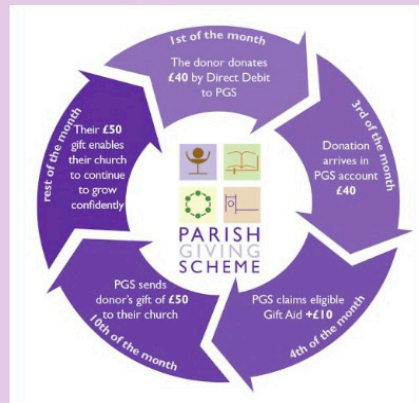
Please do consider moving your giving to the PGS if you currently use envelopes or standing orders. Talk to Paul Waller if you need help or call him on 01323 872088.

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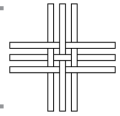


How does it work?

Here's an example of £40 a month



Find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme at www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk



Pastoral Care

Bereavement and Loss

Many people have lost loved ones during the pandemic and have been unable to attend funerals and process their grief. We have a dedicated small team within the Parish Pastoral Care who are experienced in these matters and who are willing to help on a one-to-one basis. Please contact either James, Derreck or Wendy Ogilvie (07779 248730) the Pastoral Care Team coordinator for more information.

Parish Women's Group

Can you believe it we last met way back in 2020! As Covid restrictions have been eased we propose to recommence our meetings starting on the 6th of September 2021. Please also note the change of venue to St Luke's Church Hall, Chyngton. We will be in touch nearer the date to remind you of the changes and offer lifts as required. The group meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at 7.45pm.

Paul Owen

Graham Tubb attended church in Weston-Super-Mare recently and met with Paul Owen who was 'helping out' at the service. He and Jennie are very well and are looking forward



to becoming grandparents. Paul is taking services in a few churches in the area.

What's in a Name?

Can you think of a new name for the Parish Magazine? Something that is easy to remember, will reflect who we are and give the magazine a strong sense of identity.

Send your suggestions to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk

From the Registers

Funerals

Margaret Fuller aged 83

Weddings

Stephen Walker and Heather Nott

Parish Magazine Copy Dates

Items for the forthcoming editions of the Magazine are most welcome and should be sent to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk

October-November edition: Tuesday 14th September
December-January edition: Tuesday 16th November

Getting to know me

Part 6



James Hollingsworth

Stefan and I went to Seaford Head secondary school in July to be grilled by some Year 10 pupils. They asked some really top-quality questions about abortion, euthanasia, the sacrifice of Jesus.

And they also asked What's the difference between a *Priest* and a *Vicar*? A vicar is a job description whereas the word 'priest' is a qualification. Sort of. Likewise, the word *deacon* denotes a qualification but *curate* is a job description.

They asked about why and how I got to be a vicar and if you've been reading your magazine over this last year then you'll know something of that story.

In the last issue I talked about how I

came to my Clergy Selection Conference and I mentioned in passing the Aston Training Scheme.

How can God call people who aren't like me to be Vicars?

If you talk to one of the retired clergy here it might be that they can remember the Aston Training Scheme. It was a great idea. Too many clergy are white middle class from boarding school with degrees and we're missing out on a whole area of society and surely God is at work among them, calling them to be vicars. At the time (about 30 years ago!) the idea was explicitly explained as being aimed at the fireman (sic) who hadn't written an essay for some years but who was being called by God to be a vicar (I expect Derreck to be wincing as he

reads just how appallingly patronising this is).

So someone sat down and said 'How can we get people who aren't like us to hear the call of God, to become Clergy, because clearly we are blocking people from becoming vicars'. In more recent years we've heard Bishop Philip North crying out for clergy to go and minister in northern estates (apparently, we vicars like the warmer south?!) and we've seen a disparity and lack of diversity and so the Church has worked hard to address racism and hear the voices of Black and Minority Ethnic people.

So at some stage it was a good idea, but poorly executed and finally it folded. I was in the penultimate cohort but even I could see the writing on that wall. You know enough about me to know that I wasn't the intended sort of person for this course. I already had a degree, from a boarding school etc. But those in charge of training vicars had seen that this was an opportunity to take a hold of people who are called by God but are not quite ready for theological college.

Power poorly employed

And so everyone was diagnosed with three problems. This was the first time that I came to understand the quiet power of institutions, and the power of certain people to hold sway over us. We each had to address our own 'problems'. Note that these were problems that we were told we had by others.

And to deny one of the problems was to indicate that we clearly had another problem - with authority!

I think it was the first time I saw power being used by an institution to manipulate and control. At one level I get it, if you want to be, say, a fighter pilot, then you've got to be fit enough, if you want to be an accountant, then you've got to pass the exams. The institution gets to control the hoops you jump through. Fair enough. But this was a creation of hoop machine. It opened my eyes to the power of the Clerical Collar.

This horrible experience has proved to be very helpful. It has opened my eyes to the power and authority I can wield simply by wearing a collar. I need to be aware of that and to be careful to not use it. But it has also helped me see when others are trying that same game on me. They have a title, an expertise, a tone, that presumes that its acceptable to dictate and wield power over me!

So Pray

Pray for a voice to the powerless, a voice to those lacking in confidence – because I think its our job as a church to empower people, not for us to wield power.

And Pray for God to call people to be vicars, especially ones who are not like me. We need more Vicars who come from a wider variety of life than mine.



Eco- Church Team

Lucy Hollingsworth

As Christians we are responsible for the world we live in. It is also part of our mission in our community. So James the Vicar has tasked me with finding out what we are doing already in terms of engagement with all things Eco and to see how we can focus it and grow it. It starts with worship and teaching so:

Climate Sunday

We will be celebrating Climate Sunday on 29th August in both churches. Derreck will be leading and Lucy preaching at St. Leonard's and James will be leading and preaching at St. Luke's. Part of this will be to make some commitments as a church.

Eco Church

To start to look at this Diana Dixon and I would like to invite anyone who is interested to a first Eco Church Team meeting at St Leonards on Saturday 21st August from 10.00am to 11.00am. The idea of the meeting will be to see who is interested, what passions and skills we have between us and what is already going on. If you would like to come please email Lucy at revlucy@seafordparish.org.uk

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles. <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/eco-church> If you are interested then watch the webinar recording 1. An introduction to and overview of Eco Church.

There are five areas that a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with to receive an award:

1. Worship and teaching
2. Management of church buildings
3. Management of church land
4. Community and global engagement
5. Lifestyle

There are three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. They are applied for through an online survey. I have signed up both churches so we can begin to access the survey. It is a really good and well-resourced way of engaging church members and the wider community with caring for God's creation. Any questions please ask me.



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CHILDREN FAMILIES YOUTH

Stefan Bracher



Wow! It's been a wee bit busy!

We have been having a great time since I last wrote in the magazine. We have had around 30 new parents come along to Tots' Treats (our baby, toddler and parent groups), this is in addition to the parents we had prior to lockdown.

We have also had some more fantastic young people come and join us for Sparks, our children's group, too and some brilliant questions coming from them like, how can Jesus be a part of God? (Some questions take a minute to work out how to respond, but we get there).

Ignite, our youth group, have been spending time relaxing and getting back into the swing of having a normal conversation with each other face to face. They have also been helping us to come up with some brilliant ways to lead a fundraising effort for the children, youth and family work.

Ignite have decided to challenge themselves to complete a sponsored 1.2 million steps in just 1 week (that equates to 65 miles each in a week). We are raising funds to improve the children and youth facilities in St

Luke's, giving the group something additional to work with.

So we are calling out for sponsorship!!! Are you able to help push them to complete the challenge and sponsor them as much as you can? You can sponsor by heading over to the website link, scanning the QR Code using your smart device camera (a link will appear), or just speaking to me and giving the sponsorship that way: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/1ef156d9-d122-4948-bfb-d-df47fd4d34bc>

If you are a UK taxpayer you can also give via gift aid and we will be able to turn ever £1 you give, into £1.25.





Over the summer we usually shut down and not open the groups, due to the increase in requests from parents we have been thinking differently. We will be running a version of Tots' Treats in both St Leonard's and St Luke's and we will be having various touch base sessions with Sparks, Ignite and Messy Church throughout August. Please keep an eye out for dates on the website, in parent emails and on our Messy Church Facebook page. Alternatively you can always call/email me.

Complete normal children, youth and family work will return on Saturday 4th September with Messy Church at 3.30pm in St Leonard's Church. The rest of the children, youth and family groups will return on their designated dates in the next week.

We still have an issue with requiring more volunteers across the groups, fortunately that problem is only going to get worse!! I say fortunately as this is a really good place to be, we need more groups to be created to make the groups more age appropriate. For example we have 4 young people in Ignite who are 18, we need a group to help support them in their development in their own faith and a style of service that really speaks to them. If we don't there will be a break down in the groups, meaning no matter how much I am in a role, we will not have newer young people staying

in our Church if they cannot see themselves represented or a way for them to feel part of the Church.

Since my last request for help we had one volunteer for Tots' Treats, which is brilliant and thank that person so much for feeling like they can contribute to the group.

So I ask that you please really consider the sessions that we run and the sessions that we are going to require to run in the future and think about what you might be able to support with. You can ask me a 101 questions and if at the end of it you say it's not for you I will still thank you as you've given that time to think about it and pray about it.

Safeguarding is a really important issue to all of the people on the children, youth and family teams; therefore it will be important that we go through the correct processes to safeguard yourself and others.

If you are interested in helping out or would just like to find out more, please call or email me on the details below (don't worry I won't force you to help out if you feel it is not for you come the end of our chat).





St. Leonard's Hall

James Hollingsworth

At the last two APCMs, in the magazine and sundry other places we have begun to talk about selling St. Leonard's Hall. This is a short summary of why and what the process might be. The shortest summary is that we are trying to bring St. Leonard's into the heart of the town community.

We need to sell the hall because...

We are running, again, a £50k deficit
For many, this is answer enough. We need to take a quick and radical grasp of our finances. We have a fabulously wonderfully generous Church family where we give about £200k each year and we have a faithful PCC who have committed to youth work and reaching out through tech and so on and that comes to about £250k each year.

We cannot blame it on Covid19. By not re-opening the hall we will save ourselves a heap load of money. If we

fail to sell the hall, we will almost certainly be bankrupt in about five years. But we're the Church! We're not about money! We are about showing the love of God to our community! Absolutely! So the other reason why we need to sell the hall is because...

We need a Church building that is fit for mission and worship

The hall itself is in quite a dilapidated state. If we had, say £200k, we could invest that into the hall, repair it, bring it up to a modern conference standard, and start to hire it out at a sensible rate. Alas we don't have that money.

St. Leonard's Church is not in that good a condition either. For years we've been talking about needing to repair the roof. I have been here long enough to see plaster falling from the walls and ceilings. We need to repair our Church building.

Even if the hall was fabulously tiptop, I would still be pursuing our need to help the Church building be fit for mission and worship and that means having at least a kitchenette and some toilets put in.

You may remember talk of the need for an extension out the north side of the Church. The DAC (a Diocesan group who help advise on how Churches can be fit for purpose) visited us and worked hard to discourage us from building externally. The key reason here is that we would spend all our money on digging foundations into holy ground rather than actually getting much of an extension. And getting permission would not be easy.

If we could create the changes we need within the Church then that could be possible. It wouldn't be easy, but it could be possible.

We've made a start.

(a) We have moved the office over to the upstairs vestry of St. Luke's. This has only just happened, we expect some teething problems, we have moved what was in the upstairs vestry down to the old kitchen and that will shortly become the new vestry for St Luke's. This is a better use of the space in St Luke's. It will quickly save us quite a bit of money. It will elevate the role and significance of St. Luke's. It will not affect Sunday worship.

(b) We are in the process of improving the kitchen in St. Luke's so that it can have at least a larger oven and a food warmer. We would like to sort this out over the summer. When that has been

sorted then we should again be able to run parish lunches for example.

(c) The idea is that when we do sell the hall that we will be able to take that money and plough it into St. Leonard's Church itself and build within it the meeting spaces, storage, toilets and kitchen that we need.

We are not sure quite where and what that will look like. We have a specialist Church architect who will help us with both the design and the legalities. We can't build this first and then sell the hall. We don't have the money and if we tried to go down this route, we would never start. This means that we are in for a period of turmoil. We need you to bear with us.

But What About?

This is good, we need you to be asking good questions and helping us think this through. Storage issues. Hiring issues. Where to put Sunday School. Couldn't we only sell a part of the Hall? Good question. But it results in us having neither a useful hall nor a restored Church.

What can I do to help?

1. Ask good questions. Ask more 'But what about's. More than likely we will not have an answer at this stage but you will see this change from your perspective and that will help feed into the design so that we end up with two viable church buildings that are fit for worship as well as mission.
2. Join the Parish Giving Scheme. Review your giving, consider the Coffee Fund idea.

3. Pray. Seriously, joyfully, passionately pray. The hall has previously been such a blessing to us, we need that blessing to be poured into our church buildings.

4. Get excited. Maybe this should be higher up the list but I recognise that the steps we're taking at the moment will feel like a loss, a backward step, and there needs to be a space for allowing this mourning. And you may feel similar emotions as we start to make changes

within St. Leonards and within St. Luke's. The question to be asking yourself is 'Would you like to see a Church facility that will last another generation?' Because that is what we're trying to build. A Facility that will bring St. Leonard's into the heart of the town community. And that's exciting, worth paying for and worth praying for.



Saturday Lunchtime Concerts

The 2021 season of Saturday Lunchtime Concerts commences in August, albeit rather later than anticipated.

For more information or to book a seat please contact John Baker by email at stlensorganist@seafordparish.org.uk or by telephone on 01323 893082.

Bookings open on 1st August for

D'Arcy Trinkwon (Organ)

www.darcytrinkwon.com

Saturday 21st August at 1.00pm

Bookings open from 1st September

Sebastian Comberti (Cello)

<https://www.londonmozartplayers.com/sebastian-comberti/>

Saturday 18th September 1.00pm

Concerts last an hour, admission is free with a retiring collection.

St. Leonard's Hall... the future

Fred Bass

As part of our plans to reimagine the future of St. Leonards and make it an accessible space at the heart of our community most are probably aware that we are in the process of selling the St. Leonard's parish hall for housing; the preferred plan is for 6 dwellings; that is 4 affordable apartments and two small town houses, but all this has to be confirmed through due process. Meantime St. Leonards Parish hall is now permanently closed.

In parallel with this we have already moved the parish office to St. Lukes on Walmer Road, a move which will save about £2,000 pounds a year. St. Lukes is already a much more accessible space, well insulated and heated. Making the office move now will help towards offsetting the £50,000 annual deficit we are trying to deal with. There is much to do but the physical move has been made, we now need to change the registered address, get a post box and new postcode and we will have a new mobile telephone for the office number but meantime the old one still works (as does the address). I expect by the next edition of the magazine all this will be sorted. We are also in the process of converting the old kitchen into the new vestry as the old one above the sanctuary is now the office!



The new parish office has a separate outside door in the tower leading to a lovely spiral staircase leading to the office on the first floor. This means it will be self-contained and not disturb any use of the main building. On street parking there is easy and free, by the way.

Naturally St. Luke's primary function is still as a church but it is also much more easily hired out with its level access, kitchen area and flexible extension. St. Lukes in the past was already generating two thirds of our income from lettings at a much lower cost than the parish hall and we will shortly be upgrading St. Luke's kitchen to make it even more effective for larger events.

While St. Leonards remains at the centre of town, and we are working on refurbishing it to reach out to our community, this move does put more of a focus on the value of St. Lukes as one of our two churches in the parish by becoming our administrative and hiring centre. I would like to encourage the wider parish to attend some services there, I know many do not appreciate the intimate space it offers for worship, it really is special.

Nikki Kerr

As we reach the end of the school year, many of our families have been struggling in recent weeks, as the increased number of Covid cases in schools has meant frequent periods of self-isolation. Our practitioners have been called upon to provide significant emotional support to parents who have found this very difficult to deal with, and the financial impact has been evident as we have had more need of our fuel fund and foodbank to support families where parents have been unable to work because of childcare problems.

Despite this, our families are really feeling positive about the face-to-face contact which we are now able to have with them, and many of them have said that simply being able to speak directly to their practitioners rather than on Zoom or WhatsApp has made them feel better able to cope. We are planning some summer activities for our families, sadly nothing on a huge scale, but certainly involving small groups of families from the same areas. We hope that we will be able to resume all of our usual calendar of family events and activities from September.

Our new practitioners are settling well into their roles, and are very busy

making connections with local groups. This month we have also welcomed two new administrators to the staff team. Miranda, who will be supporting the practitioner team, and Jo, who will be supporting the fundraising team.

Our Open Garden events have been a little dampened by the unfortunate weather we have been having recently, but we still have 10 dates left before the end of September which we would love to see you at. All the details are on our website. We are also looking forward to our Amberley-Arundel Walk on 12th August and have several groups already registered. Please get in touch with Jo by email jo@familysupportwork.org.uk if you would like more information. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers as we now head into a very busy time.

June's work in numbers

- 235 individual visits and 201 support calls with families supporting 35 grandparents, 310 parents and 319 children
- 31 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
- 27 online group sessions held
- 368 food deliveries made

Prayer points

- Pray that our new administrators will settle quickly into their roles and soon feel part of the team
- That our staff will be able to recharge during much-needed time off over the coming weeks, especially those who have had to take on more than usual over the last 18 months
- Pray for success with some large funding bids that have recently been submitted and would provide vital core income if successful

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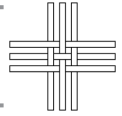


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June-July Prayer Diary



This prayer diary offers a focus for our personal and corporate prayers and may be incorporated into our own Prayer and Bible Study times. Each month sections highlight prayer pointers for our mission partners.

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)

Pray for Missions Partners during August

Link to Hope Eastern Europe

- With COVID 19 hitting Eastern Europe too, the elderly feel more isolated than before and work restrictions make it more difficult for the teams.
- Link to Hope is helping to provide extra food parcels for the projects and has set up a Washing Machine Ministry in Moldova to help with the hygiene issues facing many.
- Pray for all the projects they are involved with in Eastern Europe involving education and social care, to combat poverty and give humanitarian aid. especially during the COVID 19 crisis.

LAMA Ministries

- Due to the tight Covid restrictions, the boys home remains closed. Pray for the Gomez family and LAMA trustees as they consider future plans and direction.
- For Lesley, Michael, Ana and Simon as they prepare sessions of worship and Bible Study online for the detention centre. For the houseparents there who continue encouraging the youngsters' faith.
- For former boys from LAMA, now young adults and in need of work. Peter as he travels to give practical help to families of former boys.
- Pray for families living on the beach near LAMA who may be evicted as squatters as few have permits. They have built up their homes out of poverty, working as fishermen. Pray for other land for them to dwell on and for LAMA to know how to help them. LAMA built a church there with a permit.

Beachy Head Chaplaincy

- Pray for good health for the Chaplains patrolling in all weathers throughout this pandemic and their support staff.
- For those whose lives have been saved and their families that they will receive the right care from Mental Health teams.
- For the families of those whose lives were lost and that they will also receive help, support and care they need.

- That their financial needs for 2021 will be met and for the management team as they raise and administer funds.
- Pray about whether God would have you involved in this ministry through Prayer, Participate (volunteer as a chaplain) or Pledge (financially).

Sunday - The Church Worldwide

- For renewal of the Church in vision, service and the power of the Holy Spirit. That the Church will reflect the fruits as well as the gifts of the Spirit, reflecting and revealing the love of Jesus.
- All Christian leaders - for wisdom as they minister to those in their care and for their families who support them.
- A renewed desire for the Word of God to change lives and make us to be more like Christ.
- As God's people come to worship today, whether in a large congregation or alone, pray that they might know his presence, hear his voice and receive his blessing.
- Our Christian brothers and sisters who live under the threat of persecution, imprisonment, or death for following Jesus.

Monday - The UK

- For wisdom and creative leadership for the Prime Minister, Houses of Parliament, leaders of the devolved Houses and advisers in their quest to lead us safely in these days.
- NHS, Social Care and their employees as they deal with the Covid situation alongside the care of people needing investigations and treatment delayed because of lockdown. For those who are waiting and their loved ones.
- For integrity in the media and news agencies in sharing and reporting information. Pray truth, strength, God's wisdom and hope over the journalists, editors and those in power.
- Pray for healing and reconciliation within communities, friends and families. In our multicultural, diverse nation, may God raise up peacemakers to bridge the divides that exist, and the Church pursue unity in diversity in their communities.

Tuesday - Parish

- James and Derreck for wisdom as they continue to lead safely into the future.
- That as a parish we will "catch a glimpse" of God's plan for his Church and that we will embrace and work together to bring this into life.
- For leaders and participants of Alpha as they explore Christian faith together.
- The stabilisation of the financial health of the parish.
- For those who face challenges returning to church worship. Give us compassion to get alongside and help us to offer a real welcome to all.
- All who are sick that they might know God's peace, healing and wholeness.
- Those continuing to grieve the loss of loved ones during the pandemic.

Wednesday - Children & Young people

- For Stefan and for more helpers to join the enthusiastic and committed teams.
- For all those involved in the summer activities programme – for fun, safety and a sense of belonging.
- For families in Seaford, who struggle to feed and provide for the children’s needs during the extended holidays.
- As groups begin their autumn programme in September, pray for a sense of anticipation and excitement for Tots, Sparks, Ignite and Messy Church. Give thanks for each one and their families.

Thursday - For those living in

August 5th Alfriston Road, Alfriston Park, Seaford Close, Old Nursery Close, Kammond Ave.

August 12th Sutton Road, Harison Road, Meadow Way, Sheep Pen Lane,

August 19th Sandore Road, Sandore Close, Bromley Road, Eton Close, Harrow Close.

August 26th Roedean Close, Benenden Close, Rugby Close, Dulwich Close, Millfield Close.

September 2nd Blue Haze Avenue, Richington Way, Vale Close, Vale Road

September 9th Etherton Way, West Dean Rise, East Dean Rise, Cradle Hill Road

September 16th Valley Drive, Quarry Lane, Lexden Road, Lexden Court.

September 23rd Barn Rise, Raymond Close, The Peverells, Barn Close.

September 30th Coxwell Close, Lexden Drive, Pitt Drive.

Friday - Seaford

- For local businesses and tradespeople. For those returning to work and those whose jobs are precarious.
- Local schools – for staff and students. For students receiving GCSE and A level results. For those adjusting to the transition to another school or 6th form college.
- Churches in Seaford - for leaders and people, for God’s guidance and blessing.
- Care Homes – protection from infection for staff and residents as they adjust to meeting with more visitors.

Saturday - World

- Give thanks for our natural world. Pray for government leaders to agree to actions whereby we might become wiser stewards of our resources.
- Those trying to rebuild lives following adverse weather and natural disasters.
- For those nations where health services are struggling to cope with Covid cases and vaccination is not readily available. Pray that the wealthier nations will share what they have soon.
- Pray for our Mission partners abroad living under lockdown because of rising Covid cases and for peace for their families at home.

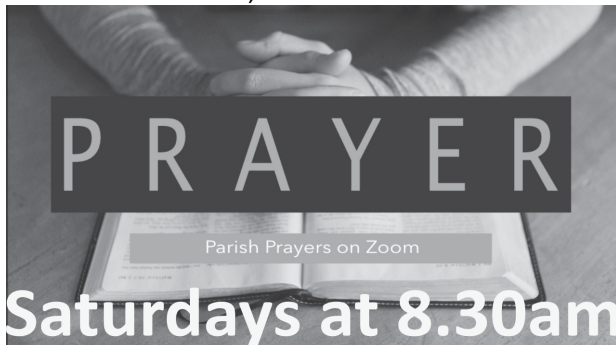
Pray for Missions Partners during September

Schools

- Pray for all the schools in Seaford (Anney, Bowden House, Chyngton, Cradle Hill, Cuckmere House, Seaford Head, Seaford Head Sixth Form Centre, Seaford Primary, St John's) as they return at the beginning of the new academic year.
- Stamina and strength for staff as they face yet more changes from last term and new ways of working.
- That pupils and families requiring extra support will receive the help they need.
- Safety and protection for all in our school communities from disease and danger.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

- Ask for blessing on the Resource Shop at the MAF terminal in Arnhem Land and on those passengers who use the Christian material available there. An offer of help from the spouse of a MAF Pilot has allowed its reopening.
- MAF Haiti celebrates 35 years of service. There is a huge need for them to continue flying partner organisations to help rebuild a battered country, following several devastating natural disasters. Pray for the safety of MAF staff and for a period of stability in Haiti.
- Give thanks for the commitment of MAF staff to share God's Word worldwide. In Papua New Guinea a member of MAF Technologies PNG visits a women's prison each week with members of local churches to have fellowship with inmates.
- Remember the behind-the-scenes staff: those working to maintain aircraft & airstrips, the logisticians scheduling flights, quality & safety staff, building maintenance workers & cleaners, the finance teams.



This Diary aims to give a framework for the parish Church family to pray together. Any suggestions for topics to be included or improving its helpfulness, contact Sue at prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk

Book Review

Knowing God
by J.I. Packer

John Murray Press (2005)
ISBN - 9780340863541

I came across this book in my early twenties, Jesus had burst into my life just three years previously and I wanted to enhance my understanding of faith, and know how I was to grow and develop practically. If you have been reading 'The Prodigal Prophet' this book is mentioned, hence this review.

'Knowing God' was the first 'theological' book I read. Not theological in the sense that it was full of long incomprehensible words, but it was founded upon sound scholarly exploration. James Innell Packer got his BA from Oxford in 1948, becoming a Christian there during a Christian Union meeting. He went on to gain his Masters and Doctorate. Among others his lecturers were C.S Lewis and Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones. He studied at Wycliffe Hall and after ordination served as a parish priest in Birmingham. He then lectured at Oak Hall Theological College (Greek and Latin) and Tyndale Hall. He returned to Oxford and there met and became friends with John Stott (All Souls Langham Place). He became the editor of the 'Evangelical Quarterly' and produced a series of articles which became Knowing God in 1973. Moving to Canada with his wife he became lecturer and principle of a number of Theological colleges there, as well as being the theological editor of (what became) the ESV Study Bible.

The chapter titles of Knowing God express the ground covered, e.g. The

Study of God; Knowing and Being Known; God Incarnate; God Unchanging; God's Wisdom and Ours; The Grace of God; The Jealous God; The Heart of the Gospel; Thou Our Guide, among others. The chapters are long enough to do justice to the topic but not so long to be hard work. But don't be fooled, when first published in 1973 the Church Times observed, "*This book is strong meat. To read and digest it is an experience no discerning reader is likely to forget.*" It's not a light bedside, or a frothy holiday book.

John Stott commended the work with the words, "*...he illumines every doctrine he touches and commends it with courage, logic, lucidity and warmth...the truth he handles fires the heart. At least it fired mine, and compelled me to turn aside to worship and to pray.*"

Elizabeth Eliot (evangelist and writer) said "*The lazy and faint-hearted should be warned about this timeless work - God is magnified, the sinner is humbled, and the saint encouraged.*"

The Reverend Canon J.I. Packer died Friday, 17th July 2020, at age 93. When asked for a final word for the church he replied 'Glorify Christ every way'. 'Knowing God' explores and challenges us in that aim.

Derreck Lee-Philpot

The logo for Christian Aid, featuring the words "christian aid" in white lowercase letters on a red arrow-shaped background pointing to the right.

Thank You & more

Nicola Ferguson

“The last 18 months have been a difficult time for all of us. We’re so grateful for your continued help and support.

Without your thought and prayers, your fundraising and enthusiasm, your ideas and donations, we simply wouldn’t have been able to keep up all of the vital work we’re doing.

On National Thank You Day, we along with all our staff and partners around the world would just like to say: thank you” - christianaid.org.uk

The whole Christian Aid Organisation wanted to celebrate the First National Thank You Day, celebrated on the 4 July 2021 and here in Seaford, we want to echo their thanks as, ‘We’re so grateful for your continued help and support’.

The Seaford committee was **at last** able to meet in person for its committee meeting on June 16th 2021. The torrential rain may have kept us out of the garden and limited indoor numbers, but spirits were certainly not dampened, even when



attendees on ‘Zoom’ couldn’t hear a single word through the roar of the rain and had to be moved to the kitchen!

Thank You, Seaford, for all your Giving, Prayers and Action this last Christian Aid Week

Thank You, to all who fund-raised

Thank you, to all who delivered and collected Christian Aid envelopes to and from approximately 1750 Seaford houses.

Thank you, to all who sat with the Churn outside St Leonard’s church, collecting donations and envelopes.

Thank You, to all who attended and assisted with the Christian Aid Service on the 9th May 2021 at Church of St Thomas More, Seaford. It was a wonderful service with all the Churches represented.

Amidst all the challenges and difficulties of the pandemic and lockdown, £6,932.92 from Christian Aid Week was sent from Seaford to Christian Aid. Once the Gift Aid has

been added, there should be a further £550.00, making a total of £7,482.92. Thank You Seaford!

At the time of our committee meeting sitting, Christian Aid Week was showing that:

1.7 Million people had been reached with aid this year.

740 Fundraising pages were set up

869 e-envelopes were received

57,000 people gave their time & gifts during the week

12,000 Churches took part

£1.6 million raised and counting!

Future events

In the hope that all our events will come to fruition, as we progress out of

lockdown, we plan with hope and positivity.

Please make a note in your diaries of the following and let us pray that we will all be able to see each other in person once more!

Crossway Church Lunch.

Friday 5th November 2021

There will be two sittings:

11.45 - 12.45 & 1.15 - 2.15pm

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Christmas Coffee Morning,

venue and dates to be confirmed

Christian Aid Quiz - Crossway Church

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Alpha 2021

Yes, it's coming around again! We last ran an Alpha Course in autumn 2019 and what a brilliant course it was.

A real mixture of people signed up to come and explore faith. Some were church folk looking to deepen their understanding of God, to ask that question that they always wanted, but never had the chance. Others were those with no particular spirituality, simply curious as to what faith, God, Jesus, church might be about.

The evenings started at 7pm (ish) with some chat and catch-up of each other's week. At 7.30pm we sat down to a delicious meal cooked and served by willing volunteers – then pudding, a high-spot of the evening! We'd then get a tea or coffee and watch the evening's filmed presentation. The film style was lively with two presenters dealing with the topic in a conversational way, intercut with moments of Nicky Gumbel preaching, others personal testimony and story all presented in a light, clear way.

Then a time of discussion around the table. This is the core of the session; the time was always lively and filled full of questions. There was no question too daft to ask and no answer too

simple to offer. All to soon Damien (our co-ordinator) would call us to order for a short closing prayer and we would go home full of thoughts about the evening's film and discussion. Best thing was someone else had done the washing up.

Part way through the course we went on an away day to Barcombe to consider the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a subject (a person) that we think little of, many find the concept of a 'Spirit' holy of otherwise difficult to grasp at a personal level. It was a life-changing day for some, for all it was a time when we all learned something new about the Holy Spirit working in people's lives. Much came through the personal testimony of those present, and many were affected by the stories and experiences related.

An Alpha Course is a great way to deepen and further understand our faith, after all, who knows everything, who is fully grown and totally like Jesus?

If you would like to take part in the next Alpha Course but are not sure if it's for you, have a chat with James, myself or Damien who skilfully led the evenings and co-ordinated the 2019 course for us.

Also running a successful Alpha Course takes resources, people, skills, and time. If you can support the next Alpha by cooking, serving, welcoming, washing up, facilitating table groups, praying, then let us know. The only qualifications you need are enthusiasm, a smile, and a desire to see Jesus at work in people's lives.



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Foyer in Newhaven; Citizen's Advice, local foodbanks; East Sussex Children's Services and increasingly self-referral.

Grants

We give grants to those who are moving into housing with some basic needs they cannot afford. The money pays for white goods; or basic furniture e.g. bed or chair; or even floor covering. The latter is required where there are noise problems with bare floors and flat restrictions on noise. We gave 28 grants in the second quarter this year totalling £5,700. These were often to families with physical or mental health problems. This year we were asked for only one grant for a former prisoner (for whom we provide two week's B&B accommodation) but he found alternative accommodation.

Problems with Workload

We have a problem because our Client Managers have too much to do. They each work two days per week but they are finding that they have to do considerable overtime which we do not want them to do. The work is hampered by having to conduct assessments by phone and obtain documents by email (e.g. ID and Bank

Statements). The work can be frenetic at times. We have had an exceptional number of applicants for loans and most are rightly offered loans because they meet our criteria. However, only 21% of applicants are finding accommodation down from 61% before Covid. This means that the time spent on the majority of our assessments does not result in a tenancy. This is helpful in giving a sympathetic ear and hope to our applicants. It also enables us to signpost them to other helpers if necessary but we must try to reduce the workload. There are only two ways to reduce the workload either by reducing applicants or by shorter assessments. We are exploring both options.

Problems with finding a Treasurer

Our excellent Treasurer gave notice in January that he would leave at the end of July. We have had no success in finding a volunteer Treasurer so we have to re-organise the administration of our finances. Fortunately our paid Financial Assistant has accepted being upgraded to Financial Manager and will attend the Management Committee. The post of Treasurer will have less work in with the title 'lead Trustee (finance)'. We are now urgently advertising this reduced role. In the meantime our current Treasurer has kindly volunteered to take on the temporary role as assistant Treasurer attending Board meetings. It is

essential that he hands over to a new Trustee.

Seaford

Our Mayor Rodney Reed has nominated us as one of the Mayors Charities. I had a five minute interview with him about our work. We expect it to be shown on Sunday September 5th. on the Martello Fields at an event titled 'Support our Seaford Charities'. We expect to have a stand there. Please note the date in your diaries.

Please pray:

- For success in finding a lead Trustee for finance
- For Pippa and Gary as they try to reduce their work and Gaby in her new post of Finance Manager
- For all those in need of housing.

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Min Stone and Mary Hawes

A couple of years ago St. Leonard's and St. Luke's Mother's Union was asked to be part of a group setting up a befriending service in the town to combat social isolation. Janet Kent and Stephanie Baker are now trustees of this new charity.

1-2-1 Befriending

SeaFriends have now been offering a 1-2-1 befriending service in Seaford for a year, albeit a very unusual year. As we couldn't deliver face to face befriending we have been providing companionship via regular telephone and video calls. Building a strong band of volunteers, who almost feel like an extension of family, we have provided support to nearly 30 residents who are feeling the effects of social isolation and loneliness during what has been a stressful time. There have been some real friendships grown with lots of



positive feedback from both members and volunteers. A few highlights over the last year have been visiting all our members at Christmas to deliver seasonal hampers, these were beautifully decorated by children from Anney School. At Easter Morrisons kindly donated chocolate eggs to us and these were distributed along with a bunch of daffodils to everyone. We are working alongside Morrisons Community Champions and Cradle Hill School on a postcard and pen pal project connecting our older residents with some of the children, so despite lockdown we have been doing some exciting stuff.

Funding

Our first year was funded by a National Lottery Covid Grant, grants from Sussex Community Foundation and other smaller local funders including being one of Seaford Co-ops nominated charities. We are very excited to announce that after lots of hard work and meetings with the National Lottery they will be funding our service for the coming three years. This is fantastic news meaning we are able to grow and as lockdown finally ends we can begin to provide the groups and activities we have been planning. These will include a regular coffee club, an

intergenerational lunch club, bringing the generations together to share food and stories and other activities as requested by our members.

Volunteer

Social isolation and loneliness and the effect it has on physical and mental health have been exacerbated during the pandemic with more people across the generations suffering. Seaford is a caring town and we have witnessed over this past year how it has come together to help those in need. SeaFriends hope to build on this community spirit by providing a variety of volunteering opportunities. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new people and feel part of the community. If you would like to join our team, maybe offering 1-2-1 befriending, helping at a coffee club, meeting and greeting at our lunch club

or one of the other roles then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. We provide role specific training, expenses, social gatherings for volunteers and full support from our friendly co-ordinators.

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Life And More Abundant Ministries

LAMA

LESLEY GOMEZ



Thank you so much for all you do.

We are still living under tight restrictions, so the home for boys remains closed.

We recently held a zoom meeting with the Head of the Regional Rehabilitation Youth Centre who wants us to do virtual chapel services for the boys there. No visitors are allowed because of Covid. The Houseparents have been trying to do the chapel service but they need our help. So, Michael, Simon, Ana and I will put some worship and Bible Studies online for them. They have 89 young offenders, down from 150. They will have several sessions on Sundays as they have to meet in small groups. Pray for this.

Our trustees meeting will be in July here where we need to discuss future



plans. It is difficult as we still cannot do much. Pray we will know what to stop doing, what to begin and what to continue when things are back to normal.

There is talk that the families living on the beach near LAMA are being evicted. They are squatters but have built up their homes over the years out of poverty, they are fishermen. Pray they will be given other land to dwell on and that we will know how to help them. We built a church there for them, it can stay as we got a permit. Only 12 families out of around 50 have permits.



Please continue to pray for our boys, now young men, in need of work; Ronald, Kevin, Jose, Michael, Wendy, Jack, Fidel, Julius. We endeavour to keep in touch with them through text messages etc during these difficult times.

Sadly, we are unable to get down to the beach to check out the situation. Covid has flared up again and we are under tight lockdown restrictions. Parangao barrio also has a high rate of infections and Pastor Fred's wife, Cathy, who is a nurse is suffering with covid.



Peter will go to fix Wowie's Mom's house next week. It is in desperate need of repair. Pray this will go smoothly. LAMA has funds for the repairs, which will be almost a total rebuild. Repairs to LAMA House have gone well with our excellent, dedicated team of builders.

In the photo, these boys are now grown up. Joshua 3rd from left hopes to graduate high school this July. Pray they will succeed in life and live for Jesus, which goes together.

Your prayers are heard and we trust God to work wonders when you pray.



You can find put more about the work of LAMA on their website.

**Go to:
www.lamaministries.org**

 Life And More Abundant Ministries

Knit for Hair Loss Charity

Cancer hair Care is a hair loss support charity that is currently seeking people to knit dolls and soft headbands. The 'topsy turvy' dolls help children to gently understand hair loss during cancer treatment through play. The dolls ingeniously turn inside out, with hair on one side and no hair on the other. Each knitted dolly comes in a variety of skin colours and is supplied with little hats and scarves. For more details visit their website at: www.cancerhaircare.co.uk/charity-knitters-needed/

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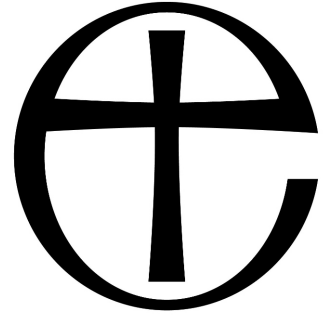
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General Synod Report (July 2021)



THE CHURCH
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A personal reflection from James Hollingsworth

This was to have been in York University where even Bishops have been seen wandering around in loud Hawaiian shirts. Alas it was then removed to London and then to Zoom. The down side of us not being all together is the mutual support that Synod members can give each other when trying to keep up with some of the more complex issues.

God believes in the Church of England

The Presidential address from the Archbishop of York was full of encouragement. Well done, take courage; God believes in the CoE; Clergy are a limiting factor on growth ... so we need more Priests for a priestly people!

The Power of Disinvesting

Climate Change is an emergency. We must act. General Synod voted a while back that the CoE should be Carbon Neutral by 2030. This is a good challenge for each of us personally, at a PCC level, but also at national investment level. The CoE has some

investments and together with others they're part of the National Investment Board which carries vast amounts of money and some serious clout. So they've been proactively investing in companies that are demonstrably moving towards the Paris Agreement. Using the 'Transition Pathway Initiative' they're also disinvesting from companies that are not addressing this seriously.

Bring Safeguarding into the heart of the Church

October 10th will be safeguarding Sunday. See www.thirtyoneeight.org for more detail. The IICSA report of October 2020 made six recommendations that General Synod accepted. A National Safeguarding Casework Management System has been set up to follow these through. Additional questions were raised about bullying clergy to clergy, and about the struggles that smaller parishes find in getting people to be their Parish Safeguarding Officer when many struggle to get Churchwardens.

Living in Love and Faith

This was about passing the baton to the next group of elected General Synod representatives. We have carried this for 5 years and how and what are we passing on?

We need to be motivated by love, we need to create cultures where there are no 'others'. We are all made in God's image, all included in God's love. But for our LGBTQ+ friends this inclusion is more costly, more radical than for others.

The Living in Love and Faith process is not trying to answer the question: can we marry same sex couples? This is seeking deeper understanding which is why the Synod is seeking the engagement of the whole church, not just experts and Bishops. The next step is for focus groups across the Diocese, leading to feedback (eg at Chichester Diocesan Synod February 2021) leading to General Synod in July 2022 to reflect on the discernment and the bishop's decision-making process at the Synod in November 2022.

Vision and Strategy

The Archbishop of York called us to be a Church centered on Jesus Christ and shaped by Jesus Christ through the five marks of mission. This is not a new vision but a refreshed way of describing what has always been the case. The buzz phrase – a "church where a mixed ecology is the norm" is supposed to be about each parish translating the good news into the language of the culture that we now find ourselves in. This is not about dismantling the Parish System. Concerns were raised that this did feel like an undermining of parishes and priests. The central church hasn't

cottoned on to the importance of youth workers. The report is a bit urban, it feels as if the rural church is less important.

Aim: to *become younger* and more diverse. An 80 year old is 8 times more likely to be in church than a 20 year old; this is the first time that we, the CoE, are putting young people at the centre of our vision. The aim is to create a truly intergenerational church community. We need to look like the communities we serve. The next steps will be working with LLF, with the Racial Justice Commission, and those living with disability.

Aim: to double the number of children and young people who are active disciples in Church by 2030. At the moment there are only 900 Churches that have over 25 young people worshipping in the church. The aim is to increase this to 3,000 churches. Bishop Philip North said that 25% of those coming to faith come through new church plants.

Aim: to bring simplicity and coherence to our governance structures. We have 42 diocese, 16,000 parishes and innumerable chaplaincies and fresh expressions. All this needs to be simplified. Do we really need the current number of bishops?

Aim: to create ten thousand new Christian communities across the four areas of home, work/education, social and digital. This does not undermine the importance of gathering nor of sacred space but it does mean that the digital can no longer be an after-thought.

There's a lot of tiredness in the Church. We have had lots of initiatives. They have not always been well received. Neither have they always been particularly effective. This is to be a resetting of the compass around our basic vocation to follow Christ and to make Christ known. The important thing is to take this vision and strategy and adapt it for each parish, not merely adopt it.

Transforming Effectiveness

How can the National Church work more effectively, reduce its costs without adding burdens to Diocese, by serving the Dioceses the way the Dioceses serve the parishes? At a central level things can be done that mean that Diocese will not need to reinvent 42 wheels.

The burden of 'being a charity' is becoming onerous and unsustainable. Some of these things could be useful at a Parish level, through the ACNY website. For example, centralizing payroll, HR advice, advice on technical matters, finance, policies training, property and buildings together with project management support. ACNY could be developed so that payments can be made to individual parishes, gift aid dealt with, halls booked, rotas managed.

Mutual Flourishing

In July 2014, when the CoE voted to enable women to become bishops, General Synod also provided Five Guiding Principles which were intended to support the mutual flourishing of all within the Church of England, in particular, enabling those unable to receive the ministry of

female bishops or priests to flourish within its life and structures.

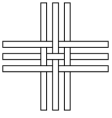
A report proposed a number of recommendations particularly the establishing of a Standing Commission for the purposes of monitoring this and producing, educational and training resources.

But there were then plenty of speakers, including Bishops, who said They weren't very sure how to vote on this Take Note debate. They could accept some of the recommendations but not all. A number of women spoke of how this report lacks the voice of women, of bishops and of lay people. A vote by houses ensued. The Take Note paper was passed in all three houses.

Anglican Methodist Covenant

We already have a covenant. This was just a report to say that they were going to "commit to work to overcome the remaining obstacles to the organic unity of our two churches". This was supposed to be an exceedingly dull discussion. In the light of the recent decision by Methodists to allow same-sex marriage, it took up a lively twist. A number were concerned about what it means for two denominations with such divergent views on the doctrine of marriage to be in some sort of communion.

Others spoke to the larger amount of mutual agreement. This not a scheme for unity though we were reminded that we already have interchangeability of our ministry. The motion passed.



August Calendar & Lectionary

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Friday 6th	11.00am	Single Consecrated Life service	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 9th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
Wednesday 11th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
Wednesday 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Saturday 21st	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
Wednesday 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's

Services marked * are livestreamed and available at www.seafordparish.org.uk

1st August: 9th after Trinity

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16*

Gospel: John 6:24-35*

8th August: 10th after Trinity

Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51*

15th August: Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading: Galatians 4:4-7*

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55*

22th August: 12th after Trinity

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20*

Gospel: John 6:56-69

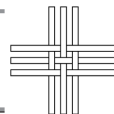
29th August: Climate Sunday

Reading: Genesis 1

Gospel: John 1:1-5

**Denotes standard Year B Lectionary readings.*

September Calendar & Lectionary



Saturday 4th	3.30pm	Messy Church	St. Leonard's*
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Wednesday 8th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 10th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Saturday 11th to Saturday 25th		Artwave	See pages 6-7
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Saturday 18th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	3.00pm	Memorial Service	St. Leonard's
Sunday 22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 24th to Monday 27th		Parish Flower Festival	St. Leonard's
Sunday 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
	11.15am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's*
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	St. Leonard's

St. Luke's@7

During August St. Luke's@7 is taking a break. Please keep an eye on the weekly news, website and social media for details of St. Luke's@7 in September.

5th September: 14th after Trinity

Reading: James 2:1-17*

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37*

19th September: 16th After Trinity

Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8*

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37*

12th September: 15th after Trinity

Reading: James 3:1-12*

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38*

26th September: 17th after Trinity

Reading: James 5:13-20*

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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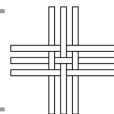
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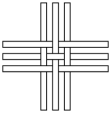
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