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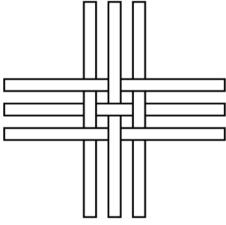
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Parish News

Service Changes in August

On Sunday 7th August The Meeting Place will be held on the beach, just below Martello Tower at 9.30am and a service of Holy Communion will be at St. Luke's at 11.00am. On Sunday 21st August The Meeting Place will be held on the beach (same venue) at 11.00am.

Holy Communion

From Sunday 7th August during Holy Communion we will return to the Common Cup where you can, if you wish, sip from the chalice. Remember to receive in one kind is still to receive the full sacrament.

Seaford Parish Women's Group

SPWG meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of the month at 7.30 in St Luke's, Walmer Road. We have an interesting programme to enjoy and welcome both members and non members.

Women's Group will not meet in August and will reconvene in September with interesting speakers and enjoyable social times together.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union are taking a break in August but will resume their meetings in September.

Men's Meals

Details of forthcoming Men's Meals will be published in the news sheet.

Prayer @ 7

You are warmly invited to come and join together on Sunday 14th August at 7.00pm in St Luke's Church. To find out more, contact Sue Griffiths on 01323 872163 or email her at prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk

Prayer Ministry and Communion

You are welcome to join in a service of Prayer Ministry with Communion in St. Luke's at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month (followed by refreshments). Contact Janet Fairchild on 01323 872281 for more details.

Wednesday at 11.00

The pattern of services at 11.00am each Wednesday continues at St. Leonard's with Matins on the 1st Wednesday of the month and Holy Communion each Wednesday throughout the rest of the month.

Care Homes

It's been so good being able to visit Care Homes in town again and have a short time of worship, sometimes Holy Communion. Do pray for the Care Homes and the wonderful people who work there.

The Defibrillator

This is almost back up and wired in at St. Leonard's. It is ready and working. Huge thanks to Miranda and the Seaford Town Market together with others who have raised money for this.

Shoebox Appeal 2022

Yes. It's that time again. Shoebox leaflets are available in both St. Leonard's and St. Luke's. There is also a copy in this magazine and by ringing me on the number below. If you need ideas for fillers give me a ring.



Thank you to our knitters who have started knitting for this year. We delivered a large box of knitted scarves, gloves and hats to Link to Hope headquarters in Ferring. You are brilliant.

If anyone has any knitting yarn they would like liberating, contact me and I can get it collected and shared with our knitters to help them continue their work.

Finally, those who have access to the internet check out the Link to Hope website www.linktohope.co.uk where you will find details of the many projects which they support, videos featuring some of the areas in Eastern Europe where your boxes of smiles are taken.

Thank you for your continued support.
Hazel Bramley 01323 892883, 07890 726957 or email bramleyd620@btinternet.com

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

Happy Birthday

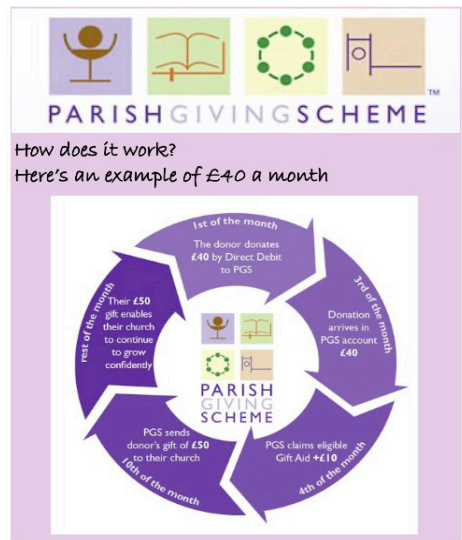
Happy Birthday and congratulations to George Dewey celebrating his 100th Birthday on 6th August. George and his wife Rosemary now stay at home but used to worship at St Leonard's and have been part of parish life since they moved to Seaford on George's retirement some thirty-five years ago.

From the Registers

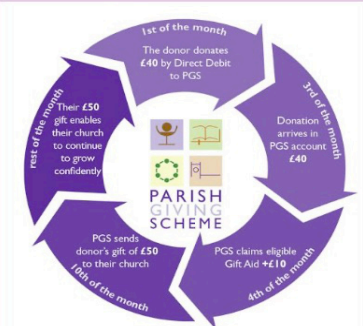
Funerals: Joan Braiden

Parish Magazine

The copy date for the October-November issue of The Parish Magazine is slightly earlier than usual. Please ensure that all copy is sent by **Tuesday 30th August**, items after this date may not be included. The magazine will be published as usual on the weekend of Sunday 25th September. magazine@seafordparish.org.uk



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



Seaford For Ukraine

Many thanks to those of you who have been fundraising for the work we're doing as a town to help Ukrainian refugees. Over £8,000 has been raised so far! At the moment any monies dropped into the church in an envelope marked 'Ukraine' or any gifts made on line using www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/seaford4ukraine go through our Church accounts to be used exclusively for work such as:

1. Financial support for essentials such as food until they have jobs or are in receipt of pensions or other benefits.
2. Grants for essential clothing for Ukrainian guests including school uniforms.
3. Reimbursing volunteers for petrol costs for providing transport to Seaford from the airport or to the Visa Application Centre.
4. Support for hosts to equip their home for additional people staying.
5. Provision of a community space for guests and hosts to meet each other.
6. Essential books and equipment for English language classes provided by volunteer teachers.
7. Occasional outings to give guests an opportunity to practice their English and have some relaxing time away from the everyday worries of the situation in their homeland.
8. After-school club one day a week for the mums and children to meet up, have fun and support each other.

You can find out more here:
www.ebbchurches.org.uk/seaford4ukraine

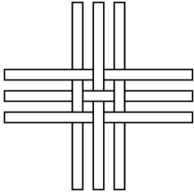
Gift Day (weekend): 24th and 25th September

You may remember from the last magazine I wrote a little on about how we continue to run the Church despite suffering a £45k deficit last year. Obviously this cannot continue. We do not get funding from the Government nor from the central Church. So we continue to rely on the enormously kind and generous people of Seaford to help keep us going.

We are having a special weekend to encourage people to give to particular aspects of the Church building and life. Such as sponsoring the repairs we need on a number of our stained-glass windows, buying the youth group a pool table or helping us generally with our need to pay staff.

You can read in this magazine about some of the activities that Stefan our Youth and Children's worker is getting up to and how he is planning a Holiday Club in October. By the end of July we already have 30 children signed up! It's free to them, which we think is really important, but it will cost us. We want to give everyone who comes a free packed lunch and we think that that is really important, but that too will cost us.

It might be that you know about writing to different grant making bodies in which case do get in touch we could really use your help.



**The Parish of Sutton with Seafood
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During the weekend of
September 24th and 25th
we are holding a
PARISH GIFT DAY

If you would like to give to the
Church online then this link
[https://www.stewardship.org.uk/
partners/20174561](https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20174561) or if you have a
smart phone use this QR code.





Alpha is Back



Yes the Alpha Course is back.

Alpha began in 1977 as a Confirmation style course explaining the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

Going through a number of developments until in 1990 Nicky Gumbel took over the running of the course and oversaw its revision and expansion into the familiar course we know today. Amazingly in 1991 there were just four Alpha Courses run, growing to 2500 in 1995, then exploding to 10500 courses in the UK alone in 1998. In 2018 the Alpha website described the course as running in 100 countries in 100 languages with more than 24 million people having taken the course. Currently the course is run in 112 different languages.

What is it about this course that makes it so popular, so accessible to people the world over, of different backgrounds, culture, age, spiritual background, and even denomination?

There are many reasons. It tries to address and discuss the questions that are common to all people. Who am I? What's the point? Does God exist? Is there a purpose, where do I fit? It considers all these questions in the light of Christian spirituality. It opens up the foundations of faith giving an opportunity to discuss, question and reflect upon the traditional beliefs of the church and our own perspectives.

The course achieves this through fun, informal gatherings (usually around food) watching a short video on a topic then discussing in small groups of 6-8 people. Some may be looking and experiencing the Christian faith for the first time, others will be young in the faith (newly baptised or approaching confirmation), still others will be mature believers coming for a 'refresher course' on the basic building blocks of faith and person of Jesus. In this way all are able to ask those knotty questions (no such thing as a silly or simple question) in company that doesn't judge but looks to share knowledge, understanding and experiences of the Christian's

relationship journey with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All this happens in the happy atmosphere of sharing food together.

Here in Seaford we have 'Pudding Alpha'. Gathering at 7.00pm (ish) just chatting until all arrive, then sharing a range of puddings, ice cream, cakes, and the inevitable glorious crumble and custard. Filling in with cheese and biscuits and tea/coffee we then settle around 8.00pm to watch the DVD of the session which runs for about 20mins. Then the discussion and questions that make Alpha so valuable until the close at 9.00pm – usually cutting across some unfinished conversation.

There are 10 evening sessions and a single Saturday away-day to look specifically at the character, ministry and work of the Holy Spirit. This is over three sessions – with breaks for food

and snacks of course! This is probably the most interesting part of the course as for many the Holy Spirit is probably the least understood part of the Trinity.

Test yourself, how would you answer the questions?

1. What/Who is this Holy Spirit thing you keep talking/singing/praying about?
2. What does he/she/it do?
3. What difference does the Holy Spirit make?

If you struggle to explain this to yourself, this could be a fascinating day for you.

Indeed, if you have any questions about the Christian faith, this is the course for you whether you are seeking or exploring, a lifelong believer, or just curious come and join us from Thursday 8th September from 7.00pm at St Luke's Church - better still bring a Book Review (see page 15).

Memorial Service

We are holding a family thanksgiving and memorial service for those whose funerals have taken place over the last year or so. The service will be held in St. Leonard's Church on Sunday 16th October at 3.00pm and will be led by Rev. James Hollingsworth.

During the service, the names of each loved one, if their family are attending, will be remembered individually and there will be an opportunity to light a candle.

After the service tea will be served at the back of the Church, giving an opportunity to talk to others in a similar situation, if you wish.

If you would like to come to this please email the Church office admin@seafordparish.org.uk letting us know how many of you are in your party and the name(s) of those you will be remembering.



James Hollingsworth



Youth worker shoots arrows at Boss

During the last weekend of May, Stefan, myself, Derreck and Lucy together with a bunch of other helpful people went up to Plumpton Racecourse for the weekend.

The Diocese of Chichester has for a number of years run the only Diocesan Youth Camp in Britain. Over 300 teenagers came to camp, to explore questions of identity and faith and to worship and sing loudly and dance until late into the night. It really is a wonder to behold.

We went because a few years back the Church paid for me to go on a course to learn to teach archery so I am a grade one archery instructor. We gave over 170 teenagers an opportunity to have a go with bows and arrows. No, no one got hurt!

Have you ever wondered why a rainbow is a rain-bow? Obviously there's a scientific answer to this, but the bible gives us an additional answer. Noah's flood comes in the aftermath of humans taking the world to hell in a handbasket through being horrible

and nasty and so God's judgment comes as a clean sweep. But afterwards God hangs up his war-bow as a sign to say 'I'm not doing that again, there must be a better way for humans to learn to be good than simply wiping them out and starting again' and so the rest of the Bible tells us about that adventure.

So you can see why, with me liking Archery, that I might see bows and arrows in the Bible differently. If you're puzzling over the title at the top, the archery word for the target is a boss. So, oddly, it is not a sin to hit the boss.

I'm told that there's an olde English word to 'sin' meaning to miss the mark. In the medieval days when it was important that young

men especially should practice their archery (see also the run up to Agincourt) to miss the target would be called a sin. Nowadays we use this word



sin in a variety of ways from a limited number of extra calories to eat, through to taking some time out after a foul in Rugby, through to religious language that uses the word sin as meaning something dreadful that you really mustn't do for fear of judgement and hell. But this understanding of 'sin' doesn't mean 'don't do it' it means 'try again'. Not, try to miss again, but keep practicing, keep trying, don't give up. I find that a refreshing way of looking at it.



Wedding

I love weddings. If you're reading this and thinking I wonder if I could get married in Seaford then please do get in touch. Alas I will be missing a couple of our weddings and a wedding blessing this summer because, well you see, I'm getting quite emotional because our oldest child Ruth is getting married in Nottingham. No I'm not taking

the service but yes I will be walking her down the aisle. It was felt best if I only got to do one speech and not a sermon as well. I have been told that my speech must be less than ten minutes.

What can you say about someone in only ten minutes? Everyone says to me 'Oh you'll be fine because you stand up and talk to crowds all the time. Yes but this genre of speech is very different. When I talk about God, I don't mind not conveying everything that I know in ten minutes as I know you'll be back to hear more. But here I must come out with a couple of cute and endearing stories. Trust me I will still find a way to make room for Jesus even in my speech.

Everything about the day has been carefully coordinated. Even to the point where I have had to seek approval for my hat. This is a brave sort of madness in these times. There is too much happening to make everything go the way you want it to. Getting married is a wonderful act of faith as two decide that together they will explore the vast uncharted territory of their entwined lives. The Bible uses Marriage as a metaphor for understanding how much God loves you. It explains God's jealousy as He cares how we live and love. It's a picture of how we, the Church, are the Bride to Jesus the Groom. Jesus must love us very much given our imperfections! And the Bible uses the Marriage party as a metaphor for heaven. This is what heaven is like: Lots of joy and dancing and food and usually I find at most weddings a generous helping of forgiveness and hope for a new start. Pray for me as I come to make my Dad speech, I will be disproportionately nervous!





"He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive."

I am so often asked, "How can I hear the voice of God?" When I hear the question I always think of Marilyn Baker the famous blind songwriter that speaks so eloquently about 'seeing God' in worship. Not so famous is her companion Tracey Williamson who also has a wonderful ministry in answering the question – "How can I hear God?" The incredible thing is that Tracey is profoundly deaf! She has written several books including 'The voice of the Father' which was her first book, and well worth a read. She has dozens of anecdotes of how God speaks to her and us, through scripture, through others speaking and we just know it's God speaking, she even has one about hearing God's voice as she considered eating a banana!!

Several weeks ago, I 'heard' God speak to me. No, it wasn't via a banana! Something far more mundane, a phone call. Since last autumn I have had this question keep appearing in my prayer times and bible reading, I've mentioned it occasionally when preaching, it's God asking... 'Do you take me seriously?'

My office phone rang, the caller said, 'You may not remember me but...'

It was the Revd Dr Alison Morgan who with her husband (Canon Roger Morgan) and others lead the 'Mathetes Trust' ('Mathetes' simply means 'disciple' in Greek). It's an organisation that is dedicated to 'making disciples in the local church'. The local church both in the UK and Africa. In the UK it works through its ReSource and EQUIP programme providing support, resources and working alongside churches trying to plant, develop and grow through multiplication in small groups – home-groups, disciple-groups, etc.

In Africa they run the Rooted-in-Jesus conferences. Supplying written materials in the local language and linking dioceses with trainers, facilitators, and conference leaders who teach and pass on the skills of small-group planting, leadership and growth. I have done two trips with them to Uganda in 2012 and 2014. Alison finally said, "You said previously

you would do another conference for us.” As Alison spoke, the words ‘do you take me seriously?’ came to mind. She continued, “Would you be willing to go to South Sudan in October?”

There was civil war in Sudan from 1983 to 2005. Following a referendum in 2011 South Sudan gained independence and has been so ever since. There is still considerable unrest on the borders with Sudan and the DRC with sporadic fighting and cross-border incidents. Many attacks are religiously motivated.

In January this year 28 people were killed and 57 houses burned down when a Christian village on the northern border with the Republic of Sudan was attacked by Islamic extremist fighters from the Republic. The village was pillaged of anything of value, the survivors were left with nothing. On the borders these incursions are ongoing, a fact of life. Thankfully these cross-border raids are limited to the border areas.

The Christian church is well established in Sudan. In a nation of 11 million people about 60% of the population is Christian (RC, Anglican, Pentecostal, Presbyterian Evangelical), around 30% worship indigenous (mainly animist gods), with about 6% Muslim, and the small remainder being Buddhist, Hindu, Baha’i, or Jewish in their faith. The church is growing, but like most of Africa its growth is limited by a lack of resources, knowledge and experience.

The four day Rooted-in-Jesus training conferences address these weaknesses. Training new small-group leaders, giving foundational teaching,

and sometimes leading them to faith in the first instance. Arabic and English are the official working languages, but there are many dialects spread across the five main tribes – our materials will be in the local dialects. The UK team (of three) will take out close to three hundred books in our luggage allowance!

So, Alison’s question, “Would you be willing to go to South Sudan in October?” was hanging in the air, the answer...Yes!

The little voice coming from my shoulder (like Jiminy Cricket in ‘Pinocchio’) asking “Do you take me seriously?” was also answered.

I and two others will fly out to Juba on the 6th October, meeting us there will be two representatives of the Dioceses of Wau, and Tonj (western central Sth Sudan) where we will be working on the two four-day conferences.

They will co-ordinate the ongoing work of developing the discipleship-groups after we have gone. Between the conferences we will visit and preach in local churches on the Sundays. We fly home on the 26th October.

The cost of the flights to Juba, the internal flights to Wau, accommodation, insurance, visas, inoculations, covid testing, etc, etc, will amount to about £1900 +/- 10%. The cost is covered by the team ourselves, we are self-funding as the Mathetes Trust only covers the cost of printed materials. The hosting Dioceses are expected to cover accommodation/ food but are usually in severe financial straits and often cannot contribute. My

costs will be met by some careful budgeting in the next few months.

So why this article, what do I ask of you. Simply, PRAY.

- Pray that the money becomes available.
- Pray that the visa applications go through easily.
- Pray that flights are available, at the right times, especially the in-country transfer flights.
- Pray that the mosquitos don't bite and that we all stay healthy.
- Pray for continuing peace and stability in Wau and Tonj.

Just PRAY.

He speaks — and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
*(Charles Wesley – O for a thousand tongues
to sing)*

For more information on the Mathetes Trust and reports from other conference trips (including South Sudan) see their website.

<https://mathetestrust.org>



Source: GISGeography.com

Philip Yancey's Soul Survivor reviewed by Derreck Lee-Philpot

Book Review



This book is now getting on a bit being first published in 2001. Philip has written many books including 'What's so amazing about grace' and, 'The Jesus I never knew', with these books he has built a reputation of writing about difficult subjects honestly and openly, revealing his own difficulties around knotty topics like, being disappointed with God, why does God seem hidden and silent, why do bad things happen to good people, why prayer doesn't work? They are subjects that many (less courageous) authors swerve around.

Soul Survivor is subtitled, 'How my faith survived the church', and it is a very personal description of one person's walk of faith. It is at times challenging, the first chapter title of 'Recovering from church abuse' is terrifying, as it lays out just how the Christian church at the turn of the century was perceived by those outside of it. Although it is a very American perspective, we don't have to look far to see similarities in our own European experience.

At its release Soul Survivor received poor reviews due to the people that Philip focusses upon as those who have

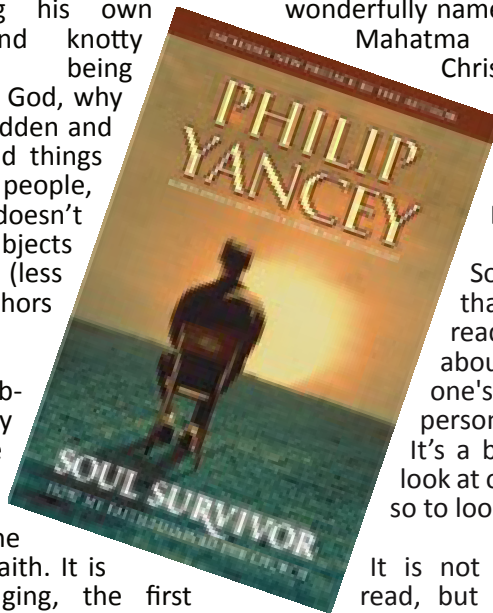
most influenced his life (he calls them his Spiritual Directors) – possibly proving some of the observations of the first chapter! We can all see how Martin Luther King Jr could exert a positive spiritual influence, even GK Chesterton, but who is Dr Paul Brand or the wonderfully named Dr C Everett Koop?

Mahatma Gandhi was not a Christian, and what eternal value can you get from Russian writers Leo Tolstoy or Feodor Dostoevsky?

Soul Survivor is a book that challenges the reader to think honestly about the church, about one's own faith and personal beliefs within it. It's a book that cause us to look at ourselves, and in doing so to look at others differently.

It is not always a comforting read, but it had the effect of causing me to look back to those who have been influential in my walk of faith. That too was not always easy (but often a joy), and it has been enriching to see how God has used people, places and events to form me into the person I currently am.

Yes, not comforting, but enriching.





Stefan Bracher

It's that time again where I give you a good run down of what we have been up to with all of the Children, Youth & Family work. But firstly I just want to say a huge thank you to those who have donated towards the cost of the Sparks camp. You have helped children attend the camp who previously would not have been able to attend. We know it is experiences such as camps that build long lasting memories of fun and more importantly relationships with Jesus. So thank you so much!

Sparks

We currently have 37 children attending Sparks on a regular basis. If we reach 40 each night we will need to create a waiting list! Recently we have been using Supa which is published by Scripture Union to help with the delivery of the evenings.

As this group continues to grow and develop, we ask for your prayers for more leaders and for people to feel they could do something to help the group (even if it is once a month). This will help ease the load on the current volunteers.

Ignite

As you know we are struggling for numbers when it comes to the Ignite youth group. We have had 1 new member bring our numbers back up to 7 (if they all attend on the same evening). This will hopefully change after the summer as we develop the youth group activities where we plan to

purchase games tables and in general make use of the space in St Luke's slightly differently. The game tables cost around £250-£350 per table, we would need 4 different tables, with the idea to be able to fold them up and roll them away. If you feel you are in a position to be able to sponsor some or part of a table, please do get in touch.

Again, if you feel you could give up one evening a month to help with the youth group it would also be amazing to hear from you. We currently have 3 leaders for the session, but having some other people we could call on would really help the children and ease the load for leaders.

Holiday Club

We will be running another Holiday Club this autumn. The Cops and Robbers Holiday Club is based on the Old Testament story of Joseph and will run from Monday 24th to Friday 28th October (9.45am-12.30pm) at St. Luke's. On Friday 28th October from 5.45 to 7.00pm there will be an evening for the children and their families to share all that has happened during the week. The Holiday Club is completely free for the children (although donations are most welcome from parents/carers) and includes free packed lunches for every child that would like one.



Already we have 39 children signed up so there are only 21 places left at the time of writing!

If you volunteered last year, please look out for a message from me asking if you would be able to help out again this year. And if you did not help last year, maybe you may be able to this time. We have lots of roles that you can get involved with, not all of them are working directly with the children. It would be great if you can do the whole week (the children really get to know your face and relationships are built up during this week), but if you can only give a few days that would really help.

Holiday Club Quiz Night

Running a Holiday Club costs around £500-£600. To raise these funds we plan to hold a quiz night with a multi-prize raffle. The quiz night will be on Saturday 17th September from 6.00pm to 10.00pm in St. Luke's Church. Tickets are £6 per person with teams of 6 to a table. If you are unable to put your own team together, no worries we can get you one. You can bring your own food and drinks (yes, that can mean a take away too and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks), there will be tea, coffee and some very light table snacks too. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the evening and at the quiz for £1 a strip. See Alice, Anna, Kim, Lucy B or myself for some tickets.

To book into the quiz night click on the link below to take you to Churchsuite and online payment or speak to me to get yourself booked in. This can be done for your whole team at the same time if you would like to. <https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/events/ag3nxho4>

Messy Church

We have been listening to feedback from Messy Church families and will be moving Messy Church to Saturday morning instead of Saturday afternoon. We hope this will be more suited to family life and will give them a good start to their weekend. Messy Church will still meet on the first Saturday of the month in St. Leonard's. The church building will still be open for others to come in.

Additional CYFW

It has become really clear to me that we really need an additional Children, Youth and Family worker, on a part time basis. This will help with opening new groups, etc. We have tried appealing for further volunteers to help open the new groups for young adults and a separate group for young people. We have had one person step forward for this, but we need someone to help on a continuing basis in a paid role.

Of course, this needs to be funded and I am currently looking into funding opportunities for this through grants. This is looking positive but grant writing can be a mountain of a task to work on, so please do pray for this!

Thank you all for your continued support in the outreach to children, young people and families, God is at work in our community!

God bless.

Stefan Bracher (Children, Youth and Family Missioner)
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Telephone: 07506 143476

POLICE LINE

Cops & Robbers Holiday Club Quiz Night Fundraiser



Sat 17th Sep 2022 6pm-10pm
St Luke's Church, Seaford, BN25 3TH
(All adults & families welcome)

Bring along your own food and drinks.
Small table snacks, tea,
coffee & juice will be available.



Raffle
tickets £1
per strip



£6
Per Person

tinyurl.com/copsrobbersquizseaford

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

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per table
team



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For Reception to Year 6 Aged Children



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Lunchtime Concerts

2022 Season in St. Leonard's Church

Saturday August 20th

D'Arcy Trinkwon (organ)

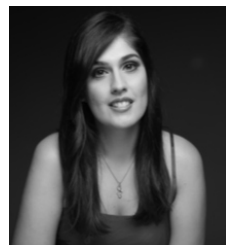
One of the distinguished musicians of his generation, D'Arcy Trinkwon is acclaimed as a unique artist who demonstrates superlative artistry and prodigious talent at international festivals and celebrity concert series in concert halls, cathedrals and churches around the world, including solo, concerto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



Saturday September 17th

Mehreen Shah (soprano)

Mehreen is an accomplished soprano, with performing experience in opera, musical theatre, as well as weddings and corporate events. Mehreen studies with internationally renowned soprano Olivia Whelan. She graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Music from Bath Spa University in 2011, gaining the highest mark in her year for her final Recital. She studied voice with tenor Henry Moss, and participated in masterclasses with soprano Isobel Buchanan.



Coming Up...

October 15th

Adam Heron (piano)

November 19th

Lips Wind Quintet

**All concerts begin at 1.00pm.
Admission is free with a retiring collection.**

This prayer diary offers a focus for our personal and corporate prayers.



Sections on pages 21 and 24 have prayer requests from our Mission partners. In addition, each day of the week suggests different current topics for prayer.

I will lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121: 1&2)

Pray for Mission Partners during August

Link to Hope in Eastern Europe

- Ukraine – that Ukrainians will know love, prayer and support as they continue to face traumatic times.
- For project leaders trying to help refugees find safe passage to other areas.
- For the project managers and pastors in Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria as they work to feed and house families fleeing from Ukraine.

LAMA Ministries

- Praise God for new opportunities opening up. Weekly visits to boys detention centre have resulted in a number coming to faith.
- Pray for former boys from LAMA including Wendell & Tony, in need of employment & safe place to live & Raphael, turning his life around, for a positive reconnection with family.
- Pray for permission to be given for LAMA to minister at DSWD Girls Home & to the staff at the detention centre.

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team (BHCT)

Beachy Head is the No.1 spot for “high cliffs” area worldwide for completed suicides.

- Please pray for the BHCT team as they patrol the area.
- For an end to the current unusually extremely high numbers of people coming and considering ending their life via suicide at Beachy Head.
- Pray for continued breakthrough in Government departments that Beachy Head can become part of the National Policy. *(Presently, BHCT is a local charity dealing with an International problem).* For a successful engagement and visit with the Mental Health Minister, for full understanding of the scale of the problem.

Sunday - The Church Worldwide

- Pray for the renewal of the Church in vision, service and the power of the Holy Spirit and that we will reflect the fruits as well as the gifts of the Spirit, revealing the love and saving power of Jesus.
- All Christian leaders - for wisdom as they minister to those around them 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, pray that we might know his presence, hear his voice and receive his blessing.
- Those people and their families living with the threat of persecution, imprisonment, or death for following Jesus.

Monday - The UK

- Pray for the selection of a new leader of the Conservative Party / Prime Minister who will lead with justice and integrity, bring political stability, effectively appoint and lead a cabinet/ministers to tackle challenging issues.
- For the Scottish people & government debating an independence referendum for 2023. That it will be a united decision in the best interests and needs of all.
- For the current industrial unrest with threat of strikes by public sector workers. For fair agreement to be reached between all sides.
- Give thanks for the recent successful international operation resulting in the arrest of people smugglers. Pray for greater cooperation between UK and Europe, for just and fair solutions for those arriving on our shores, especially unaccompanied children.
- For the emergency services, rebuilding public trust, coping with staff shortages, increased workloads, shortage of funding and complexity of need.

Tuesday - Parish

- Pray for James and Lucy, Derreck and Corrinne continuing to lead the Church into the future, with vision, wisdom and discernment.
- For the forthcoming Alpha course. Pray for whoever you should invite. For the leaders and guests, as together they explore the Christian faith.
- Praise God for the range of gifts, experience and skills that God has placed within the parish. May we all continue to seek the Lord's direction in using them to fulfil his purposes.
- Continue to pray for the timely sale of St Leonard's Hall. Pray for the architect and the parish team managing this and provide improved facilities in the Church. For the financial resources to do this.

- For all who are sick at home or in hospital. For those who live with chronic health conditions and those who care for them at home. That they might all know God's peace, healing and wholeness.

Wednesday - Children & Young People

- Give thanks for Stefan and those who help at Tots, Sparks and Ignite seeking to help the youngsters get to know Jesus. That God will raise up more helpers.
- For families coming to worship together in the parish that they will discover all that God has for them.
- For a successful quiz night on 17th September raising funds for half term holiday club in October.
- For helpers and children planning to attend holiday club – protection from infection and anticipation of fun.
- For those children who are changing groups and for new starters that they will quickly settle in.

Thursday - For those living in...

August 4th:	Bodiam Close, Cinque Ports Way, Deal Avenue, Sandgate Close, Battle Close.
August 11th:	Dymchurch Close, Alfriston Park, Seafield Close, Old Nursery Close, Kammond Avenue.
August 18th:	Harrison Road, Meadow Way, Sheep Pen Lane, Sandore Road, Sandore Close.
August 25th:	Sutton Road, Alfriston Road, Cradle Hill Road
September 1st:	Bromley Road, Eton Close, Harrow Close, Roedean Close, Benenden Close
September 8th:	Rugby Close, Dulwich Close, Millfield Close, Blue Haze Avenue, Richington Way.
September 15th:	Vale Close, Vale Road, Etherton Way, West Dean Rise, East Dean Rise.
September 22nd:	Valley Drive, Quarry Lane, Lexden Road, Lexden Court, Barn Rise.
September 29th:	Raymond Close, The Peverells, Lexden Drive, Pitt Drive, Barn Close, Coxwell Close.

Friday - Seaford

- For local people & families struggling with the rising cost of living.
- For practical help for families forced to make difficult choices about food and bills especially during school holidays.
- Local schools as they enjoy a holiday break. For staff and students. For those students anticipating GCSE and A level results. For those adjusting to the transition to another school, 6th form college or further education.

- Churches of Seaford - for leaders and people, for God's guidance and blessing as they enjoy their summer activities.
- Care Homes – protection from infection for staff and residents as they adjust to the challenges of providing care.

Saturday - World

- Pray for a resolution of the ongoing Russia/Ukraine war with lasting peace. For wise interventions by UK. Fortitude & courage of Ukrainians.
- For those in countries at war or civil unrest including, Syria, South Sudan, Ukraine & Sri Lanka.
- For those displaced from their homes. For refugees & asylum seekers, those in refugee camps, & those trying to rebuild lives in a new country.
- That all nations will seriously review their contribution to global warming & climate change resulting in radical definitive action, without delay.
- For those living daily with the challenges of shortage of clean water & sanitation, shortages of staple foods – a compassionate sharing of resources & action from those nations who live in plenty.

Pray for Missions Partners during September

Schools

- Pray for those students struggling with their mental health and/or the return to school.
- For families with children starting school for the first time.
- For Seaford Head & Chyngton Schools as they begin their journey together as the 'Seaford Learning Trust'.
- For those moving on to further education at local colleges: those moving to university: those entering paid employment.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

- Pray for new pilots and engineers being employed on the MAF training scheme.
- For the New MAF programme in Guinea, West Africa, which will enable the Church of Guinea and wider mission organisations to reach the remotest areas through aviation.
- That attendees at MAF facilitated Peace and Reconciliation workshops in South Sudan will experience God's enduring peace.
- For Daniel Gill as he continues to study and sit the exams for his British and European commercial pilot's licenses.



St. Leonard's Hall

There's no news on our movement towards selling the Hall. It is now empty as empty. The architect has designed two sets of drawings in the hope that we might be able to sell the hall with permission for it to be changed into six flats or into four flats. The former requires communication with the owner of the land at the back of the Hall. We did start a conversation but for a while now its been silent. We would be glad of your prayers.

The Tower Repairs

The Tower needs repairing. We are trying to get three quotes for this work. But after 5 weeks we have heard nothing: one firm has indicated that they are very busy and would not be in a position to do the work until early next year. We have asked that they quote, despite the probable timescales. A second firm has not returned calls, their answer machine is not functioning properly and we have traced contact with their directors. The third firm has asked that we e-mail to a new address. We are following up on all these problems and envisage work on quotes to begin by week commencing 23rd July, following this a faculty will be prepared. Clock repair we are in contact with both Gillett & Johnson and BNC Signs concerning the Clock Repair and will update you, at a later date

We are looking into replacing various lights at St Leonard's on a like for like basis.

Church Windows and the Tower

The Archdeacon and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) have given permission for certain stone work around certain windows to be done.

We hope the work will begin mid August at a cost of £12,348 including VAT.

Building inside of St Leonard's

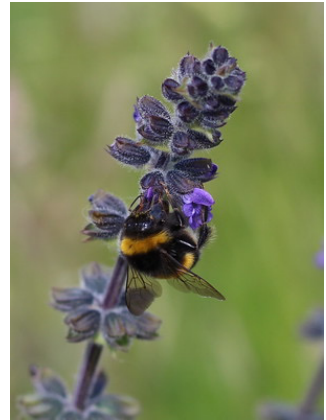
The PCC have now seen some more detailed drawings of what we could achieve inside of St Leonard's. To the northwest of the Church we hope to build a simple kitchen and some loos; in the Holy Spirit Chapel we hope to be able to put in some glass doors so that this area could be more easily heated for meetings. We would like to build a mezzanine floor coming out from the tower. This will give us storage space below and above, and an enclosed upper room meeting space. The balcony part of the mezzanine would be used by the tech team, and also as an additional space for people at concerts or worship, or for young people, prayer meetings, during the week. These are the main things. The estimated cost of this is already eye-watering so we pray that it will be covered by the sale of the Hall.

It will enable the Church building to be at the centre of our community, to be a flexible space that can be used by all sorts of people.



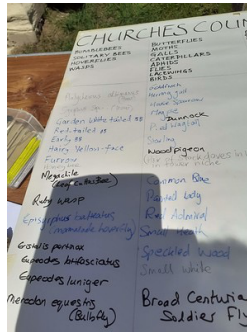
Rose Gauntlett

The first week of June is a good time to count as many species as possible of all kinds of creatures. The weather however makes a difference to the total even if there is no rain. The blusteriness that week was not encouraging in a slow season this year. Thanks to Mike Kerry from the Natural History Society we had a list of 41 insects and birds by the end of the week including an emerald green Rose Chafer beetle, a Leaf-cutter bee with pollen under its abdomen and a very rare fly besides the resident Sparrows and Starlings. We were still having to use pebbles fetched from the beach to hold down our display papers on Saturday morning but we added another 10 creatures. The list has been sent to Caring for God's Acre to be recorded in the National Biodiversity Database.



What might we notice now? At midsummer the first Meadow

Brown Butterfly has appeared, the day-flying Silver Y moth marked on the underside of its wing, a Pied Wagtail, grasshoppers with the sewing machine buzz near the east bank, the tiniest 24 spot vegetarian ladybirds in the grass, a crab spider.



Counting enables us to adjust the mowing plan and gives us a baseline to compare the result of changes. It reminds us that nurturing an abundance of common creatures can be as important as

conserving vulnerable rarities and also that every creature has a name and a role. The easiest insects to count are butterflies and day-flying moths. As one of the fussiest insects, we can be certain that managing for differentness in the grassland areas to enable them to breed, ensures that many other minibeast will have a home.

We will be having a 2nd hunt during the Big Butterfly Count 15th July - 7th August. Watch for butterflies and day-flying moths on the purple Knapweed, yellow Birdsfoot Trefoil and Lady's Bedstraw. There are labelled photos of flowers in the lych gate by Judy from On The Verge. Meanwhile please add your sightings, with the date, to the form on the porch noticeboard. There is a free app to download called ObsIdentify to find names if you have a phone camera.

We are now faced with the questions of how many species would indicate we are caring well for the land ? and what does abundance look like? The bug hunts do more than give us a simple tally of both expected and unexpected species in the Living Churchyard.



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LET US PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY AGAIN
'God of the flourishing field'

Crises after crises of human and earthly suffering are layering atop of one another, smothering the entire surface of our sad planet. These growing layers form a tangled mat of chaos, decay and deprivation, which continues to be trampled harder. What can or will be done?



We have to keep moving (gently), to keep doing all that we are able and oftentimes, maybe *'all we can do is Pray'*, but let us not just use that as a sentimental phrase at the end of our sentence; a last resort. May we always endeavour to make it our beginning; our opening line, as well as our last...

LET US PRAY

Alongside ongoing appeals, Christian Aid's current appeal is for East Africa. They face the worst drought in 40 years, with millions facing famine, failed harvests and death of precious livestock. We know that the war in Ukraine is resulting in global food prices rocketing. Christian Aid received a huge response to support humanitarian needs in Ukraine, but now, *'...we must act...urgently act in that same spirit, for East Africa.'*

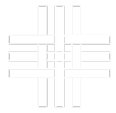
LET US PRAY

For East Africa, for the repairing of wells, supplying of water purification kits, delivering truckloads of water to drought-affected villages and townships and provision of animal feed and medicines to keep sick and valuable livestock healthy and alive. *'...we need a long-term approach to stabilising global food security and to stop funding fossil fuels and reliance on Russia both of which impact the countries where we work.'* Michael Mosselmanns, Head of Humanitarian division at Christian Aid.

LET US PRAY

Again and again, for the war in Ukraine to cease and for suffering to end on all sides.

LET US PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY AGAIN



Loving and compassionate God,
When Famine stalks the land, nothing grows.
Plants cannot, people cannot, ideas and dreams cannot
everything withers and dies.
It is a violent aberration of your will for the world
and it is multiplied now
by conflict, climate change and covid.
God of the flourishing field, there is enough to feed us all.
Call us to that sacred sharing
neighbour to global neighbour
Your gifts of food, water,
a chance to live the life so delicately crafted
by your divine spirit.
We will not turn away but turn towards each other
with generosity and a justice-driven compassion
that searches for solutions.
Famine stalks the land, so may our outrage grow,
may our determination steel itself,
may our solidarity spur us into action.
God of the flourishing field,
help us feed each other.
Amen.

Prayer for the 'East Africa Hunger Crisis appeal' christianaid.org.uk

There will always be Emergency Appeals. Here is a reminder of how Christian Aid approaches these emergencies and why we ask for ongoing financial support to help us continue our important work.
'...we're there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long-term...' christianaid.org

Let us Pray, Pray and Pray again, for all and everything that suffers across our entire planet and for the planet itself, in all its sadness. Thereafter, let us Pray for ourselves and for those whom we love and care for. Amen.

Future dates:

Christian Aid Lunch on Friday 28th October at Crossway Church (two course meal)

Christmas Coffee Morning with stalls, raffle and more on Saturday 26th November at Chyngton Methodist Church from 10.00am to 12noon. Admission £1 to include coffee/tea and mince pie.



It is now just over six months since I took on the responsibilities of the treasurership of the PCC. I thought you might like to know the current state of the parish finances as of 30th June.

Deficit Budget

The deficit on our budget is currently standing at £18,361 compared to the same period last year when it was £21,119. However last year we were not paying the Council Tax on the Vicarage nor had we calculated and paid our mission contribution to our partners. By the end of June 2022 both these expenditures were up to date and mean that we have spent £4348 which was not in last years deficit figures. For comparison adding back the £4348 would give a deficit of £14,013 against £21,119. Being up to date with our expenditure at the half year point means that the projected deficit by the year end could be in the region of £42,000.

Expenditure

We have made annual increases to our staffing costs and now spend in the region £6000 per month on these.

We have paid to date the Diocese of Chichester £60,000 as our Parish Share. So together our two largest expenses will total £192,000 by the year end.

Our gas and electricity contracts with SSE drew to a close recently and new contracts needed to be agreed. The impact of the pandemic meant that SSE staff were not available to deal with the

matter. This and the war in Ukraine has meant that there were no prices on offer for fuel contracts. Consequently we were placed on un-contracted tariffs, which were extremely punitive. We have now been able to secure new contracts through the Parish Buying Scheme. Our start date is the 1st July so we have a short Summer period where we will not be consuming much gas or electricity. But once the winter is upon us our fuel will be costing as much as four times the prices we paid in 2021.

As in our own homes it is incumbent on us to save energy where we can. This may mean turning the heating down by a few degrees and making sure unwanted lights are turned off.

One small ray of hope is that we have had some success in reducing VAT payments. After much badgering, SSE have finally refunded the VAT and Climate Change Levy to the value of around £2500 for the last four years of the contracts we have had with them. We are unable to go back any further.

Also we have been granted VAT refunds from The Listed Places of Worship Grant fund for work on the windows last November and the servicing of the Organ. We are able to seek further grants whenever the VAT charged is over £100.

Income

In these difficult times income into parish funds is holding up but not increasing. The Parish Giving Scheme

has some 96 contributors and with Gift Aid added we get around £9000 a month (just over £55,000 year to date). We still have twenty loyal standing order givers who have contributed £11,468 so far this year, but today the Gift Aid on these gifts, of some £1800, is still to be claimed. If given as a Parish Giving Scheme Direct Debit we would already have received the Gift Aid. Please consider changing your gift if it is by Standing Order.

So far this year we have received £3036 from lettings. It will come as no surprise to learn that last year lettings generated no income at all.

We have received two legacies totalling £3000. Please do consider the church when reviewing or writing your will.

Easyfundraising has so far brought in £21. That may not seem much but it is £21 that we might not otherwise have had. Maybe we can grow this to a £100 by the end of the year as we move into autumn and begin to start purchasing Christmas presents.

Please continue with your generosity and give as much as you can afford, to ensure we reduce our deficit and continue with our mission to Seaford and the wider world.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Parish Lunch Celebration





Terry Howell

Helping people into Housing

Name

Our full name 'Lewes District Churches HOMELINK' will not easily fit into a cheque or bank transfer. A cheque was recently refused because the name included HOMELINK in capital letters! Lloyds Bank suggest shortening it to 'Lewes D churches H' but other banks may want to shorten it differently. Please bear this in mind when you give to us by bank transfer or cheque. Thank you to those who gave £27.49 on our Mission Saturday in June.

Gardens

Our fund-raising Open Garden and Auction in Brighton was very successful. There were musicians from Japan, Russia and Italy. The event raised the excellent total of £2,462 after expenses including the £1,933 made by the auction.

We had a splendid Garden Party at Ryderswells Farm, Lewes in July. The weather was warm but there was plenty of shade around the large lawn to sit and eat strawberries and cream while listening to the music which included a lively ukulele band. My abiding memory is seeing one of our founder members, who has poor sight, dancing across the croquet lawn with her white stick and not falling over the hoops! We raised about £500 but do not have the final figure.

Personnel

Following the withdrawal of Jackie, we advertised the post again but received no applications. After using other advertisers we have been overwhelmed with 18 applicants! Now we are very hopeful that we can at last find someone to work in parallel with Gary.

In the meantime we are having to close to new applicants in August to give Gary a break, to review our work and IT systems, and to train the new Client Manager.

Georgina who is our Administration and Development officer (ADO) is resigning due to the pressure of work. She has done a tremendous job in improving our presentation as shown by our annual report and in presenting information which has enabled us to obtain a number of grants. This has included £40,000 from Enjoolata, part of which is to pay for someone to help with grants, (We continue to give grants to help people who are in need of furniture, white goods, or floor covering. This need arises because the Council often offers accommodation without these essentials.) We will need to advertise again perhaps combining the roles of ADO and grant supervisor.

Loans and Grants

Our loans continue to be offered at about one per week but finding accommodation is difficult so we have a large number of people offered loans

who are looking for housing. Our repayment has fallen to 75% which is still very good in the current circumstances. We continue to give Grants of £300 to those in need but we are able to top them up with £500 for flooring using the money from Enjoolata.

PRAYER

- Please pray for Gary and the new Client Manager (if appointed)
- Georgina and her replacement
- All our clients looking for housing
- The future of HOMELINK and its organisation

HOMELINK is a registered charity led by a Board of Trustees (including two from our Parish) and run by a Management Committee, all of whom are volunteers. Other volunteers help in a wide range of roles.

HOMELINK normally employ five part-time staff: two Client Managers; a Repayments Officer; a Finance Manager; and an Administration and Development Officer;

HOMELINK's office is rented from Age Concern in the House of Friendship in Lewes. Assessments are currently made by phone.



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Life And More Abundant Ministries

LAMA



Baltazar

In the 1980s, when Lesley first started the charity, she visited the regional prison to take the Gospel to the prisoners. Baltazar gave his life to Christ and became the 'Pastor' in his cell.



You can read his story in 'Have a Little Faith' Chapter 6 The Dungeon. Here is an extract... *"shortly after arriving at Miracle Bible College I joined a team of students on the prison ministry, which was led by "Mother Mabel" an elderly American lady originally from New York.... walking into the regional jail was like stepping down into a dark and airless dungeon, with only a small barred window allowing a shaft of light*

inside. ...when my eyes had adjusted I could see three tall iron grid doors from ceiling to floor and behind each was a cell full of ashen-faced men.... more than thirty men were crammed into each of the three cells about 6 feet by 14 feet, with only one toilet...the words of Matthew 25:35-45 disturbed me after that first prison visit...'I was in prison and you visited me'. But for some time, I dreaded ever going back to the prison. As the weeks went by the inmates trusted us enough to tell us their names.

Many acknowledged their guilt and went onto trust in Jesus for forgiveness and a new life.



This was true of Baltazar who was nicknamed 'Pastor'. Baltazar had been in jail for twelve years waiting for his sentence. He had become a Christian inside the jail and spent every waking moment studying his Bible and praying. He soon had a following in Cell 4, where

they had weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies. It became known as “The Christian Cell” as most of his cell mates had also become believers.”

When Baltazar was miraculously released from prison LAMA Ministries sponsored him through Bible College and he became Pastor of a church. Now, in 2022, Baltazar’s adult children join with Lesley’s to share the Good News of Jesus with the teenagers at the Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Youth. Amazingly, follow the footsteps further back in time and Lesley’s father, Rev Bertie Keenan, was chaplain to a Borstal in his first parish.

DSWD Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Youth

Simon and Michael Gomez visit the DSWD Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Youth every Tuesday to lead a service of Bible teaching and worship. This is a Detention Centre for young offenders. The staff at the centre have requested that the LAMA Ministries team also hold a Chapel service for the staff every Sunday. It is greatly blessed as boys come forward each week to ask for prayer. It is such a JOY to bring JESUS to them!



(Michael, Simon, Homer and Heliezer (Pastor Augusto's sons) ministry in RRCY)

Former LAMA boys and girls



We are still very much involved in the lives of former residents of LAMA House Residential

Care Home. Diether recently made contact with his Father after more than 20 years of searching, he works as Chef in a Hotel in Baguio and is applying to work abroad. Jeran recovered well from an operation to reconstruct his face after a motorbike accident, a valued employee in Sales his job was kept open for him through the long process, he is applying to work abroad. Richbert is working in a Call Centre, also applying to work abroad. Joecris returned from Singapore where he worked as a Caregiver, his wife is expecting their first baby. LAMA Ministries sponsors Jayson’s eldest daughter through Nursing studies. It is good to have Ivan back nearby, he is working in Jollibee in Bauang. Jimo also works in a Car Wash Centre in San Fernando, he recently went home to visit his Father who suffers from mental illness.

Brothers Jerome and Joenar live nearby with their growing families, Jerome is a Security Guard, Joenar with Gasul Delivery. We love that many choose to live near LAMA! Thank you for your prayers for each one.

Nicole and Nikki attend Fishers of Men Baptist Church in San Fernando, where Nicole teaches Sunday school and leads outreach to children.)

Please pray for work for others in LAMA family and for their walk with Jesus.

Answered prayer

Fidel found a church and is attending, Wendel more settled has a baby girl, Brian's Uncle is supporting him through high school in Manila. Pray for his brother Neny who is struggling with his mental health, sadly we have lost contact with him.

LAMA House of Worship

Michael and Simon hosted Worship Night in May. LAMA House was filled with around 200 young people excited about our new vision. We held a Worship Night on July 1st. It was great. The next one is on August 6th and will be a healing service.

Hope

The news just before we arrived home was that three children from different families in the village had been found dead in their homes, apparently, a suicide pact. Pray we could minister the hope of the Gospel to these and other families around us who have experienced unspeakable loss.

During the evening of July 13th the little community of shanty huts, near Pastor



Fred's church was burned to the ground. All the homes were destroyed, 23 families. Fortunately, everyone was out watching a basketball game so none hurt. We have sent clothes and bedding etc. as they lost everything. The Governor has evacuated all to a nearby school. They are sleeping in school classrooms with foam and nice pillows donated from some companies. They won't ever have had a mattress or pillow, so thankful. Another company has donated generously to help rebuild.

Thank you for your continued prayers Much , Lesley, Peter and family x

Ruth

Thomas Hood (1799 - 1845)

She stood breast high amid the corn,
Clasped by the golden light of morn,
Like the sweetheart of the sun,
Who many a golden kiss had won.

On her cheek an autumn flush,
Deeply ripened;- such a blush
In the midst of brown was born,
Like red poppies grown with corn,

Round her eyes her tresses fell,
Which were blackest none could tell,
But long lashes veiled a light,
That had else been all too bright.

And her hat with shady brim,
Made her tressy forehead dim;-
Thus she stood among the stooks,
Praising God with sweetest looks;-

Sure, I said, heaven did not mean,
Where I reap thou shouldst but glean,
Lay thy sheaf adown and come,
Share my harvest and my home.



In September 1970 I stayed in the house of several players in the Oberammergau Passion Play, played in the morning and the afternoon with the resurrection at sunset. It was indeed a very moving experience.

In June this year I stayed in a hotel with the play performed in the afternoon and evening, a 5000 audience and someone from Seaford spotted me. Of course the play has a recently re-written script and modern trends! Pilate is dressed like a Nazi officer and his wife like an opera singer. Judas hung himself with a rope and there's now no resurrection just a mass of folk holding

candles for remembrance. Seems such a pity to have lost that element.

To be honest I liked the 1970 production best. But this time the music was much better, as were the costumes with the choir dressed in Amish tradition... very nice. My cousin led our group and we stayed the rest of the week in Imst in the Austrian Tyrol. The first day a lady was bitten by a horse fly, the fourth day a lady fainted in the heat and was taken to hospital. On the last day we were stranded in a valley by a landslip for five hours. The road was cleared by the army...our prayers were answered.

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Readings for August-September

Lectionary



7th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

14th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

21st August: 10th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

28th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

4th September: 12th Sunday after Trinity

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

11th September: 13th Sunday after Trinity

1Samuel 3

Luke 15:1-10

18th September: 14th Sunday after Trinity

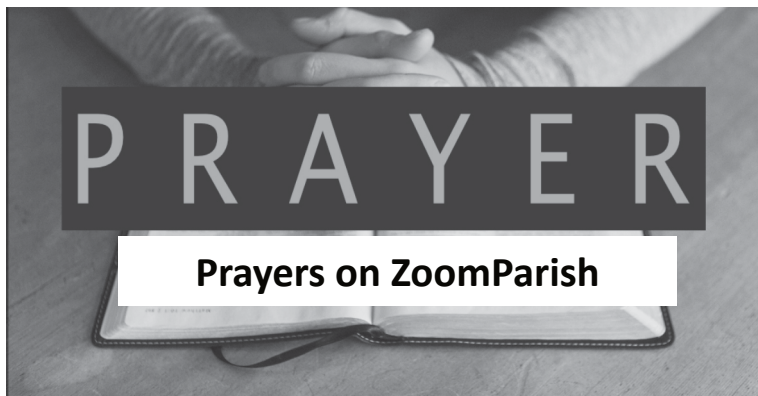
1Samuel 16: 1-13

Luke 16:1-13

25th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity

1Samuel 17:32-51

Luke 16:19-31



To join Saturday Prayers at 8.30am on Zoom use the following log in:

Meeting ID: 731 3210 2295

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August

Calendar

Wednesday 3rd	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Luke's
	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	The Meeting Place	On the beach
Tuesday 9th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 10th	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 12th	1.00pm	Messy Church BBQ	St. Luke's
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
Wednesday 17th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Thursday 18th	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Leonard's
Saturday 20th	10.00am	Family Craft & Games Morning	St. Luke's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
Sunday 21st	11.00am	The Meeting Place	On the beach
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Tuesday 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Thursday 25th	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Leonard's
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
Tuesday 30th	Magazine copy date		
Wednesday 31st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's

Parish Magazine Copy Date

Items for the forthcoming October-November edition of the magazine should be sent by Tuesday 30th August to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk



Saturday 3rd	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am**	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
Monday 5th	All children's and youth groups as usual this week		
	7.30pm	Parish Women's Group	St. Luke's
Wednesday 7th	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
Friday 9th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Saturday 10th	3.15pm	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Friday 16th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
Saturday 16th	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 18th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am**	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
Monday 19th	7.30pm	Parish Women's Group	St. Luke's
Wednesday 21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Sunday 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
Gift Day	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
Tuesday 27th	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
Wednesday 28th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's

The Meeting Place

*Bacon sandwiches 9.00am, service starts at 9.30am.

**Pastries from 11.00am, service starts at 11.30am.





Regular Services



St. Leonard's Church

Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion: a quiet said service
- 9.30am Holy Communion: a service with choir and hymns
- 11.30am The Meeting Place: informal worship (1st and 3rd Sunday) with pastries from 11.00am

Wednesdays

- 11.00am Matins: a quiet said service (1st Wednesday)
- 11.00am Holy Communion: a said service (2nd to 5th Wednesdays)

St. Luke's Church

Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion: a quiet said service
- 9.30am Holy Communion: a service with hymns
- 9.30am The Meeting Place: informal worship (2nd and 4th Sunday) with bacon rolls from 9.00am
- 7.00pm Prayer@7: a short time of worship followed by prayer (2nd Sunday)
- 7.00pm St. Luke's@7: Contemporary worship (3rd Sunday)



Tuesdays

- 11.00am Prayer Ministry and Communion (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) followed by refreshments



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