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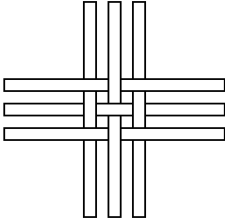
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# Parish Magazine

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

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On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September The Rev. James Hollingsworth was licensed as the Incumbent of Sutton with Seaford. The service was conducted by The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes.

This was a somewhat different licensing since, due to the current restrictions and the need for social distancing in Church, numbers able to attend were restricted. Leaders of local community groups and schools, together with others were invited to attend the service in St. Leonard's. The service was streamed live via our YouTube Channel and website so that those in our congregations could join in and be a part of the event. In addition to the spiritual aspect of the service there was also the legality of assuming the position of incumbent as the service opened with the reading of the Letters Patent issued by the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain (currently Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC, MP).

For the first time since March St. Leonard's Choir (or at least a sections of) sang, albeit a limited number of hymns and sadly current restrictions prevented the congregation from joining in. Social distancing also meant that the tradition of offering refreshments was unable to occur as the congregation dispersed promptly at the end of the service.

You can watch the service at [www.seafordparish.org.uk/online](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/online)



**The Eucharist**

with the Collation of  
The Reverend James Hollingsworth  
as Incumbent of  
Sutton with Seaford

by  
The Ven Martin Lloyd Williams  
Archdeacon of Brighton & Lewes

24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

5.00pm



*The Ven. Martin Lloyd Williams,  
Archdeacon of Brighton & Lewes*



*Lucy Hollingsworth who  
read from Psalm 90*



*James kneels before the Archdeacon as part of the licensing.*

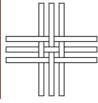
*During the service James symbolically receives the key to the church door and tolls the bell to signify taking possession of the Benefice.*



*Towards the end of the service James gives his first notices before leading the congregation in the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester.*

*Lucy and James after the service...now the work begins!*





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## Services

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### Church Services

Over the coming months we will continue to see some disruption to our normal pattern of worship. We will continue to meet in both churches at 9.30am on Sunday to celebrate together Holy Communion (in one kind). There will also be a service of Holy Communion at 11.00am on the second Wednesday of each month.

Remembrance Sunday this year (November 8<sup>th</sup>) will be a little different. The usual gathering at the War Memorial will not be taking place. So on that day there will be a 9.30am Service of Holy Communion at St. Luke's (with remembrance liturgy). Then at 10.30am there will be a Remembrance Service (with an 11.00am period of silence) at St. Leonard's. This will be instead of the 9.30am service.

### Online Services

From September 27<sup>th</sup> the pre-recorded services will be replaced by a livestream of Holy Communion at 9.30am and then an 'Online Service' at 11.15am. These will be available to watch live at these times and any time later. The pre-recorded Children's Service with Stefan will continue as usual.

### Messy Church

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> Messy Church will return, but will move to the first Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in St. Leonard's Church (not the hall) to allow for social distancing.

All of these are subject to amendment in response to any further Covid-19 guidance. Please do see the weekly sheet and website for the latest news.

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### From the Registers

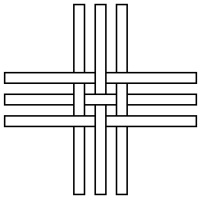
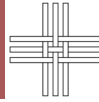
#### Funerals

Robert (Bob) Turner  
Marie Anne Bawden  
Sylvia Gregory  
Barbara Evelyn Carter  
Doreen Stelling  
Beryl Elizabeth Backhouse (Jane)  
Anthony William Dray  
Peter Mason

Cpt. Douglas Matthews  
Michael Palmer  
Anthony Barton  
Brian McCully  
Robert Lonnen  
Glynis Hallett  
Bruce Buckingham

#### Marriage

Stephen Owen and Jade Rutter



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

# Annual Parochial Church Meeting

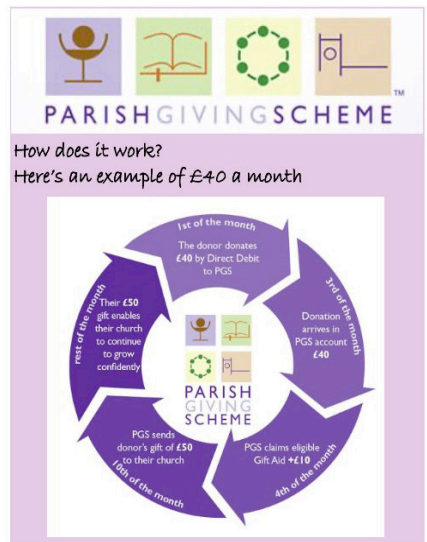
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm  
St. Leonard's Church

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

*Face coverings are now required in church*

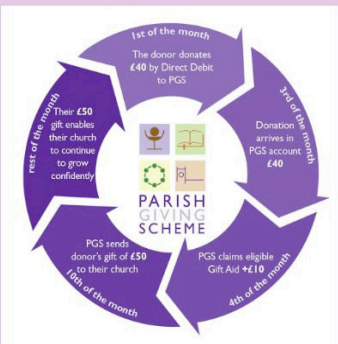
The delayed Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in St. Leonard's Church. The meeting is an opportunity to catch up with reports from some of the groups within the parish and also to receive the annual report from the trustees of the parish (which has charitable status) and is made up of the PCC.

Copies of the Annual Trustees Report and Group Reports can be downloaded from our website at [www.seafordparish.org.uk/pcc](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/pcc) and paper copies are available by contacting the office on 01323 894216 or by email to [admin@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@seafordparish.org.uk)



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## St. Luke's@7

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During recent months St. Luke's@7 has been taking place online via Zoom. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October this time together will be in a Songs of Praise style.

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## New Wine 2021

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If you are interested in joining with a group from the parish that are planning to attend New Wine from July 24-29 please contact Andy Steer on 01323 891281 or 07785 766410. Alternatively email Andy on: amsteerltd@uwclub.net

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## Parish Magazine

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The next few editions of the Parish Magazine will be published on the last Sunday of November and January 2021. The copy dates are November 17th and January 19th. Contributions should be sent to the editor at: [magazine@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:magazine@seafordparish.org.uk)

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## Days Off

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James: Tuesday

Derreck: Monday

Stefan: Saturday

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## Regular Groups

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**Here's a quick guide to some of our regular groups...we look forward to their return!**

**Parish Women's Group:** First and third Mondays at 7.45pm in St. Leonard's Hall (except August & Bank Holidays).

**Parish Lunch:** First Wednesday of each month at 12.45pm in St. Leonard's Hall (1st Wednesday in December)

**Coffee Morning:** Wednesday at 10.00am at St. Luke's.

**Tots Treats:** For mothers and Toddlers. Weekly (in term time) on Wednesdays at St, Luke's, Thursday at St Leonard's Hall both from 9.30am.

**Craft Club:** First Thursday of the month at 2.00pm at St. Luke's.

**Mothers Union:** Second Friday of the month at 2.30pm in St. Leonard's Hall.

**Lunchtime Concerts:** Various Saturdays (usually monthly) at 1.00pm in St Leonard's.

**Home Groups:** Meet at various times and locations during the week. Details from Charlie Grimble [homegroups@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:homegroups@seafordparish.org.uk).

# Shoe Box Appeal

*Due to the Covid-19 things are a bit different this year.*



1. You can fill your own shoebox as usual, please remember to fill out the gift aid section of the Link to Hope leaflet (in the last magazine or contact Hazel) if appropriate. Take your completed box to St. Leonard's Church, during opening times. The last date for this will be Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. If you need your box collecting please contact Hazel) details below.
2. Hazel will fill a shoebox for you if you don't have the time or you are unable to do so. Contact her for further information.
3. Donate to the Shoebox Appeal to buy items on your behalf or towards transport costs. Again please contact Hazel for further information.
4. Send Hazel items for a shoebox or to use as packaging, eg blankets, soft toys with CE label, or knitted teddies etc.

Hazel Bramley 01323 892883/07890 726957 or email  
[bramleyd620@btinternet.com](mailto:bramleyd620@btinternet.com)

## Latest News

Over recent months we have all become used to a very rapidly changing set of circumstances in all we do. Our church life has been no exception and whilst we all hope and pray that as we move through these months of Autumn more of our services, events and meetings can slowly begin to re-start, we are unable to be certain at this time. Please do stay in touch with all the latest news.

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# Do you turn to Christ?

**James Hollingsworth**

## I need your help

I really don't know Seaford at all, and I really don't know you. Once upon a time we would have had large parties, coffee after Church, and so on. But now, the Rule of Six. So I need your help to get to know you, to know this town and community.

So please do get in touch with me and come and have a cuppa, invite me over for a cuppa. If you have a dog then take me for a walk as well so I can get to know the area too. Invite me to your place of work, to your favourite

pub, to your favourite restaurants. If you're sensibly shielding, phone me up for a chat or lets sort a zoom meeting.

I'm hoping that over the month of October that we might take a photo of everyone who comes to Church (with their agreement) so that I can at least have a list of you plus photo and it will help me in my prayers and perhaps aid my memory.

## Do you turn to Christ?

More than likely I will pad out my sermons with all sorts of stories about me. I like dogs but cats make me sneeze; likewise, certain flowers. I got involved with Scouts so they sent me off to train as an archery instructor. I haven't shot for over a year now. Hopefully next year, as with previous years, I will be helping the Diocese at their weekend gathering of 400 teenagers at 'May Camp', up at Plumpton Race Course, with a have-a-go archery range.

You would think that my faith journey should start off with me telling you



how my Dad was a vicar. Ah, says you, that explains it. But it really doesn't. I got confirmed at my prep school because an older friend who'd already moved up to the big school said 'Get it over and done with, its so boring'. So I got confirmed. In the middle of my confirmation the Bishop asked, as they always do, 'Do you turn to Christ?' and I thought 'oh my, I've no idea!' And then I had a really peculiar slow-motion moment, sort of as if my life flashed before my eyes.

## **I saw how God had brought me out of Egypt**

I saw how God had rescued me from a bully and a bad school. And how God had helped me forgive and restored me from the short-tempered fighter I was in danger of becoming. I saw how God had brought me out of Egypt and carried me through my wanderings and led me to a peaceful school where I found kind people, a promised land. 'Do you turn to Christ?' So I thought 'Go on then, lets give it a go and see where it leads', and aloud I said 'Yes I turn to Christ'. My conversion moment was my confirmation. From there I started reading the bible. Of course I knew quite a lot of the bible, my parents had made an effort to read me bible stories (but oddly I didn't realise that these stories (Daniel and the Lions Den and all that) came from the Bible!

So I read the book of Proverbs and then Mark and then I just kept reading. Nowadays I try to read the whole bible once a year. Usually a different translation. I finished the newly

printed Good News Bible back in May, and have been working on reading 'the Bible for Everyone'. I commend the former. You only need to read three chapters a day and there's the bible in a year. I forget some days so I read about five most days and have learned not to guilt myself on the days when I don't read it.



The other bible reading tip I'd give you, at least this works for me as a preacher, is to read this coming Sunday's readings every day for a week. St John Chrysostom said 'We shouldn't just dive into our scriptures we should swim about in them'. Alas I've never been able to footnote that properly but it's a good quote nonetheless. So I try to marinate in the coming Sunday's readings and ponder first what the Lord is saying to me through them, before I turn to what the Lord might be saying to you.

## **Lucy...**

At Southampton University (Philosophy and Economics), whilst I was rebelling from my Anglican upbringing and frequenting a Free Church, known as 'Portwood Opposite Safeways', the pastor

introduced me to another new member of the congregation who had also come from Ipswich. And so, I met Lucy (Law).

I'll let her tell you her story another time, but the spoiler alert is that Lucy, having gained qualifications and gainful employment as a probate solicitor for Mayo Wynne Baxter, heard the Lord's call to ordination. More about that later.

Along the way the Lord blessed us with three children. Ruth is now a newly qualified Social Worker in Nottingham engaged to a Doctor. So I am writing drafts for my father-of-the-bride speech. Suggestions welcomed. Abigail, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Pure Maths at Southampton University. This level of maths makes no sense to me either. She is president of the SCM there. Sam who, by the time you're reading this, will have gone to Nottingham University to study Aero-Engineering. I think!

Our young people have had it really tough these last six months. There's a comic moment at the end of Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets when the exams are cancelled. Only Hermione is appalled, everyone else rejoices. But the reality hasn't been as much fun. Its been hard to celebrate. Boris gave Sam one set of results and then another. It's been topsy turvy. That's helped remind me that we must focus our prayer and ministry towards young people, to help them discover their worth in God's eyes when society is treating them so shabbily.

## Looking Forward

I hope that at the end of October we will have a Holiday Club. At the time of writing this, we think it's okay within the current guidelines but rules change and we must listen carefully to them.

I hope from this you've got some ideas to get a conversation going with me. Next time, remind me to tell you about my journey to being a vicar. And ponder for yourselves this Confirmation question. Perhaps it's been a while since you were last asked it: Do you turn to Christ? For me it has been a good adventure thus far, scary and not at all tame.

Please can you help us get to know you and to get to know this parish.

***With love and prayer from James and Lucy.***





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# HOLIDAY CLUB



***Stefan Bracher***

The Razzamatazz Robots Holiday Club will be running during October Half Term in line with Covid-19 guidance which is specifically aimed at holiday clubs. This is for children in primary school age 4-11 (reception to year 6). The holiday club will be based around the book of Genesis looking at creation and Noah's Ark. There will be plenty of crafts, games, activities, dramas, puppets and bible stories. To find out more or book a place please email Stefan Bracher at [cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk) or call on 07506 143 476. It is best to book for the whole week if you can.

Of course this is subject to local and national restrictions which may come into place. Equally we are constantly evaluating against other government advice and updating our risk assessment as required. Should we determine that it is not safe enough to run holiday club we will call or email you to make you aware of the situation. You can also check our website for updates.

We also still require recyclables for the junk modelling table where the children will be building robots and robot looking objects, such as old cabling, to help with creating an environment.

We look forward to a brilliant holiday club and please keep the holiday club children, parents and leaders in your prayers.

## **Supporting the Holiday Club Through Prayer**

Razzamatazz Robots will be held in October half-term. You may not be able to physically run around and help, but is God asking you to commit to praying for Stefan & his team and the children who attend and their families. Could you commit to praying each morning October 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>? Would you like to meet up with 2 or 3 to pray together during that time or maybe pray at home during the sessions? Please get in contact with Su Griffiths by email [prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk) or telephone 01323 872163. Sue will be working with Stefan and the team and will keep you updated during the week with specific prayer requests.

# Razzmatazz Robots Holiday Club

October Half Term  
(26th – 30th)

10am – 12.30pm

St Luke's Church, Seaford

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Stories

Fun

Crafts

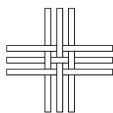
Games

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## Building hope, bringing change



Chris Chester brings news about Re-Wired Africa

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As you will appreciate Mission Direct have had to postpone all of their trips for 2020 and have created an amended schedule for 2021 to ensure the in country staff and volunteers are travelling to a safe environment and able to deliver most, if not all of the normal programmes.

So, the Rewired work has been delayed by a year but we have been keeping in contact with our partners and supporting them wherever possible.

This means that 2021 brings us a new challenge as we resurrect our plans for our biggest project yet in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe can be described as a country of contrasts; a land of outstanding natural beauty and a people of faith, yet a nation in need of support particularly at this time. The infrastructure here has not kept pace with the growing population, leaving children in overcrowded classrooms, attending school in shifts, or not going at all. The children are starting to return to school but families have had a very difficult winter with so many people out of work providing food is a daily challenge.

Mission Direct have been working, with the United Baptist Church of Zimbabwe, in Mutare in the Eastern Highlands on the border with Mozambique for a number of years.

Continuing on from the building program at Joshua Dhube School - where 400+ students currently go to learn. Mission Direct began building classrooms here in 2012 and 2021 will see a further two built, giving 80+ further children access to education. For many, the school is their lifeline, representing a place of safety, love and hope – and there are so many more children desperate to be there. Help us to give the gift of education. Rewired Africa has been tasked by Mission Direct to provide up to 50 laptops into the school plus more to be provided to a mobile IT unit who visit schools to carry out the IT lessons which are required as part of the curriculum.

We will be collaborating with Garikai who runs the mobile IT unit whom we met when Janet, Becky and I visited.



Garikai has a real passion for IT and works with a small team of other teachers giving them the opportunities to visit multiple schools at the same time – the limiting factor is the shortage of equipment.

The team will leave for Zimbabwe on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 and spend 2 weeks in country.

Some work was completed in February when a team visited which included:

- Installing a computer store room, actually part of the strong room, configured with shelving and power sockets so that the laptops can be recharged when not in use
- One of the classrooms has been modified as the IT lab so new benches and power supplies have been installed.

All I need to do is:

- Source a projector and screen for them
- Source 60 to 70 laptops and have them cleaned and rebuilt with the right set of software for Zimbabwe. We have around 20 already lined up but this still leaves us with a mountain to climb.

The budget for the work in Zimbabwe is around £7,500 of which we have so far sourced around £3,000 which has paid for the work already carried out along with starting to build up our pile of laptops.

You can find out more about Rewired Africa at [www.rewiredafrica.org](http://www.rewiredafrica.org), follow our Facebook page 'Rewired Africa – Mission Direct'.



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## Loans Continue

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We have been continuing to give loans to help people into rented housing at a normal rate with ten new tenancies in August and seven in September. Pippa, our service manager, has had to shoulder all the interviewing alone by phone. We are looking cautiously at restarting face to face interviewing (with suitable distancing) in the House of Friendship in Lewes where we rent our office from Age Concern. We are concerned about the likelihood of a large number of people being evicted (technically using Section 21) after September 20<sup>th</sup>. b. (extended from August 23<sup>rd</sup>) because evictions without very good reasons have been illegal until that date

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## A Craft Initiative

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HOMELINK has been running a new initiative with the title Home is Where the Craft Is, for our new campaign #homes4families, please look out for the posters about this. We expect this will make our work better known in



the wider community as well as raising funds.

Makers have been asked to donate a crafted item to our online community auction which opened for bidders on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Many splendid items have been given. The auction will stay open to bidders until 9.00pm on October 10<sup>th</sup> - You are encouraged to bid for items made by local artists, hobbyists and enthusiasts. There is something for every budget. In order to see what is available visit [www.jumblebee.co.uk/homeiswherethecraftis](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/homeiswherethecraftis)

There are prizes in a number of categories; the prizes and the winning bids will be announced on October 10<sup>th</sup>. World Homeless Day, by the 'Queen of Crafts' herself- Linda Barker. It will be worth bidding and watching on the big day.

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## Pray

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- Thank God that we have been able to continue our work and our finances have not suffered.
- Please pray for wisdom for Pippa as she interviews clients and makes decisions about them.
- Please pray for the Homes4families campaign and the success of the on-line auction.



Lewes District Churches  
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## Derreck Lee-Philpott looks ahead...

I have been astonished by the ingenuity and flexibility of homegroups over the past six months. With all the difficulties that we have had to overcome homegroups have endeavoured to find a way through. I have heard of groups meeting via Zoom (where would we be without Zoom?) or Skype, Bible Studies by text (?!?), even breaking up homegroups into smaller units (e.g. six people) and meeting in these smaller groups separately or having multiple small gatherings several times a day! It certainly shows how important homegroups are to those involved to go to some of the lengths you have to continue 'meeting'.

I am convinced that this determination to continue supporting, encouraging

and sharing lives together in these diverse ways have influenced the atmosphere and ambience of the church, especially as we have now begun to gather in our church buildings.

May I encourage you to continue and persevere with your watching and caring for one-another, especially in those groups that cannot easily meet using online resources. The often overlooked telephone is sometimes the only link for folk in our groups to connect with others and chat, even pray. I know for many their phones have run hot and their bills must have rocketed as some have spent hours each week just 'keeping tabs' on those who could easily become isolated and forgotten. It would be tragic if as the situation loosens to not continue with this key ministry to others.

As we look into the near future, Advent and Christmas are now clearly upon the horizon. There is no doubt that it will be a 'different' Christmas



this year, just as Easter and Pentecost just gone were 'different'.

I offer the resources below for Advent materials for both groups and individuals that may be found useful, stimulating, and encouraging in these strange times.

'A very different Christmas' (Rico Tice). Not so much an advent 'course' more a series of six short(ish) reflections on Christmas.

'Walking backward to Christmas' (+York Stephen Cottrell). As the title suggests a different way of looking at the familiar story. Its eleven chapters starts with the prophetess Anna seeing Jesus in the temple and ends with Moses at the burning bush.

'On the way to Bethlehem' (Hilary McDowell). More of an advent book, but only six chapters and 127 pages a very manageable read through Advent.

'Advent for Everyone' (Tom Wright) There are three books in this series sub-titled, 'A Journey through Luke/Mathew/Apostles.' A daily reflection journey into the heart of Matthew/Luke exploring the gospel themes leading to Christmas.

'Someone to believe in' (Shelia Jacobs). One of many resources that use a feature film as the vehicle of study. In this case 'Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street'. A four week study, great for groups if able to meet.

### **"The Lion's Cage" by Bob Rice**

I come to you dear Lord, seeking your words for answers I have no wish to greet,  
I call to you searching for truths that will warm my heart and not burn my feet,  
like a man stood in a lion's cage wanting to stroke the golden mane,  
I approach you in prayer, sensing my sin, sharing its pain.

All through my life, at least as far as this,  
you've been beside me, my head you've often sought to kiss,  
a single tear rolls saltily down my flushed red face,  
for we know I've only got this far because of your love and grace.

I wish I was the kind of bloke who'd recite scripture acting oh so cool,  
rather than laying in a drawer, oh so still, not the sharpest kind of tool,  
but we clay pots were moulded for many kinds of uses, some untold,  
and I might not know what mine is until I'm very, very old.



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# October-November 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. The first section for each month focuses on our Mission partners followed by a topic for each day.

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

## Pray for Missions Partners during October

### WAVES

- Work with local families experiencing difficulties or requiring additional support.
- Parents adjusting to the new normal as children return to school

### Bible Society

- Middle East: Following closure of Bible House by authorities in Aleppo, Syria, pray for those working with churches and communities locally & wider afield as they continue to serve, seeking to be instruments of reconciliation.
- Egypt: Give thanks for the Digital Media Department resources which are appreciated by families especially those cooped up for long hours of curfew.
- China - for those living in fear of the virus and the consequences.
- UK- Bible Society work in prisons in UK & abroad. "Open the Book" campaign.

### Mission Direct – Give thanks for:

- The sustained, strong partnership with the United Baptist Church of Zimbabwe.
- Our excellent partners working in these challenging times

### Pray for:

- God's blessing & protection on the work ahead. 2 weeks visit -26.6.21
- Peace, safety & good health for all those affected in these difficult times, especially for Alick and Garikai in Mutare, Zimbabwe.
- All team members to respond to the challenge & step out & embrace all that these experiences have to offer.
- The work being undertaken by Mission Direct in the UK in supporting the partners who are desperately in need without the help of the teams going to physically & financially support them

### Daily Prayer in October

1. James & Lucy getting to know everyone, for a clear memory and easy name recall.

2. Mayor of Seaford, Rodney Reed and the Town Council for integrity and wisdom.
3. Mental Health Services as they assess priorities and provide support.
4. Parish APCM– encouragement, engagement and commitment for the future.
5. Policy makers, local authorities and communities as they deal with the challenges of increasing knife crime.
6. Those for whom expressions of Church are encountered online that they will be fed and encouraged and given a holy boldness to share with others.
7. Those living in Jubilee Gardens, Argent Close, Barn Close, Coxwell Close, Queensway, Maple Fields, Balmoral Close and Monarch Gardens.
8. Parish of Barcombe and Newick as they pray and wait expectantly for a new Vicar.
9. Parents adjusting to life after their youngsters have flown the nest and for siblings left behind.
10. Those negotiating Brexit trade agreements that a way forward will open up.
11. Safeguarding Sunday: Church leaders and Safeguarding officers as they 'Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.' Proverbs 31:8.
12. All school teachers, managers and governors as they continue to promote health and Covid-19 safety amongst their students.
13. Derreck and Corrinne for much needed rest, refreshment and relaxation.
14. Police: called to prioritise demands and implement changing Covid-19 legislation.
15. Immigration and Border Agency tackling the plight of refugees, people smuggling and exploitation. Compassion and fair treatment for all who seek asylum.
16. Shortfall in parish finances needed to fulfil our commitments this year.
17. Those living in Normansal Park Avenue, Chalvington Close, Normansal Close, Seagrove Way, Sovereign Close, Sandringham Close and Belvedere Gardens.
18. St Luke's Church as they celebrate their Patronal Festival. Pray for vision for the future.
19. Local NHS services caring for those who are ill or living with chronic illness.
20. Those living with the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut in August 2020.
21. Church Wardens, treasurer and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).
22. Local businesses and trades as they rebuild following lockdown.
23. Fishing community and those who depend on the sea for a living.
24. Archdeacon Martin as he advises, supports and encourages clergy and churches.
25. United Nations peacekeeping forces & UK military deployed around the world
26. Razzamatazz Robots Holiday club: for Stefan, Alice, helpers and children that all have fun.
27. Those living in Sutton Drove, The Byways, Parkside, Byedown, Hindover Road, Hindover Crescent, Haven Brow, Rough Brow and Short Brow.
28. Rev Arwen Folkes and all at St Peter's Blatchington and St Andrew's Bishopstone.

29. Wisdom for public health leaders and all in the scientific community who monitor and advise the Government regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.
30. Courage and wisdom for those living daily with the threat of persecution.
31. The housebound and the pastoral care visitors who provide a link to church.

## **Pray for Mission Partners during November**

### **Diocesan Family Support**

- The ongoing work of the Family Practitioners as they reach out to help vulnerable families.
- As fund raising events are re-introduced that they will provide much needed income.
- For Alyson Heath, Chairman of FSW and Mothers Union Diocesan President, Karen Hill as they look forward to strengthening the links between the two organisations.
- For staff and officers of the two organisations as they make arrangements and work together to share office space at Garton House.

### **Cambodia Action: Sara and Pola Chhin**

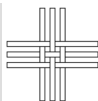
- For continued and abundant financial provision for M'lup Russey and the Chhin family.
- That the Chhin household and M'lup Russey staff will remain healthy.
- For Chetra as he transitions to his role of Executive Director of M'lup Russey: he has been part of the work since 2011.

### **Daily Prayer in November**

1. Messy Church families as they join in online with this month's activities.
2. Those in care homes separated from loved ones and for families unable to visit.
3. Those living with job uncertainty and those who have lost employment this year.
4. Bishop of Lewes (William Hazlewood) as he meets challenges within the area.
5. Those living in poverty around the world where regular handwashing and social distancing is difficult.
6. As we pray together as family or online, give us a heart to seek after you and what you are doing. Help us to persevere when we do not see immediate answers.
7. Young people of our town that they might resist temptation to misuse alcohol and drugs.
8. Boris Johnson, the government and Maria Caulfield, our MP, for wisdom.
9. All who welcome visitors to the Church and for helpful conversations that arise.
10. The world and its future in the light of environmental and climate change.
11. Remembrance Day: those living with the long term effects of conflicts/war.

12. Those living in Milldown Road, Sutton Road, Mill Drive, Parkside Road, Gildredge Road, Grove Road, East Albany Road and Stafford Road.
13. Parishes in the Diocese without permanent clergy and their Church Wardens.
14. New parents facing parenthood without many of the usual support structures.
15. The criminal justice system and all who work in it. Those in prison and their families.
16. Elizabeth Morgan-Jones and the Mission Support team in the parish as they act as a link with our Mission Partners in the UK and around the world.
17. For peace and harmony at home. Those whose home is a place of insecurity and fear.
18. Bishop of Chichester and staff at Chichester Cathedral approaching Advent celebrations.
19. The government and all tasked with national decision making, for God-given wisdom and effective strategies to build a fair society for all.
20. For successful treatments for Covid-19 and for effective vaccines to be developed.
21. Homegroup leaders in the parish as they support and encourage their members.
22. Those living in Meads Road, Cornfield Road, Middle Furlong, Highlands Road, Cornfield Close, Mercread Road, Guardswell Place, Vicarage Close and Sutton Road.
23. Archbishop Justin Welby and all denominational leaders for guidance, wisdom and a holy boldness to stand for Christ and his Church.
24. Police, Fire & Rescue & Ambulance personnel, for protection from harm and safety as they meet with people in distress and need.
25. Those who care for family members and neighbours, for maintenance of good health, support and patience to enable them to continue in their role.
26. Our online services as they go out week by week, that lives will be changed by the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.
27. Those who are homeless and those whose home is at risk because of loss of income for a solution and security.
28. As folk make plans for Christmas celebrations, pray for wisdom to keep loved ones safe from illness.
29. Scientists as they continue to evaluate trials for effective vaccines for Covid-19 and a fair and effective strategy to implement vaccination to those most in need.
30. Hospitals prioritising current need whilst facing the challenges of usual winter pressures along with the backlog of delayed treatment as a fallout from lockdown.

The next edition of the Prayer Diary will be in the December-January edition of The Parish Magazine. It will also be available at the back of both churches or can be downloaded from our website at [www.seafordparish.org.uk/prayer](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk/prayer)



## Prayer

### Sue Griffiths

Time and again, I am amazed as I walk and pray, that God takes what is around me and speaks his truth into my life. It is a very special time. If you haven't tried it, give it a go.

Recently, I was walking with my dogs in the forest when my attention was drawn to the tall trees overhead that have grown over many years. Their branches and leaves were being battered and tossed around in the strong wind and yet they remained standing, strong and resolute against the forces of the elements. Some had trunks which were gnarled and bore scars from previous storms and their branches were misshapen. Yet they stood proudly in the buffeting gale.

Then my eyes caught sight of young saplings of a variety of species, sheltering in the undergrowth beneath the trees. Some were partly hidden by the weeds & the brambles but in the shelter of the tall mature older trees, they too were able to withstand the storm. It was as though the purpose of the mature trees was to protect, nurture and encourage the small young saplings and help them to grow to maturity.

What does this tell me about our Heavenly Father and how we can still be called and used by him even though we might be grey haired and a little creaky in the legs? As more senior in years, our usefulness to those who are younger is not over. We can through prayer, offer protection and nurture for the younger generation for them to come to know God's love and to thrive in the abundant life he offers. In these days especially, they need the protection and encouragement of us Grannies and Granddads in the faith!

### Everyday Prayers

**The Church of England website has some useful resources to help you pray. These include:**

*Prayers for starting everyday with God*

*Prayers in the midst of everyday life*

*Evening Prayers: God in our every day*

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# Lunchtime Concerts

The 2020 season of Saturday Lunchtime Concerts resumed on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Two further concerts are planned this year, subject to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Johan de Cock (piano)**

Johan de Cock was born in 1975 in Namibia (South West Africa). He studied piano with Catharina Struthers and harpsichord/pipe organ with Boudewijn Scholten at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. During this time, he held an assistant accompanist's post at the university, and was awarded the Pieter de Villier's prize for piano accompaniment in 1995.

He made his debut at the City Hall in Cape Town in 1996, playing Liszt's Totentanz with the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra and then went on to work for many years in South Africa as a pianist, organist, vocal accompanist, composer, arranger and musical director for theatre shows and cabaret. He moved to live in the UK in October 2000.

**To book a place for this concert**  
**email**  
**stlensorganist@seafordparish.org.uk**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Fiona Horsford (harp)**

An experienced harpist, Fiona has performed throughout the UK. Having studied the piano, violin and singing, when Fiona began the Harp at age 6 it soon became apparent that the other instruments were secondary to her interest in the Harp.

As well her LRSM, Fiona has a BA(Hons) at Brunel University in Textile Design and she has carved her own musical niche with clientele and her extensive repertoire served her well.

Now based in East Sussex, Fiona procures her own work contracts and is often described as having strong sense of humour and a sympathetic musical ear.

**To book a place for this concert**  
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These Lunchtime Concerts start at 1.00pm and last approximately an hour, they remain free and self supporting from donations given by our generous audience.

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## ***Dear Friends,***

Maurice has suggested we send you a letter, similar to Alastair Cook's Letter from America, to give you some of our news and let you know how we're getting on. I can't hope to emulate the esteemed Alastair but here goes!

This seems a good day to do it as it's exactly one year, date for date, since we moved from Seaford to Wigston in Leicestershire. Wigston is nowadays really a suburb of Leicester, lying about five miles south of the main city centre; it has a Borough Council which links it to neighbouring Oadby; it had a population of just over 32,000 in 2011, so probably it has expanded to around 34,000 now. In common with other places in the East Midlands, it grew during the 19th and early 20th century as a result of small scale manufacturing, such as framework knitting and shoemaking. There's a Framework Knitting Museum here which I would have visited by now, but for COVID-19.

Like most places, Wigston is expanding: we have several new housing estates going up around the area and most of the villages round about seem to be in the same situation. The house we bought a year ago is right on the edge of Wigston, with the Leicester branch of the Grand Union canal passing about a mile away. We are in a fairly small close of houses built in the 1980's, in a cul-de-sac off another cul-de-sac! Although the busy A5199 passes to the side of us only a short distance away, the close itself is pretty quiet. When we moved we were pleased to find there was a regular bus service passing the end of the road but sadly, we've not been able to use it since March. We were lucky to have bought a house which was newly decorated and with an established garden. The only big jobs which needed doing were the removal of

the bath and installation of a shower, which was one of the first things we had done, and the installation of a wardrobe in our bedroom, which is still not done, due to COVID-19. The previous owners used the spare bedroom at the back of the house as a dressing room and had wardrobes in there which they've taken with them, so we've become rather accustomed to the metal clothes rail currently gracing our bedroom! We have three bedrooms, the smallest of which was fitted out as a home office, so we've kept that arrangement and use the back bedroom as a spare room. So far, it's only been put to that use once, when our son Edd came over from Australia to visit back in March. He was supposed to stay for a couple of weeks but was so worried about being able to get back into Australia due to COVID lockdown that he changed his flight and went back after less than a week!

As you might imagine, COVID-19 has rather put the mockers on our ability to make friends and join things. Just after our move, I had a slight stroke and a number of other health problems so was unable to do anything very much for a while. I had, however, joined the church choir at St Peter's church in neighbouring Oadby and also the Leicester Philharmonic Choir, both of which are currently in abeyance. I was enjoying singing with the Oadby choir, several of whose members are also members of either the Leicester Phil or the Leicester Bach Choir. The Leicester Phil is a bit more problematic as I can't stand for very long and the choir seating at Leicester's De Montfort Hall is, to my mind, downright dangerous, being tiered bench seating with very steep steps and NO handrails! I am seriously wondering whether I will be able to continue singing with them if and when we are ever able to sing together again! St Peter's church is still closed, unfortunately. I think they are taking advantage of the situation to do some urgent work which needed doing to

the walls inside the church. The choir meets weekly using Zoom but I can't face doing this so am waiting until such time as we're able to sing together again. I do miss John and Kevin and all my friends in St Leonard's choir though.

My main interest and occupation during COVID has been the garden. We'd decided to leave things during this first year to see what came up but it's become apparent that we couldn't do that as the previous owners had planted loads of hardy geraniums which had been neglected during the months the house was empty and whilst I was ill. We then had an incredibly wet autumn and winter when we couldn't do much out there, so the geraniums have just romped away and rather overwhelmed the other nice plants which were there. So I've spent rather a lot of time trying to grub most of them up! At least now we can see what is there, what we want to keep or reduce and prepare for next year. Poor Eddie rather misses his allotment so we have tomatoes growing out there but not a lot else by way of veggies! He's got his name down for an allotment but I guess everyone is doing the same so he hasn't heard anything yet!

Eddie is able to get out and about rather further than I can and gets out to explore the area on his bike and made one foray with his inflatable kayak on the canal which was a bit of a disaster! Although Leicester itself is busy and a typical city environment, the surrounding countryside is very pleasant, although we haven't been able to get out very often since March. The M1 as it passes through Leicestershire doesn't do it justice! We had started going out to visit local gardens which were opening under the National Garden Scheme but then we got locked down again, along with Leicester, so haven't got around to booking any further visits yet. I do get out most days for a walk with our lurcher, Meg but do

struggle rather to get more than a mile which isn't good but better than nothing. Perhaps it's as well we haven't got Seaford's hills!

One of the nicest parts of being up here is being close to our daughter, Ellie, and family. They managed to buy and move into their first home, as opposed to renting, during the height of the pandemic, chiefly because the mortgage was already agreed and the vendor was elderly and keen to move into sheltered accommodation. They are about a mile up the road in the main part of Wigston and it's a joy to be able to see their little boy, Marlowe, several times a week and watch him growing. He's nearly three now, talking 19 to the dozen and very keen on diggers, fire engines and things mechanical! Ellie has been working from home so Marlowe's not been going to nursery, although she's classed as a key worker. They've had to go back to paying the fees since June in order to keep his place open for him. I think she's really enjoyed being at home with him. We're able to meet in the garden but not, as far as I'm aware, go in each other's houses yet. Being two of us, we're not able to be in a bubble. I can't really see the sense of being able to go to a pub or restaurant but not in another home.

Well, I hope this brings you up to date with the news from Wigston. We miss our friends in Seaford but keep in touch through the church news sheet and with friends in the town. If you're interested, I'll send further updates as and when the church reopens or we start singing again.

If anyone is on a narrow boat in the area or just passing through, we'll be pleased to see you - we're very close to the canal! The closest point on the canal is Kilby Bridge and a pub called The Navigation. You can contact us by emailing [collict@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:collict@yahoo.co.uk).

With love to all our friends at St Leonard's - stay safe!

***Rosie and Eddie Collict***



Because of their location, God often brings opportunities for MAF personnel to minister to local people outside the MAF sphere. Here, MAF Flight Operations Co-ordinator Corrine Cadinouche discovers a new mission field during the coronavirus lockdown in Kinshasa, western Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

‘During our present global pandemic, people back home always ask me, “How are you dealing with solitude and social distancing without a family there, and being alone?”

‘I say, “Well, video messaging my family and friends has been the norm for me for the last nine months since I moved to the DRC. As for being alone, I am confined with seven families in my compound that love to get together for any and every reason (birthdays, Sunday lunch, workout sessions, and so on). All the kids seem to think that my house is the place to be!”

‘Although all the churches have been shut down for more than four months because of coronavirus, we have a thriving little church in our compound. Aaron, a Baptist missionary whose family lives with us, felt called to start a

Sunday morning service; inviting neighbours in the compound from all over the faith spectrum to attend.

‘The proprietor, who also lives here, even calls each family to get them out of bed — she makes sure everyone comes to “church”. I was thinking the other day that if I invited my neighbours to church, they probably wouldn’t come. But now they are coming every Sunday morning. Through this and churches being closed, we can bring church to them.

‘Aaron has become the neighbourhood preacher. The local woodworkers even built him a pulpit! We set up 20 chairs outside on the driveway — the maximum we can have due to confinement rules — and, if it rains, we meet in the small gym, surrounded by exercise equipment.

‘Each Sunday they come and hear the Gospel loud and clear and are given the opportunity to ask and answer questions, pray, sing and read the Bible. It’s neat because the neighbours who live upstairs are Muslim. The whole family came the first time we had church, and now the husband comes most Sundays.

‘When he attends, he often talks and answers questions. I’ve often thought to myself, “I wonder what he believes?” Then, last Sunday, he brought a Bible. I have since learned that he only fasts to support his wife and children during Ramadan.

‘One of the ladies said to me last Sunday, “Wouldn’t it be great if Aaron could continue with our Sunday services here even after the confinement is over?” They are all really being touched and learning God’s Word.

‘Recently, I’ve been wondering, “What is my mission field beyond my ministry with MAF?” And God showed me so clearly during this confinement that my mission is now my neighbours in my compound. I have spent more time with them than any other group of people during these last few months. I pray I will always seek to be a good witness for Christ with them.’

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## For Your Prayers

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- For Corrine and the other MAF missionaries living on compounds containing people from other faiths and none. Pray that, through the example they set, the friendships they form and the discipleship they offer, that people will be brought closer to Jesus.
- For the work of MAF in western DRC. Recently, Pilot Jonathan de Jongh delivered coronavirus supplies such as washbasins, thermometers, paper towels and soap to five different health zones, and Pilot Nick Frey delivered a 900kg cargo of vaccines to 3 remote airstrips to help combat measles, mumps and rubella.
- For MAF’s eastern DRC programme as our personnel continue to minister to internally displaced people in camps containing more than 15,000 refugees. Pray that the team will be used by God through their conversations, acts of kindness, counselling, and sewing classes.

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## Lord You Reign

Written by Linda Parsons

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Showering down to Earth blessings  
from on high,  
Saving us from sin,  
To You, all praise and thanks we bring.

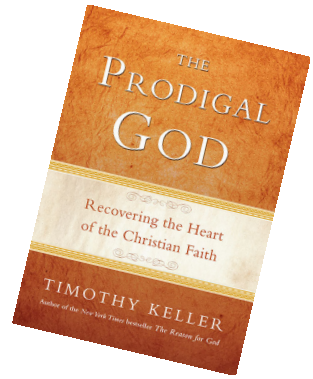
You shield us from harm  
By holding us in Your arm,  
Lead us to that holy place  
Where we shall meet You face to face.

Oh great and mighty King  
We lift our hearts and sing  
Holy, holy. God thou art  
We bow the knee before You now.

Great is Your name in all the Earth,  
You, who art of great worth,  
Let us pray to You day by day  
And walk along Thy great pathway.

## Book Review, 'The Prodigal God' written by Timothy Keller

Every now and again a book comes along that causes you to pause and refocus your understanding as a result of reading it. The Prodigal God is one of those books. It looks at Jesus famous story of the Prodigal Son and through it looks at the central, captivating message of Jesus – the gospel of grace, hope and salvation.



Keller argues that the parable of the prodigal son, while Jesus' best-known parable, is also his least understood. He introduces the reader to all the characters in this timeless story, it's not just about a wayward rebellious son, but also a judgemental older brother, and a loving father.

It reveals how the Jews would have understood the story, and why even today they are so repelled by it. The Prodigal God also calls us to question where we stand in this story and to re-evaluate our understanding of this parable, as the book's sub-title says it's, 'Recovering the heart of the Christian faith'.

This eminently readable book (just seven chapters and 128 pages long) is not a frivolous, frothy coffee-table book but is a powerful reminder to the faithful, an explanation to the seeker, and an invitation to us all (both older and younger brothers) to immerse ourselves in the unique, radical nature of the gospel. It is not lightweight, but it is accessible. It is not heavy theology, but is founded in scholarly orthodoxy. It's not 'super-spiritual' but looks at the parable through a spiritual perspective giving the opportunity to align our practice with the heart of God.

Tim is quoted as saying, "The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."

About the author: Timothy Keller was born 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1950 and is an American pastor, theologian, and Christian apologist. He earned his BA, Masters, and Doctorate in Divinity and Ministry before being ordained into the Presbyterian Church of America. He is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, which he planted in 1989 with his wife, Kathy, three young sons and 50 others, by 2008 it had grown to over 5000.

***Derreck Lee-Philpott***

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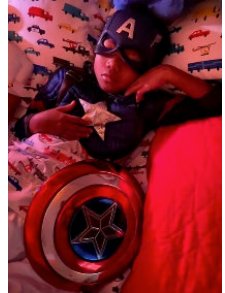
## Adopted

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When the DSWD asked us to take care of a little boy I had doubts; he was only 8, we had never worked with adoptions, his behaviour problems were very demanding. But the Social Workers insisted it was only LAMA House that could provide the help he needed. He had been stuck in a residential home for babies waiting for adoption, where he was placed at 8 months old after he was found on the streets of a city near us. Year after year the other babies were adopted while he was left behind. The oldest in the centre he began to be violent towards carers and to harm himself, always seeking attention and demanding his own way. When he came to us in 2018, he was swearing at us worse than any street-boy we have helped, defiant and aggressive, kicking and biting us and screaming most of the day! The schools would not accept him because he was too disruptive.

After several months of this, we received news from the centre that an Assistant Pastor and his wife had applied to adopt him. We began to pray, our Social Worker learned the ways of adoption placement and we

agreed to show a lot of patience and never allow him to feel rejection from us. It was not an easy year! God answered our prayers, yours, the adoptive family's and his - a little over a year later Noel was in America, the adoption speeded through faster than usual. This is his latest photo, his Mum told me "he picked out this Captain America costume online and asked every day when it will arrive, he wore it walking around town and riding his bike in the neighbourhood, then asked if he could wear it to bed." Against all the odds, the adoption is going very well! So thank you for your prayers! This is our latest success story!



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## Triage

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Let me introduce you to Pastor Domingo Capias, who is one of our Trustees here in the Philippines. Since the beginning of the Covid19 outbreak he has been volunteering as a front-liner, working at check-points in the city (as a Youth With A Mission Director he usually lives 'by faith'). He is involved in

checking people's temperature, making sure they are wearing masks and have the necessary permits and medical certificates to travel. The thing is, he not only does that, he also prays with those who are going for appointments at the hospital or who are in need. While our ministry at LAMA House is very restricted during the pandemic, his ministry has expanded. Here is just one story:

Anyone over 60 is not allowed out, but this 75 year old man was trying to go to the government insurance system office to apply for a loan. His temperature was high and he didn't have a medical certificate to enter the city. Pastor Domie told him he could be quarantined. He began to cry and told Pastor he was a widower living alone on his pension, his son had recently committed suicide, and his other sons lived miles away. Pastor asked if they could pray and introduced him to Jesus. He accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. When Pastor Domie offered to escort him to GSIS office, he declined and said, "I'm so happy now because of your prayers and my assurance of salvation, escort me instead to the departure area, I'll loan next time." And one of the



team gave him some money. Whatever need is presented to them, they pray openly with people and tell them about Jesus! Thank you for praying for him and all front-liners.

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## New Grand-daughter

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Michael's wife, Jeli, gave birth on September 9 to a baby girl, Natalie River. We are absolutely thrilled to bits! Jeli and baby are doing fine. Please keep them in your prayers, too.

Praise the name of Jesus! Psalm 116:2 NLT " Because He bend down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breathe."



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# Hope in Uncertain Times

Lorraine Taylor

In the strange events of life, it is impossible to visualise or picture what the next 'thing' or even what the next moment will bring.

Often it is impossible to predict how we are to proceed forward in life's many complexities. In the ebb and flow of living our faith, we must learn to cope with the challenging events that happen to us; trauma, abuses, losses, illness, death of loved ones, pandemics, etc.

There is no pandemic, no doubting, no questioning, no mistake, no regret, and nothing that will ever keep us from the love of God. The harsh adversities we experienced in the past, now or in the future, will never remove God's love.

Scripture encourages us to place our confidence and security in believing, trusting, and continually receiving God's love.

In the uncertain season experiencing a world pandemic, we must find this place in God and rest (from the chaos spinning around us) in his sacred love-heart.

As unexpected circumstances crash into our now, and we find ourselves in dark places, feeling pressured beyond our capacity to cope, you and I need to remind ourselves God's love becomes our steady rock that secures and grounds our minds and hearts – even when we fear, doubt or don't understand.

*"No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:37-39*

We know in the natural when the darkness of storm clouds dissipates, and the sun peaks through the haze, and we see the colours of a rainbow, we are reminded of God's promise to always love and hold us in His heart.

Every moment of every hour of every day of every month of every year, our hope lies in the eternal truth that no matter what happens to us or around us, we are anchored in the faithfulness of God's forever-love and his promises are always YES and Amen!

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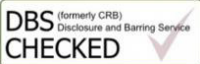
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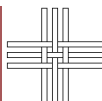
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# Calendar and Lectionary



## October

Saturday 3rd	4.00pm	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 4th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	3.30pm	Annual Parochial Meeting	St. Leonard's*
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
Wednesday 7th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 11th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
Wednesday 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 18th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
Wednesday 21st	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 25th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom

All communion services are said and will be taken in one kind.

\*Also online at [www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk)

### 4<sup>th</sup> October: 17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

Reading: Philippians 3:4-14\*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46\*

Matins: Psalm 122\*

### 18<sup>th</sup> October: Luke the Evangelist

Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10\*

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22\*

### 11<sup>th</sup> October: 18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

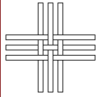
Reading: Philippians 4:1-9\*

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14\*

### 25<sup>th</sup> October: Bible Sunday

Reading: Colossians 2:12-17\*

Gospel: Matthew 24:30-35\*



# Calendar and Lectionary

## November

Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
Saturday 7th	4.00pm	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Luke's
	10.30am	Service of Remembrance	St. Leonard's*
Remembrance	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
Wednesday 11th	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 15th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 22nd	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom
Wednesday 25th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	On Zoom
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches*
Sunday 29th	11.15am	Worship	Online
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	On Zoom

### 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints

Reading: 1John 3:1-3\*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12\*

Matins Psalm 84\*

### 8<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday

Reading: Amos 5:18-24\*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13\*

### 15<sup>th</sup> November: 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent

Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:1-11\*

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30\*

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Christ the King

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23\*

Gospel: Matthew 21:31-46\*

### 29<sup>th</sup> November: 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9\*

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37\*

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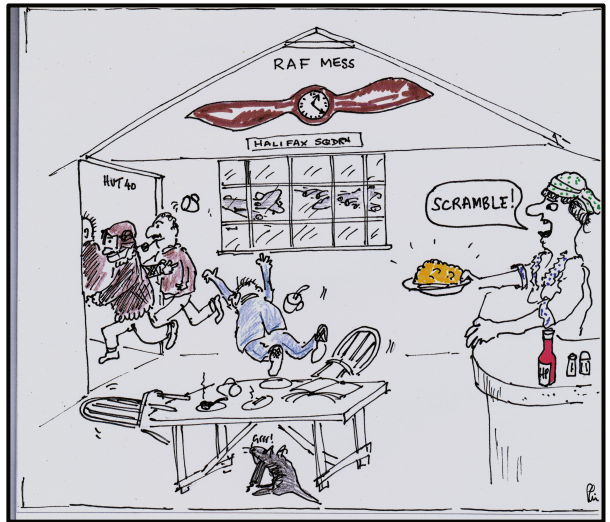
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