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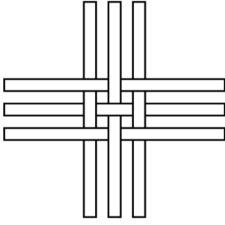
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*St. Leonard's & St. Luke's Churches*

October-November 2022

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# Parish News

## **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.

3<sup>rd</sup> October: In house event

17<sup>th</sup> October: Chailey Foundation talk

7<sup>th</sup> November: Soup & Sausages/Quiz

21<sup>st</sup> November: Christmas Crafts

## **Men's Meals**

Hopefully, the next Men's Meal will be in the week commencing 24th October but not the Thursday or Friday of that week. The venue has yet to be decided. James and Stefan will be our speakers. Notification will be circulated in the usual way. New members are welcome. If you wish to join in, please contact me, 01323-894548 or by email - [keithcarlisle@sky.com](mailto:keithcarlisle@sky.com).

## **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](mailto: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 Tuesdays October 11, November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments are available from 10.00am). 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month and Holy Communion each Wednesday throughout the rest of the month.

## **Easy-Fundraising**

Thank you to those who have registered for and use 'easyfundraising'. Members have so far raised £24.14. New members are very welcome.

## **Link to Hope Shoeboxes**



The closing date for getting completed shoeboxes to St. Leonard's and St. Luke's Churches is Sunday 30th October. They will be blessed on Sunday

6th November before being taken to Link to Hope headquarters in Ferring along with any blankets, knitted teddies and any other items too big to fit the boxes. There are still leaflets and some shoeboxes available, let me know if you need any. If anyone needs assistance filling boxes or getting them to church please contact Hazel Bramley on 01323 892883 or 07890 726957. Thanks again for your support, love and prayers as we send boxes of smiles to Eastern Europe.

## **Mothers' Union**

Please keep an eye on the fortnightly news and ChurchSuite for details of meetings.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

Pamela Murrell  
Peter Evans  
Beryl Patterson  
Rosemary Simmons

### Weddings

Keira Danded and Wayne Barrett  
Lizzie Brown and Ken Holt

### 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](mailto: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.

**For all the latest news and details of any changes please see the weekly news sheet or subscribe to our news email at**

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

## Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd October. Donations of dried and tinned goods may be brought to any of the Services on that day and will be given to the Family Support Work Food Bank. If you wish to leave donations on Friday 30th September or Saturday 1st October (before 11.00 am) at St. Leonard's and they will be included in the display of harvest goods.

## Parish Lunch

Parish Lunches are served on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 12.30 in St Luke's. For more details and a ticket for the lunch contact Sue on 01323 480415, or Julia 895073.

## Parish Magazine

The copy date for the December-January issue of The Parish Magazine is **Tuesday November 15th** items after this date may not be included. The magazine will be published the weekend of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. [magazine@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:magazine@seafordparish.org.uk)



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Alpha continues  
during October  
and November.  
Please do pray for  
those exploring  
faith and for those  
leading and  
supporting the  
sessions.



**Help Please...** We have in our Church family groups of Children and young people. Each group is growing in numbers, **Praise God! But more help is needed.**

**H...** happiness among the groups. Happiness as we see our young people learn more about Jesus

**E...** excitement in the activities among the children and parents

**L...** loud, it can get noisy but we were all young once

**P...** people to help!

If you can only spare a few hours a month that would be great. If you can make and serve tea, wonderful.

If you could help set up for the Tots groups that would be so good.

If you like having a chat, a lot of parents would love that.

Have a chat with Stefan or Marion Holding who will be happy to help.





# James Hollingsworth



## **Jesus, you are Welcome Here**

My summer started with a week camping at New Wine at Peterborough. I do like that hymn 'O for a thousand tongues to sing' but there's something extra special when you realise you are actually singing with about five thousand others.

New Wine is sort of like Glastonbury Festival, or Greenbelt, or Spring Harvest or a large gathering of people camped for the purposes of learning about the Christian faith, praying, encouraging each other. Okay perhaps its not quite like Glastonbury in that sense.

Whenever we camp, especially when we do it in a community (there were a dozen other tents from Seaford) I remember how the first Christians in the Acts of the Apostles shared everything together and got by fine and I'm reminded that I can cope without having so very many things (for example 'books' I hear you say).

One speaker encouraged us to pray, wherever we went the simple prayer of 'Lord Jesus you are welcome here'. When you go into a shop, into a friend's house, into your car, and so on. It's a prayer that will remind you

that the Lord is with you wherever you go, and of our calling to be a blessing to the people around us wherever we find ourselves.

We went from the camp straight to the Wedding Rehearsal.

## **My Daughter's wedding**

Thank you, my daughter Ruth's wedding went well. It was fascinating seeing it from the other side of the Altar. The morning was so slow and tedious and then suddenly there we are at the Church and the doors are opened and the music plays and I tried to walk in as slowly as possible but she was keen as mustard to get married and then gosh its all over.

A particularly drunk relative came up to me a couple of times during the reception to tell me how splendidly funny my speech had been. Always good to have encouraging feedback.

I'm usually tired after taking a wedding but that was nothing compared to this moment with the emotional highs and the burning of all my extrovert energy. So the next week we went to Matlock. Thank you to the person who cautioned

us against asking for a tart in Bakewell. You will be scowled at. I can recommend the Bakewell pudding, though I'm not sure that my doctor would.

### **Books**

I read two books on holiday that made me feel very small. This wasn't their intent. A Multitude of All Peoples, Engaging Ancient Christianity's Global identity by Vince Bantu. It's a brilliant book trying to dispel the myth that we white English Victorian Christians were the first to take the Gospel to the rest of the world.

Each chapter looks at another part of the World – Africa, the Middle East, China – and shows how the Gospel went to the rest of the world from the very earliest of period of the early Church. One chapter explains how there were bishops in Afghanistan before Islam reached there. I find this both exciting and humbling.

The other book I read was A People's Church: A History of the Church of England by Jeremy Morris. If ever you had a romantic notion of the Church as looking like Jane Austen's Church in Pride and Prejudice or Hardy's Far from the Madding Crowd, then this will cure you. Here's a description of how Holy Communion was distributed in 1830s with a deep awareness of the priority of social importance. This quote is from Joseph Arch writing about what he saw in 1830s - "First, up walked the squire to the communion rails; the farmers went up next; then up went the tradesmen, the shopkeepers, the wheelwright, and the blacksmith"; and then, the very last of all, went the poor agricultural labourers in their smock

frocks. They walked up as if they were unclean – and at that sight the iron entered straight into my poor little heart and remained fast embedded there." (page 210).

Yes this does make me praise the Lord that we aren't as prejudice as that. But it also makes me pray to God that we aren't as prejudiced as that. I wonder what blind spots we have!

### **More Archery**

Family Support Work, FSW, is one of the Charities that we support as a Church. They do excellent work supporting families. They invited us to a fun afternoon to put on some archery so myself and Lucy and (other daughter) Abigail helped about fifty people shoot one afternoon.



I find the psychology of archery really interesting. A teenager steps up and she's full of 'Oh I can't do this I'm rubbish at this' and proceeds to hit the target impressively and yet she feels it's important to put herself down. I even told her not to be so hard on herself and she replied firmly: No it's what I do.



A very young lad struggled to pull back the string so that the first arrow barely limped to a foot away but with each arrow he shot he would pull back a little further until the last arrow landed on the target. He was beside himself with excitement! He could have seen all the other arrows as all indications of how rubbish he is and what's the point

but he didn't he chose to learn from each arrow, from each failure. I think sometimes we don't fail enough. We're too proud to risk failure and that hampers our faith. Jesus calls us to joy and to life and that means risking.

I had never helped a blind person to shoot. I placed her feet, she felt the bow and the string and she had a good posture and her friend would lean over her shoulder and say 'Up a bit, left a bit more, okay release!' And then to see her face when she heard the satisfying 'thook' as the arrow hit the target.

There are days when we wonder why we bother and whether we've done any good. This was not one of them.

The photo of me holding the apple, yes that was me, it took me three arrows to hit it, yes I was very chuffed when I did but it was the gasp of awe from those around me that really made the moment.

## Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October

What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles?

One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now.

Bible Society reports that: "Prison chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken.

"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."

More at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>



## Building inside St Leonard's Church

On 27<sup>th</sup> October we hope to have a visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, the DAC. They are coming with our architect to look more closely at the designs for putting in a simple kitchen where the Choir vestry is at the moment, and for building three toilets through where the single toilet is at the moment. This will involve going outside a very little so that we can build a toilet for wheelchair users. We will talk more about how to make the most of our need for storage both under the tower and in the Holy Spirit Chapel (where the choir vestry will be) and about screening off the Chapel so that it can be used as a separate meeting space. We will talk more about the idea of a mezzanine floor coming out from the tower to almost the first pillars.

The cost of this will be considerable (eg £500k) but our prayers remain that this will be covered by the sale of the Hall or else we will have to cut our cloth accordingly.

Remember that the aim of all this will be to enable the Church building to be at the centre of our community of faith in the heart of the town; to be a flexible space that can be used by all sorts of people.

After the DAC visit we should then be in a position to start formal application to various bodies, eg English Heritage etc. Hopefully this will be the beginning of actually getting on with something that we have talked about since before I arrived.



## More about Derreck's preparations for his visit to South Sudan

The 6<sup>th</sup> October departure is approaching fast, some of you have been asking about the preparations and what exactly I will be doing, hopefully this will answer some questions.

Preparations are now well under way and the next big step is getting the required visa, then the booking of the internal flights and transport in-country. Sounds simple if you say it quickly.

Thankfully the schedule has been approved by the hosting dioceses so I will take you through what we expect the three weeks to look like. I hope that it will help and encourage you to pray for me and the others in the team over the three weeks.

The Team: Rev Barry Blackford is our team leader and has recently retired as a parish priest in Salisbury diocese. Barry has been to South Sudan previously so is familiar with the area and some of the people we will be working with.

Diana High is also retired living in Whitstable on the North Kent coast and has done several trips as a layperson with the Mathetes Trust previously and so is another seasoned campaigner.

John and Yosafate are our diocesan links and will assist us and then co-ordinating the Rooted in Jesus program in the diocese after we have left.

The purpose of the trip is to train, equip, enthuse, anoint and authorise (mainly) lay people to become small group leaders. "Housegroups" I hear you exclaim! Yes, sort of..... but not really. They are described as 'discipleship groups', they study a discipleship course over four books designed especially for Africa. On my last trip to Uganda in 2014 we heard during the second conference that 5 groups had been started by the attendees at the first conference over the first weekend following their training. Two months later having come home we heard from their archdeacon that a total of thirteen groups had started in his archdeaconry and ten more across the two dioceses. Six months later we heard that the groups were so successful and had grown so fast that eighteen of the groups had divided into two with new leaders. We were given accounts of healings, conversions across both dioceses visited – including a witch-doctor, and yes they really do exist. These groups when supported by their diocesan bishop have a massive impact on the growth of individuals and their churches.

For this visit the 21 day schedule is below, for reference Juba is one hour ahead of UK time.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Fly from Gatwick to Juba via Istanbul

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Fly from Juba to Wau, check conference facilities, if time.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Wau Conference (see programme).

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

In Wau (rest, visit city, meet group sermon preparation).

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Preaching in Wau and surrounding area.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Travel to Tonj, check facilities for the conference.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Tonj Conference (see programme).

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

In Tonj (rest, visit city, meet groups, sermon preparation).

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Preaching in Tonj and surrounding area, travel to Wau.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Fly from Wau to Juba.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Fly from Juba to Heathrow via Istanbul

The flights require a transfer in Istanbul, four hours outward and two hours return, prayers please that all goes

smoothly. Having arrived at Juba at 8.00am we get a short rest (prayers for rest and fast recuperation) as we then have to meet our diocesan links and the Bishop, register at the police station, change our currency from US\$ to Sudanese pounds - none are easy over a weekend. We will also have to sort the exit requirements including PCR checks 24hrs in advance.

Monday morning we will fly in a plane (similar to the ones Danny flew with MAF) to Wau where the first conference will be held. Hopefully we will be able to check the venue and facilities before we start, but knowing Africa there is a different appreciation of time and we will be fortunate to see the venue before the first morning.

The course programme is the same for both venues, starting with themed worship, the theme is followed through the day. We then have a teaching time, then small group sessions, lunch, followed by workshops then a time of ministry. My contributions are doing the Pastoral Care workshops (every day) teaching/demonstrating the role of a Group Leader and the pastoral care for the group; Day 2, teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit, seeing people filled with the Spirit for the first time, seeing the Spirit enliven people with the gifts, see healing, prophecy, tongues, interpretation. Previous experience tells me that is a pivotal, exciting session.

After we have the course presentations and the commissioning of the new leaders we get a rest day.

I say 'rest day' with tongue in cheek, as we will be shown the town, visit local

groups of believers and do sermon preparation for the following day when we will preach in local churches, a day off – just like home!

We then travel by road (we think) to the second conference venue at Tonj, and start all over again.

Following the second conference we again preach locally and drive back to Wau on Sunday afternoon.

We catch an internal flight back to Juba then having a full day's rest and trusting that the PCR tests we take will be negative, then take the 10am flight to start the ten hour journey home, again with a stop-over in Istanbul.

Looking forward to the first cup of tea after arriving home!

## Between now and departure please pray...simply, PRAY

- PRAY that the visa applications go through easily.
- PRAY for smooth flights, there and back, especially the transfers through Istanbul
- PRAY that the in-country transfer flights become available, at the right times.
- PRAY that God prepares the attendees hearts, they are taking on a great responsibility.
- PRAY that God is known among us, and that His Spirit will come with power through the conferences.
- 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.**

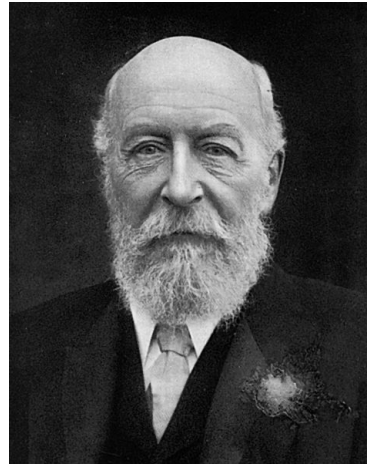
## Rooted in Jesus Introductory Conference Outline Programme

4 day Timetable for New Leaders in Wau & Tonj 2022

	8.30-9.00	9-10.30	11-12.30	2-4	Optional	4.30-5.30	5.30-6.00
<b>Theme</b> Each day has a theme	<b>Worship</b> Including 10 mins reflection	<b>Teaching</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Workshops</b> Rotating groups, same leaders each time		<b>Ministry</b> Talk followed by prayer/ministry	<b>Local planning</b> Led by coordinators
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Word</b>	Welcome Introductions Psalm 1 – A tree planted by a stream  Bishop, Barry & Team	Introduction to RinJ  Barry	Sketch Barry & Team  Demo sessions Mod 1 Lesson 1 Team  Appoint practice group leaders for tomorrow	1. Leading a RinJ group John & Yosafate 2. Pastoral care Derreck 3. Prayer Diana		Knowing God's love - Ephesians 3  Derreck	Support  Yosafate
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Spirit</b>	Isaiah 43:18-21 – I am doing a new thing  John (10 mins)	The work of the Holy Spirit  Derreck	Practice sessions in groups : Mod 1 Lesson 4 Barry Feedback (30 mins)  Appoint practice group leaders for tomorrow	1. Leading a RinJ group John & Yosafate 2. Pastoral care Derreck 3. Prayer Diana		Repentance and Renewal - Ephesians 4  Diana	Resources  John
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Ministry</b>	Matthew 5 - Salt & light  Yosafate (10 mins)	Rewards and difficulties  Diana	Practice sessions in groups : Mod 2 Lesson 3  Barry Feedback (30 mins)	1. Leading a RinJ group John & Yosafate 2. Pastoral care Derreck 3. Prayer Diana		Asking God for more - Luke 18.35-43  Barry	Implementation  Yosafate
<b>Friday</b> <b>Leadership</b>	Colossians 2:6-7 – Living by faith  John (10 mins)	RinJ syllabus & experience Q&A  Barry	Commissioning and presentations (Matt 28.18-20)  Bishop & Barry				

# George Cadbury

## *The chocolate man with a heart for welfare*



One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the Daily News (later the News Chronicle), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

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A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

Vicar (benevolently): "And what is your name, my little man?"  
Small boy: "Well, that's the limit. It was you who baptised me!"



**We have had a fantastic time over the past few months in the Children, Youth and Family sessions...**

Usually everything stops over the summer for children, youth and family work in many places, which to me is a wee bit counterproductive, as this is the key time where children, young people and families really need things to get involved with. We have had some fantastic days and sessions including a Messy Church BBQ, a Games and Crafts Morning and of course Tots' Treats which continued to run throughout the summer. So I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the leaders who came and supported these events and to those that came along and had such a great time.

### **Holiday Club**

Our Cops and Robbers Holiday Club will be running weekday mornings during October Half Term (between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October). The Holiday Club Working Group (consisting of Alice, Kim, Lucy, Anna and myself) have been busy making plans and getting things ready for what promises to be another successful week.

By then we would have hopefully raised enough funds to completely cover the cost of the Holiday Club (generally around £500-£600 for the whole week for 60 children to attend). If you have been part of giving towards that or attended the quiz night or bought raffle tickets, I would like to say a huge thank you! You have been amazing at helping us to provide 60 free places and packed lunches for 5 days! (a total for 300 visits to a Church group in a week).

Currently all places have been booked for the Cops and Robbers Holiday Club so we have now opened a waiting list for all children who would like to be made aware if a free space comes up. To book a child into holiday club, please click on the link below: <https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/events/erigrk3r>

The next part which the team really needs your help with is volunteering for holiday club. It takes a lot of steam to power holiday club. Last year we had 32 volunteers helping us at Razzamatazz Robots, from crafts table helpers, refreshments throughout the morning, packed lunch making, group leaders, tech team leaders, photography, registrations and sign in and just general helpers that can float between tasks as directed. We would be really appreciative of any physical help that you could offer in the holiday club week and of course prayer too throughout the week. Generally, the best thing for the children is if you can help for the whole week as they really get to know you more and more, but if you can't do that that's ok just let us know what you think you could do.

Please let us know if you can help by clicking on the link below and filling out the form as to which job you might like to help with and how many days you could help for. Alternatively, you can email or call using my contact details below.

<https://seafordparishchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/e4dtzpx>

### **Messy Church**

In case you've missed the news, Messy Church has a new meeting time of 9.30am-11.00am, but still on the first

Saturday of the month in St. Leonard's. The church is still open for prayer, but with the addition of everyone able to come in and grab a tea, coffee and some cake and even take part in the crafts at Messy Church and listen to the talk too! At the talk time we generally ask that there is a little more quiet than at other times of Messy Church.

Since starting back in September we have been looking at Heroes of the Bible with Daniel and the Lions Den, in October we'll have Esther. It was great to see some new families come along and join us for Messy Church in September. So make sure you pop in, say hi and get to know some of the families who come along to Messy Church.

### **Tots' Treats**

Tots' Treats have been continuing to meet throughout the summer (thank you leaders!). We have also tried to look at how we can make changes to Tots' Treats to keep the group fresh, this might be with newer toys, different crafts, different layouts to the groups, etc. Unfortunately, it's too early for me to give you a clear picture on that as we haven't met back with the changes in place yet. But keep your eyes peeled for more news in the next magazine.

### **Sparks & Ignite**

As I write this Sparks and Ignite are just returning following their summer break. We've been looking forward to seeing everyone again and to having a huge amount of fun throughout the sessions this autumn. Again more news in the next magazine.

## Summer Camp

Thank you again to all of those who had donated towards the cost of the Sparks camp and sponsored some placements for that camp. The children had an amazing time and got to know God on a whole different level. Camps like these are the things that really stick in the children's memories for years to come.

God bless.

Stefan Bracher

(Children, Youth and Family Missioner)

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# Cops & Robbers Holiday Club

Free



October Half Term 2022  
(24th - 28th), 9.45am-12.30pm  
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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 October 15th**

**Adam Heron (piano)**

Acclaimed by The Sunday Times for the verve and spirit of his performances, Adam Heron is swiftly earning a reputation as one of the most innovative pianists of his generation. Winner of the 2020 Harriet Cohen Bach Prize, Adam rose to prominence following his television debut in 2018 as a BBC Young Musician piano finalist. Through his unique artistry, coupled with an innate public appeal and flair for communication, he has become a leading ambassador for classical music across the UK and abroad.



**Saturday November 19th**

(To mark St. Cecilia, patron saint of music)

**Lips Wind Quintet**

Formed in 2014, the LIPS wind quintet is formed of scientists, a software engineer and a lawyer, who play in some of London's best amateur orchestras and chamber ensembles. Playing almost every available genre of wind quintet music, from the well known to the unheard of, the quintet brings an exuberant, playful and stylish approach to everything from Bach to Barber to Ligeti.

The retiring collection from this concert will support the work of Christian Aid.



**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.**

# Prayer Diary



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 October**

### **WAVES – Supporting Seaford Families**

- Pray for the centre co-ordinator Vicki and key workers Jane and Jill as they continue to support families in Seaford, emotionally and practically, and to develop the outreach activities WAVES offers outside of the centre.
- Pray for the families moving on as their children join nursery/school.
- Pray for continuing financial provision to enable WAVES to continue and expand its support beyond the provision of the drop-in centre.

### **BIBLE SOCIETY**

- Give thanks that Chaplains are seeing prisoners come to Christ with the help of resources from Bible Society - such as the Bibles donated and by using The Bible Course.
- Pray for safety for those working with the Ukrainian Bible Society and local churches, that the Bible would continue to speak to them and that God will uphold them in their tiredness.
- For strength and wisdom to the organisers and storytellers of Open the Book working in the schools in Ghana so that more children will acquire biblical values to shape their lives.

### **SARAH & POLA CHHIN WORKING WITH CAMBODIA ACTION**

- Pray that Pola will keep in good health as he takes on more building projects and that their own house will soon be completed so the household can be reunited when they move in.
- For the M'lup Russey Team: that they will have safety, health, wisdom and understanding in the office and in the field.
- For continued financial support and prayer partners.

## **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 and then go out into the community this week to share his love.
- Those people and their families living with the threat of persecution, imprisonment, or death for following Jesus.

## **MONDAY – The UK**

- Pray for the new leader of the Conservative Party and Prime Minister to lead with justice and integrity, bring political stability, and effectively appoint and lead the cabinet/ministers as they deal with the challenges facing the UK.
- For individuals and families fearful of being unable to meet the increasing cost of fuel. For governmental wisdom as to how aid can be best offered.
- For a swift resolution to the current industrial unrest with threats of strikes by public sector workers and for fair agreement to be reached.
- Give thanks for the successful international operations 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 children.
- For the health services, coping with staff shortages, limited resources, increased workloads and complex needs.
- For the successful roll out of the Covid vaccination autumn booster and for scientists as they continue to monitor the effect and treatment of variants.

## **TUESDAY - The Parish**

- Pray for Derreck as he travels with the Mathetes Trust to minister in South Sudan (6<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October). For wisdom, protection from harm, travelling mercies and God's provision. For the delegates attending to be refreshed and empowered to return to their churches. For Corrinne and family in the UK.
- For all attending the Alpha course this autumn as together they explore the Christian faith. For James and the helpers providing support and leadership to the group.
- Continue to pray for the timely sale of St Leonard's Hall. For the architect and the parish team managing this and plans to provide improved facilities in St. Leonard's 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 to know God's peace, healing and wholeness.
- For the teams from the parish who regularly visit, minister to and share God's love with staff and residents in the Care Homes.

### **WEDNESDAY – Children and Young people**

- For Leaders, helpers & children attending Cops & Robbers holiday club, for protection from infection, safety, fun and learning more about Jesus.
- 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 children changing groups and for new starters that they feel at home and enjoy coming week by week.
- For Messy Church families that they will feel part of the wider church family.
- For families coming to worship together in the parish that they will discover all that God has for them.

### **THURSDAY – For those living and working in:**

October 6th: Jubilee Gardens, Argent Close, Queensway, Maple Fields, Balmoral Close.

October 13th: Normansal Park Ave, Chalvington Close, Normansal Close, Seagrove Way.

October 20th: Sovereign Close, Sandringham Close, Belvedere Gardens, Monarch Gardens

October 27th: Sutton Drove, The Byways, Parkside, Byedown, Hindover Road.

November 3rd: Hindover Crescent, Mill Drive, Haven Brow, Rough Brow, Short Brow.

November 10th: Milldown Road, Sutton Road, Parkside Road, Gildredge Road, Grove Road.

November 17th: East Albany Rd, Stafford Rd, Meads Rd, Cornfield Rd, Middle Furlong.

November 24th: Highlands Rd, Cornfield Cl, Mercread Rd, Guardswell Place, Vicarage Close.

### **FRIDAY – Seaford**

- For local people and families juggling limited income as they seek to manage rising living costs. For those needing to make tough choices.
- Local schools – for staff and pupils dealing with the demands of the autumn term.
- For local businesses and tradespeople dealing with the challenges of increasing fuel and other costs.
- Churches of Seaford - for leaders and people, for God's guidance and blessing.
- Care Homes – protection from infection for staff and residents as they adjust to the challenges and demands of providing care.

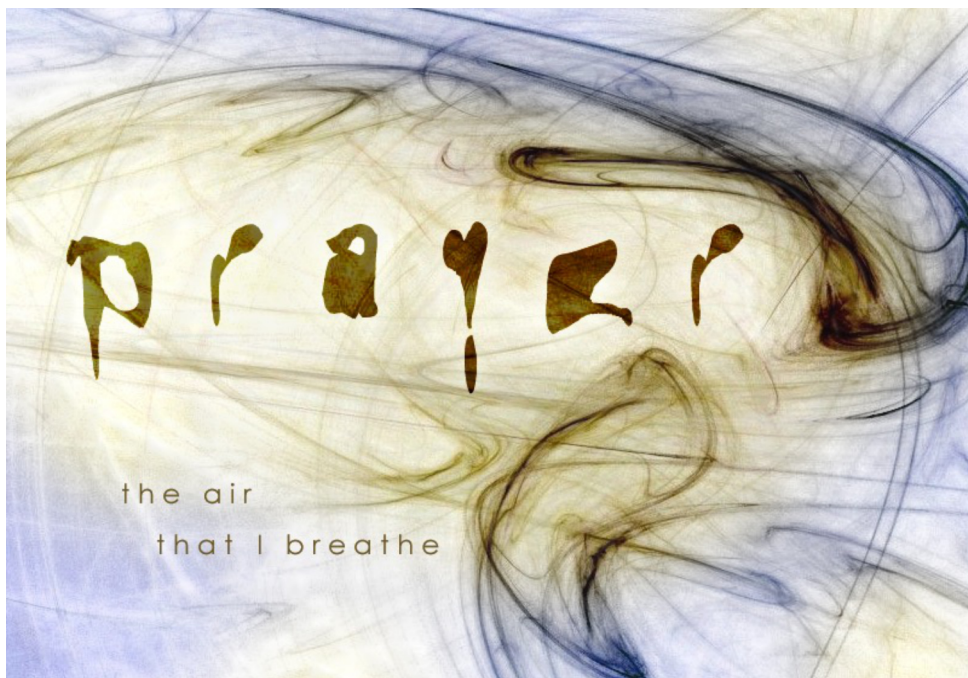
### **SATURDAY – The World**

- Pray for a speedy resolution to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and for lasting peace. For wise interventions by the UK. Fortitude and courage of Ukrainians.
- For those in countries at war or civil unrest including, Syria, South Sudan, Ukraine and Sri Lanka.
- For those displaced from their homes. For refugees and asylum seekers, those in refugee camps, and those trying to rebuild lives in a new country.
- For nations affected by flooding, drought and the other effects of climate change. That an international and collaborative approach will speedily result in radical and definitive action.
- For those living daily with the challenges of shortage of clean water and sanitation, shortages of staple foods – a compassionate sharing of resources and action from those nations who live in plenty.

## Pray for Missions Partners during November

### DIOCESAN FAMILY SUPPORT

- Pray for the 21 Family Practitioners working throughout the Diocese as they seek to help to those struggling with the rise in the cost of living together with the trustees and office staff that support them.
- For Pippa Fleming, Family Practitioner working in Peacehaven, Newhaven and Seaford as she liaises with Waves and the local schools to provide the help needed for families with children who have special needs.
- For a good response to the Christmas Food Bank Appeal and donations of presents for all the families.



**Saturday Prayers** at 8.30am each Saturday are on Zoom.

Use the following log in: Meeting ID: 731 3210 2295 Passcode 1UWEx6

**Prayer@7** at 7.00pm on the second Sunday of each month at St. Luke's

**Prayer Ministry** is available in the Holy Spirit Chapel at St. Leonard's during Communion on Sunday and at St Luke's at the end of each service.



### **Sons of Encouragement (omnibus edition) by Francine Rivers.**

I don't normally do reviews or recommend books of fiction (especially when they concern scriptural characters) as fiction is a very personal choice, and I am always wary of fictionalising scriptural characters and their stories. But, this book is an exception. Francine Rivers has taken the scriptural accounts of these men's stories and (re-)told them in a vibrant, dynamic way, that places you with them in their adventures of faith.

In her introduction Francine explains, "The five stories in this volume are about biblical men of faith who served in the shadows of others. These were eastern men who lived in ancient times, and yet their stories apply to our lives and the difficult issues we face in the world today. They were on the edge. They had courage. They took risks. They did the unexpected. They lived daring lives, and sometimes they made mistakes – big mistakes. These men were not perfect, and yet God in His infinite mercy used them in His perfect plan to reveal Himself to the world."

We can feel the presence of God in the tabernacle as Aaron serves God and supports his brother Moses in the journey to the Promised Land.

We will know the fire and passion in Caleb's heart as he follows God when even the whole nation steps back.

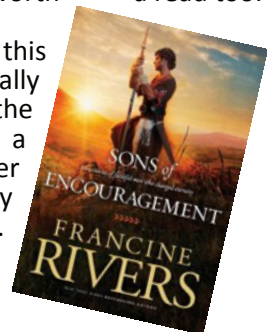
We can see humility as Jonathan befriends the man who would become King in Israel instead of him, as his father Saul increasingly turns away from God.

We feel the pain and weep with Amos as he hears the Lord's voice in a nation unwilling to listen. In Silas we see one who was willing to give all, to exchange wealth for the role of a letter-writer.

In these stories we get caught up in the lives of five men who may be lesser known than their more illustrious contemporaries, but because of this have amazing stories to tell, and Francine does it well. She holds to what is known of them in scripture, and adds the minimum of extra colour, rarely an additional character, but these heighten the story like herbs heighten a meal.

At the end of each story there is a bible study around the character just to ensure we re-focus and hold to the truth of the story. Yes this is a compendium of stories about men, but Francine has written a companion volume around women, if it is as good as this it will be worth a read too.

After reading this book I feel I really know the characters in a deeper, rounder way, and am truly encouraged by it.





# But that's not the right tune...

Keith Carlisle

**...of course it is – for some people!**

There are so many tunes to *'Just as I am..'* but is a particular tune the essential element of that hymn? It is important for those who know a particular tune to those words. It helps their worship. However, the words are the most important element of a Christian hymn or Christian song. A voluntary is a solo piece of music in its own right. Different pieces of music, ancient and even very modern, will please those who find a particular piece and style helpful in worship. Music changes but the words of a hymn or song should maintain the unchanging truth of the Gospel. We all love singing hymns.

Some of the words can be as meaningful to us as texts from the Bible. However, do we always understand them? Charles Wesley wrote over 7000 hymns. Some of them use phrases and theological references which are difficult to follow. *'Just as I am..'* and *'Amazing Grace'* are simpler, yet just as deep in meaning. Charlotte Elliot expresses this superbly in her hymn *'Just as I am'*. We shall sing this on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October in St. Leonard's.

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come  
O Lamb of God, I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come!**

It is an old hymn giving a personal response to the eternal invitation of Jesus. The same simplicity and directness of Jesus' invitation is also seen in a hymn written by Deidre Browne, (b.1936), *'Come as you are, that's how I want you...'*

Charlotte Elliott lived in Clapham for thirty years and then moved to Brighton. She died there in 1871. Charlotte's faith is reflected in this hymn. Although not enjoying the best of health, she wrote a great number of well-known hymns expressing the same deep spirituality.



Charlotte Elliott  
(Image: Public Domain)

The second hymn that has become a classic and is now sung regularly. It is John Newton's '**Amazing grace**', written in 1772.

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost. but now am found,  
Was blind; but now I see.**

**And, when this heart and flesh shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.**

We probably understand '**Within the veil**' as being after death. Within the veil of the temple was the Holy of Holies. Within the veil, in the Holy of Holies, was the very presence of God. Only the High Priest could go in and then once a year only. No other person could ever do so.

At the moment of Jesus' death Matthew, 27, v,51 records that '**The curtain (veil) of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**'. The very presence of God could now be accessed by everyone through our confession and Christ's forgiving grace. Another hymn, written by Marty Haugen (b.1950), '**Let us build a house**' with the chorus '**all are welcome,**' reflects the same great promise.

Interestingly, a practical point was that a rope was tied to the High Priest's ankle when he went into the Holy of Holies and the rope then went outside the veil of the temple so that the High Priest could be pulled out should he collapse.



**John Newton**  
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John Newton's conversion from a slave trader and becoming a Christian Priest is probably well known. Miraculously saved from shipwreck in a violent storm, he regarded this as the time his belief began to change. Yet it was not until some time afterwards that he finally rejected the slave trade stating '*It will always be a subject of humiliating reflection to me that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders*'. This is reflected in him meeting the Prince of Wales in a face-to-face challenge on the wickedness of the slave trade.

Today there can be no question about the wrongness of slave trading. There can be no doubt about Newton's sound conversion and his campaigning for its abolition. We shall sing John Newton's hymn on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October (in St. Leonard's) to the traditional early American tune. At 'Spring Harvest' in 1996, a fine arrangement of this tune in the Blues tradition was included in the event's hymn/song book. You may have heard it played in St. Leonard's!



## **Nicola Ferguson**

### **Fundraising & Future Events update**

This year, St Leonard's raised £515.00 during Christian Aid Week with a further £364.00 from the Lunch at St Lukes in May. I forgot to mention previously, that January's Quiz night raised £433.00 with an additional £37.00 collected at St Leonard's Saturday 'Mission' Open Church Day in July. We are very happy to announce that Christian Aid Week this year has so far raised over £4,055.13 with more monies to come from Alfriston. At the time of our last committee meeting in June, we had £6,126.08 in our Christian Aid Bank account and most of this money will have been sent to Christian Aid. A **BIG** thank you again to **ALL**.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Friday 28th October:**

##### **Lunch at Crossways.**

This will be a two-course meal (in two sittings) which will be very yummy, followed by tea/coffee. Home-made puddings. There will be a raffle with many prizes, so please do come along and support us. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time and will be priced at £7.00.

#### **Saturday 28th November**

##### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

This year the Christmas Coffee Morning will be held at Chyngton Methodist Church from 10.00am to 12noon. Entrance £1 to include tea/coffee and a mince pie.

I would like to write a bit now, about this forthcoming event and also of one very similar that used to take place - and hopefully still does - at Hove Methodist Church in Portland Road, Hove.

From 1964, (then aged four) and for many years thereafter, the Christmas coffee/tea and stalls event at Hove Methodist Church in Portland Road, was one of the biggest highlights of my childhood Christmas calendar. My grandparents took me there every year and I would be spinning with excitement for days beforehand!

To a small Childs perception, the hall was enormous; the decorations breathtaking & dazzling.

The polished wooden Nativity scene with its twinkling fairly light illuminating the crib raised up on the top table at one end of the hall.

The rows of tables covered with platters piled high with home-made cakes, pies and biscuits.

The gingerbread houses, felt, wood and flour-dough tree decorations.

The table-centre pieces that we'd made at Sunday school, created with holly and glittered pine cones, jabbed into green floristry oasis with a twisted red or green candle at their core.

The chocolates, the sweets in jars (guess how many and win them) and not forgetting Father Christmas handing out presents in his hut, (carefully crafted from hall chairs and papier-maché, piled high to create a 'cave') Paper cone Angels edged in gold. It was wonderful.

The tiny knitted Father Christmases, elves and snow people.

The home-made Christmas cards and re-cycled gift tags. Bundles of coloured paper strips ready for paper chains. Home-made chutneys, jams and pickled onions.

Coloured bath salts in jam jars with Christmas fabric lids. The book table, coloured pencils tied in bundles with tinsel. Pre-recorded Christmas carols.

Little finger tips reaching out in awe and wonder at it all...

Last year this Christian Aid coffee morning was one of many events happening in Seaford that day. It was my first time attending and even though it was not as busy as I had anticipated, it was still really enjoyable. This year, I will be assisting on the day and I will have my own Granddaughter with me. This will be her first Church Christmas tea/coffee and stall event and I know that she will simply love it. Please everyone do come and support Christian Aid and let's fill the hall with joy and make it a truly wondrous and memorable event.

**January 2023**  
**Quiz Night at Crossways**  
Details to follow.



## Lewes, Seaford and District Branch



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Please contact: Jean: 01323 892930

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# HAVE YOU GOT ROOM FOR A LONELY PUSS WHO'S BEEN LIVING ON THE STREETS?



**Neutering**

We can also help towards the cost of neutering your cats and kittens.

Please phone 01273 813111 (Option 3) and leave a message including your phone number so that we may contact you.



## DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A FURRY FRIEND?

-PHONE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IF YOU CAN HELP

I am writing this in a period of uncertainty - a brand new prime minister; continued concern about the cost of living crisis and further worries about energy price rises. These are of course not unique issues to FSW's families, but whatever happens over the coming months is likely to impact our families more than most. With the summer family activities a distant memory now, our practitioners are turning to more intensive support for families who are incredibly anxious about their financial situation. There is also a lot of work happening with children who are finding the new school year difficult to manage – particularly those children on the autistic spectrum for whom change is incredibly difficult. It is times like this when the long-term availability of our support makes such a difference, and we are so glad that we can be there for families for as long as they need us.

Away from our direct work, we have been having meetings with many other local organisations and agencies, particularly in the areas where our newest practitioners are working. It is really encouraging that our name is becoming more recognised, and we are very grateful to anybody who has made links or suggested contacts for us. If you are aware of a local group, charity or agency which would be beneficial for us to talk to, then please get in touch with Nikki preferably by email on [nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk), she would be delighted to hear from you.

Our focus will shortly be turning to the Christmas planning – incredible to think we are already at this point in the year. If you are planning a toy service, Christmas food collection or any similar activity for FSW then please let us know as we would love to support these in any way we can.

We continue to do our very best for our families, but as ever this isn't possible without the huge support we receive across Sussex, so a huge thank you to everybody for your continued commitment to helping us in this endeavour.

#### **August's work in numbers**

- 278 individual visits and 791 calls with families supporting 448 adults and 407 children
- 24 supported meetings with other agencies
- 48 group sessions held supporting 502 parents and 573 children
- 170 food deliveries made

#### **Prayer points**

- Pray for a number of families we are supporting who have suffered sudden and unexpected bereavement of a parent
- Pray for the increasing number of refugee families we are being asked to support
- Give thanks for the new volunteers who have joined FSW recently and are contributing so much in terms of support to families and to practitioners

# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



TREASURE, SAFEGUARD & CARE FOR CREATION  
10am - 4pm

Saturday 1st October 2022

Join us to start or continue your  
Creation Care or Eco Church journey

St Mark's Church, St Mark's Lane, Horsham RH12 5PU

Free ticketed conference - donations welcome to A Rocha UK

Speakers include:

- Reverend Dr Richard Coldicott - Vicar, St. Mark's Church, Holbrook
- Nicola Peel - Environmental Education, Speaker, Solutionist
- Karen Park - A Rocha UK Speaker, St. Mark's Eco Church Champion

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**St Mark's Church, Holbrook**

Knowing Christ and making Him known





**Terry Howell**

## Helping people into Housing

### **The Client Manager story so far...**

Our most important employee is our Client Manager. After Pippa left in April 2019, it was necessary to appoint a replacement to work as an equal alongside Gary. Our first appointee left because she felt the job had too much admin. Our second appointee did not take up the post for financial reasons, our third left after a week because she found a more attractive charity job. A re-advertisement had no response!

**However**, a new advertiser was found and received 18 applicants. After interviewing, Shaun was offered the post. He is ideally qualified because he has been a Local Authority housing officer. He resigned that post because he felt the Authority had become less caring about the needs of those it should help. His background in housing law and its application could not be better. He has had to give a month's notice, but he has come in voluntarily during August to find out our procedures so that he can hit the ground running when he starts on September 20<sup>th</sup> after a holiday. He will be warmly welcomed.

### **August Break**

The office was closed to new applicants in August to give Gary a much needed

break, to review our work and IT systems, and to train the new Client Manager

### **Grants**

In August, a few grants were given, up to £300 to those in need of white goods on moving into flats. We received £40,000 this year from the charity Enjoolata enabling us to give a further grant of up to £500 for carpeting. (The Local authority policy is to dispose of existing carpets leaving new tenants with bare floors.)

### **Personnel**

A replacement for Georgina as admin and development officer is needed and someone to administer grants. Unfortunately there is not enough space in our current office for any more than Gary, Shaun, and Fran (repayments officer) so we are looking for a larger office, possibly in Newhaven.

### **Testimonials**

There have been far too many testimonials from clients to include here but these are a few extracts:

*During one of my most testing times in my life I was supported and reassured throughout my homelessness situation. Their procedure was easy to follow and easy to accomplish. My case was important, not as a statistic but as a human being. Client BT*

*I never imagined I would be in this situation with my son and feel blessed to have known who was there. God bless you all. Client NA*

*Once my account is clear is it possible for me to continue paying so you can help others that are in the position I was? Kindest regards. Client PB*

*Help has been phenomenal there has been so much support from start to finish, all the processes have been very easy and achievable .if there has been any queries from me it has been nothing but quick responses and also a lot of flexibility as I am using an online letting agents... the support has changed our lives in a way we could have never imagined. Client RA*

### **Future**

HOMELINK has moved from just providing financial support to other support by giving hope to people and signposting them to agencies who can help them such as CAB. A day has been booked in October to consider future directions. It seems that it will be increasingly difficult for many of our clients to repay their loans and if so we will lose a major source of income.

### **Prayers**

- For Shaun as he joins us and for Gary as he trains Shaun.
- For someone to replace Georgina as ADO
- For Trustees as they plan the current and future work of HOMELINK

**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.

## **Christians Against Poverty**

Everyone is feeling a bit poorer this autumn, as the cost-of-living spirals upwards at an alarming rate. For people who are already in financial difficulties, the cost of living will probably be at crisis point already. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) says: "It's more vital than ever that the Church shines God's love brightly in the darkness."

CAP works to bring hope to thousands of people. In 2021 it counselled 13,452 people in desperate need, and helped 1,877 people become completely debt free. CAP also provided 1,091 families in critical need with emergency support. To find out more about CAP go to <https://capuk.org>



Life And More Abundant Ministries

# LAMA



## Dear Friends,

We are getting back to our normal but still have to stop when Covid threatens - As a family, we are all recovering, having tested positive during August, including Pete's 98 yr old mother. Flu-like symptoms for most of us with no long term effects.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

## Regional Rehab Centre for Youth

In July at our Chapel Service in the RRCY, I spoke about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, sharing my own experience, and most of the boys came forward for prayer to receive the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives!

The following 3 weeks we were unable to go due to Covid, but the Holy Spirit is with them to help them!



## Worship Nights

Monthly Worship Nights are a huge success with around 100 young people attending from different churches. In July, I preached the Gospel and told them "God accepts you", their faith was renewed and some gave their lives to Jesus for the first time.

In August, our Worship focused on healing. God spoke to Simon that our worship would cast out demons, we believed for miracles of healing. The house was packed. I sensed God directing me to focus on restoring souls, trusting Him when healing is not immediate and not turning to 'other gods' (the 'ambularyo' here, or witch doctor). I shared my own testimony of healing, waiting and trusting as my soul was restored and healing came. They listened intently then we prayed for each other. I believe deep healings took place, demons did flee and the oppressed were set free! GOD does such a deep work of healing in times of worship. We look forward to hearing their stories of healing too!

## Sundays

Each Sunday we meet in the afternoon, these times are quiet and beautiful, sitting in the Presence of Jesus. Word is buzzing around the Barrio; several older women have asked if we are opening church again in LAMA - we

invited them to our informal sessions. We led a church at LAMA House in the 1990's but stopped meeting to allow several new churches to grow. Those churches are still gathering.



**Good news:** Wendell has been joining us with his family. Pray for him. We also hosted Pastor Augusto's youth group for their Youth Gathering, he is reaching many young people and they had a good time!

Diether has found his Dad and step siblings...very happy to find him! He is doing well as cook.

Asnar plans to visit us soon.

Joy who worked with us as housemother has been hired at the detention centre where Michael takes the chapel services.

In the last edition of the magazine we told you about the devastating fire which destroyed the shanty homes on Perez beach. The Local Governor acted quickly to support the families, temporarily sheltering in the high school and providing essentials. As

term begins and school commences the families have now been relocated and the Social Services have allocated money for their homes to be rebuilt.

### **Prayer requests** **EARTHQUAKE!**

There was a powerful 7.1 earthquake on July 27 - fortunately not much damage although at our home in San Fernando the septic tank was damaged and pipes from one of the toilets. Thankfully the house is still standing as we were able to renovate during the pandemic. Jayson and family live in Abra, which was hit badly. LAMA Ministries partners with David Chaudhary Ministries to sponsor his daughter through Nursing College. President Marcos was quick to respond with help. It has been frightening for the people of Abra with over 1000 aftershocks. We are also in Typhoon season!

Please pray for Michael and family for their health, and finances - we will need to make a new septic tank, they have had a lot of added expense recently with one thing and another. Pray for Peter's family as his sister Myra passed away after a long illness. Pete's Mum is struggling a bit, grieving Myra and getting over Covid.

We are presently updating our website; it is taking longer than expected with a new host.

### **House of Miracles!**

I joined the music practice the other day just as Michael was singing, "This is a house of miracles!" By Brandon Lake - I sat on the stairs and cried, thinking of all the miracles God has done in this place! His Presence is so real! It truly is



confirming His Word every week when we share from the Bible. He lets us know we are on the right track, working and walking together with God!

*Pastor Augusto's young people met at LAMA House for their Sportsfest, they also attend our monthly Worship Nights.*

We appreciate your prayers and support as you walk with us.

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October

October's Peace hath fallen on everything.  
In the far west, above the pine crowned hill,  
With red and purple yet the heavens thrill-  
The passing of the sun remembering.  
A crow sails by on heavy flapping wing,  
(In some land, surely the young Spring hath her will!)  
Below, the little city lieth still;  
And on the river's breast the mist-wreaths cling.  
Here, on this slope that yet hath known no plough,  
The cattle wander homeward slowly now;  
In shapeless clumps the ferns are brown and dead.  
Among the fir-trees dusk is swiftly born;  
The maples will be desolate by morn.  
The last word of Summer hath been said.

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# Readings for October-November

## Lectionary



### **2<sup>nd</sup> October: Harvest**

2Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### **9<sup>th</sup> October: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

2Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### **16<sup>th</sup> October: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

2Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### **23<sup>rd</sup> October: 11<sup>th</sup> Last Sunday of Trinity**

Daniel 3:1-30  
Luke 18:9-14

### **30<sup>th</sup> October: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Daniel 5:1-30  
Luke 19:1-10

### **6<sup>th</sup> November: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Daniel 6:1-24  
Luke 20:27-38

### **13<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday**

Psalms 98:1-10  
Luke 21:5-19

### **20<sup>th</sup> November: 14<sup>th</sup> Christ the King**

Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### **27<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 24:36-44

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## With Bible Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> October) in mind...

If you wish to know God, you must know His Word. – C H Spurgeon

The Bible is meant to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions. – Unknown

All things desirable to men are contained in the Bible. – Abraham Lincoln

The Bible never claims to be one holy book among many, but the holy book above all. –Brian H Edwards

My message to everybody is to read the Bible out loud, quietly to yourself. Never, never, never read the word silently... Let it go into your body, absorb it. And let it come out, so you continue this wonderful, wonderful relationship you can have with God and his Word. – David Suchet



# October

# Calendar

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 2nd Harvest Sunday</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	6.00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
	<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Leonard's
<b>Friday 14th</b>	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	9.30am	Tots' Treats	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28th</b>		Holiday Club	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am	The Meeting Place	TBC

# Calendar

# November



<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	11.00am	Matins	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
<b>Saturday 5th</b>	9.30am	Messy Church	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am**	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
<b>Monday 7th</b>	7.30pm	Parish Women's Group	St. Luke's
<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St. Luke's
<b>Friday 11th</b>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	11.30am	Remembrance Civic Service	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	Prayer@7	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Friday 18th</b>	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St. Luke's
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Both churches
	11.30am**	The Meeting Place	St. Leonard's
	7.00pm	St. Luke's@7	St. Luke's
<b>Monday 21st</b>	7.30pm	Parish Women's Group	St. Luke's
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	11.00am	Prayer Ministry & Communion	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Leonard's
	9.30am*	The Meeting Place	St. Luke's
<b>Wednesday 30th</b>	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 & Groups



## Services in St. Leonard's Church

### Sundays

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

### Wednesdays

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



## Services in St. Luke's Church

### Sundays

- 9.30am Holy Communion: a service with hymns (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)
- 9.30am The Meeting Place: informal worship (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) with bacon rolls from 9.00am
- 7.00pm Prayer@7: a short time of worship followed by prayer (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- 7.00pm St. Luke's@7: Contemporary worship (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

### Tuesdays

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

<b>Monday</b>	Women's Group	7.30pm	St. Luke's	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bell Ringers	7.30pm	St. Leonard's	Weekly
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tots	9.30am	St. Luke's	Weekly*
	Parish Lunch	12.30pm	St. Luke's	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
<b>Thursday</b>	Tots	9.30am	St. Leonard's	Weekly*
	Choir	7.00pm	St. Leonard's	Weekly
<b>Friday</b>	Mother's Union	2.30pm	St. Luke's	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
	Sparks	5.45pm	St. Luke's	Weekly*
	Ignite	7.30pm	St. Luke's	Weekly*
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	9.30am	St. Leonard's	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday
	Open Church	10.00am	St. Leonard's	See calendar
				<i>*Term time</i>



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