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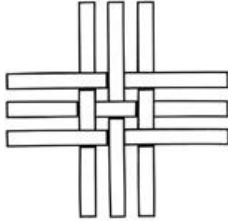
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A message from Bishop Martin

This epidemic requires us to pay special attention to anyone who is vulnerable, and especially to the older people in our society.

It is a ministry, first, of prayer – letting people know we are praying for them and will bless them (but no physical contact!), and will teach and encourage them to pray. Second of presence – being seen in the streets of our communities (while this is permitted), praying as we walk. Third, convening people and resources to meet material need, wherever possible.

Prayer is paramount at this time. Prayer for the world, our nation, government, church leaders, friends, neighbours and ourselves. If ever there was a time in our generation where the prayers of the church stood between our nation and calamity it is today.

The Parish of Sutton with Seaford
The Parish of Sutton with Seaford has two churches and many congregations. We extend a warm welcome to all.

Let us join together in worship.
The service is led by Rev. Derrick Lee-Phillips.

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

Following the Archbishop's advice on March 17th all regular church services are suspended for the time being. This includes home groups, prayer meetings, parish meals & similar social gatherings.

Here are some suggested prayer and worship resources.

A single prayer for the day, to listen to and say.

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer

This site also has Morning, Evening, and Night prayer Offices, in text only.

Prayer resources, for intercessions, praying with children, personal prayer, daily prayer liturgy.

www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources

From Archbishop Justin Welby a 5 part video on prayer

www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/exploring-prayer

There is an App for use on phones, a free download called 'Time to Pray'.

Other ideas.

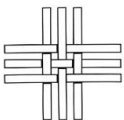
Find the 'prayer bands' we were given last year, the ones with knots tied in them. Use them to pray for five people (family or neighbours) or five situations.

Telephone friends that may be alone and pray over the phone together, then agree to pray (e.g. The Lord's Prayer) at the same time each day. That way you might be praying by yourselves, but not praying alone.

Light a tealight (in a safe place) in your home, reflect on the light, use it as a starter for prayer, for example, consider...

- Jesus, the 'light of the world'?
- What it means to 'walk in the light' in these days?
- How can we not 'hide our light' under a bushel?
- How can we be 'salt and light' in these difficult times?

As you use these prayer resources remember that He



says, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)

Other Resources

Our parish website:

www.seafordparish.org.uk

The site has information and resources, in addition:

- We are developing a service of the word in a range of styles, defined by the latest guidance from Government and Lambeth Palace, for you to watch and join with each Sunday, including readings, intercessions and short sermon.
- If you wish to offer something to be included in the intercessions please email prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk and it will be included.
- If you have any prayer need you can email it to this address, or phone the church office, 01323 894216 and the request will be passed on.

Help

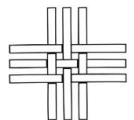
If you have not yet been contacted by telephone to ascertain whether you have any pressing immediate needs please let us know by calling the Church Office on 01323 894216 or contact us by email help@seafordparish.org.uk

Please continue to call one another by telephone, each member of the church should bring comfort and succour to one another. But do not hesitate to use all the other routes to assistance, NHS 111 and 999.

Parish Women’s Group

We returned in January for our New Year Epiphany party followed by our AGM. Stephanie Baker stood down as Chairperson and Julia Lawson was duly elected to the role. Stephanie has agreed to stay on as Secretary as has Hazel Bramley as Treasurer. The following were elected onto the committee, Janet Kent, Ali Gill (currently in Pakistan), Sue Saunders, Gill Tansley and Lynne Crowther.

In February we had an interesting talk about the Sanctuary Village and a fun evening sharing about our first job. In March a talk on Wheels for the World an amazing charity providing refurbished wheelchairs for third world countries. As a group we have sponsored a wheelchair for £42. Please have a look at their website for more details www.throughtheroof.org



Parish News

Although we have an interesting group of speakers booked, we have reluctantly decided to postpone all meetings at the present time due to the Corona Virus and Government recommendations. We usually meet in St Leonards Hall from 7.45 on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month. As soon as we are able, we will get in touch with you by phone and restart our programme. In the meantime, keep safe and thank you for your continued support.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union group were delighted with the response they had to their "Do Come Along" invitation to the March meeting. We hope the six new (but familiar) visiting faces felt warmly welcomed and found our guest speaker interesting, informative and inspiring, as the existing members most certainly did, and we thank you so much for joining us. The speaker was Chris Emson from the Hastings Street Pastors and who is also a member of her own Mothers Union group. We were given a true insight into the work of Street Pastors and quickly realised it's not all about the distribution of flip flops and lolly pops to troubled youngsters on

the streets. Chris, and her team, work on the streets of Rye, and the surrounding villages, meeting the needs of young people and the homeless at night and during the early hours. The work is all about engaging with these people, to care for them, listen to them, to help them, keep them safe and demonstrate God's love to them all through their actions and approach. The pastors are people of faith who are really making a difference in communities around Britain and this Christian work has now spread across Europe and is very evident in Trinidad, Jamaica and the Caribbean area. We were humbled to hear all about the work Chris, a grandmother, pursues regularly out on the streets, acknowledging we have become more informed and, in turn, more prayerful for this Christian organisation which supports and reaches out to the vulnerable and those in need around us.

The Mother's Union usually meet on the second Friday of each month in St Leonard's Church Hall. Once again we extend our invitation of "Do Come Along". We would love to see you.

Operation Cushion!

In February and March Margaret Smith and a small band of helpers spent a lot of time renewing the red cushions in St Leonard's and that wasn't as simple as it sounds.



They had to be unpicked... and emptied of disintegrated foam...



Washed, dried and ironed during the wettest February on record...



Treated with fire retardant (very carefully)



New fire retardant foam inserted and the inner covers sewn...

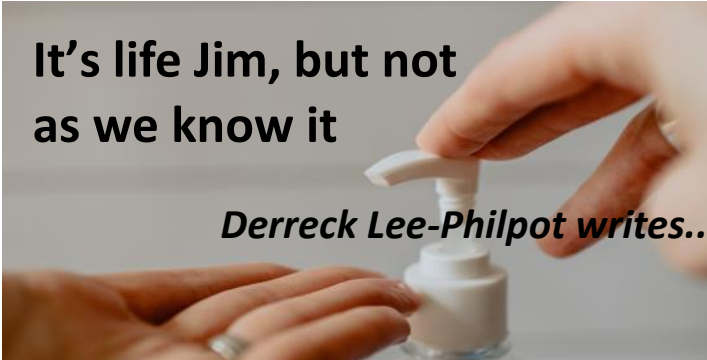


and finally the red covers stitched too and all 150+ cushions returned to St Leonard's. Here is the result!

Many thanks to everyone that helped with this mammoth task, especially Margaret Smith and Lynne Crowther who masterminded the whole operation.

It's life Jim, but not as we know it

Derreck Lee-Philpot writes...



The acclaimed liberal historian H.A.L. Fisher (1865-1940) allegedly concluded that history was no more than “one darned thing after another.” Today we might well agree with him as we awake to our lives being changed by the outbreak of coronavirus reaching every continent on earth. The phrases ‘self-isolation’ and ‘social distancing’ have entered the vocabulary. The closure of schools, places of entertainment, and the suspension of church services has affected almost everyone in the nation. Who knows what else will have happened by the time this edition is published?

It's almost as if we have slipped into a parallel universe which isn't ours but is close enough to be just recognisable. It reminds me of that now familiar line supposedly from Star Trek, “It's life Jim, but not as we know it.” It is certainly a time where many feel anxious and fearful for both the present and the future.

There is certainly a feeling that life won't be the same again, church and the way we express our faith corporately will never be the same again. Indeed, it might be considered tragic if the church were to travel through this time and learn nothing, and at the resumption of normality just revert but to our previous comfortable conformity.

How is it that we are to live through these unsettling days? It brings to mind a quote from Billy Graham, he noted, “Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys.” When Corrinne and I visit relatives in Germany we are always struck by the vines growing on the almost vertical slopes of the Rhine and Mosel valleys. Yet the mountain tops where the fairy-tale castles, the restaurants, and the expensive hotels are fruitless, but they do have the most magnificent views, overlooking the vineyards. Is it the same with us in the ‘highs and lows’ of our lives,

that the high points whilst a joy to experience teach us little, but the steep slopes of adversity refine in us something of beauty to be treasured? Not unlike the grapes that produce wine from the vines.

If that is the case then maybe the apostle Paul's words carry great significance for us today when he says,

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)

Paul by his own account suffered greatly, far beyond most of us and way beyond our present trying situation. Read 2Corinthians 11:22-28 and be astonished! Having been through all that, Paul knew what he was talking about when he speaks of peace, perseverance, character and hope, he personified it!

So maybe rather than struggle and fight (with the accompanying stress and anxiety it brings) with the circumstances we find ourselves in, should we not look for 'Where God is in this'? There is an anonymous saying which goes; 'Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about learning how to dance in the rain.' If we could see where God is in this, we could work with Him to accomplish what He has set out to achieve in us in these days. Instead of hiding fearful from the storm, we could dance in the rain!

This does mean a change in our perception of events. People are afraid because they feel life is out of control, it's as if God no longer cares - if He cared He would do something wouldn't He? I would like to suggest that God is doing something, at least two things. Something in the church and something in the world. Let me explain.

We are very familiar with the scriptural image of the potter and clay.

"Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8)

The image of the potter bringing change and transformation to the clay, taking a lump and drawing and working it into something beautiful is

a gentle, comforting, and almost sensuous image. With the potter's gentle hands applying pressure to the clay something beautiful is produced. Of course, He is the gentle, firm, shaping, potter and we are the willing clay.

But have we forgotten (or ever known) that Isaiah also uses the picture of the blacksmith...?

"The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals;he forges it with the might of his arm." (Isaiah 44:12) and...

"See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work." (Isaiah 54:16)

Isaiah 44 speaks of gifted craftsmen using their skills (not always in a good way, but always skilful), and in Isaiah 54 speaks of the blacksmith creating a weapon fit for purpose. In my minds eye I see the blacksmith (God) using the anvil (unremitting reality), the hammer (faith) the furnace (circumstances), to form and manipulate the metal (us) into the form, shape and purpose HE wants from us. Think how this happens. The metal (us) is placed into the furnace of circumstance and when we have been heated to a point when we are malleable, then we are placed on the anvil of reality, on a flat part or a curved part depending on the shape

the Father wishes to produce in us. Then the hammer (faith) is 'applied' to us combining with circumstance and reality to shape us into the form He requires. The metal (us) is repeatedly re-heated, shaped and formed until we match God's intent.

Sounds uncomfortable doesn't it? This, I suggest, is what we are going through today. The bad news is that it doesn't end there, for once we are shaped as He desires, the metal is hardened and tempered. It is hardened by heating it hotter than before and plunging it into cold water –shocking, and that's just the hardening, the tempering follows. The metal is heated to a lower temperature then allowed to cool; slowly, but this may be repeated several times. And what is the result, a 'weapon fit for purpose'. That would be us, a weapon, shaped, formed, hardened and tempered, a tool fit to be used, a weapon with a sharp cutting edge able to fulfil His purposes.

Where is God in this? I suspect He is where He usually is right in the middle of things, where often we don't see Him - working IN US. Using circumstance, the realities of life, and our relationship with Him to bring about what He wants in us.

But for what purpose?

In a time where the world is bereft of answers, and rapidly losing hope, surely we have some answers. Is this not the time to demonstrate our distinctiveness? All the readings, sermons, Lent and Advent courses, Alpha's etc, all those verses and promises of God which seemed so precious and alive in times past. The reason God gave us those gifts was for such a time as this. If there was ever a time in our generation when our nation needed a demonstration of how we are different, this is it!

If we are not distinctive in our lives at this time, what is the point of faith? If we are just as anxious, just as unsettled and fearful as our neighbours, what does that say about the God we claim to know? If we are no different to our neighbours, what have all those decades of Sunday mornings been about?

We have an opportunity not to buckle under the storm, but to dance in the rain, demonstrating the difference that knowing Jesus makes.

The difference does not make life easy, after all we have a yoke and a burden – but the yoke fits perfectly, the burden is shared with Him. The difference is not a blind faith, but a faith forged in the fires of circumstance, experience and relationship.

The difference is not even founded upon our faith, but upon His character.

May God shape and form us to serve those around us that they may see Him reflected in our lives.



Celebrate Easter

He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6a (NIV)

Lockdown by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues,
Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick,
the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking

up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

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A Letter from North Somerset

Dear Friends,

It's now several weeks since we moved from Seaford and into our new home on another, very different, part of this country's beautiful coast. Our daily routines have changed radically, and we've been enjoying discovering new places to walk and spending quality time with family. Life has certainly been busy but at a slower pace. We have attended a different church every week since we arrived and experienced a variety of traditions and denominations as part of our exploration and waiting on the Lord to make it clear where we might settle. Our journey has shown us something of just how hard it can be to enter a church as a visitor or newcomer and just how impressionable we are in those first few minutes, through those first few conversations (or not!) before worship even begins. No longer wearing a dog-collar (and certainly unannounced) it is very easy to be invisible to those busy with their Sunday tasks or just too shy to approach and say hello. Nevertheless, we have felt warmly welcome on most Sundays, without letting on too much about where we've come from and the wonderful people and church we have been called away from.

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts, your cards, kind words, fellowship and friendship and above all your prayers. We have many, many wonderful memories of our years in Seaford. Leaving has not been easy, but we believe this was God's time for us to move on. We continue to pray regularly for all of you, for those leading you and working with you as you wait, prayerfully, to discover who your next Vicar will be! And we value your prayers as we pray, rest and wait on God to show us where we should put our roots down and where and how He would have us serve Him in the next phase of our lives.

In the meantime, we are enjoying the slower pace and relishing the people God sends across our paths and the amazing sense of connectedness we so often seem to have in Christ's kingdom, be it with neighbours or those we meet on our walks or even in churches(!)

We wish you God's richest blessing and thank you again for your love, generosity and prayers. Warm greetings from North Somerset

Paul and Jennie

Call on me

Charlie Grimble

I am writing this after going through my diary and deleting events that had filled it. Events that have helped us to feel an integral part of the Seaford community. We have decided to cancel our Homegroup social event. I have just written round to all in our homegroup that we should not meet until we get advice that this danger has passed. Geraldine & I will not be going to visit our son and daughter-in-law in Philadelphia next month, and hold our new granddaughter in our arms for the first time. There is a sense of real loss as a result. By the time you are reading this, advice from Government will have moved on, and we will be feeling even more isolated, as we take measures designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our society here. I feel very much like Elisha's young servant in 2 Kings 6 v14-17, who felt alone and in great danger, until Elisha showed him the bigger reality of life that when we are surrounded by events that threaten us, there is a great army of horses and chariots of fire protecting us.

I have just got out my new St Leonard's & St. Luke's parish

directory which contains over 240 names and telephone numbers of people, most of whom I know and with whom I can have direct contact by just dialling 6 numbers. A simple but vital task as maintaining contact is vital during this period of isolation. I intend to regularly call my homegroup friends to ensure all is well, or because two heads are better than one, to try and find a solution to the immediate problem that may be troubling them. We can all do the same, and I encourage you to do this. This situation will pass and we must take steps to ensure that we are not weakened by it. A regular simple call is one way of showing we are part of the one body in Christ.

We must not let this situation make us feel that our world is smaller, and that we are on our own, as we simply are not alone, and we have the means of demonstrating to each other that we can be one means of demonstrating the message that Jesus gave to his friends as He left them on that mountainside in Galilee "Be sure of this; I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28 v20).

Shoebox Delivery Diary 2019: Day 2

Each year Shoeboxes are delivered to Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. We send a small team to one of those locations to help give your shoeboxes out and to report back what they have seen. This year it was Iasi, Romania.

We set off for another school today, the radios playing Mariah Carey's 'All I want for Christmas', this song has never sounded so out of place.

Another village school 'Scoala Primara Ciocirlesti' – where we meet another class of children who we know that, behind the smiles, have lived through experiences that we can't identify with but we feel the weight of. We met Stefan, a foster child who has come from the big class to sit with his little sister as she receives her box. He spends all of his time making sure that she can open the box and that she understands what's inside.



In the older class we meet a 10 year old girl – unfortunately she is defined by the significant burns on her face and the fact that she has one hand. The teacher tells us that this child is one of the kindest in the class. Every day, without fail she offers her friends and teachers a bite of her sandwich and shares everything with her friends. She opens her box and finds a pack of sweets, right on cue, she offers one to us.

Most of the children are keen to re-seal their boxes and keep everything safe. Jasmine always puts a tote bag in the boxes by her group – otherwise it can be really difficult for the kids to put things neatly back and keep the boxes from overflowing.

Chrissy takes us to what is described as the 'road of widows'. Women start to come out of their homes to greet us, some are expecting us. Its freezing and we're worried about them waiting in the cold.



On the road, we meet Zenovia. She used to work with a homeless cooperative. She talks about the time when the Communists took their land and said that they could continue living there in exchange for working where they placed her. The lack of choice being a normal part of life for these women. We move on to an Aunt and Niece who live opposite each other. The Aunt proudly shows us the ramp that she built in front of her house, to make it easier when getting water from the well and getting back into her home. Her niece talks about life with her son who she supports. He is alcoholic and unfortunately out of work, he is also violent towards her and she prays that he will get help.

Time to visit another school ‘Scoala Gimnazial Bodesti’ – we’re introduced to the headteacher Mrs Silvia who clutching her grandson with pride shows us around the school. She estimates 20% of the children in her school are from what she calls a ‘normal’ family – she means two parents and aside from the common

struggles that this community faces no other major issues. This means 80% of the children in her school come from difficult homes, many living with one parent (often mothers) or have been put with a foster family. Due to the enormous hardship and depravation faced by many in this area, parents often fall victim to alcoholism, making their own wine or schnapps at home as employment opportunities are very hard to come by. Mrs Silvia talks about her school and village being at the ‘end of the earth’ and thanks us for visiting her and for Link to Hope continuing to support her.

We head to Santa Maria Children’s Hospital, one of the largest Children’s Hospitals in Romania, we brace ourselves with the news that we’re going to the Oncology Ward. We have to wear protective clothes before we go onto the ward to prevent infection. Each small room has 3-4 beds with a child and a parent in it so ending up with 6-8 people in a room at any time. There are no privacy curtain and they are cramped and hot but they are at least being treated. Families are grateful, some kids full of enthusiasm with beaming smiles, others understandably mute and subdued. Parents are grateful for a moment of relief from the worry for their children.

Tower Talk

Carole Josey writes...

On a chilly day in February last year I arrived at St Leonard's for my first taste of bell ringing. I climbed the narrow, spiral, stone staircase up to the ringing chamber. Would I be able to make it down again? It was quite steep and tight! I was asked if I wanted to go further up to see the bells but declined as that would mean even more stairs to negotiate to get down!

I was expecting to just have a demonstration of bell ringing but instead I had an actual lesson! Debbie, the tower captain and our teacher, explained how the bells worked with the help of a model of a bell. This showed how the bell is attached to a wheel and the rope is attached to this wheel. Before a bell can be rung it has to be 'rung up'. This means getting the bell into an upside down position so that the open side of the bell is at the top. It then rests on a wooden peg that stops the bell from falling down again. There was already far more to bell ringing than I had imagined!

Debbie then showed us how to ring the bell and explained how

there are two 'strokes', the hand stroke and the back stroke, as the bell swings down and back up the other side.

We had a go at doing the back stroke, which was far more difficult than we thought. It took many months of practice before we could successfully do both strokes together.

At St Leonard's we have eight bells of varying size and weight. The lightest is known as the treble (bell number 1) and the heaviest is the tenor (bell number 8). Once you have mastered the process of ringing a bell you then learn to ring your bell with another seven people which initially means ringing in 'rounds', that is ringing one bell after another starting from bell 1 through to bell 8. Now you need to learn about timing and how to adjust your ringing to keep in time with everyone else, no easy task! After this there seems to be many, many different patterns in which the bells can be rung to



produce different tunes. I'm amazed that bell ringers not only memorise these patterns but are then able to adjust their ringing to ring them! I have a long way to go!

One of the best things about becoming a bell ringer is the sense of belonging. From the beginning us 'newbies' were treated as part of the St Leonard's band and invited along to various social events (which usually involve eating!). There was also a day spent visiting five other towers in Sussex to have a go at ringing their bells (and, of course, we had a pub lunch!). Recently I

attended an event at Ringmer which was aimed at new ringers, giving them the chance to ring the bells there and to meet other ringers. Everyone, from the St Leonard's band to other band members, has been so helpful and welcoming; it's like one happy bell ringing family.

So what's next for me? Being able to ring proficiently in rounds and being able to adjust my timing so that I can ring slightly more complicated 'tunes'. And then I'll be able to join the Sunday morning ringers ringing for the service. A lovely, community thing to do!

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In January I finished my Safety Manager training. I'm glad to say I have been certified in that and have been trying to take on that role and put into practice what I've learnt! It's been an interesting time here in Juba with the formation of a government on February 22nd, we are grateful for that going ahead smoothly. Now we continue to watch and see that the government will get together with it's appointments and seek to start peaceful governance and healing for this country after many years of conflict. Personally I had a bit of a tough time towards the end of February, I was robbed of my bag on the street while walking home. Thankfully I was unhurt and only lost a phone and some ID. However it was an interesting emotional experience to go through. As I lost my phone I have a new What'sApp and contact number, so if you would like to get my new contact please message me or send me your number!

Through all these things I have been

grateful to God for such good friends and a loving team here that I really do love to be a part of. The theme of mountains and climbs will come up a lot for me this year, and I've always said "enjoy the climb as much as the view from the top". I'm not sure what climb I'm on, or what I'm learning. However I'm trying to enjoy it as much as the view from the end.

Here in South Sudan, recently we have received a new caravan that was donated by supporters through MAF UK. It had a different avionics set up to the other caravan's we have here. So it was fun to go back to the books for a day and learn how to use the new equipment. This means we can have 4 caravans permanently based in Juba, allowing us to have more availability to offer flights to more partners. One such flight I've done recently was for our great partners MEDAIR.

The community of Palouny only had access by helicopter. Recently the villagers finished clearing 700 metres

of trees for a runway to be made. One of my colleagues was able to perform the first landing into this runway and assess it. We took details of the strip and 3 days later I flew the first passengers in. It was a real privilege to take the South Sudan leadership of MEDAIR into Palouny to greet the community and talk with their leaders.

We were warmly greeted after landing and shown around the clinic, including a maternal section that had delivered a baby the night before. We saw a well that had been dug and told of the other projects MEDAIR were undertaking in this area. One of the midwives told me of some of the challenge they face here. Including convincing people to come and use these health facilities, especially women in labour. However I could see how much the people appreciated that there was access to something and how grateful they were to the workers for coming to live in their village. For me it was a privilege to bring the first passengers by plane into this airstrip and witness first hand the work that goes on by the many people we do fly around this country. There is still so much need here, as I witnessed first hand. However the people working here are so encouraging and have such big hearts. The people in this village were

clearly grateful for this help, to hear it was a joy for me.

Thank you for all the letters, prayer and support. I always appreciate that there are so many people in different countries encouraging me here. I believe this is a historic time to be in South Sudan and can't wait to see what happens, but for now I am grateful to be part of bringing some hope and healing to the isolated people around this country.

Please Pray:

- For the leaders of this country as they appoint government positions and start leading the country. Pray for integrity and desire to heal relationships.
- For the team as we work in 40+ C temps, it can be hot and tiring.
- For the many partners we serve here, that they will be kept safe while working in the many isolated places they do.

Praise for:

- The initial formation of a government.
- The 4th Caravan arriving that we can serve more partners with.
- Continued protection for staff while walking the roads here.



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Seaford Parish Prayer Diary

April & May 2020

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 Mission Partners during April

MAF

Link: Ali Gill / Sylvia Coombe

MAF vision is to see 'isolated people physically and spiritually transformed in Christ's name', however remote the location, and nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life, using aviation and technology.

- For pilots flying medical emergency flights into remote locations & for
- conversations with families and passengers.
- For volunteers organising events, fundraisers and prayer times & for home office staff supporting the field work.
- Danny Gill in Juba, South Sudan, for safety & in his new role as safety officer.
- Event on 20th June in London to mark 75th anniversary of MAF and organisers.

WAVES

Link: Carolyn Plowman

Offers support to families in Seaford in need through the Waves centre, counselling & courses

- Give thanks for funding for staff posts – Vicky (Centre co-ordinator from 1.4.20), Jill (supporting individual families) & Jane (community outreach worker).
- Our Volunteers who give their valuable time & support to families in the drop-in -centre, primary schools & in the community.
- For families' safety & wellbeing during school closure & for the ability to feed their children nutritious food. Free "Munch Lunches" which were due to be held on 9th & 16th April.

MISSION DIRECT

Link: Chris Chester

Installing computers & training in school in Zimbabwe from 26th July for 2 weeks

- Give thanks for: peace, safety and improving power supplies; partnership with the United Baptist Church of Zimbabwe; Excellent partnerships with others working in challenging environments
- Pray for God's blessing and protection on the work ahead & safe travel for all Mission Direct teams visiting Zimbabwe & around the world in 2020
- Team members to meet the challenge & embrace the whole experience
- Safety, fun and energy for work & our ministry visits to local partners

Daily Prayer – April

As Church events are cancelled, let us continue to pray for each other, our community and the UK. As situations develop, ask God to direct your prayers.

1. Those living in Chyngton Way, South Way, Mark Close, Newick Close, Hamsey Lane, Fairways Road, Poynings Close, Fairways Close, Lullington Close
- 2 Staff at Church House working from home to provide support to the Diocese
- 3 For members of the Youth Group & Stefan and all the helpers.
- 4 Prime Minister & Parliament for wisdom as they tackle the demands of a constantly evolving situation
- 5 Patients & caregivers around the world affected by Coronavirus & those living in fear of contracting it.
- 6 Derreck & our retired Clergy for health, strength & blessing in Holy Week
- 7 Bishop Martin, Archdeacon Martin Lloyd Williams & Rural Dean for guidance as they advise, support & encourage local clergy
- 8 Parish Uniformed organisations: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies & Guides
- 9 NHS workers for protection from disease while caring for the ill & vulnerable
- 10 Christians around the world as we reflect on the events of Good Friday
- 11 Our local businesses and tradespeople as they face the current challenges
- 12 For volunteers opening the Churches & for all who come seeking peace & prayer
- 13 Justin Welby & other denominational leaders for guidance & wisdom
- 14 Supplies of essential everyday food and safety & protection for distributors
- 15 Lesley Gomez, family, boys, girls & staff LAMA house in quarantine in Philippines
- 16 For elderly and 'at risk' at home and in care homes as they cope with isolation
- 17 Those living in Field Close, Green Walk St Wilfrid's Close, Kingston Green, Kingston Close, Kingston Way, May Avenue, Buckthorn Close, Rowan Close,
- 18 Parishes in the Diocese without permanent clergy, and their churchwardens
- 19 Those sick in hospital & their families for healing & restoration
- 20 Support & peace for families separated by distance and self-isolation.
- 21 The Queen celebrates her 94th birthday – pray for health & blessing
- 22 Couples whose wedding plans need rearranging because of the outbreak
- 23 Workers keeping essential & emergency services going in the UK
- 24 Financial provision to maintain the life of the Diocese & its churches
- 25 Scientists & manufacturers developing a vaccine & treatments for Covid 19
- 26 Wendy, the Pastoral Care team & home visitors in the parish
- 27 Those living in Badgers Copse, Eastbourne Road, Ash Drive, Sycamore Close, Elm Close, Willow Drive, Juniper Close,
- 28 Students whose exams have been cancelled exams & wisdom for teachers determining their grades
- 29 Thanks for emerging concern for others' needs & offers of help in Seaford
- 30 Families around the world bereaved by the global pandemic

Pray for Mission Partners during May

CHRISTIAN AID

Link: Colin Pritchard / Peter Holding / Carolyn Plowman
Christian Aid week – 10th -26th May. The 2020 appeal addresses the needs of areas affected by climate crisis.

- Give thanks for all money raised in 2019 to build health centres, train people in hygiene practices & pay for children's education & transport to health clinics.
- Provision of sustainable sources of water for those without access.
- Wisdom, joy and safety for those involved in facilitating the envelope appeal

CAMBODIA ACTION (Sarah & Pola Chhin)

Link: Liz Morgan-Jones
Working with M'lup Russey (a Christian NGO) in Cambodia working to enable children to grow up in family units.

- Give thanks for the generous love & support in response to appeal for funds to finish their house roof. Pray that it will be completed before the rainy season.
- Mrs Manith, the Executive Director of M'lup Russey, has resigned. Pray for the right person to fill the post & for building of good inter-staff relationships.
- With the necessity of having to rebuild their home, Sarah & Pola have undergone considerable stress. Pray against negativity, discouragement & unnecessary angst; for strengthening of their faith; that when complete, they may be able to testify of God's greatness.

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUPPORT

Link: Liz Morgan-Jones
Support families in Sussex struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse.

- For families being supported by the Practitioners throughout the Diocese: always with the promise that they will give help for as long as it is needed.
- For more volunteers in Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford to befriend a parent, support children, be a handy person or driver.

In your prayers, please pray regularly for

- Paul & Jennie as they settle into life in Somerset
- The successful recruitment and selection of the new vicar of God's choosing
- Derreck & Corrinne for health, strength & wisdom
- Bob & Fred our Churchwardens
- Stefan, our Child, Youth & Family Missioner & his wife, Alice

Daily prayers - May

- 1 For each other as we encourage one another with words and acts of kindness
- 2 All who serve our community as volunteers enhancing the lives of others
- 3 Those struggling with loneliness & mental health issues to find peace & hope
- 4 Those affected by the recent floods trying to rebuild their lives & homes
- 5 Teachers, support staff & school governors in Seaford for direction & wisdom
- 6 For the people of Australia in the aftermath of devastating forest fires
- 7 Those living in [Bainbridge Close, Sutton Avenue, Links Close, Darwood Drive, Hazeldene and Headland Avenue](#)
- 8 75th anniversary of VE day. For our Naval, Army & Air forces and their families
- 9 All working to bring clean, pure drinking water in need of it, around the world
- 10 For clergy, technicians and the innovative ways being developed to bring worship & the gospel message into our own homes via internet & TV channels
- 11 Charlie, Tony & Bob for co-ordinating & administering the parish office
- 12 Those living with uncertain future for their employment and businesses
- 13 Wisdom & integrity for all negotiating future UK trade deals with other nations
- 14 Prime Minister, Chancellor & Dept of Health – wisdom in managing the effects of the pandemic in UK, giving thanks that their aim is to save lives
- 15 That the needs of the vulnerable around the world are met amid uncertainty
- 16 For fragile or broken family relationships – unity, healing and peace.
- 17 That through this time we might all find a deeper faith and trust in God
- 18 Give thanks for God’s faithfulness & grace
- 19 Ministers and members of churches in Seaford for abundance of God’s blessing
- 20 Continuing protection from infection for the elderly, those at risk and carers
- 21 *Ascension Day* – “Thy Kingdom Come” when Christians around the world will be praying for people to come to know Jesus www.thykingdomcome.global/
- 22 Those living in Downs View Road, Hartfield Road, Went Hill Park, Wellington Park, Aquila Park, Downs Road
- 23 Festo Kanungha’s farm in Tanzania - protection for crop from plague of locusts
- 24 The homeless & those living in overcrowded or poorly maintained housing
- 25 For those who lack assurance of God’s love and grace in their lives
- 26 Families & children home together to discover creative ways to manage time
- 27 Samara’s Aid serving Syria & the Middle East with medical & humanitarian help
- 28 College & University students whose courses and futures are uncertain
- 29 The stability of the financial establishments in the UK during this time
- 30 Those awaiting hospital tests or delayed hospital treatment
- 31 *Pentecost*– Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church

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Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2020



Christian Aid value their volunteers enormously and want to ensure all keep safe when fundraising for Christian Aid Week. The health and safety of loyal supporter is of the utmost importance. Under the current circumstances, sadly, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections will not be going ahead this year. Christian Aid are looking at

alternative ways to virtually meet, share and pray with supporters over the coming months in the likely absence of physical church services.

Christian Aid are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways, by post, by text and online.

In Kenya, the rains haven't come. Again. For villagers who farm the land, that means life is getting even harder. Rivers are bone dry, and crops wither in the fields. The drought is starving people of food, water and the chance to earn a living.



At 67 years of age, Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit. Grandmother Rose shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop the climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger. Please:

- Give generously to help Rose and her community build a water dam, providing fresh water to help families survive the drought.
- Act to call for a New Deal for Climate Justice to help restore creation and build a world where everyone can thrive.
- Pray for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that, as a global community, we will care for people living in poverty.

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Terry Howell

We celebrated our 20th Anniversary Year with a sell-out Gala Concert at Gyndebourne which raised £38,000! It lasted four hours and was a really inspiring occasion professionally produced with contributions from all ages enjoyed by all ages. It was by far the biggest event we had held in our 20 years. It not only raised money but made us known far more widely and was very well reported in the local press.

More good news is that the three concerts in Seaford in December added a further £1,152 to our funds. Ethane added to her great support for HOMELINK as a Trustee, and as Rep for St. Leonards, by leaving us £500 in her will.

The financial support from these events has enabled us to increase our paid staff to help our hard pressed volunteers – especially Treasurer, John Howes, and Secretary, Chris Tutt. We have employed Gabrielle for two days per week as Financial Assistant from

November. We have recently appointed Georgina as Administrator and Development Officer three days per week starting on April 2nd. She is very well qualified for this multi-faceted role including giving presentations, putting on events and carrying out risk assessments. We look forward to her much-needed help.

We are following up contacts made in our Concert by employing Martha, from PR Solutions. She is hoping to further raise the profile of HOMELINK in businesses, among celebrities and in schools. (This may have to be delayed because of the CoVid19 problem.)

In 2019 we supported 98 tenancies, which met our target, and now have 400 tenants. We have received repayments last year of £121,000 and are budgeting for 120 tenancies this year. We are giving more grants of up to £300 to council tenants for basic items like white goods and beds when they move into accommodation without basic furniture or flooring.

The housing needs of those in difficult circumstances are not getting any easier. We need many more council houses. Please remember to pray for all our work and for those in our locality in need of housing.



Lesley Gomez writes...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donations, prayers and words of encouragement. In 1 Corinthians 16:9, AMP, we read "...because a wide door for effective service has opened to me... a very promising opportunity, and there are many adversaries."

Our most promising opportunity this year is at the nearby Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Youth (RRCY) where Michael and Simon lead worship, preach the Gospel and train the boys to be followers of Jesus. Around 100 boys attend chapel every Sunday at this government-run centre, hungry to hear God's Word and sing worship songs at the top of their voices.

We have not experienced the last part of this verse - instead of adversaries we keep receiving awards!

The presence of opposition does not mean the Lord is not leading -opposition to this opportunity came for us in 1986, when Alejandra and I were asked to leave because our Bible teaching was not Roman Catholic. Now the opportunity has come around again and this time even more effective.

Michael has trained the boys at LAMA House to minister alongside him in worship and prayer ministry - it is wonderful to see!

Juvenile Justice - A losing battle? We don't feel like champions, however, as our efforts to protect two boys from LAMA House have not been successful. One involved in child prostitution and another in a burglary. We met with the Chief Prosecutor, the Governor's assistant - who brought our concerns to the City Mayor and the Chief of Police -

we also worked closely with the National Bureau of Investigations. There were promises of support and it seemed we were working together, but it looks like absolutely nothing will be done. Both boys are age 14. Pray the Lord will fight for them.

Vulnerable Kids

We have also had fewer referrals since the end of 2018. In June 2018, the President launched a crackdown on loitering, including homeless street-children. National Police took this as a directive, 59,000 people were immediately detained in Manila jails at the close of 2018. Parents were warned of jail if their children were seen out late at night. Police that we have talked to in San Fernando warn boys not to leave LAMA House, "because of the present administration." We have heard several reports of boys tortured and killed, considered a nuisance. Please pray as there is also a bill to lower the age of criminal responsibility from 15 to age 9, it looks like the President will settle for age 12.

Death Threats

Recently, a barrio official in another town asked us to intervene because a 14 year old was stealing, men in the barrio threatened to kill him! A gentle boy, living with his grandparents, he stole rice to help them. He doesn't want to leave them. We

will visit him again and link him with a local pastor.

A street-boy from Manila was given into our custody 2 years ago, age 12. Police apprehended him for stealing in a market place. He was forced and trained to steal by a syndicate - he was sleeping on the street in Manila when a woman injected drugs into his arm, he woke up inside a van with other children, a man with a gun guarded them. They were brought to cities in our area to steal. He was the youngest and the only one caught. A cute, quiet boy, he held tightly to my hand when we visited the Christmas lights in December - nervous of the crowds. Another boy 9, and his sister 13, were brought to LAMA House for Protective Custody around the same time. Their mother had sent them to a shopping mall to deliver drugs, the police picked them up. They are timid and well-mannered children, brought up to obey their parents.

Local Interest

Lately there has been a lot of local interest in LAMA House' mission; Universities send students to write papers about us; generous individuals, families and companies want to help and give donations, and other agencies want to partner with us. It is encouraging to receive awards and recognition. It is still very difficult work at times, which leaves us battle-

weary, stress affects the health of everyone on our team - so this season of rest and restoration is very welcome.

Follow Up

We are visiting former boys from LAMA, making sure they are safe and linking them with pastors. We continue to provide material help like school supplies, groceries or clothes. We plan to do more street patrols and prayer walks in our city plaza to combat the sexual exploitation of boys and girls.

Restoration

This is a good time to renovate - we need to get rid of bats from LAMA House roof. Peter and I have moved back to our house in San Fernando, which also needs renovating. You may remember I had to leave our house to live at LAMA because of serious health problems; so far I am Ok sleeping in the loft, the newest part of our house! I value your prayers. Michael and family just

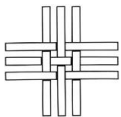
moved to a rented house nearer to school - exciting for them, after 10 years married, to have their own place at last, especially as Jeli is expecting their third! Ana and Simon are still living at LAMA House.

I am trying my best to learn how to be more effective with less effort! Sending you our love and thanks, we love to hear from you!

Christmas Box!



After a long 3 month journey the box has arrived! Thank you to all who donated clothing and monetary donations. We've had fun opening and sorting. A big blessing. Love from all at LAMA House



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My plan!

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Build in

Exercise: hatch a keep fit plan if that is appropriate, a walk or gardening.
Communicating: telephone, tablet or computer, usually after breakfast or teatime.

Rest: snooze after lunch (set the timer) try 10 minutes at most otherwise you are in for a tricky bedtime!

A choice of activity with purpose

Music: practise an instrument or listening to your favourite music.

Reading: newspaper, magazine or book. The choice is unending. Sometimes taking a book off the shelf to research something specific such as an unanswered question or looking at a map or an atlas. Re-live a hike or a holiday (maybe get the photos out) or finding places you hear about. Try reading some poetry or looking at pictures. When I am too tired to read and absorb information I find pictures a good alternative. But plan the time.
Creative time: Sewing, painting, writing. For me this is often a major part of the day. Try jigsaws or crossword puzzles etc. Maybe teach yourself a new skill/learn a new game (I'm currently struggling with chess).
Don't forget: Housework chores, cleaning, washing and ironing. Then there is relaxation and eating!

The key to it all is planning. Consult the TV and radio programme guides ahead of time so you can decide what you cannot miss!



Repairs to the organ in St. Leonard's Church



These are some of the 58 pneumatic motors on the Swell Organ which control the wind to each individual pipe as a key is depressed. The brown leatherwork near the bottom of the picture had begun to perish allowing air to escape. This leatherwork dated back either to the cleaning and overhaul of the organ in 1989 or the rebuild of the organ in 1965.

At the beginning of February all 58 motors were removed and taken to Harrison and Harrison's workshop in Durham to be re-leathered. The photo shows the work in progress, the brown shreds on the floor at the right are the old leather.



This is before and after



Less than a week later all 58 motors were ready to be reinstalled and once again hidden from view – a small but vital part of this massive instrument which has served us well for over a century.

Many thanks to Harrison and Harrison for their prompt and efficient work which ensured we were only without the organ for one Sunday. If you would like to know more about the organ there is a pamphlet available at the back of St Leonard's Church and I am always happy to try and answer any questions you may have. Catch me after any 9.30 service or at coffee in the hall.

John Baker, Organist





Carolyn Plowman

Waves (Working Alongside Voluntary Enabled Services) was opened 2007 in Seaford town and named before Wave leisure arrived! But still causes some confusion. Waves Family Support are very grateful for all finances given to enable the registered charity to continue showing practical Christian love to support families emotionally hopefully before they get to crisis point, although unfortunately more difficult and serious circumstances are seen regularly. The Seaford Church Street drop-in-centre with baby changing bathroom gives a warm, friendly environment for people to socialise, gain support, information and acquire baby items when needed. Waves could not function without the volunteers giving their time to the centre which opens Monday to Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 or being one of the team of Trustees and administrators. Training for all volunteers including Safeguarding, listening skills and DBS checks are all provided free with

regular supervision and social get-togethers.

Waves general costs are met by donations generously given from individuals, local churches, Town council, local organisations and supermarkets. Larger grants requiring numerous applications have had some success and enables delegated projects.

Waves have three part-time workers including newly appointed Vicki as Centre co-ordinator who will be overseeing the administration relieving Jane and Carolyn who have filled that position since Cathy Finch left, Carolyn will still be volunteering in the centre and co-ordinating the volunteers.

Jill, Waves family Worker supports families visiting their homes or meeting in the centre. Jane employed as Waves Community Outreach Worker has organised and is running weekly groups meeting term times, currently Bump to Baby

(up to 15mnths.) at Seaford Kings Church, Coffee and Parenting advice groups, Seaford Children's centre. During each School holiday Munch Lunch sessions providing craft and a hot meal for the whole family with premises kindly given by Kings Church and Seaford Parish Church Hall and donations from many local organisations and church groups. Jane also liaises with Seaford Primary schools and Waves volunteers to provide an individual children's listening service which schools, parents and pupils say how valuable this free service is. If more expert help is required for individuals, parents or families, Waves has access to local counsellors for paid sessions. Waves take self-referrals but also from GPs, local authorities, social workers and schools so we are very grateful to have local contacts such as Seahaven Food bank, Homelink, Youth counselling and Alex from Seaford Baptist Church for support. Waves were pleased to meet Stefan the Parish Church Youth and Family Mission Worker and discuss the communities needs and welcomed him helping at Waves Munch Lunch in February half-term. Each year Waves enjoy bringing some families to join the fun in St. Leonards Church for Easter garden preparation and crafts in the hope of them having knowledge of the friendly church family. Donations have enabled

funding a daily family pass to Paradise Park and tickets for Downs Dino play to be available for families to enjoy time out together which is very valuable to them especially when these can be a strain to some family budgets.

Waves team of trustees who with Jane, Jill and Carolyn meet regularly to discuss situations and the running of Waves, likewise a team of volunteers give their time and expertise to financial and administrative matters. Families often tell us of their appreciation of Waves supporting them through various situations which can be as a one off or over a long period of time, Waves give no time limit to their support. An open invitation to Waves AGM at Seaford Baptist Church hopefully in May will welcome everyone to meet, see and hear all that is involved with the running of Waves and the appreciation clients have told us of. Waves website is being re-instated at present but up to date information is always on Facebook.

The Waves centre is currently closed. The answer phone, emails and Facebook will be attended. The emergency contact number 07865 896036.

wavesseaford@btconnect.com

Lectionary for April

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens. Bible readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death. Holy Week begins with the re-enactment of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of a journey of the imagination which takes us to the Upper Room for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, through Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion on Good Friday.

In the Vigil on the night before Easter Day, the Church gathers to commemorate the mighty works of God through reading of scripture in preparation for the proclaiming of Christ's resurrection.

Easter Day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the Church today, it provides a real experience of new life, as people are baptized and baptismal promises are renewed. Those who are baptized are united with Christ in his death and resurrection.

5th April

Palm Sunday

Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Gospel Matthew 21:1-11
Matthew 27:11-24
Matins Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

12th April

Easter Day

Reading Romans 6:3-11
Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

19th April

2nd Sunday of Easter

Reading Acts 2:14, 22-32*
Gospel John 20:19-31*

26th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41*
Gospel Luke 24:13-35*

* Denotes standard Year A Lectionary readings
Bold Denotes primary passage (if part of series)

Since the late fourth century, on the fortieth day of Easter the Church celebrates Christ's ascension to heaven. This marks the end of his earthly ministry and the Feast of the Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The season of Easter is celebrated for fifty days, culminating in the Day of Pentecost.

Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus's final words to his disciples, that they should go to all nations and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28.19-20). In John's Gospel, Jesus instructed his followers to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14.15-17). The feast of Pentecost celebrates the account of the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples empowering them for mission (Acts 2.1-47). The Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3rd May

4th Sunday of Easter

Reading Acts 2:42-47*
Gospel John 10:1-10*
Matins Psalm 106:6-15*

10th May

5th Sunday of Easter

Reading Acts 7:55-60*
Gospel John 14:1-14*

17th May

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading Acts 17:22-31*
Gospel John 14:15-21*

24th May

Ascension

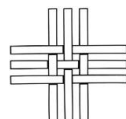
Reading Acts 1:1-11*
Gospel Luke 24:44-53*

31st May

Pentecost

Reading Acts 2:1-21*
Gospel John 20:19-23*

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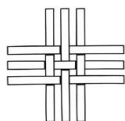
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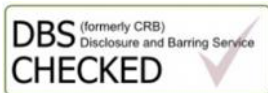
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- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion (with choir)
- 9.30am Messy Church in the Hall
- 11.00am Matins (traditional Morning Service)



2nd Sunday of the month

- 8.00am Holy Communion (a quiet service)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (with choir)
- 11.00am The Meeting Place: Informal worship (Except August)

3rd Sunday of the month

- 8.00am Holy Communion (a quiet service)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (with choir)

4th Sunday of the month

- 8.00am Holy Communion (a quiet service)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (with choir)
- 11.00am The Meeting Place: Informal worship (Except August)
- 7.00pm Prayers@7

5th Sunday of the month

- 8.00am Holy Communion (a quiet service)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (with choir)
- 11.00am The Meeting Place: Informal worship (Check weekly news)

Wednesdays

- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St. Luke's Church

1st Sunday of the month

- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.00 am The Meeting Place: Informal worship



2nd Sunday of the month:

- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 7.00pm St. Lukes@7 (Except August)

3rd Sunday of the month

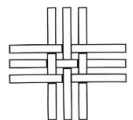
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.00 am The Meeting Place: Informal worship

4th and 5th Sundays

- 9.30am Parish Communion

1st Tuesday each month

- 11.00am Service with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness (followed by lunch)



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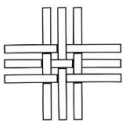
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