

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Helping with Filming Services, running Tot's Groups and October Half Term Holiday Club

We have several positions that require some willing volunteers. The first is to help film and edit Church services as Stefan returns to more of the normal duties of his role. The second is the need for some more volunteers for the Tot's groups, both in St Luke's on Wednesdays and St Leonard's on Thursdays from 9am-11.30am. This is when the groups return in mid-September. And finally we require a various amount of volunteers for a potential October half term Holiday Club for children aged 4-11 years. Don't worry if you are not confident with kids, as there are other roles which we will need help with that are not directly working with the children. If you are able to help or would like to find out more about any of these roles please email Stefan at cyfw@seafordparish.org.uk or 07506143476 as soon as you are able. Full training can and will be given on these roles and support will be in place for you throughout as you work with Stefan.

VACANCY-WELCOME TO JAMES OUR NEW VICAR.

We look forward to the arrival of the Reverend James Hollingsworth as our new incumbent. He comes from St. Mary's Barcombe where he has been for 19 years, he is married to Lucy and has three children: Ruth, who is longer at home, then Abigail & Sam who are both university students. His licensing will be on **September 24th** in St. Leonard's, this will have limited numbers and require advance registration but we only expect final details next week due to government restrictions. James's first Sunday presiding will be **Harvest Sunday September 27th** in St. Leonard's. You can see his introduction in his own words on our church website www.seafordparish.org.uk Please remember them all in your prayers. Your parish representatives; Janet Kent & Fred Bass

PARISH LETTERBOX

The Parish letter box is to the left of the Church Hall door. Postal address is: St Leonard's Church Hall, Church Lane, Seaford, BN25 1HL.

THE CHURCHES ARE OPEN & WE NEED YOUR HELP

Sunday 9.30am said communion at both churches - can you help at either Church? Many of our regular supporters are still isolating so please do put your name forward if you think you can help.

Also, St Leonard's Church is open each day from 9am to 12noon for Private Prayers. For safety we require two Stewards for each session.

We need to welcome, direct people and oversee that correct procedures are being followed. Clear instructions will be given to all volunteers and everything you need will be provided in the Church. If you are able to help as a one off or on a more regular basis please contact the parish office with your contact details and availability.

admin@seafordparish.org.uk

tel. 658109 direct or leave a message on 894216.

Please note. A risk assessment has been done. Facemasks are now mandatory, Social distancing will be observed and sanitiser is provided. The toilet(s) will be available to all for services but only for stewards during private prayer.

Note-We do not want to encourage the vulnerable to risk their own health by coming out so do please join us online where our services continue with music and worship on www.seafordparish.org.uk.

And finally,

*'Come to the edge',
He said. They said,
'we are afraid'.
'Come to the edge',
He said. They came.
He pushed them,
and they flew.*

(Christopher Logue 1926-2011)

Poet, playwright and screenwriter as well as a film actor. This piece is reminiscent of Ex 19:4, and Deut 32:11 as the eagle teaches its offspring to fly, an image of God teaching us to 'live by faith'.

St Leonard's and St Luke's



SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The readings:

Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20

9.30 am Parish Communion St Leonard's

9.30 am Parish Communion St Luke's

(both services are 'said' with no singing and social distancing rules applied)

Face Coverings are now Mandatory in church.

Collect for today:

*God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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.

As well as these things let us begin to pray for James and Lucy Hollingsworth as they prepare to leave Barcombe and join us here in Seaford.

If you have been praying the prayer for our new incumbent since our Prayer Pastor wrote it in January you will know that in it we have ask for a person of, "vision, courage, wisdom, prayer filled and led by the Holy Spirit and the word of God."

Let us continue to pray all these qualities into James and Lucy as they say goodbye to Barcombe and Scaynes Hill, and prepare to join us in the near future.

PARISH RESOURCES

Look at the church website regularly at, <https://www.seafordparish.org.uk/>

There is information and resources there, in addition.....

Our Sunday Service including readings, intercessions and sermon continue online.

In addition we also have reflections on 'Exploration of Worship' and a 'Walk through Easter Week' from the perspective of a disciple. Don't forget the Adventures of Scruff, Godly Play and Messy Church for our younger (at heart) folk. **If you would like a reflection** to address a particular topic, let Derreck know and we will see what can be done.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer, 10am Wednesdays, login details from Sue Griffiths."

St Luke's@7 now on 'Zoom' every Sunday evening. Details from Kate Steer.

NEW PARISH INITIATIVES:

If you cannot get online to watch our pre-recorded 09.30 Sunday Services, **you can request a DVD to watch** (you do need the DVD player), contact Stefan on 07-506-143476 who will arrange with you the delivery of a DVD the Monday after the service.

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUPPORT:

SOS from Family Support Work - they are short of tinned meat (chilli, curry, etc.) tinned veg and tinned fruit. Please leave your gifts in the basket at the back of the church under the tower at St Leonard's or in the porch at 16 Hill Rise, BN25 2UA. **The next collection will be at the end of August.** Many thanks for your recent contributions! Liz Morgan-Jones.

URGENTLY REQUIRED AT ST LEONARD'S

We urgently need Stewards to assist with upcoming funeral services. Role to include welcome and counting attendees, operation of CD player. Please respond to Charlie (Office) or Derreck if you are willing to assist, or contact Derreck if you have questions.

REOPENING OF CHURCH SERVICES - PROGRESS & DATES.

We are now celebrating 9.30 communion (in one kind only) at both churches carefully observing all Social Distancing rules including the wearing of face coverings

We have also re-started **Wednesday 11am BCP** communion once a month on the second Sunday

We will continue with online services for the foreseeable future including music and singing so, for those that feel vulnerable please do stay at home and watch us online. www.seafordparish.org.uk

The Church Wardens

CARE HOME PASTORAL CARE:

We are thinking ahead to Christmas, under normal circumstances we hold Carol Services in addition to our usual monthly services (which we are obviously unable to hold at present). However, in the past we have used some beautifully knitted Nativity figures for the residents to look at and handle, it's surprising how many knitters we come across! For five of the Nursing Homes, these figures would make a lovely seasonal gift - would anyone like to help us? 5 Marys or 5 shepherds, 5 Josephs etc etc. We can supply the yarn and pattern. If you think you could help, could you please contact Wendy (Ogilvie 07779 248730), Hazel Bramley is my technical advisor so do let us know if this is a viable venture. Many thanks, Wendy'

WELCOME COLLECTION FOR JAMES & FAMILY.

As a welcome to the parish to help them with expenses as they move to the parish this week we are asking for donations. Firstly, thank you to those who have already contributed and for others interested to join in, do please give any contributions to the parish reps Janet Kent & Fred Bass or put an envelope in the donation jar in St Leonards church marked for James. This will also, in part, go towards a welcome hamper from the parish that Ann Thompson has organised to leave in the vicarage. Fred Bass, Church Warden

PARISH MAGAZINE

If you would like a Parish Magazine and cannot access the website, please contact Hazel Bramley (892883

FOR YOUR PRAYERS.....

Heather Willis: In constant pain for some time, now referred to specialist. Pray for clarity and healing.

Jackie Baker: Her grand-daughter Caoimhe (pronounced Keeva) 1 month old taken to hospital with bronchitis.

FOR THANKSGIVING

Charmian Phillips : who is now back home and making slow but steady progress in her recovery. She sends her thanks to all who prayed for her during her long bout of illness in hospital.

Margaret Coggins: Home and feeling much better.

Margaret Darwell-Smith: Operation went well, now recovering at home.

ENVELOPE GIVING DURING LOCKDOWN.

We thank all those that have been saving their envelopes and leaving them in the donations jar in church or just giving us a lump sum. This is much appreciated. There are many who cannot easily get the envelopes to us or send their donation so, please do contact the office and we can make arrangements to collect your envelopes or advise other means. Your generous giving is even more vital in these difficult times when we miss the weekly offertory in our Church services.

PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

If you pay a cheque to the parish please make it out to "Parochial Church Council of Seaford".

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