

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.

LICENSING FOR JAMES OUR NEW VICAR.

The licensing will take place in St Leonard's Church at 5pm on Thursday 24th September, it will be a communion service and Archdeacon Martin will preside. Numbers are limited so we plan to ticket the event and hope also to stream it online on www.seafordparish.org.uk. We will have more details on ticket availability by Sunday September 13th.

James's first Sunday preaching & presiding will be **Harvest Sunday September 27th** in St. Leonard's. Please remember James and his family in your prayers as he prepares for the post. Your parish representatives; Janet Kent & Fred Bass

THE PARISH LUNCH TEAM

We regret that we have not been able to recommence the monthly lunches but trust that it will not be too long before we resume. All regular attendees will be contacted as soon as we get the go-ahead. Ann Fenwick 893318

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.

And finally,

I arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's eyes to watch over me;
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to give me speech,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to shelter me,
God's host to secure me.

(Brigid of Gael)

The origins of Brigid are vague. She was apparently worshipped as the daughter of a pagan Gaelic deity, the goddess of healers, poets, smiths, and warfare, her soldiers were known as 'brigands'. Around 453AD she was 'adopted' by the Catholic church and her history and background 'reworked' to become St Brigid, patron saint of farm work, cattle and protector from fire and calamity. Whatever her chequered history the prayer blessing above credited to her makes for a prayerful start to the day.

St Leonard's and St Luke's



SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The readings:

Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20

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:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 pray for James and Lucy Hollingsworth as they 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.

PARISH RESOURCES

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

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

‘Zoom’ Morning Prayer, 10am Wednesdays, login details from Sue Griffiths.”

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

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

As the current Government’s guidelines are now allowing indoor performances we are planning to restart the Lunchtime Concerts with an Organ recital on **Saturday 19th September at 1.00pm** (subject to Government guidelines at the time) to be given by D’Arcy Trinkwon International Concert Organist, Organist of Worth Abbey and the University of Sussex. Regulations dictate that we observe social distancing, wear face coverings and collect audience contact details. **We are asking you to contact us if you are planning to attend.** Please email:

stlensorganist@seafordparish.org.uk

or phone 01323 893082 ahead of the date. If you do not contact us in advance we may not be able to admit you to the concert. As usual admission will be free with a retiring collection. John Baker Organist and Choirmaster

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

You will remember that we were all set to update our C1 training on May 30th, which has to be renewed every three years. Of course, it didn’t actually happen. This is just a reminder, that as we all have so much time to fill at the moment, and that for the foreseeable future there will be no training courses, you can do C1 on line. Several people have completed it, and have found that it was quite straightforward, so if you were due to renew this year, why not give it a go - most people do need to renew this year if you were on the course in 2017. You will get a certificate, but I will not be notified, so if you do do it, I would be grateful if you could let me know, so I can keep our records up-dated. Many thanks Ruth

APCM 4th OCT & ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), will now be held on Sunday 4th October 2020 at 3.30pm in St Leonard’s, please arrive 3pm onwards and bring your own refreshments. Janet Kent as vice chair PCC will chair the meeting and James Hollingsworth will attend the meeting to introduce himself. This is a combined meeting with the annual meeting of Parishioners that elects the church wardens, nominations for warden are welcome.

The Electoral Roll is updated annually in time for this meeting so please ensure that we are holding your correct information. If you have recently moved or changed any details to your original record, please either let the admin office know or complete an updated Electoral Roll form. If you are new to the Parish and would like to vote at the APCM you must complete an Electoral Form, pale blue forms can be found at the back of the Church. **All updates and new forms must be received no later than the 13th September.** The revised list will be displayed at the back of Church for 14 days prior to the APCM.

Note also there are vacancies on PCC and if you are interested to be nominated please see Janet Kent or Fred Bass for details.

WELCOME COLLECTION FOR JAMES & FAMILY - LAST CHANCE

Thank you to those who have already contributed, we have already used some of the money for a hamper as they moved in, so do please give any remaining contributions to the parish reps Janet Kent & Fred Bass or put an envelope in the donations jar or offertory box in church marked for James. This is the last Sunday for contributions & we will update you with the final gift as soon as possible. Fred Bass & Janet Kent.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 9TH

11am book of common prayer communion (BCP) has restarted once a month on the second Wednesday at St Leonard’s so note the next one is this **Wednesday September 9th** at 11am

CHURCH IN BEIRUT APPEAL

Thanks to all gave in response to the appeal 2 weeks ago, we have raised over £300 and will let you know the final total in Church.

Thank you - Fred Bass

PRAYER LIST

Now we have resumed physical services the prayer list will only be kept in our churches managed by the prayer team and will not be published in the news sheet. Please be assured the team will pray for all those on the list and that they will also be mentioned in our intercessions online, mid-week and on a Sunday. If there is anyone you want to add to this list then please contact Sue Griffiths on prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk tel 872163 alternatively, contact one of the wardens or clergy in Church. Fred Bass

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. admin@seafordparish.org.uk telephone 894216. (Cheques should be made payable to “Parochial Church Council of Seaford”)

MEET THE VICAR - GARDENING MORNING - 2nd CHANCE

For those that thought they missed out helping tidy the vicarage garden yesterday ☐. There is another chance on **Saturday 26th September** 9.30am to 12.30pm at the vicarage. Coffee & cake provided. Just turn up & meet James & Lucy, all welcome.

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Open Mon & Fri 10.00 to 12.00

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