

## 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](mailto:admin@seafordparish.org.uk) phone 894216. (Cheques should be made payable to "Parochial Church Council of Seaford")

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### **Luke@7 Christmas Praise**

Today Sun 13 December 7pm Online only

### **Messy Church**

Mon 21 December 10am at St Leonard's \*

### **Crib Service**

Tues 22 December 3pm at St Luke's \*

### **Nine Lessons and Carols:**

Sun 20 December 6.00pm at St. Leonard's \*

Wed 23 December 11am at St Leonard's \*

(This service will be a shortened format)

### **Messy Christingle**

**Christmas eve** 10am and 3pm at St Leonard's \*

### **First Communion of Christmas**

Christmas Eve 11.30pm at St Leonard's \* L

### **Christmas Day Parish Communion**

10.00 at St Leonard's \* L

10.00 at St Lukes ( booking not required)

**All starred services need a booking.** Numbers are limited, reserve your seats using Eventbrite.

Eventbrite booking is free and easy to use, just follow the link on our webpage; [www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk) If you have an issue contact the office and we will book a place on your behalf. Lisa will also be available in St Leonards on Sunday morning to book your seats for you. Live streamed and online services (marked with an L) can also be reached via the website ([www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk))

## WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET

Items for inclusion in this notice sheet should be Emailed to [bob@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:bob@seafordparish.org.uk) preferably by the previous Monday morning. It is sometimes possible to squeeze in a late contribution but this cannot be guaranteed. Let the parish know what is happening in your group.

## PARISH MAGAZINE

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

And finally,

*My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think that I am following Your  
will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please You  
does in fact please You.  
And I hope that I have that desire  
in all that I am doing.  
And I know that if I do this,  
You will lead me by the right road  
although I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust You always,  
though I may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death,  
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,  
and will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.*

*Thomas Merton 1915-1968)*

[Thomas was an American Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist, and scholar of comparative religion. In 1949, he was ordained to the priesthood and given the name "Father Louis". He wrote more than 50 books over 27 years, mostly on spirituality, social justice and a quiet pacifism.]

# St Leonard's and St Luke's



**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



9.30 am Parish Communion St Leonard's  
9.30 am Parish Communion St Luke's  
(services are 'said' with no singing and social distancing rules applied)

The 9.30 & 11.15 services at St Leonard's will be streamed online  
Coffee morning on zoom at 10.45am

7.00 pm **Luke@7 Christmas Praise** Online only

## **The readings:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 John 1 :6-8,19-28

## **Collect for today:**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE ADVENT CANDLE PRAYER—ADVENT 3**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows day by day, Help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.

Next Sunday: **20 December:** 4th Sunday of Advent  
**readings** . 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1 :26-38  
9,30 am service at both churches

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

## SOUND & VISION (TECH) APPEAL

Thank you so much to everyone who has been giving to this. I'm sure you are now seeing the results online with the new mixing system and the donation of a second camera. Next steps are some new microphones which will help even more with the sound. Thanks again for donations & don't forget they can be gift aided. Thanks again to Phil and Malcolm for putting in the extra hours to make it all work.  
Thanks for your support, James.

## BLANKET APPEAL

Fleece blankets are needed for the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team. These are used for comfort and warmth for people in very difficult circumstances.

Single size or smaller please. Contact Gill on 891524 and she can collect. Thank you

## ADVENT BOOKS

Derreck and James are encouraging us to read over Advent either or both: There's no test but they will pop up in the sermons!

"Walking backwards to Christmas" by Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York) ISBN 978-0-281-07147-0 [published by SPCK](#).

"The Art of Advent, a painting a day from Advent to Epiphany", written by Dr Jane Williams ISBN 978-0-281-07169-2 published by SPCK.

There will be reviews on both in the Dec/Jan Magazine.

## PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

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

## ON THE WEBSITE

You can find two new blogs, one with some reflections from Lucy and sermons from James (Springs of the Sea) and the other from Sue Tapp 'A Helping Hand'

## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

We are still planning to decorate the church this year so If you wish to contribute money towards the arrangements, perhaps in memory of a loved one or for a birthday or anniversary, please put your donation in an envelope marked, 'Margaret Smith for Christmas Flowers' Add in a note of any names you would like to be displayed of people you are remembering. Then drop it in the collection jar at St Leonard's.

## PRAYER LIST

If there is anyone you want to add to the prayer list then please contact Sue Griffiths on [prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk](mailto:prayerpastor@seafordparish.org.uk) tel 872163 alternatively, contact one of the wardens or clergy . Fred Bass

## 2ND SEAFORD (ST LEONARD'S) BROWNIES

Jan Williams who has run the Brownie Unit so well over 11 years has regretfully to give up due to ill health. We need someone to step forward to help when the Unit resumes. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in this important work please speak to Jan 873675 or Wendy Fortune 896191.

## SHOE BOX UPDATE

20,768 shoe boxes have been sent out!! Well done to all those who contributed. Hazel Bramley

## **Parish Office**

Open Mon & Fri 10.00 to 12.00

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Clergy contact details can be found on the parish website: [www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk)

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## SEAFORD PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

### **STOPOVER Service NEWS UPDATE**

Ladies please join the Women's Group and Mothers Union Members for a Thanksgiving Service **Tomorrow Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at **St Leonard's Church** at 2pm to handover our STOPOVER donations.

STOPOVER charity is set up to help young females needing a safe environment for themselves and children. Women's Group are already collecting gifts and it would be fantastic if this year more of the ladies in the congregation joined us for the service and helped by bringing additional items for this worthy charity. Wrapped donations can be brought with you on the day. Connie Hughes will be accepting the gifts on behalf of Stopover and will give a brief talk about the charity during the Service. Suggested gift ideas:

**For the young girls/adults (not children):** Toiletries, Socks, Tights, Scarves, Hats, Jewellery, anything pretty and **brand new**, tins of biscuits.

**Gifts for babies & children up to the age of 3 years old:** clothes or toys (**new**)

All the donations for the girls should be Christmas wrapped; the children's gifts wrapped and labelled "child" and age. Supplies of snack bars are also welcome and should **not** be wrapped.

As usual COVID-19 precautions & procedures will be in place, everyone must wear a mask and sit in the indicated allocated seats. The service will be led by Revd. James Hollingsworth and include, readings, prayers, presentation of the Stopover gifts and 2 favourite Carols sung by a small choir.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Thank you, Julia Lawson  
On behalf of Women's Group

**Please respect the Clergy & staff days off**  
(Derreck & Stefan - Mondays, James - Tuesdays)