

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 phone 894216. (Cheques should be made payable to "Parochial Church Council of Seaford")

SUPPORT PHONE LINES

As the nights are still too dark and we are all lockdown through Covid. I have been asked to let you know about local / national services that may be able to offer support. **Seaford Volunteer Emergency Team** helpline is currently closed but we continue to monitor the situation if we are required. We are aware that **NHS Responders** do offer a similar service for shopping and prescriptions on 0808 196 3646. We note that at times their call lines are busy but they are open 8-8 for support. We also know that you can call **Morrisons** on 0345 611 6111 option 5. There are many local shops offering delivery services too.

Seafriends is a local organisation providing a one - to one befriending service in the town matching a volunteer with someone who may feel the need to have regular contact. Currently this is a regular phone call but in normal times it is anticipated to be a visiting service. They can be contacted on 01323 914689.

Silver line is a 24/7 phone service for someone wanting to chat on 0800 470 8090. This is an organisation set up by Esther Rantzen. There is also a text chat service called shout, particularly for those who may have hearing issues text shout to 85258.

The Samaritans are also available on 116 123.

Here at St Leonard's there is also a ring a round service. .,.,. We are a strong community and we would like to support you if required. You are not alone. Sarah McStravick

CHURCH CLOSURE DUE TO PANDEMIC

The Bishop of Lewes in discussion with the Head of Environmental Health for Rother and Wealden Councils, together with the Director of Public Health and East Sussex County Council, has requested that we voluntarily close places of public worship until covid cases decline across all East Sussex districts.

As a leadership team we already decided to voluntarily close to public worship since Christmas Day but this now means the Churches will also be closed to private prayer. Online services from the church will continue with some additional restrictions so please continue to join us online, details updated weekly on www.seafordparish.org.uk.

For this week Jan 17th there will be one combined online service at 9.30am live from St. Leonards, so no 11.15am but the 9.30am service will be available on demand anytime. StLukes@7 on Zoom is not affected of course!

Stay safe, James, Derreck, Fred, Lisa & Stefan.

All links are on our website

www.seafordparish.org.uk

And finally

Loving God,
at this time of crisis when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.

Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Leonard's and St Luke's



SUNDAY 17 JANUARY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9.30 am Parish Communion Online only

10.45 am Coffee morning on zoom

The readings: Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-51

Collect for today:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All services will be online for some time to come. Malcolm will put up links on his online news sheet as usual.

DON'T FORGET

Sunday 7pm Zoom Worship "St Luke's at 7pm" (853-4604-0118 , SL@7)

Wednesday 3pm Zoom Cuppa Tea with Vicar - 936 9852 1227 Seaford21)

Saturday 8.30am Prayer Zoom (731-3210-2295, 1UWEx6)

Next Sunday: 24 January:
Conversion of Paul

readings . Acts 9: 1-22 Matthew 19: 27-40

9,30 am and 11.15 am live online only

NOTE: The church will be closed until further notice due to Covid restrictions

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.

BEWARE COVID JAB FRAUDSTERS

Some of you may already be aware of this but there are now currently a number of vaccination scams in operation attempting to exploit people's anxiety and defraud vulnerable people who are nervously awaiting appointments.

The scam can take various forms such as telephone calls asking you to press a number on a keypad which will incur a charge, text messages asking you to reply to confirm an appointment and e mails directing you to a fake NHS website asking for bank details.

The NHS will NEVER ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and NEVER ask for payment or for your bank details.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft you should report this directly to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Where the victim is vulnerable, report it to Sussex Police online or by calling 101. Thanks to Seaford Bowling Club for passing this on.

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 Topp 'A Helping Hand'

PRAYER LIST

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

PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

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

KNITTED NATIVITIES FOR OUR CARE HOMES:

we've had some lovely Feedback and thanks for our five knitted Nativity sets. Freshford phoned the church office with a fulsome thank you and have since put their thanks onto Facebook. Westerleigh sent a lovely Christmas card to the church office to thank us for the set, Burdyke said they were lovely and really kind and similar responses from Seaford Head Retirement Home and Nova House. So thank you again to all our skilled knitters; we spread our message by any means possible, may these sets bring comfort and pleasure to many over the coming years. Wendy Ogilvie

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to all who contributed to decorating St Leonard's church for Christmas whether that was giving a donation, preparing the props, decorating the tree, providing foliage or arranging flowers.

FESTIVE FOODBANK AND TOY DONATIONS FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORK AT ST LEONARD'S

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this appeal: we were able to send a car full of goodies that included seasonal and basic food as well as gifts and toys. All so much appreciated by the families who wouldn't have been able to provide these items for themselves.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles, notices and items for the FEB/MAR edition of the Parish Magazine are most welcome. Please either send these by email to magazine@seafordparish.org.uk or deliver to the Parish Office via the letter box. **The closing date for items is this Tuesday 19 January**

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Clergy contact details can be found on the

parish website: www.seafordparish.org.uk

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TRANSPORT FOR VACCINATION:

when the vaccination becomes available locally, some have expressed the need for transport/lifts to & fro wherever we are invited to attend. If you can help with this, please text or email Wendy Ogilvie (Pastoral Care Team) on 07779 248730 or wendy.ogilvie.wo@gmail.com

ZOOM MEETINGS

The log in details for our church Zoom meetings have been changed.

Zoom Coffee Morning (Sunday's 10.45am-11.15/11.30am):

[https://zoom.us/j/94296447321?](https://zoom.us/j/94296447321?pwd=N2kwTU5JZ3FFQ25rekNOV0Z0NFFvQT09)

[pwd=N2kwTU5JZ3FFQ25rekNOV0Z0NFFvQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94296447321?pwd=N2kwTU5JZ3FFQ25rekNOV0Z0NFFvQT09)

Meeting ID: 942 9644 7321

Passcode: Seaford21

To join by phone call: 0203 901 7895

Meeting ID: 942 9644 7321##

Phone Call Passcode: 755201656#

Meet the Vicar (Wednesday's 3pm):

[https://zoom.us/j/93698521227?](https://zoom.us/j/93698521227?pwd=Qk9rVnRDSkQwU1VWUmVZWdNVMHgxZz09)

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Passcode: Seaford21

To join by phone call: 0203 901 7895

Meeting ID: 936 9852 1227##

Phone Call Passcode: 621724955

The parish website has live links to get you set up quickly

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