

MEET THE VICAR! AND PAINT THE VICARAGE.

No experience necessary, social distancing will be observed, please only wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on. Even if you do just a wall or two, it would be great to meet you. If you have brushes, rollers or dustsheets please bring them with you, else we will have lots of kit. James, Lucy and Abigail will be there this **Tuesday 4th August, Wednesday 5th, Friday 7th, Sat 8th** from 10am-4pm. Tea and biscuits will be supplied. If you can help please sign the sheet at the back of St. Leonards or let Fred Bass know on 893054 email fred@seafordparish.org.uk
James Hollingsworth

GREAT NEWS BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Following Government & diocesan guidelines, we are pleased to announce.

St Leonard's Church is open each day from 9 to 12 for Private Prayers and St Luke's on Sunday mornings (9 to 12).

For this to happen safely we require two Stewards for each session to welcome and oversee that correct safety procedures are being followed.

We Urgently need volunteers to open St Luke's on a Sunday

Clear instructions will be given to all volunteers and everything you need will be provided in the Church.

If you are able to give a morning either 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. Social distancing will be observed and sanitiser provided. The toilet(s) will not be available to visitors, only for the stewards. BUT - We do not want to encourage the vulnerable to risk their own health by coming out.

All our lockdown support remains in place as well as our online services.

VACANCY - GOOD NEWS!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend James Hollingsworth as our new incumbent. Currently vicar at 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. We expect him to start with us late September and for the family to move to the vicarage in preparation by the end of August. You can see his introduction in his own words on video. See the link on our church website : www.seafordparish.org.uk
Please remember them all in your prayers.
Your parish representatives; Janet Kent & Fred Bass

And finally,

*We have to be candles
burning between
hope and despair,
faith and doubt,
life and death,
all the opposites.*

*That is the disquieting place
where people must always find us.*

*And if our life means anything,
if what we are goes beyond the monastery walls
and does some good,
it is that somehow,
by being here,
at peace,
we help the world cope
with what it cannot understand.*

(William Broderick)

William Brodrick joined the order of the Augustinians after obtaining his A-levels and then, following the Order's advice, attended Heythrop College, University of London where he read philosophy and theology. He subsequently left the Order becoming first a barrister, then a crime writer.

St Leonard's and St Luke's



SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The readings:

Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

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)

Collect for today:

*Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
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 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:

The regular collection of dried groceries, cleaning and personal care products has resumed for Diocesan Family Support Work. Please leave your contribution in the basket situated at the back of the church under the tower at St Leonard's or, if easier, in the porch of 16 Hill Rise. FSW have been very grateful to those who have been able to send online money donations via their website.

THE DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

is asking you once more to support those at greatest risk around the world due to coronavirus. Please make donations to DEC through any bank or your preferred charity that is a member of the DEC.

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

We also plan to have **Wednesday 11am BCP** communion once a month from August 12th.

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

We will be issuing a separate sheet setting out our more detailed plans.

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'

If you have any prayer need email it to prayerpastor at the above address, or phone the church office, 01323 894216 and the request will be passed on.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ethel Keenan on the occasion of her 90th birthday next Wednesday 5 August.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS.....

Margaret Coggins: Back in hospital (Lewes) dehydrated but improving.

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

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

THANKSGIVING

Judith Alcock: Continued slow improvement

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

Glynnis Hallett: Now moved into Avalon Care home in Eastbourne

WELCOME COLLECTION FOR JAMES & FAMILY.

As a welcome to the parish and to help them with moving expenses we are asking for donations.

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. Fred Bass Church Warden

On **Saturday 1st August** we celebrated the Wedding of Stephen Owen to Jade. We wish them both every blessing for the future.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the increased dangers of a Covid outbreak The government have said that face coverings MUST be worn at all religious services from SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST.

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.