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The Churchwardens, the Church Council and the Christ Church family are thrilled to be able to announce that **Revd David Renshaw** has been appointed as Vicar of Christ Church. His licensing will take place on Thursday 26th July at 2.30pm, by the Right Reverend Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham.

David has been helping us out for the last 18 months, whilst we have been in interregnum, and so he is already part of our family. We look to the future, as David walks alongside us, and ministers to us all, and the wider community of the town centre.



Worship in June at Christ Church

- 3rd** 10.30am Holy Communion with Canon Muriel Pargeter and Revd Alex Grubb
6.00pm BCP Evensong with Revd Nancy Ford
- 10th** 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen
- 14th** 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion with Revd Alex Grubb
- 17th** 10.30am Holy Communion with Revd Alex Grubb and Canon Muriel Pargeter
6.00pm BCP Evensong with Revd George Butterworth
- 24th** 10.30am Morning Prayer led by Revd David Renshaw
- 28th** 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion with Revd David Renshaw

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Come and join in with our regular events in Christ Church



Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon
Open church with refreshments



Wednesdays 10.30am to 12 noon
Open church with refreshments - Donations accepted in aid of missions
Gifts & Bric a Brac for sale

1st Wednesday of each month at 1.00pm
Matinee club Film showing once a month in the Organ Vestry
It is advised to arrive by 12.50pm

Thursdays 2.30-4.30pm
Come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa
If you are so inclined, why not join in the
“Knit & Natter” group, bring your knitting, crochet or crafts or
simply come and enjoy fellowship with friends!



Every 2nd Thursday
Councillor Hazel Thorpe is also
available to listen and give advice

Every 3rd Thursday in the month at 2.30pm
The Rainbow Poetry Group meets in the Church

Coffee on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 10.00am to noon

Dates for your diary!

Tuesday 12th June at 12.30pm to 1.30pm – a speaker from Alcoholics Anonymous will speak about the organisation, who meet regularly in the church. Do come along and hear about their valuable work for the community. Entrance is free. Tea/coffee available before and after.

The Christ Church organ has recently undergone a significant upgrade, and on **Tuesday 19th June at 12.30pm to 1.30pm**, John Collins, our resident organist will give a recital. Come and enjoy one of the finest organs in the area!

Poets Corner

Be Still

Be still, the voice of Inner Self to hear,
Beneath the din of vain distracting thought,
Intent on spawning denizens of fear,
Whose task it is to render sense to naught;
What gain be there homage to tender greed,
But to be numbered midst deluded rest
Who know not of a more enduring need,
Nor can to deeper-rooted mores attest;
Would that The Way proscribe the human choice,
His gentle counsel steeped in wholesome care;
Then shall the Norm of Goodness well rejoice,
And amity prevail beyond compare.

Be still, most blessed insight to embrace,
The promise of New Life replete with Grace.

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Be Kind

As age enslaves enfeebled mind,
Confounding sensate thought,
Fair converse beggars us be kind
That joy to old be brought -
By patience much is wrought!

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Many thanks to one reader, who wrote: *"I have enjoyed reading Chippy's reminiscences in the Christchurch Magazine. The one about exchange of Chaplains, put me in mind of a diary entry by Captain Francis Starkie Clayton, the Captain of a Man of War in Sydney in 1855. I know the Church supports the Seamen's Mission and thought readers might find this interesting"*:

Jan 8th, 1885

I am not sorry it is Sunday as the next few days we shall be very busy. We are going to have service on board. A clergyman volunteered to come off to us and I hope he will do so every Sunday. If he does not, our men go on board Nelson and I shall go on shore to service. I shall land after lunch, if fine and get a good walk and church in the evening. Oh dear, how I do miss you on Sunday. I always feel more lonely then when I have time to think about our happy days. Mr. Shearston, the Seaman's Chaplain, came aboard and gave (the men) such a stirring, noble address, he has worked among men-of-wars for years and said just the right thing. He is perfectly devoted to our men and from all I hear, has done an immense amount of good among them. I was so pleased with him, he lunched with me afterwards and we had a good talk about what might be done for our fellows. When the men are on what we call general leave, i.e. everybody, good and bad, the good man goes about the streets almost all night, getting 'these men away from their various tempters and takes them into his home as far as its limited accommodation allows (drunk or sober, never mind) anything to keep them out of trouble. It makes me feel quite ashamed of myself for doing so little. Then at five, he came on board and had a second voluntary service. I was not on board. Shakespeare played the harmonium for them and to his astonishment, about thirty men appeared, I hope it was not for the novelty only. The new Admiral is expected tomorrow and we have a lot of things to do.

One Door Closes, Another Opens

Our thanks to Christopher who contributed his thoughts on the changes in another church in Worthing

By any reckoning, on Wednesday 9th August 1899, Mr W W Pocock, of Tunbridge Wells, should have been a man full of optimism and hope. He was in Worthing that day to lay the principal foundation stone for a new Methodist church at the corner of Steyne Gardens and Brighton Road. It must have been quite an occasion. The stone laid by Mr Pocock is only one of eleven foundation stones that still grace the building, including one laid by the Mayor of Worthing.

The scale and structure of the church building, with its stone walls and prominent tower, echo features of the medieval church at Broadwater, for centuries the parish church of Worthing. Cornerstone Church stands as a monument to the confidence of Methodism in its future in Worthing on the threshold of the 20th century.

And indeed, for more than a century Cornerstone Church was a focus for Methodism in the centre of Worthing. In its later years, it was also more than a place of worship. The enterprising congregation ran an excellent café at the back of the church, sold books and plants, and for a number of years hosted Worthing's annual Cards for

Good Causes Christmas shop. A number of organisations used the halls. Then, a couple of years or so ago, it suddenly closed, a victim, I understand, of two problems suffered by many churches – a dwindling congregation and a leaking roof.

With what seemed almost indecent haste, a 'Freehold for Sale' sign appeared, to be replaced very quickly by an 'Under Offer' sign. Given the prime location of the site and the speedy sale, the cynic in me assumed that it would not be long before plans emerged for a block of luxury flats. But nothing did emerge, the building simply slumbered on for more than a year, its future still apparently uncertain.



Then, shortly before Easter, a board appeared outside the church, and work started on renovating it. It transpires that what was once Cornerstone Methodist church had become, on 12th March 2018, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria's parish church of St Demiana and Pope Kyrillos VI. And in a true sign of the Resurrection, the church was used for Holy Week services.

The Coptic Orthodox Church now has over 30 churches in Britain, and has about 20,000 followers here. As far as I can see, there

had been little public demonstration of their interest in the building, apart from a brief report by the Worthing Herald in May 2017 of the visit to the site by the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Pope Tawadros II, in the course of a tour of the United Kingdom. The report said that the visit “prompts questions” about a possible purchase, but was much more interested in the fact that the visit had involved the

appearance of armed police officers in Steyne Gardens. Online Egyptian sources are reporting that Pope Tawadros personally encouraged the purchase, and that the new church is situated in Worthing City, Brighton!

I like to think that, were Mr Pocock here today, he would remain optimistic because what he had helped to dedicate to the service of God in 1899, God has found a renewed use for in 2018.

Is your drinking costing you more than money?

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AA meetings are held here at Christ Church every Wednesday 7.30pm

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The Hand of God

Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in infant school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother commented, ‘Doesn’t it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?’

‘Yes,’ replied Philip, ‘God did it and he did it left handed.’

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, ‘What makes you say God did this with his left hand?’ ‘Well,’ said Philip, ‘we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God’s right hand.’

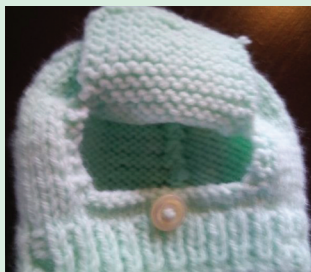
A note from the editor:

This is your magazine, so please feel free to let me have any recipes, poems, articles that you think will be of interest to the people in our community

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For Prem Babies

A pattern for you to help all the prem babies born at Worthing Hospital. The church family send their offerings of knitted hats on a regular basis, so if you can help, we would be very grateful.



Start with the flap.

With No. 9 needles, cast on 15 stitches and knit 2 rows in garter stitch. On 3rd row, make a button hole (w1 forward, K.2 tog).

3rd row – knit 7, w1 forward k.2 tog), knit rest of stitches.

Knit 15 more rows decreasing a stitch each end of final row (13 stitches)

HAT – with No. 9 needles, cast on 57 sts.

Rib 2 rows (K1, p1)

Button hole row – rib 16, make button hole as above) rib 25, make another buttonhole, rib 16.

Change to No. 8 needles. Stocking stitch 2 rows.

3rd row – knit 22, cast off 13, knit 22.

Join wool on right side, knit 14 rows in stocking stitch making sure the 2 edge stitches are in garter stitch.

Make the left side in the same way.

Knit 14 sts from right side, then add the 13 sts from flap and then knit 14 sts from left side.

In stocking stitch, knit 5 rows.

Shape crown – starting with a knit row, k5 k2 tog. Repeat to end of row (49 st)

Purl next row.

Knit 4, k 2 tog, repeat to end of row (41 st)

Purl

Knit 3, k 2 tog, repeat to end of row (33 st)

Purl

Knit 2, k 2 tog, rep. to end of row (25 st)

Purl

Knit 1, k 2 tog, rep. to end of row (17 st)

Next row, purl 1, p. 2 tog to end of row (9 st)

Break off wool and draw through remaining sts.

Sew side seam.

Sew small button on the flap.

Our thanks to Connie for giving us her pattern!

The Cheddar Club – for the more mature person

Are you a senior citizen? Or do you know of one who would be interested in joining the above Club on Mondays between 10.00am to 12 noon at the Sidney Walter Centre in Sussex Road, Worthing, BN11 1DS.

We feel that Worthing has more than its fair share of the older generation who might be lonely or even bored staring at four walls or watching television repeats. Maybe they would enjoy a couple of hours meeting new friends, or old, over a cup of tea and biscuits and a natter about old times.

A small charge of £1 per head to cover tea/coffee and biscuits is asked, but not compulsory.

At 12 noon, a cooked lunch can be purchased at a very reasonable price from the kitchen (menu on the day).

We regret we cannot provide transport which might limit the numbers, but we hope not.

We are also hoping for a few volunteers to help us make this venture a success. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Monday morning you will be very welcome, and the tea and biscuits are on us. For more information please ring: Robin or Mary-Jane on 07960 636005.

Amazing lives . . .

*Our thanks to Barbara, who sent the following in
“This lady’s life triggered my interest recently”*

Emahoy Tsegué-Maryam Guèbrou



Quote from Emahoy . . .

“We cannot always choose what life brings but we can choose how to respond”

A girl born to a wealthy family in Ethiopia in 1923 now lives in the Ethiopian Monastery of Jerusalem. She speaks seven languages, sings and composes traditional and sacred Ethiopian music.

Emahoy Tsegué-Maryam Guèbrou has experienced many ups and downs in her long life. At the age of six she was sent to boarding school in Switzerland where her music abilities were nurtured. WWII saw Ethiopia invaded and occupied. Emahoy’s family members were prisoners of war in Italy, with several dying. By the age of 19 she was a

Nun. Music has always been part of her life and she has used the proceeds from that music to support young people. Initially, she helped struggling fellow students while studying in Ethiopia. Emahoy has also established an orphanage in Ethiopia and a Foundation in her name to enable children from less affluent backgrounds to study music. Her recording career started in the 1960’s and continues with her compositions being saved and published.

A programme entitled ‘The Honky Tonk Nun’ is still available on the radio BBC iPlayer

The 'Middle Wife'

By an Anonymous junior school teacher

Many thanks for this hilarious contribution, not for the faint hearted!

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two children myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own classroom a few years back . . .

When I was a child, I loved show-and-tell so I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually show-and-tell is pretty tame. They bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that and I never ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it into school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, outgoing child takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant. 'This is Luke, my baby brother and I'm going to tell you about his birthday'.

'First, Mum and Dad made him as a symbol of their love and then Dad put a seed in my Mum's stomach and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord'.

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I could capture this moment. Her classmates are watching her in amazement.

'Then about two Saturdays ago my Mum starts saying 'Oh, oh, oh, oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for like an hour, 'Oh, oh,

oh!' (now this child is doing an hysterical duck walk and groaning).

'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Postman. They told my Mum to lie down in bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall).

'And then pop! My Mum had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed like psshheew!' (This child has her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!).

'Then the middle wife starts saying "Push, push" and "Breathe, breathe". They started counting but never even got past ten . . . then all of a sudden out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said was from Mum's play-centre, (placenta) so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there.'

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest . . . ever since then, show-and-tell day always causes me to smile, remembering when the 'Middle Wife' came.



For mothers everywhere . . .

Just a Mother?



A few months ago, when I was picking up the children at school, another mother I knew well rushed up to me. Lilia was fuming with indignation.

'Do you know what you and I are?' she demanded. Before I could answer - and I didn't really have one handy - she blurted out the reason for her question.

It seemed she had just returned from renewing a license at the County Clerk's office. Asked by the female clerk to state her 'occupation', Lilia had hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. 'What I mean is,' explained the member of staff, 'Do you have a job or are you just a.?' 'Of course I have a job,' snapped Lilia, 'I'm a mother'. 'We don't list 'mother' as an occupation - 'housewife' covers it' said the clerk emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient and possessed of a high-sounding title like 'Official Interrogator' or 'Town Registrar'. 'And what is your occupation?' she probed. What made me say it, I do not know, the words simply popped out 'I'm ... a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations'.

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in mid-air and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then

I stared with wonder as my pompous pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

'Might I ask', said the clerk with new interest, 'just what you do in your field?'. Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, 'I have a continuing program of research (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters (the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are in satisfaction rather than just money.'

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's vice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants - ages 13, 7 and 3. And upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model (6 months) in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.

I felt triumphant. I had scored a goal against bureaucracy. And I had gone down on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than 'just another'.

What a glorious career!

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