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Community & Church Family,

Simon and I, in our final communique, would earnestly thank you ALL for your support in this, twenty-two-month interregnum.

The noun 'interregnum', according to Collins English Dictionary, is 'a period between the end of one ruler's reign and the beginning of the next'. We make no apology in admitting that we do not agree with this definition.

None of us are rulers or Kings, but servants! Simon and I would define ourselves as being in 'place of' not of a ruler but of a follower.

Our faith has but one King, Our Saviour Jesus through His Father. For nigh on two years, Christ Church has moved forward in our intercession with Him and in Him. He has supported us through, what we may well have felt a long time, but of course as humans we tend to time limit all events.

We are so happy to welcome David, as our Minister, whom we believe was chosen to fulfil His plan for us as a Parish family.

David, may we, on behalf of the family fellowship of the Parish, the Community and your Family, welcome you to Christ Church, as our Vicar, at your licencing on Thursday 26th July 2018.

May we ALL walk alongside you to build His Church, here in the centre of this wonderful town of Worthing.

Simon & Ken

The Churchwardens, the Church Council and the Christ Church family would like to invite the whole parish community to the licensing of the Revd David Renshaw as Vicar of Christ Church.

This will take place on Thursday 26th July at 2.30pm,
by the Right Reverend Mark Sowerby,
Bishop of Horsham.

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Worship in July at Christ Church

- 1st** 10.30 am Holy Communion with Revd David Renshaw
6pm BCP Evensong with Revd Roger Walker
- 8th** 10.30am Morning Prayer with Revd Alex Grubb
and Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 12th** 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion with Revd George Butterworth
- 15th** 10.30 am Holy Communion with Revd Alex Grubb
and Canon Muriel Pargeter
6 pm BCP Evensong with Revd Roger Walker
- 22nd** 10.30am Morning Prayer led by Derek Hansen
- 26th** 2.30pm Holy Communion, with the licensing of the Revd David Renshaw
by the Right Revd Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham
- 29th** 10.30am Holy Communion with Revd David Renshaw

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!

Lunchtime Concert
Madelaine Jones, pianist
Tuesday 10th July at 12.30pm



A refreshingly eclectic and innovative musician, Madelaine Jones is a prize-winning pianist and composer. As a soloist, she has won numerous competitions and prizes. As a composer, Madelaine's recent projects include *The Glass House*, a commission from Carlisle-based company *Dance Ahead* for a large-scale community dance work. Madelaine is also in demand as a teacher and lecturer on music.

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Poets Corner

The Past!

When to the distant Past my thoughts I turn,
Some counsel for the Present there to find,
Embers of rich experience brightly burn,
Irradiating warmth of Welcome, kind;
Too seldom do we access lessons taught
By error-stricken actions come to grief,
Until, perchance, in life we're left distraught,
Appealing to what's gone to seek relief;
Not only is the Past a burial ground,
Where hurtful, dark encounters are interred,
Nuggets of counsel, wise, oft there are found,
Awaiting on someone to be conferred.
Leave not untended what is gone before,
There, wisdom pearls aplenty lie in store.

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That Moment!

Uncertainty cloaks passing time
Enhancing our anxiety;
We all await that fateful chime
That shows our mere mortality -
May all rest in tranquillity!

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“...do not be anxious about anything... and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds...”
[Philippians 4: 6 – 7]

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Please visit our website at www.boomcu.com or call Catherine on 01483 917958

Is your drinking costing you more than money?

Hangovers / Shame / Despair / Work Problems / Relationships / Debt
Loneliness / Isolation / Anxiety / Health / Control / Love / Self-Respect

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

If you are worried about your drinking and want to talk to someone who has had the same problem, please call:

National Alcoholics Anonymous Helpline: **0800 9177 650** or visit
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Service on the Seas

*Every so often one's attention is caught by a few words or lines in a hymn or a psalm – sometimes quite distractingly so. Here's another!
"Signs of the times"*

My colleague on the Design Safety team would respond to this proposed design detail by saying "Then just weld the hole up – if the door is not to be opened then why have it?" Years ago, working on HMS Tiger I regularly had to access the Fuel Control Compartment in the bowels of the ship, vertical ladder to get in, maximum headroom between pipework about 4 feet, narrow steel mesh gratings to walk on, multiple working levels – and some wag in protest at the proliferation of warning signs had had manufactured a sign saying, "No roller skates to be worn in this compartment".

Then there are the signs saying "Wet Paint" which invariably attract a testing finger to check, or the one that warns of "Road Ahead Closed" which we assume is an old one or the "Road Blocked – Flood" which will surely be OK if we drive through it fast enough.

But where else do we ignore or misinterpret signs? Was it "coincidence" or a response to a prayer not consciously asked that meant instead of being in a remote location with no phone coverage and miles from help I was close to one of the leading cardiac hospitals with the consultant quite by chance being on site on that dramatic Sunday afternoon?

"Chippy"

Alexa is just one of the available computerised offerings that is activated by your voice, and attempts to answer questions put to it.

We heard recently of a letter written to a national paper that told us:

"One evening, during prayer in our church homegroup, our "Alexa" thought it was being addressed. As the group sat in contemplation, the device broke into the silence as a voice of still calm: "I'm sorry, I cannot help you".

Startled, we looked up, with one participant saying: "God just spoke – she's a woman and can't help us!"

thanks to John Bull

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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Mothers' Union is an international charity helping families across the globe.

To help poor families turn hopes for a better harvest into fields full of crops takes extra tools and seeds. To help more women achieve their hopes of starting a business takes livelihood training and skills. To help whole communities achieve lasting change takes extra funding and support....



Opening up a world of opportunities for people like Ragaya

As an illiterate woman in South Sudan, Ragaya Abusanab faced constant marginalisation and no chance to contribute to her community or improve life for her family. Many in her position face the frequent threat of violence from their husbands.

With help from Mothers' Union, Ragaya has learnt to read and write, and set up her own business. The money from this venture not only enabled Ragaya to provide for her family, but she and her husband now work together to make decisions together. Ragaya went on to do something that is an inspiring example of what literacy can help women to achieve – she went to theological college and is now a leader in her Church and the wider community.

Together we can help men and women improve their reading and writing, and numeracy, so that they can achieve anything!

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” 1 John 3:18

Karen Hill
Branch Leader

Saturday 7th July – 12noon lunch at Arun View Littlehampton.

Wednesday 8th August - 12noon, Sandwich lunch, £5 per head for Mary Sumner Day. To be held at 43 Church Road, Tarring please contact Karen Hill 01903 202522 if you wish to go. Monies going to Mothers' Union Overseas Projects.

Another of Barbara's "Amazing Lives"

JULIAN OF NORWICH

'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'

This sentence is probably the most famous of Julian's quotes from her extensive writings. Born around 1342 she grew up in Norwich which was a busy inland port and one of the largest towns in England at the time.

The Middle Ages saw outbreaks of plague and it could be that Julian's isolation in the 'cell' of the church arose from family loss and/or quarantine due to the plague. There is still debate over her name. Julian was not an unusual name for a female in the Middle Ages but it could be that the church and the lady became known by the same name. Julian of Norwich is not St Julian after whom the church is named.

During a severe illness Julian experienced visions of Jesus. She recovered and is thought to be the first woman to commit those experiences to a book written in English. The writings, Revelations of Divine Love, have been translated into many languages.

Julian chose to spend her life in prayer as an anchoress (someone who lives in seclusion/a recluse). She also offered spiritual advice and counselling to local people who visited the church and asked to speak with her via one of the small external windows of the cell. She was an early advocate of the concept of the motherhood of God. She experienced God as compassionate & loving towards all his creation, which was radical in the Middle Ages.

She died around 1416 in her late 80's.

A great age for the time in which she lived. There was a renewed interest in Julian's writing in the 1960's. Julian meetings developed from that interest and contemplative prayer groups continue to be held worldwide.

In 2013 the University of East Anglia named a study centre after Julian and the city of Norwich hold a week long annual celebration in her honour.

The Church of St Julian in Norwich has been rebuilt several times since the Middle Ages but does offer the visitor an idea of the space she occupied within the church for so many years.

Feast days for Julian are held in May. The Anglican tradition on the 8th and Roman Catholic tradition on the 13th. Julian also left us a great quote concerning prayer:

'Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of his willingness'.

Our thanks to Barbara for this piece



THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BISHOP OF LONDON

The 12th May was within a busy week for public events. Besides the Royal Wedding and the Cup Final, as also in the afternoon, in St Paul's Cathedral, Dame Sarah Mullally was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London. I was among the several hundred Lay Ministers and clergy who were robed in the North and South Transepts of the Cathedral for this very special occasion. After the traditional three knocks on the closed Great West Door of the Cathedral, Bishop Sarah entered to a fanfare. While the lengthy procession made its way through the Cathedral to the Dome, the congregation sang "Christ is made the sure foundation". There, the Archbishop of Canterbury's mandate for the enthronement was first presented and read. Bishop Sarah then made the Declaration of Assent and took three oaths: the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign, the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Oath to Uphold the Statutes and Constitution of St Paul's Cathedral.

The legal formalities complete, three ecumenical representatives, the Archbishop of Westminster, a former Moderator of the Free Churches Federal Council, and a representative of the Greek Orthodox Church, said prayers. Bishop Sarah was then anointed with the oil of gladness, first by the Bishop of Exeter, the Diocese in which she had been serving as Bishop of Crediton, and then by the Bishop of Willesden, who had been Acting Bishop of London while the See was vacant.

The next step was the formal placing of Bishop Sarah, by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, in the Episcopal seat in the Quire of the Cathedral. Once seated, the Archdeacon blessed her and the Dean of St Paul's presented her with the Pastoral Staff. The Bishop having returned to the Dome area, she was formally presented to the congregation by the Dean, to prolonged applause.

The Bishop then prayed the Collect, following which the Lord Mayor of London read the Epistle (Colossians 3: 12-17) and the Archdeacon of Hackney the Gospel (John 21: 15-17).

In her sermon, which can be read in full on the Diocese of London website, Bishop Sarah emphasised that at the heart of Christianity is a relationship, and that if we want to see more people transformed by the love of God, we have to reach out and build relationships. Their establishment, she said, would call for compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. She concluded by inviting the congregation to join her in building "a church which is rooted in scripture and tradition but not afraid to re-imagine the future".

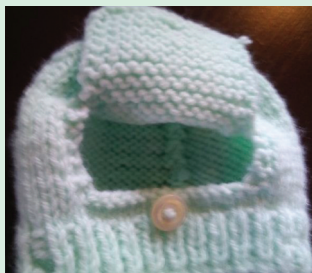
Following an anthem sung by the Cathedral Choir, prayers of intercession were led by Youth Ambassadors drawn from the various Episcopal Areas of the Diocese. After the Lord's Prayer, Bishop Sarah gave the Blessing. While the congregation sang There's a wideness in God's mercy (appropriately to the tune Corvedale, written by a former Vicar Choral of St Paul's), the Episcopal procession made its way to the Great West Door where, in the final act of the service, Bishop Sarah blessed both the City and the Diocese.

In a sense, the character of the occasion was summed up in the variety of the music played afterwards. While inside the Cathedral the organist played a traditional Voluntary, outside on the Portico the St Michael and All Angels Steel Band, Brent, enlivened a damp Saturday afternoon.

Christopher Ward

HUGE APOLIGY

Last month, we printed 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 we asked for people to knit some more. Due to technical problems, when transposing the pattern instructions they contained some mistakes, so Connie has kindly written them for us, and here they are:



Make the flap first in garter stitch

No 9 needles cast on 15 sts

Knit two rows third row button hole

K7, wool forward [wf], k2 tog k to end

K15 rows in garter st, dec each end on last row, leave on needle

Main part of the hat;

No 9 needles cast on 57 sts; rib 2 rows

Third row button hole row: rib 15 wf, k2 tog, rib 23 wf k2 tog, rib 15 = 57 sts

Rib 3 rows

Change no 8 needles stocking st 2 rows

3rd row knit 22, cast off 13, k 22 = 57 sts

Work on left hand needle first: stocking st 13 rows, work 2 edge sts in garter st both ends.

Break off wool –

Right side:

K 13 rows work the end two sts in garter stitch both ends

14th row k 22 sts then 13 sts from the flap, then remaining 22 sts from other needle.

Stocking stitch 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, k2 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 hat, in line with the button hole.

My apologies and thanks to Connie for this correction!



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