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## Worship in September at Christ Church

- 2nd** 10.30 am Holy Communion with the Revd David Renshaw  
6pm BCP Evensong with the Revd Nancy Ford
- 9th** 10.30 am Morning Prayer with the Revd David Renshaw
- 13th** 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion with the Revd David Renshaw
- 16th** 10.30 am Holy Communion with the Revd David Renshaw  
and Canon Muriel Pargeter  
6 pm BCP Evensong with the Revd David Renshaw
- 23rd** 10.30am Morning Prayer led by Derek Hansen
- 27th** 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion with the Revd David Renshaw
- 30th** 10.30 am Holy Communion with Canon Muriel Pargeter  
and the Revd David Renshaw

## *Dear Friends*

Jesus said: “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15

Firstly, can I say a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who made my Licensing Service such a wonderful occasion. I know that many of you worked behind the scenes to make it such a happy and celebratory occasion. The Bishop and I managed to stay upright on one of the hottest days I can remember since I was taking my ‘O’ levels back in 1976!

Bishop Mark alluded in his sermon that he had, in part, come to ‘legalise our union’, (that very formal document that he read out and then gave to me was, I suppose, the union between priest and people, being set within a legal framework). I had been part of the Christ Church Family for some 18 months or more. I have to say I have never been in such a position before when seeking a move; it was, in a way, more like a Free Church appointment than the Church of England doing it the traditional way. We both had the opportunity to, in effect, ‘try before you buy’ – we are of the opinion we know each other in a way that does not happen in the normal way of working!

I truly believe that God certainly had a hand in making it work out in His time, not ours. We each had the opportunity to sound each other out and so see where God was leading us. Most parishes who get a new Vicar or Incumbent or Priest in Charge only really know what they are getting when they stand up in the pulpit that first Sunday morning to preach. Only then are you aware whether you have a ‘Good One’ or a ‘Dud’!

When I first popped into Christ Church on a Saturday morning in January, I was greeted warmly by Ken and offered a cup of coffee. I then said I had come to take a look at the building as I had agreed with Jan to take some services over the coming months. I then went on a walkabout round the church, as I wandered around I felt the warmth of Christian love and faith exuding from everything. I also had a great sense of ‘coming home’ I apologise using that phrase that in a sense gripped the nation during the World Cup!, but, that was what I felt.

I stood and read the previous year’s accounts and annual report, I understood enough of Worthing to know that change was afoot and at that time I honestly thought you would be getting a full-time Vicar to replace Matthew. I also picked up on the exciting vision you have for the Church and its mission to reach out to the community. I do remember saying to Ken on my way out ‘Shame it’s not a part time appointment, I might have thrown my hat in the ring’. I seem to remember Ken raising an eyebrow and making a mental note, but he said nothing and I went down into town to do my shopping. Little did I know then that God had already set things in motion, moving

things into the right position, it just took longer for the diocese to move in the same direction.

Jesus called the disciple's friends not servants and so as we begin to travel together along the path that God has mapped out for us, I hope and pray that we will grow in friendship and fellowship together and so discern WHAT God wants Christ Church to be, now, and in the future. It is a partnership between three parties: - GOD – YOU -& - ME.

Thank you for your prayers for me as I settle into this new role as we get to know one another better, but above all let us spend time listening to God and to one another as we endeavour to walk his route day by day.

With warmest Christian greetings,

Yours in Christ  
*David*

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**Come and join in with our regular events**  
**in Christ Church**

**Tuesdays 10.30 am to 12 noon:**

**Open church with refreshments**



**Wednesdays 10.30 am to 12 noon,**

**Open church with refreshments - donations accepted in aid of missions. Hand-made greetings cards for sale.**

**Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Councillor Hazel Thorpe is also**

**available to listen and give advice**

**Every Third Thursday, at 2.30pm**

**The Rainbow Poetry Group meets in the church**



**Coffee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month**

**10 am to noon**



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# Poets Corner

## Wait! Wait!

Wait! Wait! Resounds pre-emptive call of sense,  
A hasty, thoughtless response to deter,  
Amidst persuasive voices so intense,  
The heedless lasting import can incur;  
However good it be your mind to speak,  
Prudence proscribes a cautious watch to keep,  
Upon incautious, damaging critique  
That can inflict abysmal trauma, deep;  
Capricious as a potent lightning strike,  
An uttered, ill-considered toxic thought,  
Not only generates inflamed dislike,  
But can ignite reciprocal onslaught.  
In always finding pregnant pause to stare,  
The wise regard each precious thought with care.

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## SONNET TO THE SEA

The wind has stilled, the air no longer cold,  
The sleeping sea breathes lazily and sighs  
As tiny, winking orbs of glistening gold  
Do tease and play and shimmer, fall and rise  
Upon a scarcely rippling surface;  
The tide glides gently in, and patterns form,  
A scalloped, lace-edged, coffee coloured cloth is woven,  
Delicate as crotchet, light and warm;  
The yachts, through half closed eyes, appear as in a dream,  
Like tails of drowsy sharks, stiff and sharp and pointed,  
Slowly clearing the water, clean  
and even as blades,  
With only islands, hunched backs of drowned giants old,  
Rise shadowed and misshapen, grey and cold

*Dorothy Foan*

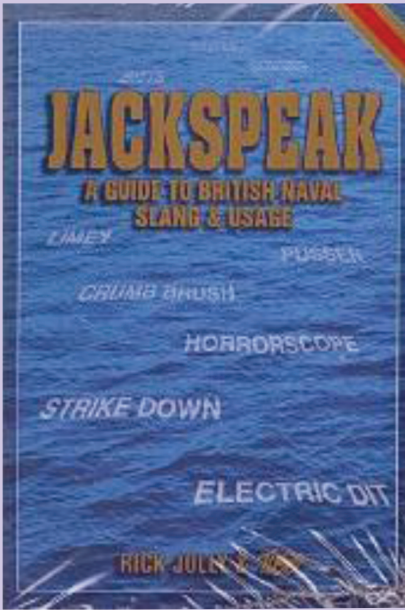
## Entreaty!

All those who suffer constant pain  
In silence, unprotesting,  
May boundless courage them maintain  
Till peace, the pain arresting,  
To good health soon attesting!

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# Service on the Seas

## TOUCH AND GO



The late Cdr Rick Jolly's book of British Naval slang "Jackspeak" lists a number of common usage terms that have their origins in Britain's maritime world. One such is "Touch and go" which is used when we have encountered a situation that might have gone badly wrong, as in "Phew, that was touch and go." When a sailing ship in shallow water hit a sand bar but was able to maintain momentum to get clear it was said to "touch and go". Being grounded was not only career limiting to the Captain potentially exposing the ship to enemy action but if the tide was still going out it could leave the ship unstable and cause it to collapse. Were a modern warship to do the same there is a strong possibility of damage to the propellers leading to unplanned docking and significant expense, not to mention the Captain going ashore on half pay!

Speaking of floating off, when an old and bold Chippy is asked what he wants to be done with a particularly awkward and heavy fitting he might respond "Give it a float test." Dropped over the ship's side it rarely floats – failed the float test and gone forever! Similarly, young officers in the olden days would be lined up on the deck edge and asked who could do a spur lash. When they all looked sheepishly at each other admitting their ignorance the Bosun would nudge one of them forward into the sea – SPUR-LASH (SPLASH).

*"Chippy"*





# Dates for your diary!



**15<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30am to 2.30pm - The Annual September Fair**

**16<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm Battle of Britain Service.** This year, they are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Air Force.



**7pm on 16<sup>th</sup> October: Terence Charleston - *Organ Recital***- tickets available at the door at £5, to include free cheese and wine.

There will be a 'Lucky Ticket' also, with a prize.

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 - Jill Lancaster** will speak about carers and the support available to them and those they care for.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10 am until noon.** Christmas Mini Market



**13<sup>th</sup> November** – 12.30pm to 1.30pm Richard Bowen will give a Guitar recital. Entry is free, donations on exit welcomed for our Church reordering.

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019: 12.30pm to 1.30pm Paul Gregory, Guitarist and cellist** will once again give a recital

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019: 12.30pm to 1.30pm Concert by Rob Campkin,** musician,

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 12.30pm to 1.30pm Concert by Martin Smith,** on the Euphonium.

# From children - laughter is the soul's medicine!

Teacher: "How old is your father?"

Child: "He is six years old"

Teacher: "What, how is this possible?"

Child: "He only became a father when I was born!"

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Teacher: "Maria, go to the map and find North America"

Maria: "Here it is".

Teacher: "Correct. Now class, who discovered America?"

Class: "Maria!"

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Teacher: "Glen, how do you spell Crocodile?"

Glen: "K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

Teacher: "No that's wrong"

Glen: "Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it."

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Teacher: "Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?"

Donald: "HIJKLMNO"

Teacher: "What are you talking about?"

Donald: "Yesterday you said it is H to O"

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Teacher: Rob, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?"

Rob: "No Sir, it's the same dog".

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Teacher: "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"

Harold: "A Teacher".

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Thanks to John Collins for this Portuguese cartoon which reads  
“And you, were you also caught licking your injury?!!”



## 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:

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## Famous Quotes:

“Success is stumbling from one failure to another without losing your enthusiasm”.

*Winston Churchill*

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.”

*Helen Keller*

“Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.”

*John F. Kennedy*

“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.”

*Mae West*

“I’m a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn’t have the heart to let him down.”

*Abraham Lincoln*

“Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

*Mother Theresa*

“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.”

*Leonardo Da Vinci*

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.”

*Bill Keane*

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