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CHRIST CHURCH

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Wednesday 10am – noon: Thursday 2pm – 4pm

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We're open for coffee and a chat every
Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10.30
till 12noon

On Thursday afternoons between 2.30 and
4pm, we open for "The Crafty Club" coffee
and natter sessions, when you can bring
anything you love doing, knitting, crochet,
sewing, drawing, colouring... anything.

Enjoy chatting over a cuppa, or you can just
pop in to talk with friends old and new, have
a tea or coffee and biscuits and catch up.

Maybe you would just appreciate sitting in
the church in quiet reflection... whatever you
like, you are always welcome!

**Details of our services will be posted on the
website:**

www.christchurchworthington.org.uk

Cover photograph taken at Chichester Cathedral

Services at Christ Church

September

Sunday 7th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 11th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 25th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	10:30am	Morning Prayer – Pet Service

October

Sunday 5th	10:30am	Holy Communion – Harvest
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 9th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 23rd	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10:30am	Morning Prayer

November

Sunday 2nd	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Sunday 9th	10:30am	Morning Prayer – Remembrance
Thursday 13th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Sunday 23rd	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 27th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion

Pet Service

28th September 2025

All Creatures Great & Small



10:30am

Please bring your pets for a blessing



All pets must be on a lead or in a suitable container

Bible Study

We are starting a BIBLE STUDY GROUP in September, led by Derek Hansen. It will be once a month on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1pm. Derek plans to study Mark's Gospel. The first session will be on 16th September and all are welcome. There will be a signing up sheet in the coffee area.

An Apology

In our Summer Issue, we published some items that proved controversial. Humour is subjective, and dark humour for dark times can misfire, especially when the originator's mindset is not recognised outside the congregation. We don't accept that we should show deference to individuals just because they occupy high office, but do appreciate that by mocking a source of danger we may trivialise a real threat. We will be more careful in future.

<https://www.thetreeapp.org/#app-section>

Here's a good habit to get into! In around one minute a day, you can contribute towards planting trees at home and abroad by downloading the Tree App and watching a short advertisement from a sponsor, usually a company with an



environmental, recycling and/or sustainability angle.

I'm planting in Tanzania, but you get to choose!



Back to School

Domestic Science

People used to think that the moon was made of cheese. When astronauts finally got there, they found that it was rock hard.

That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out of the wrapper.

Woodwork

For seven years, work on the dam at Brdy in Czechia had stalled. The project on the Klabava River was to protect its population of critically endangered crayfish from sediment and acidic water spilling over from two nearby ponds and create a new wetland environment on former army land.

Finally, negotiations over the land completed, a team of engineers set out to assess conditions and update plans accordingly. What they found was truly amazing.

A family of beavers had moved in to the area and built four dams, landscaping an area twice as large as originally intended, saving the million pounds allocated and creating a nature-rich environment at least as diverse as that intended by humans!

Physics

Eilmer was a monk at Malmesbury Abbey. Inspired by the story of Icarus, early in the 11th century he fashioned wings, tied them to his wrists and ankles, and jumped from the tower of the Benedictine monastery. His 15 second flight took him just over 200m and resulted in the breaking of both legs. Undaunted, Eilmer reasoned that he would have succeeded had he had a tail, but Abbot Aelfric forbade any further attempts.

Eilmer is recorded in the Histories of William of Malmesbury. He was the first air friar.

Sermon by The Revd Roger Walker at Christ Church, Worthing

Sunday, 6th July 2025

Our Gospel reading today [Luke Chapter 10, verses 1–11 & 16–20] is looking forward to the pastoral work of the church. Every day Christians, be they ministers or lay people, are visiting others and by their words and their deeds reflecting the Good News of Jesus. Everyone in the parish expects that they will receive a visit from the vicar, but a quick look at numbers make us realise that this is only possible in the smallest of parishes. Nowadays these have almost always been amalgamated with several other small parishes so that the Church of England can achieve its aim of every vicar having at least 5000 parishioners. This means that for the church to fulfil its teaching and pastoral role, the lay members of the congregation must be involved as well, just as the 72 disciples sent out by Jesus were.

The instructions which Jesus gave them were pretty challenging, and we need to see how they apply to us as disciples of Jesus going about in his name. Jesus begins with a self-evident fact; the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. If we look at the Christ Church Parish we probably have at least 10,000 parishioners, and if we gather up all the church members it probably amounts to 100 fellow parishioners to bear witness to. One of the things we ought to be doing is working together with Christians of other denominations in the town in doing this, but sadly as I look around I see that such ecumenical co-operation is less nowadays than it was some years ago.

Jesus next tells us that he is sending us out like lambs among wolves; he is warning his disciples of the persecutions that they are going to face.

We may not suffer as they did but we have all experienced antagonism against the Christian faith, and indeed against ourselves as individual believers. We need to stand bravely and firmly when this happens.

The next instruction seems rather strange. 'Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road'. The first part of this does not seem to apply to us, for Jesus is saying to his missionaries to rely on the generosity of those you meet and speak to. However, if you think about it, this is what our clergy are doing. In order for their stipends to be paid they rely on parishes paying their share to the Diocesan funds. You may say well what about all the Church Commissioner's millions, comprising money and properties acquired down the centuries through the generosity of our Christian forbears. Yes, they are a wealthy organisation but their income goes largely on paying the pensions of the people like me – retired clergy – who now outnumber active stipendiary clergy. So you see why your parish share goes up each year.

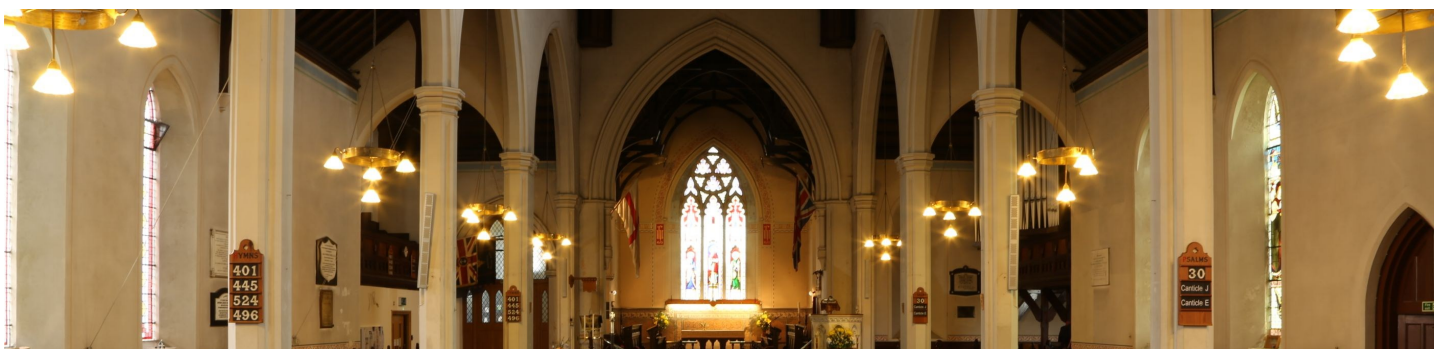
The second part of this instruction is strange. 'Do not greet anyone on the road'. You would have thought this was a most important thing for them to do. Think how you would feel if you met one of your visiting clergy out in the town and they completely ignored your greeting. This is not what Jesus means, however. He has given each of the disciples a specific place to go to and he does not want them delaying getting there by standing around talking to their friends. Perhaps we should say for us that this means don't just talk to your friends but meet and greet others as well. Jesus assumes that when his missionaries reach the place he has sent them to that they will need to find somewhere to stay. No purse means no money for hotels! So they are to rely on local people taking them in and feeding them.

Their task on arrival is simple; in effect to do what Jesus has been doing, to heal the sick and proclaim the Good News that the 'Kingdom of God is near you'. They are saying in effect that in Jesus God is going to rule over them in a different way; even in places where they do not receive a welcome and are rejected, they are still to proclaim the same message before they leave.

It seems that their missionary endeavours were successful for they returned to Jesus with joy telling him that 'even the demons submit to us in your name'. This power over Satan is important. We have it also in Jesus's name as they did, but what is more important is their eternal destiny; that because of their faith in Jesus and obedience to him, they can rejoice that their names are written in heaven.

We can see parallels between what the disciples did, and what we should be doing as Christian believers active in our community, even though we are in a very different situation. But even after reading all the things the 72 disciples are asked to do, Jesus's most important words to them are still those at the end of our reading. He tells them that their names are written in heaven, meaning that because of their faith and of their work for Jesus, they will share eternal life with him.

And the same is true for us. If we believe in Jesus and show that belief in the way we live our lives, then we too can look forward to a heavenly life with Jesus after he comes again to judge the living and the dead. This is ultimately the core of our Christian faith and why we are worshipping him here this morning.



The Reverend Philip Bennett Power

By Kevin Gordon

When the Reverend Power died in Eastbourne in 1899, the press said that his name was '*a household word*' and he was '*known in millions of homes around the world*', but today he is virtually unknown.



Philip Bennett Power was born in Waterford, Ireland in 1822. He was educated at Trinity College Dublin where he studied Hebrew and later took his Master of Arts degree at New College, Oxford University. He was ordained in 1845. His first ministry was at All Saints Church, Leicester and in 1848 he became vicar of Woburn

Chapel in Tavistock Place, London. He must have been popular, as two years later he was presented with a purse contain £270 as a gift from his grateful parishioners.

He married Emma Anderson at Marylebone Church in 1851 and they lived in Brunswick Square. Whilst he was at Woburn Chapel his sermons were so popular that he had many of them published and this started his writing career. After seven years in London he moved down to Worthing to be the vicar of Christ Church. He lived in the parsonage with Emma and their two daughters Edith and Helen. He was busy at Worthing and for many years his wife conducted bible classes at Storrington.

Whilst in Worthing he published his first book '*The Last Shilling*' which ran to three editions and '*Little Kitty's Knitting Needles*' which ran to five editions. They were moralistic books for children but he also started to write theological books.



After ten years at Worthing, and still in his 40s, Philip was '*obliged to retire due to overwork*'. He moved to a large house called Westheath in Erith, Kent, which his wife Emma ran as a school. The 1871 census describes him as a vicar '*without care of souls*'. This is a strange term but means that he was not associated with a church. By now there were eight daughters and three sons – but he still found time to write. In 1875 he submitted work to the '*Sunday School World*' and in 1877 became the editor of '*The Home Visitor*' magazine.

Philip and Emma later moved to Eastbourne where they lived at 'The Cliff' in St John's Road, Meads. He became friends with The Reverend Charles Bullock of Coomrith in Carlisle Road who was to later write his obituary in the local press and '*Home Words*' magazine. Despite failing health Philip managed to preach at several Eastbourne churches including All Souls in Susans Road. Charles said that in his later years, Philip was too ill to preach from the pulpit; however he was able to preach to the world via the pulpit of his books.

Philip died at home in 1899 and was buried at Ocklynge Cemetery

Over a hundred years after his death Philip is forgotten in England but, surprisingly, over in the USA, an author, designer and keen knitter, Franklin Habit found one of Philip Power's stories and recorded it. It can be heard at .. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JKQDJXW1Jo>

The story is *Litte Kitty's Knitting Needles* and there is a link to the text at: <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00065345/00001/images>

It's worth looking on Kindle for other books by P B Power.

His books were:

The Last Shilling (1853) (3 editions)
Breathings of the Soul (1855)
The 'I Wills' of the Psalms (1860) (3 editions)
Little Kitty's Knitting Needles (1861) (5 editions)
The Lost Sunbeam (1861) (2 editions)
The 'I Wills' of Christ (1862)
The Oiled Feather (1862)
The Three Cripples (1864)
The Shepherds Tent (1864)
The Two Brothers and the Two Paths (1864)
Pivot Words of Scripture (1866) (2 editions)
The One Moss-Rose (1867) (2 editions)
The Little Knitter (1868)
A Faggot of Stories for Little Folks (1868)
Truffle Nephews (1870)
Born with a Silver Spoon in His Mouth (1870)
The Feet of Jesus in Life, Death, Resurrection and Glory (1872)
(3 editions)
A Book of Comfort for those in Sickness (1876)
The Flying Skull (1887)
The Choirboy of Harlestone Manor (1889)
The Gold that Wouldn't Go (1889)
He's Gone Yonder (1889)
The Autobiography of Father Christmas (1890)
The Devil-Drink Family (1890)
The Dead Man's Specs (1890)
The Vanishing Opal (1890)
Going on Wheels (1891)






He also wrote the following books but I have been unable to date them.

The Sickbeds of the Saints,	The Prisoners Sigh,
The Shadowed Face,	The Call of St Philip,
The Seed Sown on the Wayside,	The Labyrinth of the Soul,
Litanies of Daily Life,	Things to be Thankful For,
Sambo's Legacy,	He's Been in the Treacle,
Poor Fellow!,	Scripture Night Lights,
He's Overhead,	The Hedger's Right Arm,
Failure and Discipline	The Talking Fire Irons

Back to School!

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden , , , , and .

CLASSICAL STUDIES
EXAMINATIONS
MATHEMATICS
HEAD TEACHER
BLACKBOARD
CHEMISTRY
CLASSROOM
ECONOMICS

CARETAKER
HALF TERM
FOOTBALL
ROUNDERS
SWIMMING
ASSEMBLY
TEACHER
DINNERS

HISTORY
BIOLOGY
PHYSICS
SPANISH
SCHOOL
FRENCH
GERMAN
SPORTS

HOCKEY
TENNIS
BREAK
LATIN
RUGBY
BELL

“Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice...Against stupidity, we are defenseless.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945

"There are two things a Christian should read every day, the Bible and the newspaper"

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, 1913-1998

Alumnus of Lancing College



Christmas Angels

Here is a great example of 'Craftivism', suitable for beginners. It uses up those left-overs from larger balls of yarn. You can contribute these to Storm Ministries, who put them out around Rowlands Road, or display your own host nearer to where you live. Just pop a little label round their necks, with a Christmas message such as, 'Wishing you a blessed Christmas. Please take me home'. Tie them loosely to any available anchor, such as a bench, tree, bike rack and so forth.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to know Val Grubb may remember her knitting them.

The pattern can be found via this link, or you can collect one from the office.

[https://www.livingstones.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/christmas-angels-knitting-pattern.pdf](https://www.livingstones.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/christmas-<u>angels</u>-knitting-pattern.pdf)



EATING IN THE 50s

Pasta was not eaten

Curry was a surname

A takeaway was a mathematical problem

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower

Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining

Brown bread was something only poor people ate

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh

Fish didn't have fingers.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt

Healthy food consisted of anything edible

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy

Indian restaurants were only found in India

Cooking outside was called camping

Seaweed was not a recognized food

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food

Prunes were medicinal

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!

And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!



Care for Veterans (formerly The Queen Alexandra Hospital Home) was established in 1919 to care for those soldiers returning from World War I with life-changing disabilities. For over 100 years, they have provided long term nursing care, rehabilitation, respite and award-winning end-of-life care to disabled ex-armed forces personnel from the RAF, Army, Royal Navy and auxiliary services.

They adopt a multi-disciplinary approach towards the care and rehabilitation of their residents, which includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and psychological therapy, as well as social and recreational activities and a chaplaincy service – all delivered from their facilities in Worthing.

Currently, residents range in age from 20–101 years old, and the majority of those cared for have an Acquired Brain Injury or a degenerative neurological condition, such as multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and Parkinson's. Specialist care can be provided for people with Acquired Brain Injury, and Care for Veterans deliver award-winning end-of-life care.

They accept residents aged 18 and over and accommodate up to 65 residents. Anyone who has served in HM Forces at any time or in any capacity, and also immediate family members of someone who has served in HM Forces, is eligible for admission at Care for Veterans.

Receiving no regular Government funding, each year they need to raise over £1.5 million to continue their first-class and award-winning care. This is done via individuals, companies and trusts, and any help that is received is very much appreciated and very well spent on the veterans in their care.



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CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2025

Annual Autumn Fayre 13th September 10:30-12:30

Pet Service 28th September 10:30am

Christmas Mini Market Saturday 22nd November 2024
10.30am - 12.30pm.

‘Celebration of Life’ Service 23rd November at 10:30am

Bring and Eat ‘Here comes Christmas’ Celebration Sunday
8th December after service

Carol Service Sunday 14th December at 4pm

Fish & Chip Lunch will now take place in 2026



Christ Church Concerts 2025

12:30pm—1:30pm

23rd September John Collins Organist

21st October Evelyn Harrison, Beatrice Sales &
Zhanna Kemp-Dashkovskaya

Piano, Clarinet, Flute and Viola

4th November Rob Campkin and James Buckham
violin and piano

2nd December Angelina Kopyrina pianist