GOOD NEWS



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From Rev'd Anna

November: We are home

November is a month that invites us to pause. The earth settles into a quieter rhythm. There is something beautiful about this season, but also something unsettling. As leaves fall and daylight fades, we are reminded that nothing stays as it is. This season we remember those we have loved, and whom we see no more. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day invite us to give thanks for the lives that have shaped our own. These are surely ways of remembering what makes life truly meaningful: the places where we have found ourselves welcomed and at home.

We often say that home is where the heart is: not simply a place where we belong, but somewhere we make room for one another. It is created whenever we welcome a stranger, make a place at the table, listen to another's sorrow, and allow ourselves to be cared for in return. This hospitality is the willingness to receive another person's gifts, recognising that we, too, are in need. Love flows both ways, and in that reciprocity we discover that we do not live isolated lives, but are part of a greater whole. Home is the reciprocity of love.

When we come together to sing, to pray, to dig a garden, to talk, to share our joy and our sorrow, and to exchange words of peace, surely we are really saying: I cannot live by myself. I need the stranger's smile. I need the bread of life placed before me. I need the water of the river to flow into me. I need the shelter of an earth I did not build.

This November, perhaps allow yourself to wander somewhere unfamiliar, welcome someone you might not usually meet, and discover how a little love, freely given and received, can make a home wherever we are. As the daylight fades and the trees become increasingly bare, let us remember that beneath the fallen leaves, roots remain alive. May we find that home is wherever love welcomes us, wherever we welcome one another, and wherever we find ourselves held in the everlasting hospitality of God.



Lest We Forget



'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains an important symbol of all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflicts over the years. But why do we remember them?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria was captured due to the invasion of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations would come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who have died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let us ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28 November
11.00am – 2.00pm

Stalls, Children's Corner, Games, Café & much, much more



All Saints' Day, the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
    And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
    With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
    The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
    Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
    Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
    Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

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Signs found outside churches …

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

The Brighton & Hove Interfaith Contact Group

The Annual Interfaith Service for the City of Brighton and Hove Sunday November 22nd at 3pm:

A service dedicated to



Nurturing Hope

Join us at Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road Hove, BN3 5DR for wonderful music, beautiful words, great memories and not forgetting... a legendary tea

From Jane's Kitchen

Passion Cake

Pre-heat the oven to 170° C

220g self-raising flour
2tsp baking powder
140g brown sugar
60g chopped walnuts
120g grated carrots
2 mashed bananas

Mix all the above ingredients together.

Stir in:
2 beaten eggs
5oz vegetable oil

Bake in a loaf tin for 1 hour or, as a 20cm x 20cm tray bake, for 40 minutes.

For the frosting:
100g butter
200g full fat cream cheese
200g icing sugar

Story

It was Dad's turn to read young Jamie a bedtime story.

After 20 minutes, Mum called up the stairs, "Is he asleep?"

Young Jamie called softly back, "Yes, finally."

BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about joining the ***Bible Study*** group but you are not quite sure what to expect?

Well I can say we come to Bible Study because we want to explore our faith, to explore the Bible and we are all learning together and because everyone sees things differently we learn from each other.

We are currently using books from the *Life Builder Study* series and this year we are using the book **New Testament Characters by Carolyn Nystrom** ISBN 978-1-78359-828-1

Each session includes a Bible Reading and has 10 –12 questions to discuss.

For example in the week focussing on the story of *Simeon and Anna* the Bible reading is Luke 2: 21-40.

Some of the questions invite us to explore and discuss the text

- Why did Jesus and his family go to Jerusalem? (verses 23-24)
- In what ways was Simeon prepared to meet Jesus? (verses 25-27)

Some questions encourage personal reflection.

- What would you like to see happen so that you could say at the end of your life *'Lord now dismiss your servant in peace'*

Some questions invite us to consider our own actions.

- What could you do now to prepare for an old age that is at peace with God?

During 'term time' we meet fortnightly in the Vestry at 2.30pm and we enjoy a half time break for Tea/Coffee and Cake. You will find the dates in the weekly news sheet and the full details are on the printed programme.

We really hope you will be able to come and join us. If you would like to know more please speak to Sue Crossfield. Linda, Alex or any other member of the group.

Tower House Community Centre

Understanding Grief

A FREE session for over 50s

A safe, friendly, confidential group support session

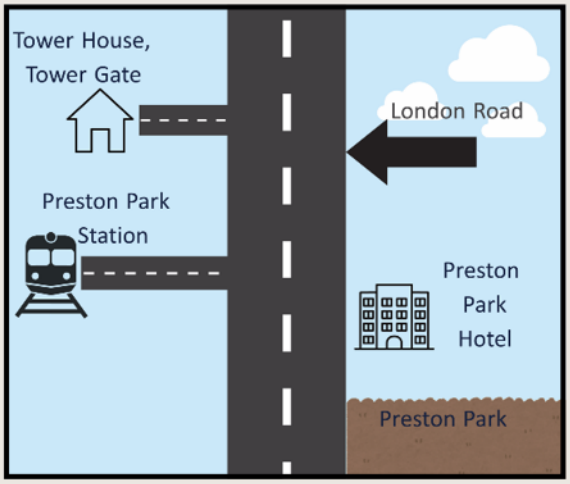
UNDERSTAND GRIEF AND ITS IMPACT
LISTEN AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS
SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
EXPLORE WAYS OF MANAGING AND MOVING ON
(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A COUNSELLING OR THERAPY GROUP)

Tues 6th Oct 2-4 or Tues 3rd Nov 2-4 or Tues 1st Dec 2-4

TO BOOK CALL (01273) 549604
OR EMAIL TOWERHOUSE@SVP.ORG.UK

Please also enquire about our fortnightly Grief Peer Support Group

Find us at:
Tower House Community Centre
Tower Gate, London Rd
Brighton BN1 6WT
Buses: 5/5a to Vardnean Rd stop
Trains: Preston Park Station
Some limited parking available
(please call in advance for this)



Tower House is part of the registered charity
the St Vincent de Paul Society 1053992

National Tree Week – 21st to 29th November

It really is time to appreciate our trees. Did you know:

That the UK has 123,000 ancient and veteran trees, and more ancient oak trees than the rest of Europe combined?

Or that trees help us feel better? Studies have found that exposure to forests generally reduces our mental and physical stress, anxiety, and depression.

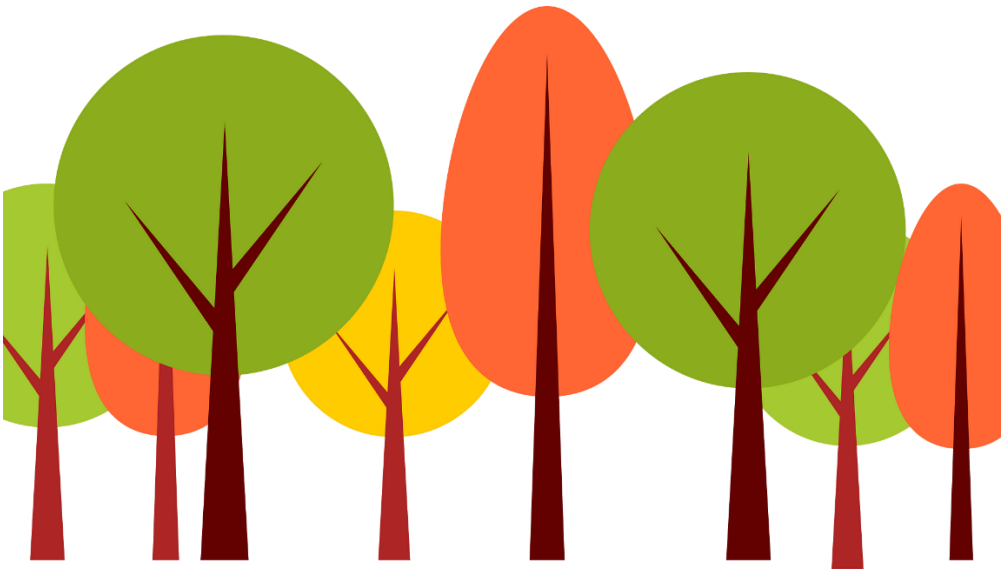
Or that 95% of land carbon in the UK is stored in soil, and trees help put it there? When wood and leaves fall, their carbon gets stored in the soil.

Or that hedgerows alongside our roads can reduce air pollution exposure by up to 63%?

No wonder that each year the Tree Council and its partners bring together the conservation sector, volunteers and tree-lovers to mark the start of the annual tree planting season. Together, they plant thousands of trees and hedgerows, to celebrate these “magnificent mainstays” of our landscape.

And we need more trees. Sadly, only 13% of the UK’s total land area is covered in trees. That’s compared to an average of 46% in Europe. In England, the figure is just 10%.

On the plus side, there are more than 80 community tree nurseries in the UK, growing an estimated 250,000 trees a year, often from locally collected seed, and which are given away or sold at minimal cost.




St John the Baptist Catholic Church
2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton
BN2 1AP
Imperial College Chamber Choir
Patrick Allies Director
Featuring works by Saint-Saens, Tallis, Balfour Gardiner and Sarah Macdonald
Saturday 14th November
3:00pm
Free entry, donations welcome
Post-concert refreshments will be available in the Fitzherbert Community Hub
Afternoon Concert
IMPERIAL COLLEGE CHAMBER CHOIR
icchamberchoir.org
@icchamberchoir



Quiet Day

The Prayer of Silence: A Benedictine Perspective

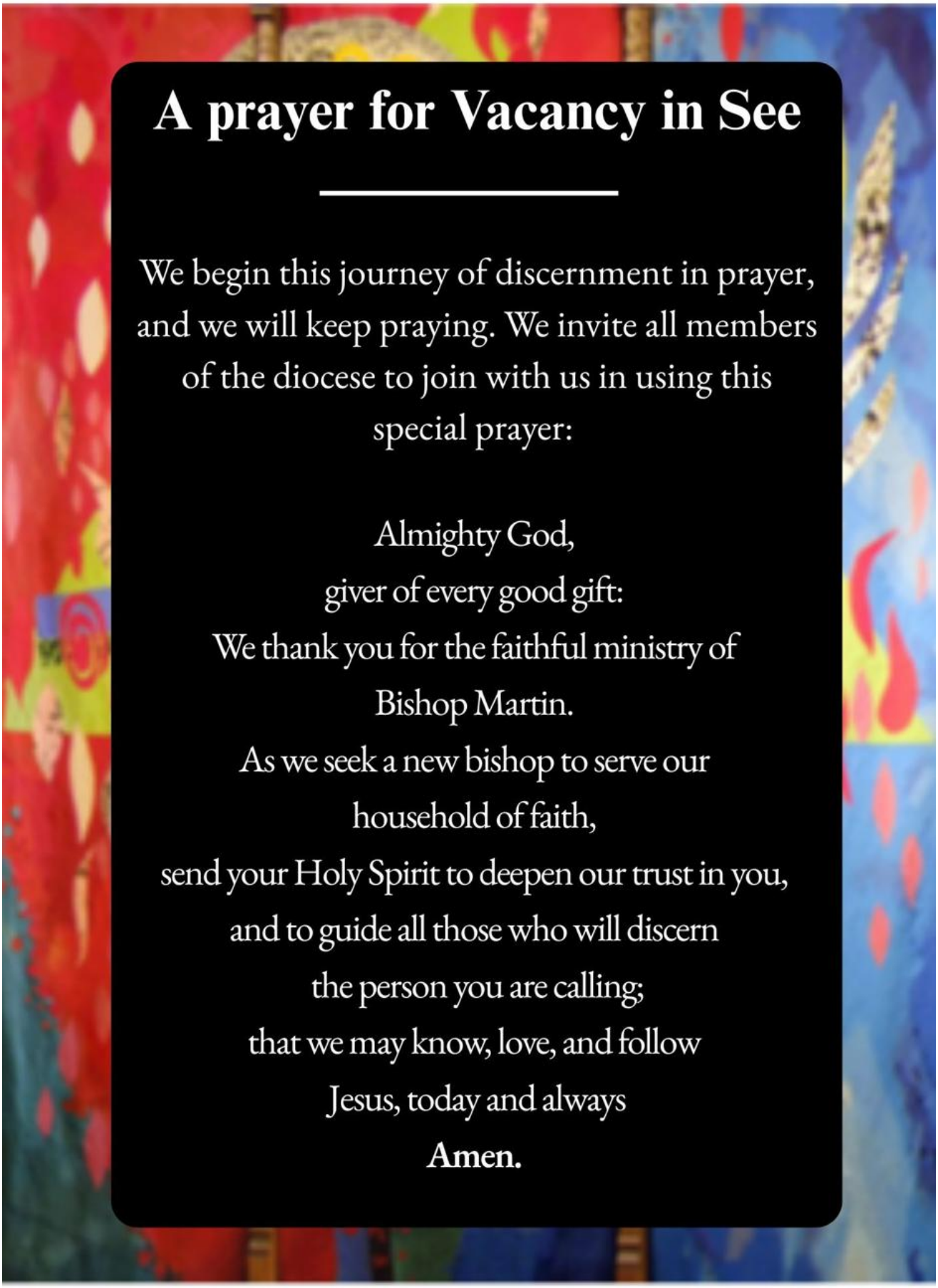
Saturday, 21st November 2026,
9:45 am– 4:30 pm

At
St Thomas More Church,
54 Sutton Road, Seaford, BN25 1SS.

9:45 am	Gathering with Tea + Coffee
10:00	Welcome + Introduction
	Lectio Divina
11:00	Introduction to Silent Prayer
	Silence
12:00	The Body in Prayer
12:30	Monastic Midday Prayer
	Lunch *(BYO Lunch. Teas + Coffee provided)*
2 pm	Time of Silence (Fr Peter open for One-to-Ones)
3 pm	Reflection: The Prayer of the Heart
	Silence
4 pm	Conclusion + Final Prayer
	Teas + Departures.

Fr Peter Williams has been a Benedictine monk at Worth Abbey for 30 years, where he acted as School Chaplain. More recently he ran the Retreat House there for 5 years. He has practiced Silent Prayer for over 30 years and is an experienced Spiritual Director. He is now in Brighton at St John the Baptist RC parish as part of the Monks in the City outreach for Worth Abbey.

Drinks provided; please bring your own lunch.
Suggested donation: £10 - 20.
Please contact Monks in the City on:
monksinthecity@worth.org.uk
to confirm your place.



A prayer for Vacancy in See

We begin this journey of discernment in prayer, and we will keep praying. We invite all members of the diocese to join with us in using this special prayer:

Almighty God,
giver of every good gift:
We thank you for the faithful ministry of
Bishop Martin.
As we seek a new bishop to serve our
household of faith,
send your Holy Spirit to deepen our trust in you,
and to guide all those who will discern
the person you are calling;
that we may know, love, and follow
Jesus, today and always
Amen.

Readings & Collects

Sunday 1 November – All Saints' Day

Readings Revelation 7: 9-end 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12

Collect
Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 8 November – Remembrance Sunday

Readings Wisdom 6: 12-16 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end Matthew 25: 1-13

Collect
Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 15 November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Readings Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 22 November – Christ the King

Readings Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-end Matthew 25: 31-end

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 29 November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Readings Isaiah 64: 1-9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-end

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 6 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings Isaiah 40: 1-11 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 13 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings Isaiah 6: 1-4, 8-end 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reigns with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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DIALOGUE SOCIETY

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chichester

You are warmly invited to our

Festive Season Dinner

Dialogue Society & Church of England

An evening of friendship, dialogue and shared hope across our communities.

Sunday
29th November 2026

4:00 – 7:00 pm
(16:00 – 19:00)

Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Knoyle Rd, Preston
Brighton BN1 6RB

We are delighted to be hosted by our friends at the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Preston, for this special gathering.

Join us for a delicious meal, meaningful conversations and a celebration of the season, bringing people of different faiths and backgrounds together in the spirit of unity, respect and community.

All are welcome

Please let us know if you will be able to attend.

Together we can build a kinder, more united community.

Growing number of churches moving away from oil and gas amid rising energy prices

An increasing number of Church of England parishes, some of them in the most rural areas of the country, are moving away from oil and gas and improving their energy efficiency as they brace for rising energy bills this winter.

A match funding pilot scheme from the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme for churches to pay for work such as under pew heating, LED lighting, insulation, electrical upgrades and small solar panel and battery storage schemes has been expanded after it exceeded its targets.

Give to Go Green will be expanded to all 42 of the Church of England's dioceses after £938,000 – exceeding targets – was raised by 127 churches to help pay for work to cut their carbon emissions and increase energy efficiency. The total was boosted by an additional £830,000 of match funding from the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon programme.

Julian Atkins, the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme Director, said: "Across the country, parishes are taking action in ways that make sense for their own buildings and communities – raising money locally, making buildings more energy efficient and finding other practical solutions to reduce carbon emissions.

"We are deeply grateful to all our many committed volunteers who make this possible**.** Our role through the national Net Zero Carbon Programme is to create the conditions and provide the funding and expertise to help them do that.

"For many churches, this is about much more than reducing carbon. It is about creating warmer, more welcoming buildings that can serve their communities well, while using resources wisely and, where possible, reducing energy costs so that more can be invested in mission and ministry."

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Light
People
Hope
Together

AT THE TURNING OF THE YEAR

Carols and Stories by Candlelight in the Garden

Sunday 20 December
6 00 – 7.00pm

- Fire pit
- Mulled wine
- Mince pies
- Hot chocolate

As winter draws in and Christmas approaches, gather with friends and neighbours for an evening of song, story, warmth and reflection around the fire.

FREE
Come and join us
Everyone welcome

St John the Evangelist
Knoyle Road
Brighton

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
		Ministry of prayer for healing
	4.00 pm	All Souls' Day Service of Remembrance
Tuesday 3	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 4	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 5	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Community Garden Working Party
Saturday 7	10.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
Sunday 8	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
		Young Disciples
	4.00 pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 10	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Bible Study *in the Vestry*
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 11	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 12	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 13	2.00 pm	Preston Friday Club
		International Animal Rescue ~ Jeanette Campbell
Sunday 15	10.00 am	All-Age Worship

Tuesday 17	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 19	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Community Garden Working Party
Saturday 21	12.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
	7.30 pm	Brighton Orpheus Choir Concert
Sunday 22	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday 24	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Advent Course *in the Vestry*
Wednesday 25	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 26	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 27	2.00 pm	Friday Club
		RepTylers ~ Jem Tyler
Saturday 28	11.00 – 2.00	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Sunday 29	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Advent Course *in the Vestry*
Wednesday 2	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot

Thursday 3	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Community Garden Working Party
Friday 4	2.00 pm	Friday Club
		Woodland Trust – Standing up for Trees ~ Emma
Saturday 5	10.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
	4.00 pm	Brighton & Hove Arts Orchestra Christmas Concert
Sunday 6	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
		Young Disciples
		Ministry of prayer for healing
Tuesday 8	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 10	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 pm	Advent Course *in the Vestry*
Sunday 13	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Christingle

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Mothers' UNION
Diocese of Chichester
CHRISTMAS Carol
SINGING & CRAFTS
12 DECEMBER 2026
FROM 2PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH
KNOYLE ROAD, BRIGHTON BN1 6RB
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
EVERYONE WELCOME
Refreshments • Hot dogs • Christmas card decorating •
Biscuit decorating • Colouring sheets • And more
Come along and sing your favourite
Christmas carols

FRIDAY CLUB



Crowhurst Community Centre,
Knoyle Road, Brighton BN1 6RB
[behind Knoyle Hall]

Alternate Friday afternoons in term time
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Talks, activities, tea & chat with friends

Friday 13 November
International Animal Rescue ~ Jeanette Campbell

Friday 27 November
RepTylers ~ JemTyler

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained…

On working with young people …

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum.

Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service - whose sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily become a teenage pyromaniac.

I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge – a past-time still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our Verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe

lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ. You must worship God in your way, and I in His.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Regular Events

LECTIO DIVINA	*In person every Wednesday morning* from ***10am to 11am***.
FRIDAY STILLNESS	*Every Friday* between ***12noon and 1pm.*** A time of music, prayer and reflections with a monk. Stay as long as you like.
STILLNESS	A follow-up from the Contemplative Prayer Monk Talks. ***Mondays*** *monthly:* ***7:30-8:30pm: 23rd November***
PRAY WITH US	Please join the monks for our daily monastic prayer: ***Mon – Sat 9am***: **Morning Prayer** (Lauds) ***Mon – Thu 6pm; Sat - Sun 4:30pm***: **Evening Prayer** (Vespers)

Other Events



Imperial College Chamber Choir
Patrick Allies Director

AN AFTERNOON CONCERT

Given in St John the Baptist church, Kemptown, BN2 1AP

Saturday 14th November, 3:00pm

Featuring works by Saint-Saens, Tallis, Balfour, Gardiner and Sarah Macdonald.

Free entry, donations welcome.

Post-concert refreshments will be available in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.



Quiet Day

The Prayer of Silence:
A Benedictine Perspective
Saturday 21st November. 9:45am – 4:30pm

at St Thomas More Church
54 Sutton Rd. SEAFORD, BN25 1SS

Given by Father Peter Williams, a Benedictine monk of Worth Abbey, the day is an introduction to Silent Prayer, the Body in Prayer and Prayer of the Heart.

Drinks are provided; please bring your own lunch.
Suggested donation: £10-20.
To confirm your place, please contact Monks in the City:
monksinthecity@worth.org.uk

MONKS IN THE CITY

St John the Baptist Church and
The Fitzherbert Community Centre
2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BRIGHTON, BN2 1AP
email: monksinthecity@worth.org.uk

Events in November



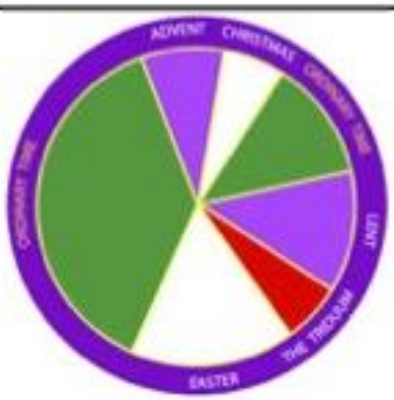
SATURDAY SANCTUARY

Saturday 7th November
11am to 12:45pm

Living with Loss

Fr Peter

November is traditionally a time when we remember those who have gone before us. This Saturday sanctuary will take the form of a time for reflection and prayer, to honour and remember those important people who have gone before us, and to consider the importance of remembrance and how it keeps our connection with them.



MONK TALKS

Tuesday 17th November

Seasons and Cycles; Creating Sacred Time
Fr Peter

6pm Evening Prayer; **6.30pm** simple supper;
7pm Talk Prayer; **8pm** Compline

The third in a series of three talks on the Prayer of the Church and the Monastic Liturgy.

Fr Peter explores how following monastic prayer helps us to enter into sacred time, and how our participation in it changes our perception of things..



Solemnity of Christ the King

Ecumenical Evening Prayer
Sunday 22nd November 4pm

Marking the end of the Liturgical Year

St John the Baptist church, Kemptown, BN2 1AP

Abbot Mark will preach

Vespers will be followed by light refreshments

Growing number of churches moving away from oil and gas amid rising energy prices

An increasing number of Church of England parishes, some of them in the most rural areas of the country, are moving away from oil and gas and improving their energy efficiency as they brace for rising energy bills this winter.

A match funding pilot scheme from the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme for churches to pay for work such as under pew heating, LED lighting, insulation, electrical upgrades and small solar panel and battery storage schemes has been expanded after it exceeded its targets.

Give to Go Green will be expanded to all 42 of the Church of England's dioceses after £938,000 – exceeding targets – was raised by 127 churches to help pay for work to cut their carbon emissions and increase energy efficiency. The total was boosted by an additional £830,000 of match funding from the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon programme.

Julian Atkins, the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme Director, said: "Across the country, parishes are taking action in ways that make sense for their own buildings and communities – raising money locally, making buildings more energy efficient and finding other practical solutions to reduce carbon emissions.

"We are deeply grateful to all our many committed volunteers who make this possible**.** Our role through the national Net Zero Carbon Programme is to create the conditions and provide the funding and expertise to help them do that.

"For many churches, this is about much more than reducing carbon. It is about creating warmer, more welcoming buildings that can serve their communities well, while using resources wisely and, where possible, reducing energy costs so that more can be invested in mission and ministry."

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19TH
Singers and musicians
from
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5PM
Free mince pies!
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Quiz - How well do you know the British Isles?

1 Which mountain range is described as 'the backbone of England'?
a) The Cambrians b) The Grampians c) The Pennines

2 Which headland on the coast of Kent consists largely of a shingle beach?
a) Dungeness b) Selsey Bill c) Cape Wrath

3 Which peninsula is bounded to the west by the River Dee and to the north by the Irish Sea?
a) Gower b) Furness c) Wirral

4 Which English County has two separate coastlines each facing a different sea?
1 point for the county + 2 bonus points if you can name both seas

5 Which river forms most of the border between England and Scotland?
a) Tweed b) Tay c) Wear

6 What is the name of the largest inland water in the United Kingdom?
a) Lough Ness b) Lake Windermere c) Loch Neagh

7 Which British city has the most mileage of canals in the world?
a) London b) Birmingham c) Liverpool

8 Scafell Pike is the highest point in England. Which national park is it in?
a) Lake District b) Peak District c) Northumberland

9 How many counties are there in Northern Ireland?
Plus 1 point for each you can name

10 Which is the most southerly of the Channel Islands?
a) Guernsey b) Alderney c) Jersey

11 In which Welsh seaside town would you find the Great Orme?
a) Tenby b) Llandudno c) Aberystwyth

12 Which Firth lies between north west England and south west Scotland?
a) Solway Firth b) Firth of Forth c) Firth of Clyde

13 Which county is Epping Forest in?
a) Wiltshire b) Leicestershire c) Essex

14 Coton in the Elms in Derbyshire is the furthest place from the coast - how far away is it?
a) 50 miles b) 70 miles c) 110 miles

15 What percentage of the UK is woodland?
a) 2% b) 7.2% c) 12.7%

16 What is the longest river in the UK?
a) Severn b) Avon c) Thames

17 Which is the most easterly town in England?
a) Scarborough b) Lowestoft c) Margate

18 How many islands are there on the river Thames?
a) 70 b) 110 c) 190

19 What was the first area to be designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1956?
a) Gower Peninsula b) Tamar Valley c) Malvern Hills

20 In which archipelago is the island of Iona?
a) Shetland Islands b) Orkney Islands c) Inner Hebrides

Can you unscramble these British seaside towns?

21 ROUGH COBRAS

22 STUN HEAD MOOSE

23 BORING OGRES

24 LOT OF STEW

25 GROW THIN

26 HOME BURNOUT

27 STASH GIN

28 NEWER MOUSETRAPS

29 SHOOT TRUMP

30 BIG THORN

And the answers to last month's quiz of firsts …

1. Outside which building were the first Gas Lamp Traffic Lights installed?
b) Houses of Parliament

2. Who was the person heralded for the first crossing of the Pacific Ocean in 1520?
c) Ferdinand Magellan

3. Which blockbuster was the first feature-length computer-generated imagery film? d) Toy Story

4. Who was the first man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes? a) Roger Bannister

5. Who was the first man to sail single handed *non-stop* around the world?
c) Robin Knox Johnston

6. Who was the first British Prime Minister? d) Robert Walpole

7. Who is the First Lord of the Treasury? d) Prime Minister

8.Who was the first person to Play golf on the Moon? c) Alan Shephard

9. What was the first Name of Mrs Beeton *(author of a famous cookbook)*
b) Isabella

10. In which decade were the first *Oscars* awarded? a) 1920s

11. Which was the first country to employ the Metric system? b) France

12. Which country was the first to grant women the vote? c) New Zealand

13. Who was the first American president to be assassinated whilst in office?
c) Abraham Lincoln

14. Who was the first Prime Minister in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II?
b) Winston Churchill

15. In which decade did the first Wheel Clamps arrive in Britain? c) 1980s

16. What was the first *Talkie* movie? d) Jazz Singer

17. Which country was the first to get its flag to the South Pole? b) Norway

18. In which year did the first passenger train service in the Channel Tunnel begin?
b) 1994

19. When was the first Eurovision Song Contest? a) 1956

20. Who was the first football player to be sent off while playing for England?
c) Alan Mullery

And now some Lasts *– can you add the last word to these book or film titles?*

21. Murder on the Orient **Express**
22. One flew over the Cuckoo's **Nest**
23. Close Encounters of the Third **Kind**
24. The Day the Earth stood **Still**
25. Bridge over the River **Kwai**
26. It's a Wonderful **Life**
27. 2001: A Space **Odyssey**
28. Lark Rise to **Candleford**
29. The Count of Monte **Cristo**
30. Far from the Madding **Crowd**

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New Year Concert at St John's

Drive the Cold Winter Away

SATURDAY, 9 JANUARY 2027, 3.00 PM

CHURCH OF ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

KNOYLE RD., BRIGHTON BN1 6RB



The Sussex Waits

The Sussex Waits are a local early music group who perform instrumental repertoire from the 16th and 17th centuries on shawms, sackbut, curtals, crumhorns and recorders. Their programme will include a selection of seasonal medieval and renaissance Yuletide carols and tunes.

Admission free with a retiring collection for St John the Evangelist Church funds

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

YOUNG DISCIPLES	1st Sunday of the month during the 10.00am Eucharist	
MESSY CHURCH	Every second Sunday (except August & December) in the church 4.00 - 6.00 pm	
HALLS/CHURCH for HIRE	Halls Administrator	07847 352889 halls@brightonstjohn.org.uk
PRESTON COFFEE POT	Every Wednesday after the 10.00 am service	
FRIDAY CLUB	Crowhurst Community Centre alternate Fridays in term time 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Sue O'Malley 01273 700150
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	Judith Lawson	

6th / 7th PRESTON PARK GUIDES - Crowhurst Community Centre

Rainbow Guides	Tuesday in term time 5.30 – 6.30 pm	Ms Jo Mander girlguiding.org.uk
	Wednesday in term time 5.30 - 6.30 pm	Mrs Jackie Vidler girlguiding.org.uk
Brownie Guides	Tuesday in term time 6.15 - 7.45 pm	Ms Jo Mander girlguiding.org.uk
Guides	Wednesday in term time 6.45 - 8.45 pm	Miss Helen Emerson girlguiding.org.uk

For more information about activities at St John's please see our website www.brightonstjohn.org.uk

If you're able to contribute to St John's on a regular basis, please consider signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme.
For more information: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/preston-st-john-the-evangelist-brighton/

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