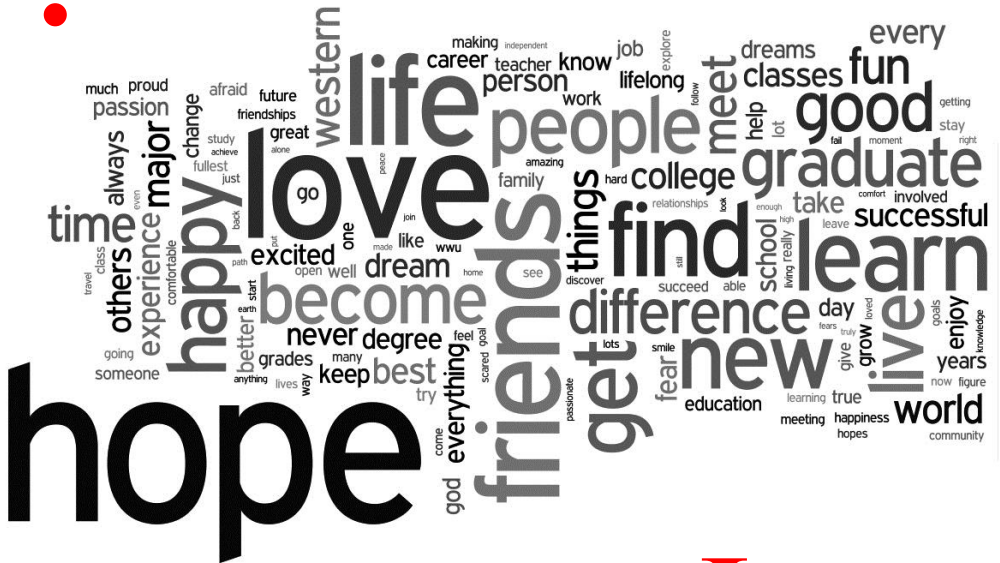


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*Articles for the November
magazine by
Sunday Oct. 11th
please, to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors will be
welcome.*

IT'S HARVEST TIME!

**Steeple
Harvest Festival Service**

will be at 4pm on

Sunday 25th October.

Your normal contributions will
be greatly appreciated.

Sorry, no Supper this year!

Reflection

‘By the word of their testimony’ Rev: 12: 11

There have been many things that I have missed over these lockdown months, not just church services and sharing communion with everyone but hearing what has been happening in the lives of our other family members. News of engagements or births are always welcome news in the community and it is a delight to hear good news in the midst of what the media are saying on a daily basis. I have recently officiated at an adult baptism where I explained that a new life had just begun, not in physical birth but spiritual birth.

The apostle Paul writes of such a birth in Romans 6: 3 – 5 as he speaks of dying to our old self and being raised into newness of life; a phrase that we say on a regular basis in our general confession and, as we receive the absolution, we know God’s forgiveness and His grace to help us in that new life. There are many examples of this in the new testament where gentiles and Jews give their lives to Jesus and experience a whole new life. All of the disciples, in their work following the ascension of Jesus... Paul, Timothy, Barnabas, Peter, all experienced new life with God. God brings about change when we surrender to Him – a change that enables us to speak boldly about him and what he has done for us – this is testimony; what God has done in us and through us.

I have missed testimony in church, and I love hearing testimony. There is opportunity to post a

testimony on our Facebook page; let's encourage one another by telling of what God has done.

Testimony not only encourages others, it builds *our* faith and it negates the power of words that may have stifled our former life. Speaking out what God has done helps us to stay clear of what we have not done, or what we could do. Our testimony is powerful – words are powerful; God spoke and the world was created, God speaks to the wind and the waves and they die down, God speaks to Lazarus; words of God are powerful and effective.

In the book of Revelation chapter 12 says *“For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹ They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony”*

“They triumphed over him!!” The “they” that is used here is ordinary people who have given their lives to Jesus, accepted the sacrifice that He made for *them* .. invited Him in, and then tell others of what He has done. “They” are you and I, and we are overcomers of accusations that have been made to us “by the blood of the Lamb AND by the **word of their testimony**”

All of us have a story to tell, and wouldn't it be great to read or hear that story of what God is doing in our midst. Tell us today where God has met with you, heard your prayer, answered that prayer. Our testimony is God's love at work in our lives to change us to be more like His Son. 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 says we are to “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

Here too are the words of Cyprian, a third century bishop when he was speaking of his encounter with God.

When I was still lying in darkness and gloomy night, I used to regard it as extremely difficult and demanding to do what God's mercy was suggesting to me... I myself was held in bonds by the innumerable errors of my previous life, from which I did not believe I could possibly be delivered, so I was disposed to acquiesce in my clinging vices and to indulge my sins... But after that, by the help of the water of new birth, the stain of my former life was washed away, and a light from above, serene and pure, was infused into my reconciled heart... a second birth restored me to a new man. Then, in a wondrous manner every doubt began to fade.... I clearly understood that what had first lived within me, enslaved by the vices of the flesh, was earthly and that what, instead, the Holy Spirit had wrought within me was divine and heavenly.

What would be **your** words? I do so encourage you to write your testimony today, put it on the Facebook page or into the magazine, and let us all be built up. Big or small, long or short...it will never, ever be inconsequential...it will speak to someone and be of great help to them, it truly will.

Peter

A God of Justice

We serve a God who is faithful and without injustice. A God whose ways are just and fair. What then is justice? It is described as having the quality of being fair for example: fair play, fair mindedness, fair being and displaying right behaviour.

Thoughts of justice were highlighted in my thinking after watching a bittersweet drama based on teenager Anthony Walker who was murdered in a racist attack in 2005. Instead of concentrating on Anthony's tragic death, writer Jimmy McGovern imagined the life he could have gone on to lead if he hadn't been murdered, the jobs he would have had, the friends and the woman he would marry. He also wanted to work for Human Rights. Working back from aged 25 to 18 when he was murdered. This was a racist attack, an unjust and undeserved act all because Anthony happened to glance over to a group of men who saw that as an excuse to pick on him leading to his death. Thankfully the perpetrators were brought to justice. The drama about Anthony's life really touched me and I was in floods of tears by the end of it. What a waste of a good life and a good man.

We read in 2 Chronicles 16 v 9 "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" and in Proverbs 15 v 3 "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere keeping watch on the wicked and the good"



Isaiah 6 speaks of people who have eyes and ears yet have hardened their hearts and chosen to ignore the word of the Lord. It is up to the hearer of the word whether to take it

seriously and pursue understanding, to take heed, pay close attention.

Wise words from King Jehoshaphat of Judah who appointed judges in the fortified cities of Judah and he told them “Consider carefully what you do because you are not judging for man but for the Lord. 2 Chronicles 19 v 7 says “Judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.”

So, we have an all-seeing God who ultimately knows the truth of our actions.

A lovely story told me by my late aunt was that her very young son, who always went to Sunday school, was playing with a friend who was hurt whilst playing. The friend rushed in crying to his mum, who was very protective of her only son. The mum then came rushing out and blamed aunt's son for hurting her boy. Aunt's son promptly replied that he didn't do it. After further accusations by the mum and the same reply from Aunt's son, the mum said in exasperation “You do know that Jesus sees everything you do, don't you?” Aunt's son, so fed up of being accused by this time replied to the mum “So, ok, if Jesus sees everything I do, then He obviously knows I didn't do it”

What a reminder that the Lord sees and hears everything and a small child needs to remind us!



Often we feel that justice is not done in some cases or it takes many years of heartache and hard work to bring about a just outcome. Often through people's hard work and

campaigning new laws are brought into being and help protect society. We are Jesus' representatives on earth and the following words highlight exactly that:

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth
Yours are the feet by which
He is to go about doing good
And yours are the hands by which
He is to bless us now.

St. Theresa of Avila 1515 – 1582

Finally, let's remember that the Lord said, on several occasions, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Matthew 13 v 43

Brenda Sheppard

Happy Days!

It was lovely to be able to celebrate (face masks included) with Ian Smith and Kim Dunn as they were married in church
on Saturday 19th September.

The service provided all that was essential
but the reception had to be postponed.

God bless you, Mr & Mrs Smith.

Final Reminder For this year...

If you feel that being confirmed this year is right for you, please talk to Rev'd Peter NOW so that he can make the appropriate arrangements for you.

The **Deanery Confirmation Service** will be held on

18th October at 4pm

at St Mary's Church Burnham-on-Crouch.

Limited numbers of people will be present but do speak with Peter if he needs to include **you**.

Since we did not have a Christian Aid Week event or house-to-house collection in May this year, we have been invited to contribute to their funds this autumn. Do look out for any plans that the Church family will publicise - and contribute individually via the Christian Aid website if the church plans cannot materialise.



For your information

See the website of **Foxearth Meadows**

so you can learn how they manage the nature reserve with A Rocha UK - a conservation charity we need to know about.

You can contact reserve manager mark.prina@arocha.org or the Volunteer Community Engagement Officer,

Andy Jowitt at jowitts@btinternet.com

Details of the virtual service in September are on pages 18-21 and these show how their work fits with Jesus' gospel.

Latest news about churches reopening

Sadly, because of all the regulations during the Coronavirus pandemic, churches were closed for 'normal' public meetings, but occasionally open for private prayer with limited numbers and with specific sanitisation arrangements. Reopening our churches for some public worship began during September with all specific sanitisation arrangements (and with further advice for those shielded). This was generally appreciated.

If you would like specific prayer, please contact the vicar. preferably by email but otherwise on 01621 772300

To keep aware of what is happening, and to participate on line with services, log into the website <https://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stleonardstogetherapart/>

Also, we have a WhatsApp group entitled "Together Apart Our Church". Lots of people are involved in that.

These links have been greatly appreciated by regular Church family members and also by people who have not, to date, attended our church services. In difficult times, like this, we need to 'allow' God to point us in possible new directions and then to respond.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINTER:

w/b	4 October	Central - South
w/b	11 October	South - West
w/b	18 October	Central - West
w/b	25 October	North - East



POSSIBLE ROTA DETAILS: YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

We don't know when we shall be able to start worshipping in church again, but, in order to be well-prepared, please let Paul Lucas know if you cannot be available on any of the following dates.

January 2021	3	10	17	24	31
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February 2021	7	14	21	28
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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR DUTY YOU SHOULD CHANGE WITH SOMEONE AND INFORM THE WARDENS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Kathy Pegg will be informing people if and when the regular Flower Arranging is to re-start. At the moment, just keep enjoying the lovely outdoors and keep your gardens in order (if you are able). Thank God that despite the pandemic there are good things around us and we should thank Him for creation.

A notice about our offerings to God.

Many of us use the facility of the offering plate to give our gifts to God. As the church is closed for the moment it may be a good time to think about a standing order to the church so that we are still bringing our gift. Many of us are doing this already – Thank you, but those who may be wondering how they can continue their giving through Standing Order the details of the church bank are here:

St. Leonard's church: Barclays Bank Sort code: **20.54.30**
A/c No. **80825107** Made payable to: Southminster
Parochial Church Council.

St. Lawrence & All Saints church: Barclays Bank
Sort code: **20.54.30** A/c No. **60842494**
Made payable to Steeple Parochial Church Council.

May God bless our gifts to Him.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Details of the October services which will happen on-line and in our Southminster and Steeple church buildings (with appropriate sanitisation arrangements being managed of course) are listed here - on pages 12 - 13 so please use them so that we can all be involved in worship together, in church or at home, at this continuing difficult time. The set readings of the day and the special prayer (the collect) are shown. If there are any changes they will be shown on the outside church notice-board.

Sunday 4th October **17th Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am CW
APCM will follow the 10.45 service (see page 14)
(Steeple Morning Worship 9.15am)

Isaiah 5 : 1 - 7

Matthew 21 : 33 - end

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 11th October **18th Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion 8am BCP & at Steeple 9.15am
Family Celebration 10.45am

Isaiah 25 : 1 - 9

Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

God, our judge and saviour: teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 18th October

19th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP & at 10.45am CW

(Steeple Morning Worship 9.15am)

Isaiah 45 : 1 - 7 end

Matthew 22 : 15 - 22

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: We have a visiting speaker at the 10.45 service to talk about **Samaritans Purse**. Do start thinking about **Shoebox** donations and use this opportunity to find out about the charity and plan your involvement. Lynne Bikhazi will coordinate the collection this year.

ALSO: The Deanery Confirmation Service

will be held at **St Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch** at **4pm today**. (limited attendance of course)

Sunday 25th October

20th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am

& 10.45 am Family Celebration

******* Steeple 4pm Harvest Festival Service *******

(Sorry, no Supper this year but your 'normal' donations will be greatly appreciated.)

Leviticus 19 : 1 - 2, 15 - 18

Matthew 22 : 34 - end

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bradwell-Tillingham-Dengie and St Lawrence Churches

If our Churches are still closed for public worship our church services will be 'Joint Benefice Services' and will be online at; <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

If restrictions are removed and public worship is permitted please see <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/> for church services and times for Bradwell, Tillingham, St Lawrence and Dengie.

This website has been adapted to cover all the churches in Bradwell, Tillingham, St Lawrence and Dengie over this coronavirus pandemic period.

SOUTHMINSTER APCM

Due to Covid-19, this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place later than usual and will be held in church following the 10.45am service on Sunday 4th October.

We will begin with the election of two churchwardens although wardens and ex officio posts will remain until January 2021.

Everyone from the parish is welcome to attend and vote.

We shall then proceed with the Church Council part of the meeting. Again everyone is welcome but only registered members of the church, i.e. those on the electoral roll are able to comment and/or vote.

A booklet has been available in church for 4 weeks ahead of the meeting where various reports have been printed for people to read in advance of the meeting. If you are unable to collect yours from the church it can be delivered to you. Contact secretary Sylvia Adams or warden Paul Lucas.

ST. LEONARD'S REGULAR MIDWEEK EVENTS

HENRY CLUB (Church Cleaning)

Our team is hoping to meet fortnightly 'as usual' so that means we'll be busy at 9.15 am on **Fridays 9th & 23rd October**.

If you have any questions or offers to help please contact Brenda Sheppard who is 'in charge' while Jacky is unavailable.

The **Music Group** would normally meet in church on Fridays at 7.45 pm & occasional Wednesdays, but singing in services is not allowed yet.

Morning Prayer on Mon., Tues, Wed. & Fri. has been suspended but information will be on the notice-board if there is a change.

Ready for this?

Of course you are!

A special event this month will be a service during a special day at Chelmsford cathedral on 10th October when **Jenny Pratt** will become a Licensed Lay Minister (**LLM**).

Jenny has been studying really hard over recent years to reach this qualification so we thank God for her work and we pray that she will really enjoy her newly recognised position over the coming years. Because of COVID we shall not be able to be present at the service, but we can support at a distance.

We look forward to enjoying her leadership in Messy Church and Holiday Clubs next year. Also, how have we managed without hearing all her wonderful jokes at the Quiz night? Well, that's COVID time isn't it! God bless you, Jenny.

The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

A reflection from Rt Rev'd Peter Hill

How often do you look back at the key milestones in your life, especially those that have marked out your spiritual journey? There are days when, like all of us, I feel stale in life and ministry, especially so when I have messed up, when things have gone wrong or I feel I have been let down. It is often looking back at my spiritual milestones and remembering how God has led me down the years that brings me once again to the reality of the scripture and promise that has played powerfully in my journey, 'The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.' 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

Over this last few days, it has been my absolute privilege, with Bishops Roger and John, to share in the ordination of 25 new deacons for the Church of God in our mighty Diocese of Chelmsford: a key milestone in their spiritual journeys. This year of course the retreat and ordinations had to be very differently set up, with limited numbers in the building, on-line streaming, no hymn singing and careful arrangements to make the whole four days Covid safe. Our cathedral staff and others made it all possible with superb organization and great sensitivity. Rather than full to overflowing congregations of families, friends, and supporters, what we shared in situ and online became four very intimate occasions. Yet, as we emerged from the cathedral for the photographs (socially distanced of course), I recognised, as

every year, the joy and anticipation of those at a huge turning point in their lives and ministries, knowing that the Lord has called them and will be with them on the journey in all its joys, twists, turns, demands and at times disappointments.

One of the most encouraging aspects of my own episcopal ministry is to hear their stories and catch a glimpse of the spiritual journeys of the increasing numbers of all ages testing vocations to licensed ministry, both lay and ordained, as their call is being discerned.

The psalmist reminds the people of Israel again and again to recall their spiritual heritage and its milestones with both challenge and thanksgiving. As ever, I came home from the deacons' ordinations, as I know I will do from the priests' and the lay ministers' commissioning in the weeks to come, with a renewed challenge to my own ministry.

Again, I knew the reassurance that God is faithful and is working, even in the midst of this continuing pandemic, to build his church and extend his Kingdom. When all was done, I sat down to review the milestones in my own journey, both positive and painful, and prayed with thanksgiving for those people who have been Christ to me on the Way.

Why not do the same?

"The heavens declare the glory of God" **Psalm 19**

(Notes taken by Kath Dunstan)

This was the title of the Virtual service on 13th September from Foxearth Meadows near Sudbury (which is owned and run by the Christian Conservation charity **A Rocha UK**). The service would normally have been held live on the site.

We were welcomed by **Andy Jowitt**, Volunteer Community Engagement Officer and he introduced the other speakers:

James Pearce-Higgins, trustee, who works with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the conservation science group at Cambridge University.

David Chandler previously worked for the RSPB but is now a freelance writer and wildlife tour guide.

Mark Prina is the Site Manager.

James stressed the importance of Romans 1:20 where St Paul says that God's nature is demonstrated in creation.

David shared his qualifications and experiences, including his degree in Zoology, and his meeting with the couple who set up A Rocha in Portugal. Later he met the late Keith Morris who founded Foxearth Meadows. David said more Christians should be involved in creation care so (through A Rocha UK) we must teach and inspire them, set up conservation sites, like Foxearth, and support Christians working wherever they are. Care for the environment is at the heart of our faith.

Andy used 2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Grace). Jesus showed grace in that "though He was rich He became poor, so that through His poverty we might become rich". (2 Corinthians 8:9)

The Love of God was for the whole world - the Cosmos –not just humanity (John 3:16). The fellowship of the Holy Spirit involves sharing, partnership in reconciliation so we are at peace with God and with all creation. (Colossians 1:23)

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commands, "go to all *nations* and make disciples" but we should have a wider view of this - "go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" as in Mark's gospel (Mark 16 v 15).

The service continued with two readings: Deuteronomy 11: 13 - 17 and Jeremiah 17 : 5 - 8.

Mark Prina, then spoke about how he had been affected by some words of St Francis of Assisi who said that he saw the face of Christ in everyone he met. Likewise, A Rocha's mission is

(1) to spread the spirit of love and harmony, to oppose the barriers of wealth and to plant seeds of equality for all.

Everyone belongs to God so we must not see mission as a means for our own self-fulfilment.

(2) to live simply. Jesus' first followers shared all they had..... so God's love flowed (Acts 4:32). Don't crave luxury; avoid waste. Our possessions are in trust for God. This Stewardship requires care for integrity. At present we have a situation where birth bestows privilege. We must recognise such inequality. For example Soya production for humans is prioritised over forest wildlife habitats. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:4 and Leviticus 19:18, the Great Commandments, especially "Love your neighbour as you love yourself". Jesus came to fulfil, not to abolish, the law. The land is what the Lord has given us; turning away from God is not an option, so don't worship the gods of money, power, self-fulfilment. God claims our loyalty but we seem to be tolerating injustices e.g. land-grabbing. The minor (shorter) prophets speak out in this way.

Jeremiah 17:1-4 points out that national idolatry will lead to ruin. Mark added that we must be vigilant collectively and as individuals. Trust in man turns people away from God (v5). This makes people like a plant in the desert.(v6). Mark noted that over-use of precious land leads to collapse of powerful nation states.



Blessings come from trust in God (v7) which makes people like riverside trees (v8). Heat and drought in life can't stop them from bearing fruit.

But there is no self-help fix. I must play my part and change my heart. This is the key to God's fruitfulness. There is hope. Jesus has redeemed me and all who call on Him. The living God took the initiative to reveal God's self to me. I am called to tell others. We have all needed to transform ourselves and others - involving love for our neighbour which will lead to justice, peace and a restored natural world.

The **Rev'd Ruth Ridge** then led the prayers

Images of creation used in Ruth's prayers

(summarised by Kath Dunstan)

EARTH We are rooted in the earth; we can grow and bear fruit, thanks to God. God, help us withstand catastrophes and enable us to be mindful of the soil and all the new life that comes from it.

SEEDS From a tiny seed a mighty tree can grow, so there is hope. Foxearth shows God's peace too - with transformed lives. Help us to be the seeds of hope and plant seeds of peace.

WATER Water is essential - in the form of seas, rivers and rainfall - in cleaning and making safe our environments, some of which have fewer supplies and so are in need. Lord make it available appropriately - especially to places with droughts - and guide us to use our supplies wisely.

FRUIT There are many different fruits, showing many different skills for people - different roles in church and in A Rocha. Let's share the fruits; fairer trade is needed; local projects need to continue (not just in Covid times). Make us fruitful, Lord.

Finally, we shared in the words of "The Grace".

Andy said the reserve is open fully for individual visitors. Working parties and some events are going ahead within the current restrictions (currently restricting social groups to six people). Sadly, the eco-toilet will only be open for supervised activities.

On a different use of time in our busy lives....

WASTING TIME

Chris Martin

Last month I wrote a few lines about not wasting “things” and how we can economise a little by being frugal – not to say “mean”! Then to think about what we can do with what we have “saved”. This time I’ve been thinking about how we waste time.

Do you ever, if you’re retired at least, reach an evening when you think to yourself, “I’ve actually done nothing useful today”? I can only write about my own experiences of this because I know many of you are always busy, often helping others in the community, and being involved in lots of worthwhile activities.



Even in normal times but certainly in these strange times when we are semi-isolated from our normal lives, I seem to have “lazy” days. I might look back over a day in “normal” times and say to myself, “Where has the day gone?” It will turn out that I’ve spent two hours writing/answering emails, checking and responding to texts, and another hour having perhaps three telephone conversations, then I’ve popped round to the shops but stopped two or three times to chat to somebody in the street, and possibly called in on somebody on the way home and spent the rest of the morning there chatting and drinking tea.

Perhaps in the afternoon, at some *other* hour than when I’m having my obligatory nap (a waste of time?) I might sit and knit while watching an ancient film on TV that I’ve probably seen before. Somebody might knock at the door or phone to see if they can pop in for a chat andthere’s the afternoon gone! Somehow, on that day, I didn’t find time to get the vacuum cleaner out. There always seems to be some job I didn’t get around to doing on such a day. What a lazy way to spend my precious time, because time *IS* precious – it sounds almost sinful. But hang on a minute – consider this:

Actually I think exchanging emails and texts is a wonderful way to keep in touch with people and keeping up contact is one of the most important things we can do, especially in the present climate. You’re not disturbing anybody by phoning at an inconvenient time. Yet to me, I feel I am “there” if anybody needs me for anything and vice versa – or maybe just the pleasure of keeping in touch which I think is about the most important thing we can do for each other, whether it’s close people like family and bosom friends or our wider circle of friends and acquaintances. So no, I don’t think I wasted those first two hours.

Equally I know that phone calls are the cement that holds many of my personal relationships together. It doesn't matter if it's a long, happy chat or just a quick "Just wondering how you are?" I appreciate it when it happens to me and I feel it has been appreciated when I've called others. So, that third hour wasn't wasted either.

Chatting in the street? Now, having a good moan about the difficulties of the virus or again just catching up, it's pleasant and again it's the glue that keeps us together, so perhaps it's not a waste of time after all.

"Normal" visiting and receiving visitors for a cuppa? It saved us from insanity, and would do so, particularly in this present climate! Plus: in our retirement we ARE allowed to spend time pleasurably with our friends! The specific "bubbles" and the new Rule of 6 etc. make things harder, but we'll cope....

Knitting? it's productive and the recipients (since I don't knit for myself) are normally pleased with the results of this "waste of time", whether it's a personal gift for a friend or family member, or baby hats for the Premature Baby units. So perhaps we can cross that off the list of things that are a waste of time.

And so the vacuum cleaner is still there the next day and so is the dust on the mantelpiece but really, does it matter? There's always time to deal with that. This morning I've spent an hour or so composing this article so I leave it to you to decide whether it was a waste of time or not!

Editor's comment

Jesus said "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20) so that's the important thing to think about. He guides us when we're busy, corrects us when we go wrong and by His Spirit calms us when we relax. No time is wasted with Him!



WHO ARE WE?

Mission Statement

“To be a people offering praise and worship to God and serving him by being the Good News by our words and actions”

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NORMAL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS STILL A BIT DIFFERENT.

See page 10 and pages 12-13 for some details.

Weekly notices, covering any changes, will be available to read on the outside church notice-board

Sunday Services - will continue on-line, but with opportunities for a limited number of people to meet in the church.

(See pages 12-14 for details of special days and readings)

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Steeple Services similarly continue at 9.15am

(Our Prayer ministry for any needs will continue even though it happens ‘at a distance’.)

Children and Young people are always welcomed especially for the **Family Celebration Services**



MESSY CHURCH is monthly on Mondays at 3.45 pm in church. The next one will be publicised as soon as it is allowed to happen.

‘LITTLE LIONS’ usually meet on Wednesday mornings in the Memorial Hall during term-time only. It is for babies/toddlers & their carers.



Home Groups are obviously not gathering at the moment.