**Westfield Church:** **Sunday October20th**

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Valerie writes: **Who do you say that I am?**

We are continuing with our theme; 'The Names of Jesus'.

Tom writes, 'My favourite is 'Lamb of God'. In John Chapter 1 John recognises Jesus and calls him the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'.

A lamb is symbolic of purity and sacrifice.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

Please join in and share your thoughts on a name of Jesus that is important to you. I will use your ideas in forthcoming newsletters. richardson.valerie@hotmail.com

**Sunday October 20th:**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am:Holy Communion with FSW collection

*FSW collection in church or to Kathy/Eric's house by Wednesday 23rd.* They are particularly requesting the following items:

Biscuits  Canned fruit/ tomatoes/ tuna/ vegetables  Cereal Cleaning products Crisps Coffee/tea  Frankfurters Fruit and cereal bars

Hot chocolate  Mayonnaise  Jam/ marmalade Multipack chocolate bars  Nuts & dried fruit  Packet noodles/rice  Pasta sauce

Peanut butter  Ready-made jelly  Rice pudding/custard  Sandwich paste  Savoury snacks  Spaghetti hoops  Tinned macaroni

Tinned meats/corned beef, Toiletries Washing up liquid.

**This week**

*Wednesday*

9.30am: Holy communion

10.30am: Community drop in at church

7.30pm Home groups: at Apple Tree Down (there is no homegroup this week at Cockmartins Farm) – and a new series starts the following week.

**Sunday October 27th: Bible Sunday**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion:

9.30am: Morning Praise

**Looking forward**

*Sunday 3rd November 9.30:* Michael Prendergast, from the London City Mission, who we support. At our morning service he will be sharing news of his work in Southwark.

*Sunday 10th November*: Remembrance Sunday

**Welcome**

We hope you enjoy your visit or time with us and that you will be inspired and helped. We gather together every week to encourage one another to be equipped as live out our Christian discipleship at home, at work or wherever we are placed.

During the week, there are several different services and small group meetings, each of which has a distinctive feel and tempo. In all of them we reflect on our own lives and the wonderful promise of forgiveness and try to learn more of God and his son Jesus in a way that will change our lives and behaviour. *You are welcome to attend any or all of them.*

**Popular questions…**

*What about communion?*

Everyone who normally receives communion is welcome to share in the bread and wine (which is served by the vicar who dips the bread wafer into the wine before handing it to you). If you would like a blessing, but not communion, please keep your hands to your sides when the bread is offered to you. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten free bread is available (ask the vicar at the table). If you want communion in your seat, please say so.

*Can I have communion at home?*

If you, or someone you know, are unable to get to our services and would like to have communion in their home, please email dawnwestfield@aol.com and we can arrange for one of our licenced lay ministers to visit and share the bread and the wine using the approved liturgy.

*Children, what happens if they are noisy?*

We love having children in church so don’t worry about them making a noise or moving around.

*Dogs and other pets, are they really welcome?*

You are always welcome to bring your dog to any or all our services. Typically, there is at least one dog at the 8.00am Sunday service and the 9.30am Wednesday service. There is often a dog at the 9.30am service on Sunday.

*Toilets: where are they?*

Our toilets just inside the church hall. There is an accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

*Is there a collection?*

We do not want anyone to feel any obligation to give to the work of the church or put anything in the offering bag or plate. Most services don’t have a collection.

*Baptisms, weddings, blessings, funerals and thanksgivings – can I have them in church?*

To arrange a celebration or ceremony at St John’s, please email to Sandi Wickens revsandiwickens@gmail.com or call 07395 106514 to speak to her.

*Can I make prayer requests?*

If you would like a situation prayed about, please contact Dawn 01424 255423 /
 0750 7745 159 or email dawnwestfield@aol.com.

*What’s happening in the next week or two?*

Sundays 8.00am: BCP Holy Communion

First and third Sunday of each month 9.30am: Holy Communion

Second Sunday 9.30am: Café Church in the church hall

Fourth Sunday 9.30am: Morning praise in church

Tuesdays (1st, 3rd & 5th) 7.30pm: Prayer Group at 24 Greenacres

Wednesdays 9.30am: Holy Communion

Wednesdays 10.30am: Community drop in at church
Wednesdays 7.30pm Homegroups at Apple Tree Down and Cockmartins

Second Saturday of each month: 3.00pm: Messy Church in church hall

Toddler Group is taking a break and will re-open in the Spring.

*Who can I contact?*

Priest in charge: Rev Sandi Wickens –07395 106514 revsandiwickens@gmail.com

Churchwardens: Dawn Archer - 07507 745159 dawnwestfield@aol.com
 and Suzanne Bunton –07753 430197

Safeguarding: Cathy Williamson - 07765 258012,

Parish administrator: Jayne Stevens – 07539652000 paforfgw@gmail.com