

Westfield Notices

FSW - collection in church Sunday 17th.

B4 men's group meeting, Saturday 30th October 10am,
Taris coffee shop.

Home groups Wednesdays every week 7:30pm @ Cathy
and Howard's Cockmartins Farm or Dawn and Jez @ Apple
Tree Down.

Prayer Group 1st, 3rd (and 5th when there is one) Tuesdays
7:30pm @ Cathy and Howard's Cockmartins Farm.

Youth Church Zoom 1st and 3rd Saturdays 4pm.

Email kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com for an invitation.

Messy Church 2nd Saturday in the month at 3pm in the
church hall.

Parents, Toddlers and Babies every Wednesday in church
1.30-3pm

Guestling Notices

Farm Africa—we have sent a cheque for £200 so thank you
for your generous donations.

Seaview—thank you to those who helped on Monday
morning packing up the remaining gifts and delivering them
to Seaview who were very grateful.

Choir Practice Dates

October 21st and November 11th and 25th.

Lady Mary Ashburnham's Memorial Service

at St Laurence's will be on Tuesday 26th October at 2pm.

<https://www.guestlingchurch.org.uk> (control and click)

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THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

A letter from Rev Joy 17th October 20th after Trinity

It's Friday lunchtime and I've just got back from John Chittenden's funeral in Westfield Church followed by a Committal at Hastings Crematorium. Vivien, John's wife, chose a recording of blackbird's song as the entry music and it was wonderful to come in to a church filled with the sound of birdsong. I'm thinking about how we could repeat it in a worship context. You'll know when I've worked it out so be prepared!

Pauline Fittell-Page was at the funeral and she reminded me that my letter for the WCA newsletter was slightly overdue so I will be getting on with it after lunch on Sunday. I've got a double-baptism at Guestling tomorrow afternoon and need to finish my own newsletter first. It's all go at the moment! I'm so delighted that dear Ken is feeling so much better and is able to lead a service at Guestling this Sunday. It's made me ponder the future of the on-line service at Guestling which appears to be getting very few views these days. I will do a proper analysis of numbers but I would be glad of Guestling folk's views as to whether you would like us to maintain the provision of this service for the one Sunday in the month when we are not in church. I am very grateful to Sarah, Neil, Ken and Beryl and Jim for contributing readings intercessions and reflections which has enabled us to keep this going since the first lockdown. But now is the time to pause and reflect and decide what we want to do. Please have a think and let me know before the new rota is issued for December. Thank you.

Gardener's World is on the tv now and I'm watching it with-

out Clem who has gone to see the new James Bond film with a friend. I understand it's quite a long film so she won't be back until late. It's Saturday morning now. Clem got back home safe and sound but a bit disappointed with the film which wasn't all she was expecting.. Hetty is asleep beside me on the sofa snoring gently with her head buried in a blanket. She has always been a burrower since she was a puppy. She and Miru are from the same litter of 11 which is big for a whippet. Miru is a light sleeper who wakes easily and who hates being disturbed. Whilst Hetty can sleep through most things. It must stem from their puppyhood and the rough and tumble of a big family. I hope all your families are in good order in these times of adjusting to new ways of being . This comes with my love and prayers for you all, Joy

Westfield Church Services

Sunday 17th October Trinity 20

8.30am BCP Communion
10am Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th October

9.30 Holy Communion
1.30-3pm Parents and Toddlers in Church

Sunday 24th October Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am BCP Communion
10am Morning Praise

Guestling Church Services

Sunday 17th October

11am Morning Praise in Church

Sunday 24th October Bible Sunday

11am Holy Communion

Tuesday 26th October

As Autumn settles in here is a poem from Malcolm Guite [And Is It Not Enough?](#)

And Is it not enough that every year
A richly laden autumn should unfold
And shimmer into being leaf by leaf,
It's scattered ochres mirrored everywhere
In hints and glints of hidden red and gold
Threaded like memory through loss and grief,
When dusk descends, when branches are
unveiled,
When roots reach deeper than our minds can
feel
And ready us for winter with strange calm,
That I should see the inner tree revealed
And know its beauty as the bright leaves fall
And feel its truth within me as I am?
And Is it not enough that I should walk
Through low November mist along the bank,
When scents of woodsmoke summon,
In some long and melancholy undertone, the
talk
Of those old poets from whose works I drank
The heady wine of an autumnal song?
It is not yet enough. So I must try,
In my poor turn, to help you see it too,
As though these leaves could be as rich as
those,
That red and gold might glimmer in your eye,
That autumn might unfold again in you,
Feeling with me what falling leaves disclose.





We are putting Clemency's newly made ottoman to good use already - with 2 pairs of feet and a sleeping Hetty!



Trinity 20 Sunday 17th October 2021

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

Guestling Readings for Trinity 20

Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Westfield Readings for 20th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 3:21-31 Mark 10:35-45

BCP Readings: for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 5:15-21 Matthew 22:1-14

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

Current COVID Guidelines in Church

We keep our masks on until we sit down when we can remove them for the service and singing. Please replace them when Communion is distributed. If you would prefer to sit with people who are masked please sit towards the back of the church. Westfield church is now open every day and Guestling on most days (not Tuesday or Friday). Thank you to everyone who is making this possible.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Chelmsford and Bradwell have paid tribute to Sir David Amess MP who has died after being stabbed at a constituency surgery in Essex.

The **Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis Dehqani**, said: "This is devastating news. Sir David was a loyal servant to the people of Southend for many years.



"The tributes we have already seen are testament to the high esteem in which he was held by many of his constituents.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his staff." The **Bishop of Bradwell, Dr John Perumbalath** said: "This is deeply shocking and sad news.

"Sir David was a great friend of the church and it was a privilege to work alongside him in service to the people of Southend whom he cared about deeply. "My prayers are with Sir David's family and his staff."

The **Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell**, said: "I had the great honour of calling David Amess a friend when I was Bishop of Chelmsford. "He was the MP for the constituency where I grew up, and not only did he always faithfully serve those people and that place, but had a particular concern for the Christian community born of his own deeply held Christian faith as a member of the Roman Catholic community. "It is shocking that someone so dedicated to his

community and public service was the victim of such violence as he went about his elected duty.

"It is hard to make sense of the horror of what has happened this afternoon but he and his family and those he loves are in my prayers."

The **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**, said: "I am truly devastated to hear of the death of Sir David Amess today. "The death of a father, husband and friend is agonisingly painful for those who loved him. The murder of an MP, in the course of caring for their constituents, is a deep blow to this country, its citizens and everyone who desires a peaceful and flourishing democracy.

"Sir David Amess dedicated his life to championing causes he believed in, serving constituents and his country for almost forty years as a Member of Parliament.

"He was a devout Roman Catholic whose deep faith fuelled his sense of justice. We are richer for his life and his example, and we are all the poorer for his untimely death. We hold his family and loved ones in our prayers, that they might feel the comfort and peace of the Christ who suffers with us.

"The only antidote to violence and hatred is love and unity. In this horrific and tragic moment we must come together, across political difference, and be the light that refuses to be cowed by darkness.

"May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May he dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

We pray too for the people of Belfairs Methodist Church in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex where Sir David was holding his surgery