

## Help take nature's pulse by joining the Big Butterfly Count.

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and

type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see.

If you want to use the Big Butterfly Count app to take part then you can [download the app](#) and submit sightings during the Count period. Sign up to our [free newsletter](#) to stay updated or support our charity with [membership](#) or [donation](#).  
*Press control and enter to make the underlined links work.*

### Step 1. Get ready

Download our handy butterfly ID chart or free app for iOS and Android to identify and record the butterflies you spot.

[DOWNLOAD CHART](#)

### Step 2. Join in

Between **Friday 16 July** and **Sunday 8 August** choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for **15 minutes**. Then record which species you see in step 3.

### Step 3. Add your counts

Add your counts [here](#) on the website or via the app and look at our fascinating interactive [map](#) to see how your data is contributing to conservation science and research



**BIG  
BUTTERFLY  
COUNT**

*If you are going to join in the churchyard would be a very good place to start!*

[Big Butterfly Count \(butterfly-conservation.org\)](http://butterfly-conservation.org)

## THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

A letter from Rev Joy 25 July 2021

I have enjoyed my busman's holiday this week. With two funerals next week—Lady Mary Ashburnham and Margaret 'Dink' Garrad—I knew there would be phone calls to make, people to meet and decisions to take. I will enjoy another couple of days off when circumstances allow. It's been so hot I've been glad to stay indoors and potter about in between emailing and writing. I think I'm more a spring and autumn person rather than summer. Even the whippets have been wiped out by the heat and they like to find spaces where they can stretch right out, staying motionless for long periods of time until a noise from the kitchen stirs their interest in the prospect of a treat! Their latest favourites are baby cucumbers—so cooling on a hot day.

It's Friday afternoon as I write this. The strangely low-key but moving opening ceremony of the Olympics has been on the tv and the warmth of the sitting room is encouraging the perfume of a lovely bunch of home grown sweet peas Clem came home with. She had offered to help our neighbour, another Joy, with counting and bundling the Old Town Parish News in St Clements for the volunteer team of distributors to collect and then deliver door to door. It's 18 months since a paper version of the magazine has been produced and Joy had found her usual team was sadly depleted as a result of all that has happened during that time. One of the people who do deliveries brought in some bunches of sweet peas for the counting and bundling team and Clem was delighted with her 'reward'!

I'm back now after taking the dogs for an allotment walk.

There was a lovely cool breeze but we ended going further than anticipated as we spotted a large black dog off the lead. It was ahead of us and fortunately our two were oblivious of its presence as they are unshakeable in their opinion that any large black dog they encounter is definitely out to get them and must be repelled by barking, squealing and general hysteria. It was quite a long detour but we all got home without incident.

I apologize that some of the pages in this week's edition are the same as last week. Normal service will be resumed very soon. This comes with my love and prayers for you all, Joy

### **Westfield Church Services**

**Sunday 25th July Trinity 8**

**The summer holidays are coming so don't forget to bring your FSW donations today—thank you.**

8.30am BCP Communion

**10am Morning Praise with George Gorham from the Mission Aviation Fellowship** (see p.4 for more info)

**Wednesday 28th July**

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Funeral of Margaret 'Dink' Garrad followed by Burial

**Sunday 1st August Trinity 9**

8.30am BCP Communion

10am Holy Communion

### **Guestling Church Services**

**Sunday 25th July St James the Great (Apostle)**

11am Holy Communion

**Sunday 1 August Trinity 9—online service only**

**Sunday 8th August 11am Holy Communion**



## **Living Faith**

In January 2022 the Living Faith course will begin again at 5 venues around the diocese and online for those who cannot attend a venue.

Living Faith is for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them. It is also part-one of the Authorised Lay Ministry training programme and candidates who wish to train as ALM's need first to complete Living Faith.

Applications to Living Faith need to be made by 3rd December 2021 via Eventbrite at

[Living Faith - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-faith-diocese-of-chichester-tickets-15111111111)

where you can also find full details of the course.'

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### **For those who have already completed the Living Faith course:**

From September 2021 there will be 5 ministry electives running as part of the Authorized Lay Ministry (ALM) training programme. Training will be offered in **Pastoral care, Children, Youth and family, Mission, Chaplaincy, and Worship and liturgy**. Full details of the programme can be found in the course prospectus [here](#) together with application paperwork. The closing date for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.



**giving  
nature  
a home**

This week, on 28 July, we'll be celebrating World Nature Conservation Day and reflecting on the amazing successes supporters like you

have helped us achieve.

From saving the lives of [22,000 seabirds in Namibia](#) and [bringing vultures back from the brink](#) of extinction in Asia, to [turning the tide for rare roseate terns](#) in the UK, we've had a huge impact for nature across the globe – and it simply wouldn't have been possible without you. Thank you so much.

When it comes to protecting nature closer to home, you'd be forgiven for thinking that you need acres of space and lots of time on your hands to really make a difference. But that couldn't be further from the truth.

Why not have a look at our top tips and find out just how easy it could be to make your outdoor space a better place? Even simple things like putting out a [bird bath](#) can be a life-saver for garden wildlife on hot, dry days like we've had across the UK recently. And watching a family of starlings enthusiastically splashing about is great entertainment too!

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**James the Apostle July 25th 2021**

**Collect**

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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

**Westfield Readings**

Psalm 145:10-19 Matthew 25: 31 – 46

**Guestling Lectionary Readings**

Acts 11:27-12:2 Matthew 20:20-28

**BCP Readings: for Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 7:15-21

**COVID Guidelines in Church following 'Freedom Day'**

With rising infection rates locally we are taking a cautious approach and will review it again at the end of the summer holidays. We will keep wearing masks, keep the socially distanced seating but we will SING! Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. We will also keep the Track and Trace registers as we have been doing. I will continue to wear a mask for distributing communion to you in the pews. Coffee will restart out of doors in two weeks time if the weather permits. Please be mindful of other people who may be more nervous or vulnerable than you are. Together we will get through this if we are all careful and thoughtful.

## Sunday 25th July—Westfield Church

George Gorham from the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) will be talking to us at the 10am service today. For 75 years MAF has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts bringing medical care, emergency relief and Christian hope to thousands of communities.

MAF is one of the charities Westfield Church is supporting this year through our giving. There is a board with more information about MAF in the children's corner.



In today's 'connected world', the irony is that never have so many people been so isolated. Many remote communities have never heard the Gospel and are living in spiritual darkness. If a person has a medical emergency and the nearest hospital is a few days walk or an uncomfortable drive on rough roads, their prognosis is poor. When natural disasters, conflict or famine strike hard-to-reach places, an aircraft may be the only safe way to reach the people on the ground.

*See more on [www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org)*

## Guestling News

It has been confirmed that the funeral of Lady Mary Ashburnham on Tuesday at Hastings Crematorium is for members of the family only. Everyone will be welcome at her Memorial Service at St Laurence's later in the year when the eulogy will be given. Messages of condolence can be sent to her daughter Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, Pett, Nr. Hastings TN35 4JG

Val tells me that Choir Practice will restart on Thursday 5 August at 11am for about an hour.

I had an unexpected invitation this week to attend the Leavers Service at Guestling Bradshaw School on Tuesday afternoon. When I got there I was relieved that they had moved the celebration from the school field where it was baking hot. We were in a shaded area down a slope and surrounded by tall trees. The children had arranged bunches of flowers in jam jars and vases on the ground in front of us. We sang their favourite worship songs, said prayers, heard Year 6's memories of their time at GBS—some hilarious and some touching, learnt which schools they were moving on to and what their ambitions were. Marine biologists, a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher, an architect, environmentalists, you-tubers, actors, a model—a whole spectrum in fact including a girl who said she hadn't made her mind up yet! They were all given a bible funded by Fairlight, Guestling and Pett churches and a Memory Book. It was so good to see the children and some staff again as well as Mrs Andrews, the Head. What a first year she has had as the new Head!