

### **Martin Auton Lloyd, CEO of FSW, writes:**

We have been able to keep our food bank running and our Support Practitioners working; meeting with families on Zoom, Facebook Live, speaking on the telephone and even shouting from the street through windows 2 metres away! We have sent out food, paid fuel bills, helping families who have seen income drop due to redundancy or reduction in salaries as they were furloughed. However, we know that as the schools go back there will be more families needing support; as the furlough scheme ends there will be more redundancies; we know there will be more families needing FSW and that is why I am asking everyone we know if you would take that extra step with us so that we can maintain our current work and, more importantly, increase our availability for those who will need us for the first time in their lives.

£31 pays for the average family to receive one-to-one support for a week. £310 will allow us to support a family for 10 weeks. This support may be the difference between just surviving and starting to thrive. Maybe you would consider supporting us on a regular basis. A Gift Aid donation of £25 a month would pay for FSW to support a family for 10 weeks of the year; could you commit to this and help provide vital support to a family?

During lockdown our 11 Practitioners across Sussex have given intensive support to 194 families and a total of 459 children. As the schools reopen and problems come to light we expect this to increase and we really do need to be ready to meet that demand.

With many thanks for the time you have given in reading this.  
Martin Auton Lloyd

## **THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING**

### **A letter from Rev Joy 20 September 2020**

It has been a good week and it was Clem's 33rd birthday on Thursday. We went as far as All Saints Street to visit our friends Yasmin and Philip for tea.

Yasmin is renowned for her baking skills—cup cakes as well as celebration ones. Imagine our surprise when the cake was a Colin the Caterpillar one from Marks and Spencers and it made us all laugh.

The photo is Clem on her first birthday with a caterpillar cake



from M & S! The caterpillar now has a name, Colin, and a white chocolate face and purple boots, but the chocolatey swiss roll inside is still the same, tasty and sweet! It turned out that Yasmin has started to stockpile her flour as the news

this week has made us all nervous.

One of the many things that Clem has taught me is to appreciate orchids. I could never understand her love for them as I had always found them slightly sinister and almost too exotic. During lockdown we found a new focus on houseplants as well as the garden and we bought a Miltonia Sunset orchid. It lives on a chest in the window



opposite our sofa and I have come to love it. It's on it's third flowering since May and we discovered a new flower spike developing yesterday. Clem's tea tree bonsai is back in the garden by day and has six more flowers. We've re-potted the cyclamens that Sue M gave us and they have perked up. The snails discovered the wisteria Monika gave us but we've moved it out of harm's way hopefully. That reminds me that Clem jokingly wanted me to ask if anyone has a hedgehog in their garden they could let us borrow for a few days and nights. We can offer plenty of slugs and snails! I still can't believe she has never seen one in the wild! I feel guilty when I think how I used to complain about the noise they made when I lived at home in my mother's house. It makes it seem such a very long time ago.

This comes with my love and prayers for you all, Joy

#### Westfield Church Services

Sunday	<b>20th September 10am</b>	Holy Communion
Wednesday	<b>23rd September 10-12</b>	Private Prayer
Sunday	<b>27th September 10am</b>	Morning Praise
Wednesday	<b>30th September 9.30am</b>	BCP Holy Communion
	<b>10-12</b>	Private Prayer
Sunday	<b>4th October 10am</b>	Holy Communion

#### Guestling Church Services

Sunday	<b>27th September 11am</b>	Holy Communion
Sunday	<b>11th October 11am</b>	Holy Communion

**Please note:** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Laurence, Guestling will take place in church immediately after this service on 11th October.

Wales. Wu wanted to share his gratitude. He said, 'I am thankful for your support, for now I can visit more brothers and sisters, and travel far to preach God's word. What's more, the needs of our baby can be taken care of now. This has strengthened my faith to know that God will always provide for me as I serve him faithfully!'

We thank all of you who are able to support us and we are most grateful.

Every blessing, Kristin **Bible Society**

**CV19 Homegroup** - Hopefully, Cathy has enjoyed walking with an old school friend round the Gower Peninsula in South Wales.

#### **FSW COLLECTIONS: Westfield and Guestling**

**Jim is still waiting to hear when FSW will be able to accept food donations once more.**

In the meantime we are still recommending that you consider giving a donation of money to FSW instead. Thank you so much to those who have already done so. Please make your cheque payable to CDAFSW and send to FSW's Central Office, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, BN1 6AA. If you also add a note saying please direct this donation to work in Jude's area they will make sure that happens.

You can also pay online via BACs payment to the following bank account: Sort Code: 20-12-75 Account Number: 40257133 Barclays Bank Account: Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work. If you donate this way please email [nina@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:nina@familysupportwork.org.uk) and let her know its coming and it's for Jude's area. Thank you everyone for helping families who are struggling at this time.

## The September update from Bible Society

Kristin Stevenson writes:

We would like to encourage you with news from Mu Weixu, a pastor in China.

**Yes, Lord Jesus, I am willing to serve you!’ Mu Weixuisa, 33 year old preacher, who lives in a mountainous area of Yun-nan province in China. He was facing many challenges even before the coronavirus outbreak. How easy do you think it would be to say, ‘Yes, Lord Jesus, I am willing to serve you!’ if you are a poor preacher living in a rural area? You’d have to give up all your farming income to go out and preach the gospel.**

Mu also has a wife and new-born baby son to support too. When Covid-19 started spreading, the mountains preachers like Mu had to climb to continue their God-given mission which suddenly got much bigger. The suspension of all church meetings during the lockdown meant the income of preachers like Mu evaporated. These situations can lead to rural preachers abandoning much-needed ministries in order to survive. And in China there is already a huge shortage of trained pastors, with just one trained leader for every 6,700 Christians.

Mu admits he was tempted to quit to seek a better paid job in the city, especially after the birth of his baby. But he kept going, lifted up by the generosity, both in donations and in prayer, of Christians thousands of miles away in England and



## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 20th September 2020

### Collect

God, who in generous mercy  
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church  
in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel that,  
always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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

#### Lectionary Readings

Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

#### BCP Readings for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Galatians 6:11-18 Matthew 6:24-34

#### Guestling

Jonah 3:10-4:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16

Please check the website on Sunday for services for  
Westfield <http://www.westfieldchurch.co.uk/online-srevices-for-westfield-church/>

Guestling . <https://www.westfieldchurch.co.uk/online-services-for-guestling-church/>

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## Ordination of Deacons and Priests Autumn 2020

### Christ the King

The 13th Century Coombes crucifix, recovered four years after it was stolen from Coombes church Lancing. Now on display at the Treasury,



Chichester Cathedral. The crucifix speaks powerfully of the experience of destruction, loss and hope.

This year's individual ordinations will be held in parish churches in an extensive sequence of seventeen parish-wide celebrations across the Diocese (19 September - 11 Oct) led by Bishop Martin and Bishops Ruth and Will.

We ask you to keep these candidates in your prayers.

A prayer diary with a full list of names, dates, and times can be downloaded [here >>](#) (control and click)

**Please pray especially for Alexandra Wheeler** (Fred and Mary's daughter) who is being ordained priest by Bishop Ruth at 6pm on 4th October at St John the Evangelist, Copthorne

**I was searching for an Autumn prayer or poem and I found this which was unexpected but I rather liked it.**

The Church is full of people  
in the Autumn of their years.  
Some have led colourful lives  
leaves bronzed and golden  
through exposure to the  
elements, their appearance the  
centre of attention.  
Others have been exposed  
to more extreme conditions  
branches bowed and scarred.  
Some go unnoticed,  
yet stand tall and steadfast  
against wind and rain.

All have a story to tell  
all can offer support and shelter  
for saplings which grow beneath their leafy canopy.

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest  
And we bless each other that the beauty of this world  
And the love that created it  
Might be expressed though our lives  
And be a blessing to others, now and always Amen



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