



## THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

### A letter from Rev Joy 21 November Christ the King

It's early Saturday morning and the rubbish has just been collected on its new regular day. The trouble is we are so programmed to this happening on a Monday morning that by the middle of next week we will have completely lost track of what day it is! I looked back on the newsletter for this week-last year which was during the second lockdown. We were all finding it much harder than the first one. My week then had been cheered by seeing a jay in the churchyard. No such luck this year as they have retreated once more to the woodland further up Croft Road, so we won't be seeing those vivid colours again amidst the greens and browns of the churchyard trees. Through our sitting room window we can see the pollarded lime trees which mark the edge of the churchyard. Suddenly they have turned from green and gold to gold and brown and the leaves are starting to fall. We've decided to get a small acer for the back garden that will be scarlet at this time of year and a splash of colour in the November gloom. Three of Clem's orchids are in flower at the moment and they light up our sitting room. Their smiling faces look up at me as I open the curtains every morning and occasionally I catch one's sweet fragrance on the air. We've got three more on



their way to us as we fell for a special offer of an orchid lucky dip - 3 for the price of 2 but we won't know what colours they are until they arrive. I'll let you know..... It's afternoon now and I'm just back from the Archer wedding at Westfield. It was a lovely day and they had made the church look beautiful with autumn flowers in rich colours, masses of candles and carefully crafted pew ends and hanging decorations. The bridesmaids in autumn colours of velvet and the flower girls with their autumn posies made a lovely backdrop for Steph, the bride, with her vivid auburn hair and a classic cream lace wedding dress. She arrived in style in a Volkswagen camper van and left looking radiant in the same—this time with Jacob and some bubbly! The church was full of love and laughter and blessings and I wish you each the same in your lives in the week ahead. Joy

**Westfield Church Services**

**Sunday 21st November Christ the King**

8.30 am BCP Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 24th November**

9.30 Holy Communion

**Thursday 25th November**

1.30pm Celebration of the life of Don Stuart after a private cremation in the morning

**Friday 26th November**

1pm Funeral of Janet Lloyd Philipps

**Guestling Church Services**

**Sunday 21st November Christ the King *on-line service only***

**Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Westfield Notices**

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

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

Email [kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com](mailto:kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com) for an invitation.

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

**B4 Christmas Lunch**  
on Wednesday 12th January at The Robin Hood Inn, Icklesham.  
Please book with Eric before Christmas and give him a £5 deposit

FSW Collection in Church  
Today 21st November  
**Christmas collection will be on Sunday 12th December**

**THE FRIENDS OF WESTFIELD CHURCH**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
on Saturday 27th November at 2.30pm in the Church.

**Guestling Notices**

**The next Choir Practice Date** is November 25th.

**Guestling Prayer Diaries** will soon be available in Church

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** at St Peter's Church Centre, Broadway, Fairlight at 9am on Saturday 27th November  
**Book by email:** admin@fairlightandpett.com  
Or phone 01424812799 Guest speaker: Martin West

**COVID Guidelines in Church**

At Westfield we keep our masks on until we sit down when we can remove them for the service and singing. **Please replace your masks when Communion is distributed.**