

Westfield Parish Community Fibre Project!!

(Press control and click to access the additional information)

Do you want to be part of a community project to get fibre gigabit (that's really super fast) broadband to your house? If so, you can help make Westfield an even more desirable and prosperous 21st century village to live in. To achieve this it requires physically putting down fibre enabled cables from the Westfield Parish exchange unit into properties. We have secured nearly £950,000 in government backed gigabit vouchers but we need everyone who wants faster broadband to [pledge your voucher!](#) to match this target. If we achieve the target the cost to the community for installing the fibre to 1111 properties within the Parish will be £0.

AN EXTENSION HAS BEEN GRANTED SO THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT. SO FAR 363 HOMES AND 47 BUSINESSES HAVE PLEDGED ACHIEVING £709,000—57% OF OUR TARGET

[Click here for the full list of benefits of having high-speed broadband](#) (including increase in property values!). [The community will benefit the more SME businesses and sole traders within the Parish that sign up. Business vouchers are worth £2,000 more per property. If you run a business from home or a property in the Parish of Westfield please click here to see if you're eligible.](#)

- **What do you as a resident have to commit to?**
- PLEDGE!!! PLEDGE!!!! PLEDGE !!!!! PLEDGE !!!!!!! It is most
- important we get residents to pledge their vouchers on the pledge page so [click here to pledge](#).
- Signing up to a broadband fibre service for 12 months within 28 days of being connected.
- Conditions of pledging [can be found here](#).

Anything you are unsure about please contact Jane Clarke on clerk@westfieldcouncil.org.uk or call 01424 575266 during business hours.

[Click here to pledge your voucher!](#)

THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

A letter from Rev Joy 18 April 2021

What a glorious day it has been with blue skies and sunshine although it still feels very cold out of the sun and inside our house. The fishermen tell me it's minus 10 degrees out at sea and is still too cold to put the cuttle pots down at the moment.

I expect like us you watched the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon. I found it far more moving than I expected and Clem and I shed a lot of tears between us. I had no idea that Prince Philip commissioned new music—the settings of the Jubilate by Benjamin Britten and Psalm 104 by William Lovelady were extraordinary. The quartet of 3 Lay Clerks from St George's and a guest soprano sang so well that their voices seemed to multiply into a much larger choir. With the reading from Ecclesiasticus they provided a rich paean of praise to God's creation which the Duke did so much to protect and conserve.

The hymn 'Eternal Father strong to save' always brings a lump to my throat and I loved the phrase in one of the prayers from Psalm 107 asking God to "*grant unto him the assurance of thine ancient promise that thou wilt ever be with those who go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters.*"

The sight of the Queen sitting on her own, her head bowed, her face masked, was almost unbearable. I felt the weight of all the funerals I had taken since lockdown began last year with the mourners isolated and the air so thick and heavy with the feelings of loss that it made it hard to breathe. I do hope that today's funeral made that pain easier to bear

knowing that it is a pain shared by so many including the nation's Royal family. I hope too that people found comfort in the words of the prayer we heard today:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn; that casting every care on thee they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This comes with my love and prayers as always, Joy

Westfield Church Services

Sunday 18th April		Third Sunday of Easter
Note new time	8.30am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st April		
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10am-11	Private Prayer

Sunday 25th April		Fourth Sunday of Easter
Note new time	8.30am	BCP Communion
	10am	Morning Praise

Guestling Church Services

Sunday	18th April	<i>—on-line service only</i>
Sunday	25th April	Fourth Sunday after Easter
	11am	Holy Communion



A quick reminder to bring donations to to church on Sunday 25th or to Kathy and Eric's house by Tuesday 27th

Thank you

SAINTS OF ENGLAND

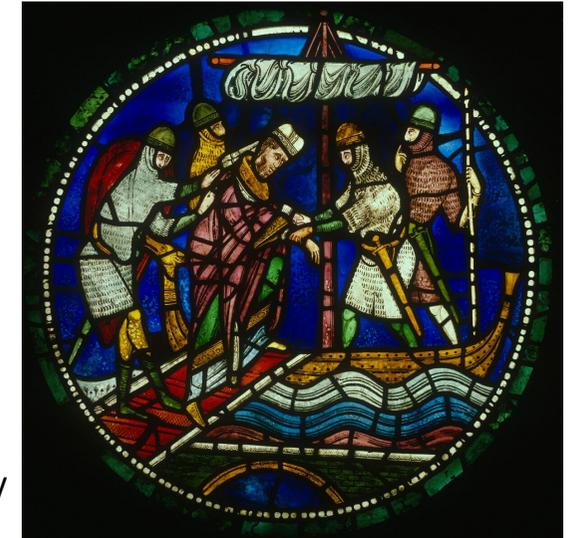
ST ALPHAGE

Martyred 1012
Feast Day 19 April

Alphage lived in a dark period of English history. As Bishop of Winchester in 994 he was sent as an emissary to the Danes, whose king he confirmed as a Christian. The Danes promised never to attack England again, but ten years later they returned, laying siege to Canterbury where Alphage was now Archbishop.

The city was sacked, the cathedral was burnt down, and the Archbishop was taken as a prisoner to Greenwich. Alphage refused to be ransomed as the people were poor, so the Danes pelted him with ox bones and drinking horns. One of the soldiers, a Christian, put the Archbishop out of his misery with an axe. Anselm, a later Archbishop, declared Alphage a martyr, though "he did not die for any point of Christian belief, yet he died for Christian justice and charity". Alphage's body was enshrined north of the High Altar in Canterbury Cathedral.

The illustration is a detail from a stained glass window in Canterbury Cathedral showing St Alphage being carried off by the Vikings.



Thank you to Jim for this article

LUNCH BOX

Frittata (serves 4 – 65p per serving)

Butter for greasing dish

2 large courgettes (375g), grated

3 rashers bacon, chopped*

1 large onion, chopped

140g self raising flour

115 ml vegetable oil

5 eggs, lightly beaten

80g grated cheese (whatever is in the fridge)

½ tsp dried thyme

black pepper

*If you don't eat bacon, leave it out or try half a teaspoon of smoked paprika and omit the black pepper.

Butter a 20 cm round ovenproof dish.

Mix all ingredients well and season with black pepper.

Pour into dish. Bake until golden – about 50 minutes.

Serve hot or cooled, in wedges. Good with salad. Easy to take on picnics.

The Dinnerladies



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Third Sunday of Easter 18 April 2021

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Westfield and Guestling

Lectionary Readings

Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48

BCP Readings Second Sunday after Easter

1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:11-16

Online services: <http://www.westfieldchurch.co.uk/online-services-for-westfield-church/>

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

God of love,
as we stand with Jesus,
help us to receive Jesus' peace in our hearts,
putting aside any fear that we have in believing.
Help us to be valuable witnesses
as you continue your work on earth through us.
This we ask in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia.

Amen.

The Duke of Argyll's Teaplant (*Lycium Barbarum*)

My father and I first discovered and identified this on 28th July 1968 on the West Hill in Hastings. (I know this because it's written in my Oxford Book of Wildflowers that I was given on my 10th birthday! Clem and I can confirm there is still



a tall and untidy hedge of it where the West Hill meets Exmouth Place. It has a small purple flower and orangey-red berries. These are now better known as Goji berries and are recommended as being loaded with important nutrients and antioxidants.

Plus, they may support immune function and healthy vision.



I wrote about us finding a couple of berries left on the shrub last year. We planted them up and here they are now doing really well. It's certainly a plant of character as you can see from the seedlings and the fact they all grow at different rates. We hope to have our first harvest of Goji berries in about two years time.



Archibald Campbell, 3rd Duke of Argyll who introduced it to this country from China in the 1730s, got a bit confused by it's labelling. It was never a tea plant but a type of boxthorn.