



The Collects for Trinity 1

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.



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THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

A letter from Rev Joy 19th June 2022 Trinity 1

It's Friday evening on the hottest day of the year so far. We had a lovely wedding at Guestling earlier today which completes their trio of weddings. The next two are at Westfield in mid-August. I'm off to Guestling again tomorrow morning for a burial of ashes. Next week sees the action return to Westfield with a funeral in church on Tuesday and a Memorial Service for Dr Penny Wright on Thursday at 11.30. I'm glad my last summer with you is proving to be so busy. 247, the Hastings taxi firm I have used since I was a new curate, has just changed its software system. The teething problems are many and the voice of the smart computer I get connected to is very irritating. They are losing drivers and it's a relief to know I won't be so dependent on them for very much longer. Our garden is a riot of colour at the moment. The Albertine rose is fully out and the campanula which runs riot in the Old Town over walls and pavements has taken over the lowest tier of the garden. It is a mass of light violet-blue flowers which go well with the soft pink of the roses. I've discovered that the variety of campanula is known as the Serbian Bellflower. Some of our wallflowers are having a second flush of flowers, the marigolds are ever present, some little pinks we brought as a special offer have suddenly come to life and are a vivid dark pink. We are hoping to see our slow worm emerge into the sunshine soon.

It's Saturday lunch time now and I'm home after the burial of ashes which was a multi-generational affair, It was still very hot but now I'm home the high cloud is intensifying and the breeze is picking up a bit. As I was leaving the church some passing dog-walkers commented on the confetti outside the

church door and said how lovely it was to see that the church was still being used. They obviously don't come by on a Sunday morning!

I hope you have enjoyed the heat of summer this week and have stayed safe. Clem was invited to a barbecue on the beach and she took with her some slices of halloumi cheese seasoned with oregano and thyme, sweet potato fries, and a large punnet of fresh strawberries. She returned with sun-burnt knees and some left over M&S pork, parmesan and truffle sausages. So delicious!

This comes with my love and blessings, Joy

Westfield Church Services

Sunday 19th June Trinity 1

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Morning Praise

Tuesday 21st June

12 noon Funeral of Jean Brophy in church

Wednesday 22nd June

9.30am Holy Communion- Alban, 1st Martyr of Britain

1.30-3 Parents and Toddlers

7.30pm Home Groups

Thursday 23rd June

11.30am Memorial Service for Dr Penny Wright

There will be tea and coffee and biscuits served in church afterwards and a private Burial of Ashes will follow in the Remembrance Garden

Sunday 26th June St John the Baptist Patronal

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am An outdoor service of Holy Communion

followed by a picnic in the churchyard— more details to follow



PRAYER UPDATE FOR JUNE

Please pray for....

- Three new volunteers to join our pastoral support team – so we are ready to accommodate and support 3 new residents in our Bexhill house from late August. Also for new trustees to further strengthen our Board. Please pray that the Lord will especially bless and use our prayers and personal contacts to secure these volunteers.
- Our residents – A (for a period of peace and stability); B (for budgeting and his community service); A & D (to find paid work); L (for firm plans for the future); N (for better health to improve his mobility); J (to find affordable housing so he can leave Transom Trust); T (to keep up-to-date with his rent).
- Our engagement with Rother Council - to agree the rent for our new two-bedroom flat in Bexhill; to agree the referral process for our new house; and to ensure Housing Benefit claims for our residents are put into payment quickly and smoothly.
- Funding secured via grant applications - to complete the conversion and upgrade work at our Bexhill house. Also for this extensive work to be completed and agreed by Rother Council, so the property is ready for use by late August.

E-mail: transomtrust@outlook.com

Website: <https://transomtrust.org.uk/>

Praying for the Persecuted Church. Tuesday 21st June 10.30am - 2.30pm

HOPES (House of Prayer East Sussex) has been newly established to enable the body of Christ to minister to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in worship, waiting, prayer and praise. HOPES is based at The Coach House, Manor Gardens Bexhill On Sea.

Has God placed upon your heart a burden to pray for the persecuted Church?

HOPES would like to provide the platform for a group, to lift the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters in prayer on a regular basis.

As part of this, we are partnering with Release International's Bike Pilgrimage 2022. We will be hosting the team, including retired Vicar Robert de Berry, who are undertaking a massive endeavour, facilitating a sponsored bike ride for persecuted Christians. <https://releaseinternational.org/bikepilgrims/>

The day will consist of spaces for prayer and discussion, as well as an overview of the work of 'Release International' with the persecuted Church by Robert de Berry. Please bring your own lunch – Refreshments provided

Call 01424 210782 or email info@hopeastsussex.org to let us know that you are coming.

Westfield Notices

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

Email kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com for an invitation.

Hilary is asking for some more volunteers for her cleaning rota. They would be special reserves who would be willing to help out when one of her regulars is poorly or away. Please let her know if you are able to help on this basis. (see poster in porch for her contact details)

Guestling Church Services

Sunday 19th June Trinity 1

11am Holy Communion

Monday 20th June

7pm PCC Meeting in Ashburnham Chapel

Wednesday 15th June

11am Choir Practice

Thursday 16th June

4pm Taize Service at Juliette's Chapel of Christ's

Stillness, Friars Hill—all welcome

Sunday 26th June Trinity 2

11am Morning Praise

Guestling Notices

Monika is moving to Cornwall for her retirement very soon. I will read out a letter from her to all at Guestling this Sunday. She told me last Sunday but she didn't want a fuss so I abided by her wishes.

Christian Aid—It's Benny's last year of organizing us to raise funds for Christian Aid. **This year's total is a magnificent £457.20.** Thank you Benny and thank you everyone who contributed cakes, plants, or money! Thank you too to the Westfield folk who filled envelopes for the collection.

Here are some familiar faces from Guestling and a reminder of Platinum Jubilee finery of all sorts!
My thanks to Gaye and Neil for these images



It was lovely to see Barbara in church again wearing red for Pentecost!



Neil, holding the bubbly, is as smart as usual but Bill really stole the show!

