



Collects for Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

A letter from Rev Joy 31 July 2022 Trinity 7

I told you about what a lovely welcome Clem's flowering orchids give me every morning when I open the curtains in the sitting room. Well here they are in all their beautiful glory!



I'm looking forward to coming back to church on Sunday. It feels as if I have been away for ages and missed far more than two Wednesdays and one Sunday. I think, as I often do, that God has a wicked sense of humour and decided to give me a preview of retirement so I can start to make some more constructive plans! Poor Clem is suffering now but has stayed far more cheerful and positive

than I was. Dennis is still in the clear which is good news.

I took the dogs out yesterday evening and was shocked how much like autumn everything feels even though it's still July. I sat briefly on my favourite bench in The Croft and instead of the poppies and marigolds there was a big crop of ragwort which clashed with a big clump of pink phlox. The grass was scorched and brown and the atmosphere was a bit mournful.

The dogs are very patient with me as I'm slower than Clem and not so adventurous but it's still so warm they don't seem to mind. It's Saturday morning now and the wheelchair racing has been on since I sat down with my first coffee of the day. The dogs are still in bed and I've got some time before Clem gets up and gives this letter a read through as she always does before I send it out to you all. I drafted my farewell article for the WCA newsletter yesterday and I realized that there are only 7 more editions of this one for me to write. It's become such a part of the rhythm of my week over the last 2 years that it will be very strange without it. I hope you are all in good shape and enjoying life. We have the final of the women's Euros tomorrow and lots of Commonwealth Games coverage to enjoy and the cooler weather today is an encouragement to get some jobs done away from the sofa! This comes with my love and blessings as always, Joy

Westfield Church Services

Sunday 31st July

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Blessing of Animals Service in Churchyard

Wednesday 2nd August

9.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Fellowship Supper at Dawn and Jess's

Sunday 5th August

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Westfield Notices

Prayer Group meetings will resume after the summer.

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

Email kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com for an invitation.

During the week Sue wrote that the Churchyard is full of butterflies on the Knapweed...the bees seem to favour the Knapweed at the back of the Church... Common Carder, Red tailed, Buff and White tailed plus lots of Common Blue butterflies



How to take part in the Big Butterfly Count 2022

Taking part in the Count is easy.

Get ready by [downloading an ID chart](#),
or the free Butterfly Conservation app

Between Friday 15 July and Sunday 7 August,
find a sunny spot and spend 15 minutes counting the
butterflies you see. Submit your sightings online
at bigbutterflycount.org or via the free
[Big Butterfly Count app](#).

(press control and click to make the links work)



Painted Lady

Why is there a Big Butterfly Count?

Butterfly species have suffered a string of poor years,
as many common species have declined in numbers.
The 2021 count was the worst Big Butterfly Count year
on record, with the lowest ever number of butterflies
and moths recorded, despite record numbers of
entries from the public.

Hilary is asking for some more volunteers for her cleaning
rota to help out when one of her regulars is poorly or away.
**In the same way Dawn needs more volunteers for the
coffee rota** after church on Sundays to cover holidays and
sickness if you can't manage it regularly

Fellowship Suppers through the Summer

Please bring your own plate, bowl, knife, fork and
spoon to make life easier for the hosts

Wednesdays Aug 3rd at Dawn and Jess's
Aug 10th at Jo's
Aug 17th at Naomi's
Aug 24th at Brenda's
Aug 31st at Dawn and Jess's

Guestling Church Services

Sunday 31st July

11am Holy Communion

Monday 1st August

7pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 3rd August

11am Choir Practice

Thursday 4th August

11am Baptism of Noah and Elliot Zetterholm

Sunday 7th August

11am Morning Praise

There are details of memorial services for Patrick Cox Smith
on page 4 plus some forthcoming events at the Chapel of
Christ's Stillness

Remembering Patrick Cox Smith with love

Chapel of Christ's Stillness

Situated within the grounds of Moon Cottage,
Humphrey's Farm Friars Hill, Guestling East Sussex TN35 5HJ

Website: thechapelofchristsstillness.co.uk

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Monday 22nd August Memorial Service, 3pm

St Mary's Church, Rye

Monday 5th September Memorial Service, 11am

St Andrews Church, Fairlight

Friday 16th September Memorial Service, 4pm

More events at The Chapel of Christ's Stillness

Monday 8th August Cheese and Wine Concert

Professional pianist Ivora Rees will be entertaining guests by playing a wide variety of music from classical to 'old tyme' with competitions and singalongs.

Wednesday 17th August

The Flower Festival in the Chapel starts

More details to follow as they become available

News from the Lemon Tree Trust

Since 2015, the Lemon Tree Trust has supported refugees and communities of forced migrants, to create home and community gardens, garden competitions and education projects.

Aveen Ibrahim, Operations Manager, Lemon Tree Trust writes "it's summer here in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and we are busy celebrating home gardens via our annual competitions." Above is the garden of the Essian Camp in that area. Below is a lovely welcome sign to the Bardarash Camp where thousands of displaced people live.



"I couldn't believe my ears when I heard I could have a garden here... We've all been displaced and are suddenly living in a desert without trees... I see life in this garden. It cleans the air and gives people hope."

Ahmed Tamo, Domiz 1 camp, Kurdistan Region of Iraq