

# SPOTLIGHT

Offington Park Methodist Church Magazine



*At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them*

**November 2021**

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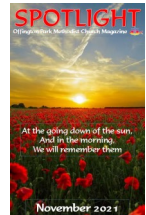
### Cover Picture

Our cover shows a field of poppies at sunset. During the First World War, previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud: bleak and barren where little or nothing could grow. But out of this devastation the delicate but resilient bright red Flanders poppies grew and flourished in their thousands.

Inspired by the now-famous poem "In Flanders Fields", Moina Michael, American War Secretary, bought poppies to sell to raise money for Servicemen in need after WWI. This was then adopted by The Royal British Legion 100 years ago.

Interestingly, leaves did not originally appear on the poppies. In 1960 a leaf was introduced as it was the practice to make poppy sprays of five silk poppies tied to seven pieces of green fern. By 1984 demand for them had grown to 12 million a year, but it wasn't until 1995 that poppies were sold with leaves included.

The parts of the poppy you buy from the British Legion can all be recycled, and they are working to remove all single-use plastics in the future. As an alternative to a paper poppy, why not buy a durable enamel poppy pin? But whatever poppy symbol you choose, and however you wear it, please wear it with pride.



*Dear Friends,*

Back in the 60's a band called the Seekers sang the song, "The times they are a-changing." Quite apt for the present climate we find ourselves in. All around us we can see the beauty of the leaves beginning to change into their Autumn glory. Nights are closing in and we will soon be experiencing moving the clocks back.



We have sensed a little freedom from being solely in our homes, although still being cautious as we head into the colder season, especially as we see the figures for those suffering with Covid-19 beginning to rise again. At church we have seen changes like never before, with services online as well as in person. Members have been looking at their roles in church and some have changed direction, picking up new opportunities to serve, but in order to do this they have had to stop doing some things. This has left other tasks to do.

There is a vacancy for someone to arrange the cleaning rota, a job which could easily be done from home. Although we ask all of our groups to clean up behind them, the main church building and vestibule is used by us all, so it is all our responsibilities. As it is so well used, it needs to be kept clean and tidy. Please consider if you could organise the rota or perhaps join it.

We were looking to have major festival celebrations this Christmas and although we have had to revise them a little, there are still exciting things planned and we will continue to adapt them as necessary.

Next year we mark 90 years as a church and we will be putting on exciting events and activities and inviting special preachers throughout the year to give thanks to God for the life and witness at Offington Park. In the hymn Abide With Me are the words, "change and decay in all around I see, O thou who changest not, abide with me." The hymn writer is looking for the hope we have in an unchanging God who loves unconditionally.

Whether we look on the changes around us as decay or progress we can rely on the unfailing love of God to see us through, whatever they may bring.

Every blessing,

*Dawn*

# **JUBILATE:** **calling all singers**



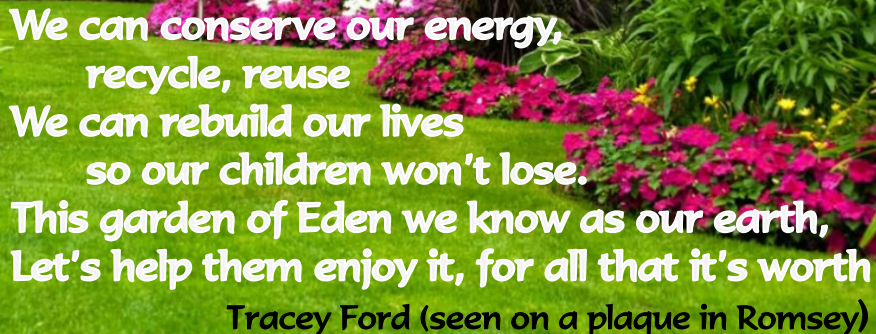
Do you enjoy singing? Then Jubilate may be for you. We are a group who meet together to rehearse and then sing, mainly in worship but also for carols, concerts and other events. The only qualification to join Jubilate is that you enjoy singing – we rely on the fact that the Psalmist talked about making a joyful noise with no comment on quality (although we do try our best!)

Jubilate rehearse on various Friday evenings in the Allan Fletcher Hall to fit in with when we are singing in church or elsewhere. Usually this works out at around once or twice a month, although it can get busier around certain times such as Christmas. We are very fortunate to have talented musicians to accompany us on piano/organ and guitar.

If you are interested in joining or just giving us a try, please call our secretaries, John and Elaine Carr (via the church office telephone number and email address on the back page) for further details including dates and times when we will meet.

Equally, do chat to me or any of our current members to find out more.

*Tim C*

A photograph of a lush garden with a variety of pink and white flowers, including what appear to be geraniums and petunias, set against a backdrop of green foliage. The scene is bright and colorful.

**We can conserve our energy,  
recycle, reuse  
We can rebuild our lives  
so our children won't lose.  
This garden of Eden we know as our earth,  
Let's help them enjoy it, for all that it's worth  
Tracey Ford (seen on a plaque in Romsey)**

## WE ALL NEED A TREE

A man hired a plumber to help him restore an old farmhouse. He had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill packed in and his ancient transit van refused to start. So the man offered to drive him home.



All the way, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited him in to meet his family. As they approached the house, the plumber paused briefly at a tree and touched the tips of the branches with both hands. When he opened the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterwards they walked back to the car. As they passed the tree, the man's curiosity got the better of him. He asked the plumber about what he had seen him do earlier.

*'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.'*

*'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'*

**CAMEO** meets on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Allan Fletcher Hall.

### OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAMME

12 November: "My Heroes"  
with Brigitte Pierce

26 November: "A Special Friend"

If you're looking for a friendly group, come and join us.  
Coffee is served from 10:20am and we start at 10:30am



Margaret H

# Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week

## Carol's Report

It was wonderful to welcome 42 groups, charities and organisations as well as the Mayor and Sir Peter Bottomley MP to Offington for Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week.



One of the highlights for me was the wonderful key note speaker, Tanya from Championing Youth Minds. Aged just 20, Tanya held us spellbound as she described her own mental health challenges; the loss to suicide of a former schoolfriend and the lack of relevant and engaging resources and information for young people.

She set about producing on-line resources for professionals and young people. See: <https://www.championingyouthminds.com>

I thoroughly enjoyed the Dementia Afternoon Tea (which was open to everyone) and it was good to see members of the lunch club, two community 'stay active' groups, our community police officer and others enjoy a quiz, cream tea (donated by Piglets Pantry) and singing.

Martine from Cycall spoke about the facilities and opportunities for friendship, fresh air and gentle exercise on the specially adapted bikes available at Cycall's base at Brooklands.

Turning Tides' Hidden and Hunted exhibition was set up in church on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, just ahead of WMHAW. These photos were taken by six women without homes and show the raw reality of their daily challenges for survival.

We were so privileged to have Janie, mental health and trauma specialist, describe the stories behind some of these photos.



Carl Walker, a community psychologist, set up Worthing Food Foundation and he spoke about the links between food insecurities and mental health. This organisation aims to remove some of the stigma around using a food bank by being self-referral, placing orders by phone rather than queueing up, and home deliveries.

Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week could not happen without the prayerful and practical support of Offington Park Church, and I am immensely grateful to those who helped with refreshments, by talking to visitors, attending the talks, and by moving furniture. In particular I am grateful to the amazing Tech-Team, and our very own Kevin.

*Carol B*

## **CLEANING CHURCH PREMISES**

I would like to take a moment to say a very big **'thank you'** to my fellow Church Stewards for all that they have done during the past 18 months in making the Church as safe and clean as possible for worship once we were allowed back in the building. They have worked tirelessly to make sure the premises were in tip-top condition in their allotted areas.

We have also had a few clean/tidy up days when we hoped that we would get extra help from Church members. Unfortunately we have had only two offers of help. We have been unable to form a rota with this small number.

I believe now might be the time to say, especially as the Church is now being used more during the week and of course at weekends, that we hope more of you might be able to pull on those Marigolds for just a little while. But if you can't, please consider if you could instead contribute to a fund to help us finance a contract cleaner on a regular or occasional basis.

The Stewards simply cannot keep going at this rate alone. The Leadership Team are asking you to help the stewards a little more to give the Church the sparkle that it needs and deserves. This is our church and we want to be proud of it when visitors come.

If you are able to join a rota or are willing to make a regular contribution, please see the Welcome Desk team during the week or speak to a Church Steward on a Sunday. Thank you in advance.

God Bless.

*Hilary C (Senior Church Steward)*

OFFINGTON PARK METHODIST CHURCH

# ADVENT QUIET DAY

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

10am to 3:30pm

'Prepare the Way'



Please bring a packed lunch - drinks will be provided

Please feel free to come for a part of the day or  
for as long as you are able

Suggested donation £5

For further information please contact the Church Office on  
01903 205722 or e-mail: [office@offingtonpark.org.uk](mailto:office@offingtonpark.org.uk)



# SERVICES IN NOVEMBER



## Sunday 7 November

8:00am Rev Dawn Carn  
10:30am Rev Dawn Carn

Holy Communion  
All Age & Holy Communion

## Sunday 14 November

10:30am Rev Dawn Carn  
3:30pm Messy Church

Remembrance Sunday & Parade  
Messy Church Team

## Sunday 21 November

8:00am Breakfast Church  
10:30am Rev Dan Balsdon

Breakfast Church Team

## Sunday 28 November

10:30am Rev Dawn Carn  
6:00pm Rev Dawn Carn

& Mr Jack Delbridge  
Café Service

## SAVE ENERGY — SAVE THE PLANET

*With the punishing rises in wholesale gas prices over recent months, we will all notice the increase in our energy bills. **Get more from the energy you pay for** with these simple, everyday actions that will help you increase your energy efficiency, lower your home's carbon footprint and save money on your monthly bills.*



**Fill 'er up:** Half-load settings on washing machines save very little energy, so they're much less efficient per garment compared to a full load. Do fewer (but fuller) wash loads instead.

**Choose wisely:** Glass or ceramic ovenware retains heat better than metal. The same is true for cast-iron pans. Copper-bottomed pans heat more quickly than stainless steel ones.

**Keep it clean:** Extractor fans and tumble driers often have filters that get clogged up with fluff or grease making them run less efficiently – give them a quick clean for best results.

**Get set for Eco:** On your dishwasher or boiler, the eco setting heats water more slowly, using less energy. You get the same result, it just takes a little longer.

**Stock up:** Keep your fridge too empty and you waste energy cooling the air; keep it too full and it could stop air circulating. Aim to keep it about 75% full to maximise efficiency.

**Stand off:** Unless switched off at the wall, appliances like your TV continue to use energy, costing the average UK home £35 per year. There are now clever apps that allow you to switch off the TV with just a tap. No more reaching behind the telly!

**Outside - now!:** Where you can, dry your laundry outside. Tumble driers are still one of the most energy-hungry appliances we can own. If you can't dry outside for whatever reason, try a heated indoor airer instead – they use much less energy than a dryer.

**Don't fill 'er up:** If we all filled our kettle just to the level we need, we could save up to a third of the energy we have been using. By boiling filled kettles, the UK wastes £68 million worth of energy every year!



**Be easily LED:** Traditional bulbs are extremely inefficient. Switch to modern LEDs, which are very efficient and also last longer, so are less wasteful too. You can now get Smart LED bulbs which can help you save even more energy as you can switch them on and off remotely.

**Shower less:** No, we mean take shorter showers! This will save both water and the energy needed to heat it. Think about installing a low-flow showerhead too, to save even more of the wet stuff.

**Turn it down:** With today's effective washing machine detergents, there's often no need to wash clothes any higher than 30°C – clean clothes, energy saved, job done!

**Frost warning:** Avoid wasting energy by planning in advance and defrosting food in the fridge or at room temperature rather than in a microwave.



**Free of charge:** Unplug all your chargers! Across the country, people are unnecessarily over-charging mobiles, MP3 players, and laptops. Keep an eye out, and unplug your device as soon as it's fully charged. This easy habit will save energy and prolong the battery life, as well as saving around £60 a year on electricity bills.

**Don't let your light shine:** Try dimming your smartphone screen and switching off background apps, as well as switching data and Bluetooth off when not needed. This will save the batteries and be less distracting. It'll make the phone last longer between charges too.

**You only live twice:** Before you automatically chuck clothes in the laundry basket, stop and think if it could go longer between washes—even just be worn twice. Obviously, this doesn't work for undies or inner layers, but jeans, jumpers and skirts don't need to be washed every single time they're worn.

**Keep a lid on it:** Keep your saucepans covered when you're cooking so the heat remains in the pan and your food cooks more quickly.

**It's hot in there:** It's tempting to open the oven door to check on dinner, but this wastes energy by letting heat out unnecessarily. Keep your oven door clean and check food through the glass instead.

**Macro the micro:** If you can, use the quicker microwave rather than the oven or stove to save energy. It's worth considering a slow cooker too, as they're one of the most energy-efficient kitchen appliances.

## JET-PROPELLED CUBS

### A fantastic day of Kart Racing

The red lights flashed with the warning siren as the carts gently rolled up to the starting line. The yellow lights flashed, the grip tightened on the push handles, and the driver's hands squeezed the rope ready for the horn to sound and the light to go green.



Like a shot the karts rocketed off the line and the parents roared in support of their team's kart. Round the first corner and the inside team built a gap on the other team. Through to the next straight and into the next corner where the gap narrowed as the team moved to the outside lane. Within seconds the karts hurtled towards the chequered flag and the finish line.

This was the first year at the "Supreme Championships" and our 10<sup>th</sup> Worthing Cubs' entry 'Blade Runner' ran amazingly well throughout. We split into two teams (the organisers arranged to lend us a kart) and the Cubs worked out their teams for the day; the drivers and engines and how they would change or stay the same for each race. The atmosphere was electric all day.



The teams with their 'pit crews', flags, and supporting parents made this a day that no cub or leader would forget. The circuit was fast, the competition was fierce, but the racing was amazing.

The 'Supreme' is an incredible event with teams from all parts of the UK. We will definitely be back next year!

10<sup>th</sup> Worthing Scout Group @ Offington Park

## HARVEST THANKS

"Turning Tides" send their very grateful thanks to the Offington Park family for the generous gifts and money donations which were given as part of the Harvest Celebrations this year.



# Offington Bible Fellowship

**Thursday 4 November** -  
*The community of the Spirit*

**The Apostles Creed**  
Ephesians 1-4 **Adam**

**Thursday 11 November** -  
*The work of the Spirit*

**The Apostles Creed**  
Matthew 9 v1-13  
& Titus 3 v3-8 **Gill**

**Thursday 18 November** -  
*The hope of the Spirit*

**The Apostles Creed**  
Romans 8 v 18-39 **Joy**

**Thursday 25 November**

**Advent 1** **Adam**

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mum, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sundays anyway, and I reckon it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit there and listen."



Today you are **YOU**,  
that is **TRUER** than true.  
There is **NO ONE** alive  
who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**  
~ Dr. Seuss

## NOVEMBER 2021

Mon	1	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	2	12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	
Thu	4	11:00am	Bible Fellowship	See programme on p13
		2:00pm	Knit 'n' Natter	
Sun	7	8:00am	<b>Rev Dawn Carn</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		10:30am	<b>Rev Dawn Carn</b>	<b>All Age &amp; Holy Communion</b>
		12:00pm	Extraordinary Church Council	
Mon	8	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	9	10:00am	Grumpy Old Men	Another General Grumble
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	
Thu	11	11:00am	Bible Fellowship	See programme on p13
Fri	12	10:30am	Offington CAMEO	"My Heroes"
		7:00pm	Jubilate	
Sun	14	10:30am	Rev Dawn Carn	Remembrance Sunday /Parade
		3:30pm	Messy Church Team	Messy Church
Mon	15	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	16	12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mid-month Holy Communion</b>	
Thu	18	11:00am	Bible Fellowship	See programme on p13
		2:00pm	Knit 'n' Natter	
Fri	19	10:00am	Advent Quiet Day	Ends 3:30pm
Sun	21	8:00am	<b>Breakfast Church</b>	<b>Breakfast Church Team</b>
		10:30am	<b>Rev Dan Balsdon</b>	

**This service will be followed by a discussion on 'God In Love Unites Us'.  
Please stay to discuss this important matter in the life of our church**

## NOVEMBER 2021

Mon	22	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	23	12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	
		7:00pm	Leadership Team	
Thu	25	11:00am	Bible Fellowship	See programme on p13
Fri	26	10:30am	Offington CAMEO	"A Special Friend"
Sun	28	10:30am	Rev Dawn Carn	with Mr Jack Delbridge
		10:30am	Rev Dawn Carn	Café
Mon	29	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	30	12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	
		7:00pm	Church Council	

### Fireworks

Fiery hues of autumn leaves  
 in yellow, red and gold.  
 Darker nights and smoky air  
 herald in the cold.  
 Bonfires burn while sending out  
 their smoky plumes up high  
 They glow alight with colours bright,  
 lightening up the sky.  
 Fireworks rise so far above  
 until they swirl and spread  
 With starry bursts they fill the sky  
 in green and blue and red  
 Man-made colours light the dark  
 but fizzle, fade and die  
 While God's own rainbow, time after time,  
 will brighten up the sky.

## EVERY LITTLE HELPS (part 2)

Here are a couple more money-saving green ideas.



**GIVE TO GET:** Giveaway sites can be a great way to recycle unwanted items as well as save some cash.

These are community sites so consider giving as well as getting.

Giveaway sites are where, instead of binning goods or trying to eBay them, people harness the web's power to offer them to their local community. In return, they often hope they can grab back something when they want. As well as kitting up for nothing, there's the environmental benefit of saving unwanted possessions being flung into landfill sites. Freecycle and Freegle are the big-name, free-to-join, volunteer-run local online groups.

It's up to you to monitor new freebies on offer. When you want to offer something, you just post an offer message to the group page. You can list everything from Etch-A-Sketches to espresso makers and designer sofas to dungarees. These sites aren't just sources of freebies – they're recycling communities, so they can be a great way to give away something you no longer want or need and help needy or single-parent families save cash too.

You'll be amazed at what's willingly taken - old magazine collections, spare carpets or even **EMPTY** paint pots. Amongst the grotty, moth-bitten junk, there's also top-quality unused stuff from pianos to surf boards to boats! It's true - one man's junk is another's treasure. Office clear-outs or emigrating families are rich sources, but most commonly available are big 'n' bulky items that are tough to take to charity shops or the tip – like sofas, computer desks, fridges, freezers and baby buggies.



**FANTASTIC PLASTIC:** Don't just reuse plastic bags – sell them! With the charge for single-use carrier bags now up to 10p, it's a no-brainer reusing old plastic bags or taking your own bags with you. But, unlikely as it may sound, both Morrison and Ocado will actually pay you to take used plastic bags off your hands when you shop online. Morrison will only accept its own bags, but will give you 10p for each bag deducted from the cost of your current order. The bags from that order can't be returned until the next one, however. Ocado will give you 10p for each Ocado bag but they will still recycle bags from any supermarket (up to a maximum of 99 per order). Returned bags are recycled into new ones – so plastic waste is reduced and money is saved in one fell swoop.



Saturday 20 November

Shoreham Airport

Main Terminal

£10 including

full English breakfast

7:15am

# Still MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

*Working and Witnessing under Covid*

## Speakers:

Neil Kinghorn, Oxlow Lane Baptist Church, Dagenham

Jayne Kinghorn, London City Mission

## ONLINE BOOKING ONLY

by email to [breakfast4men@outlook.com](mailto:breakfast4men@outlook.com)

breakfast4men 



## Cor! What a pen and ink!

Broadwater Primary School is collecting pens and ink cartridges for recycling. Two new bins are in the school foyer. One is for recycling types of pen - markers, ballpoints, felt-tips, highlighters etc.

These will be recycled as part of the TerraCycle scheme to raise money for the school. Naturally, the more the school recycles, the more funds it receives.

The other bin is for recycling ink cartridges. Any make of ink cartridge is fine, but not toner or laser cartridges please. These will be recycled through the 'Recycle 4 Charity' scheme and again will raise money for the school.

If you have any old pens and ink cartridges lying around, please gather them up and drop them off in the relevant bin in the school foyer. Not only will you be helping the environment by doing this, but you will also be helping raise money for the school too.

Thank you.

## WHAT ON EARTH IS ZACH'S?

You've no doubt heard the name Zach's bandied around the church in recent weeks.

If you're still wondering what it is, Zach's is our brand-new café offering a chance for the church and the community to meet together during the week.

We're open in the main church every Monday to Thursday morning.

Why not pay us a visit?

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Zach's Chat and Chill

We're open for coffee, cakes and company on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

#### Zach's Playtime

A drop-in session for carers with babies and toddlers on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:00am and 12:00pm



A DAY WITHOUT  
COFFEE  
IS LIKE A  
DAY WITHOUT...



JUST KIDDING.

I HAVE  
NO IDEA.

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



## DEATHS

Jean M  
Marion P

*We give thanks for their lives and witness, and we hold their families and friends in our prayers at this time*

## BELATED BIRTHDAY

Doreen (mother of Joy F)  
100 in October

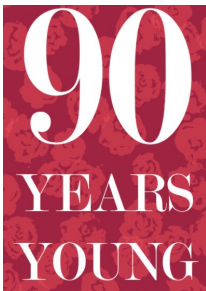


## BIRTHDAY

Sue S

*Many congratulations on your special days!*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US



That's right! We will be 90 next year! For our big anniversary year, we are hoping to stage lots of great events including a Talent Show, 90th Anniversary Quiz, Church Away Weekend, Street Food Fair and much, much more. Watch this space for news - or better still, get involved!! Speak to any member of the Leadership Team with your idea for an event or to find out more about how you can help.

## OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Cash & Envelopes	<b>£1,890.56</b>	Standing Order	<b>£4,167.00</b>
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*Thank you for all you give - both financially and with service.  
Please remember opportunities for Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer*



## Spotlight on THE GULF STATES

The relatively small Gulf states, comprising Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) together occupy less than half the area of the UK and have a smaller population at less than 15m (under 25% of the UK).

Literacy rates are very high and Arabic, English and other regional languages are spoken.

Thousands are flocking to churches here and church attendance amongst migrant workers is encouraging, but church leaders lack theological training. Programmes in Arabic and migrant languages are key to attracting non-Christians looking for the answers to life's problems.

Pray for the migrant workers in the Gulf, many of whom have lost their jobs and income to Covid. Ask God to help them find their way towards the truths within the Bible.

Pray too, that with the right support and theological training, church leaders will feel empowered to share their faith.

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## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

### *Exodus*

**Exodus tells one of the most exciting stories in history!** Genesis left us looking for the hero who can rescue the whole world. But first, God needs to rescue His people Israel from a problem: an Egyptian king who has enslaved them and thinks he's bigger than God!

Cue one of the biggest face-offs in history: earth's most powerful man versus the King of heaven! Blood, boils, hail thunderstorms, locusts, darkness and death follow.

The battle rages until finally God opens up the sea to make a path to freedom; then slams it closed on Egypt's army. Where there is no way, God makes one. Where there is no hope, God leads His people in victory!

Exodus is a rescue mission; God's rescue of His people from abuse and slavery. And in this rescue, we get hints of God's coming worldwide rescue mission. God's promised hero will make a way where there's no hope, He will perfectly keep God's Law for us and He will pay the price to win our freedom from sin.

Exodus is an adventure story from slavery to freedom; one which shows us just how far God will go to rescue the people He has created and make them His own again.



### **NO DATES FOR THIS DIARY!!**

Unfortunately, Action for Children will NOT be producing 2022 diaries this year, as it is just not cost-effective for them to do so. They are so grateful to all those who have helped vulnerable children by buying them in the past. If you normally buy an AFC diary, please choose one from another worthwhile cause.



# *An Afternoon with Samara Levy*

*Join us to hear about what God is doing in  
Syria, rebuilding the nation from the ruins  
of the civil war through His children both  
here and there.*

- **Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- **Time:** 3-5pm
- **Venue:** Findon Valley Free Church  
1-11 Lime Tree Ave, Findon Valley  
Worthing, BN14 0DJ

*Refreshments will be served after the event when you will have  
the opportunity to talk to Samara and purchase her two books  
which tell the story of Samara's Aid Appeal from the beginning.*

*Full Covid guidelines will be followed and numbers  
will be limited to allow for social distancing.*

Please ring 07814 722501 or 07421 007718 to reserve your seat.



## WINTER CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE!



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

The Traidcraft winter catalogue includes

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, food and gifts.

I currently have one catalogue available for borrowing. If you would like to borrow it, please contact me via the church office (contact details on the back page).

Or you can access the catalogue online at this link:

[www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/search/?q=catalogue+2021](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/search/?q=catalogue+2021)

*Lesley S*

## WONDER OF WONDERS

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present 'Seven Wonders of the World', and consensus was reached that they were Egypt's Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon, the Panama Canal, the Empire State Building, St. Peter's Basilica and the Great Wall of China.



While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her list. So she asked her if she was having trouble compiling it. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World are:

To See... To Hear... To Touch... To Taste... To Feel...

To Laugh... To Love...

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous!

The most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 December 2021

## Opening Times:

Thursday 2 December:	10:00am - 5:30pm
Friday 3 December:	10:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday 4 December:	10:00am - 2:30pm
Sunday 5 December:	12:00pm - 3:30pm

Refreshments available from Zach's Café  
Children's rides available in Car Park

Admission FREE (donations welcome)

The Salvation Army band will be playing  
in the car park from 5:00pm Sunday  
to bring the festival to a close

This will be our fourth Christmas Tree Festival  
and we hope you will come and bring your  
friends to this beautiful display of trees.



## Teas in the Trees

As part of our Christmas Tree Festival we are holding a special session on both the Saturday and Sunday.

We invite you to come and see the trees and enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea amidst the lights and decorations. The tea will include sandwiches, scone with jam and cream, a selection of cakes and a cup of coffee or tea.

Tickets are available at £10 per head from the Welcome Desk or Jackie B (via the office). Advance sales only.

This event will start at 2:30pm on Saturday 4 December and at 3.30pm on Sunday 5 December.



### UPDATE ON DEADLINE FOR BOXES

We have a later deadline than was originally planned. Please bring your box to the church by **Sunday 21 November**. *Thank you*



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## JC's LITTLE NUGGETS

### A Rich Inheritance



Many of us will be aware of the hugely enjoyable TV programme called " Who do you think you are?", where celebrities discover their history and family secrets and find out if their ancestors were rich or poor, royal or peasant, artisan or worker.

Well, there won't be any prizes for guessing my history! With my Nordic good looks and athletic physique, I must descend from the Vikings who attacked Northumberland in 793 AD!

A key part of the show, though, is the family and what the celebrities learn about the many facets of their past - some positive, some negative - some with no real family. As Christians we have a rich inheritance of love, mercy, and God's Grace.

We are part of God's great family, which is open to everyone. To be part of this great family, all we need is to have faith in Jesus. We read in John 1, v12 that *to all who receive him and believe in his name, he gives the right to become children of God.*

As a member of God's family, we can look forward to a future with him, no matter what our past has been.

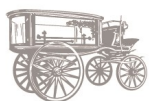
John C

## FEEL LIKE LETTING OFF STEAM?

We invite any man, grumpy or not,  
to join us on 9 November  
at 10:00am for another  
**General Grumble**

Refreshments available beforehand  
from Zach's café.





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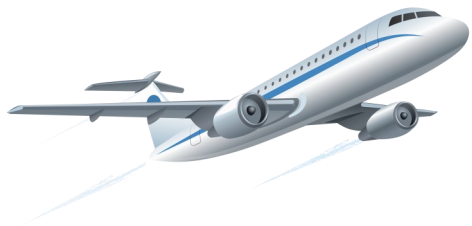
A lady called the Information Desk of a national airline one morning with a question.

"I've got a flight booking for tomorrow", she said, "and I've just got a new dog. I was wondering if I could take the dog with me."

"Of course", said the Customer Services Assistant, "but you will have to pay £100 and provide your own kennel."

He added, "The dog must be able to stand up, sit down, turn around and roll over inside the kennel."

"Oh dear", replied the woman, "I don't think I'll be able to teach him to do all that by tomorrow!"



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