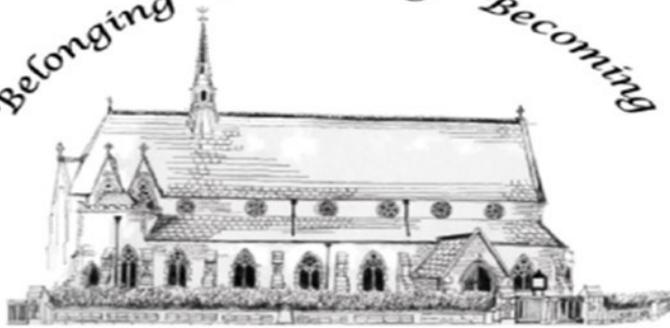




Belonging Believing Becoming



All are welcome, everyone belongs!

NEWSLETTER
7th August 2022

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Jennifer Levick

A few weeks ago a friend of mine recommended a book to me called 'Where the Crawdads sing' by Delia Owens and told me that it had been made into a film and would I like to go and see it. That very same night the two main characters from the film were interviewed about it on The One Show! Now I am sure these were just coincidences.

Nicky Gumbel tells the story about how the head of a research unit was sent a letter by his Russian teacher. It detailed how monks were being beaten up by the KGB and subjected to inhumane medical examinations. The letter was signed Varavva and Pronina.

In August 1964 he went to Moscow where friends took him to visit a demolished church. He spotted two women who asked him "Who are you" He replied 'I am a foreigner. I have come to find out what is happening here in the Soviet Union.' He explained about the letter and wondered if he had said something wrong as the woman started sobbing. They were Varavva and Pronina.'

The population of Russia is over 140 million. The Ukraine, from where the letter was written, is 1,300 kilometres from Moscow. The head of the research unit had flown from England six months after the letter had been written. They would not have met had either party arrived at the demolished church an hour earlier or an hour later. That was one of the ways God called Michael Bordeaux, the head of the research unit, to set up his life's work.

This had to be a God incident. How many times have we been thinking about someone when the phone rings and it is that person or we meet them in the street unexpectedly or a friend mentions their name to us. Are these just coincidences or God incidents? Sometimes it is not easy to discern between the two.

When we have to make decisions in our lives and need some guidance perhaps we should try and remember that God's timing is perfect for each one of us and that through prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit we shall be able to recognise God-incidents rather than just coincidences.

In your daily prayers, please remember especially the following members of our church family:

- Stephanie Cater, Irene Rooney, Jeremy Grills, Sarah Russell, Janet McNamara, Dorothy Williams, Doreen Gerrard, H, Davie Doyle, Steve Bailey, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Rod Bowditch, the Vials Moore family, Judi Stone, Jacqueline Clarke, Vicky, Rev. Joan Foster, Joan Parkinson, Rose Hart, Richard Lamb, David, the Keeley family, Lucy Bartlett, Toddler Freddie, Jeanette, Albert & Sue Kirby, Lesley Davies and Rose & Stephen Green and all their family on their loss of Rose's mum, Ceridwen Bithell



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to: stnicspa@gmail.com

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LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We had a fabulous time at Picnic Praise last Sunday, learning about Daniel and the lions – we handprint painted our lion's mane and made lion bag-puppets; all finished off with games and a picnic on the lawn.



Come and join our next Picnic Praise on Sunday 14th August at 4.30pm!!

At last month's all-age service we learnt about 'persistence in prayer' and how our faith grows as we keep praying, just like a seed grows as we keep watering it. We planted some seeds to remind us.



This is Bev and Ida's result. Brilliant work! Let's keep praying so we keep growing

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



We pray....

Lord of love, Lord who listens,
thank you that you welcome and hear our prayers.
Please bless our community - all the people who live
and work in our parish.
May we all know how much you love us.

Amen

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8.30am- Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer service on 1st Sunday of the month

10.30am service – All Age service on 3rd Sunday of every month. Every other Sunday is a Eucharist

9:00pm - Compline Night Prayer online

4th Sunday - Music and worship at 6pm

MONDAYS

7:00pm – Prayers together at the back of church

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am -10:00am Church is open for private prayer

10:15am - Eucharist

7:30pm - Evening Prayer online

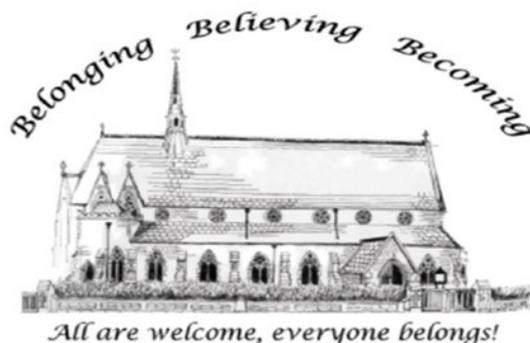
2nd Wednesday - Sanctuary @ 7 at 7pm in church

THURSDAYS

10:30am – coffee morning at the back of church



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

Read & Learn – a recommended book for the summer is Pete Grieg's 'How To Hear God'- a simple guide for normal people. Pete leads the Prayer Course that we have been following on Thursdays and speaks simply and wisely on prayer.

Pray – our community's prayer requests will stay at the back of church. Please continue lifting these needs to God

Tell – friends and family about our services and coffee opportunities. Invite them to come with you.

Serve & Give – Next term we will be looking at re-building our pastoral care team. Please contact Beth if you can offer time for this.

The following events are
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7:30pm Evening Prayer each
Wednesday

10:30am service each
Sunday

9:00pm Compline Night
Prayer each Sunday

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Items for bulletin



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Our local Mencap need your help. Can you please fill out a short survey about Mencap Cottage on Mariners Road? The charity are applying to the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund to help fund some essential improvements to the building. We need to show that the local community care about the building and want to build in your ideas to the future plans.

If you're reading this bulletin online, please click on this link to go directly to the questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/u8HA41Jk97>

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If you don't have a smart phone or you'd much prefer to complete a paper copy, please ask at the coffee shop. We're open Wednesday-Sunday 9am-4.30pm and most of the time, our servers are members or volunteers who are still learning the ropes, so please be patient and understanding. As a thank you for completing the survey, we'll give you a free coffee

Please also pray for Sarah as she writes the funding application – which is to be submitted by 19th August. Thank you.



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