

November 2019

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Morníng Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Mídweek Servíces

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Servíces

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Ventnor & Bonchurch Parish website address www.ventnorcofe2.btck.co.uk Email: ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk **Remembering** November – a month for remembering. - the month of sweeping leaves and bonfires.

When we look at the natural world around us changing with the seasons, do we stop and think of our own changes? Do we take time to consider who in our family is no longer with us except in our memories? The Church has an annual Thanksgiving service when we can remember them. This year it is on Saturday 2^{nd} November at 3pm in St Boniface Church, in Bonchurch.

As a community we will remember those who have sacrificed their lives defending freedom in the many wars of the 20th century. Our Town service is in St Catherine's Church on 10th November at 3 pm. I will particularly remember then a boy I taught. He felt called to serve Queen and Country and was on his 3rd tour of duty in N. Ireland when he was killed.

On November 11th we have the 2 minutes silence in which to remember and give thanks. This was instituted in a proclamation by King George V in October 1919, & sent to all the countries the British Empire to commemorate the signing of the Armistice, at 11 o'c on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, 'to take in this brief space a complete suspension of our normal activities.' As a small child I was utterly amazed when all the buses stopped and all the pedestrians stood still for what seemed to me to be absolutely ages.

I think regular times of silence are very important to slot into our busy lives. In these we can suspend our normal activities and all the pressures of life. Periods of silence can give us time to remember the joys in relationships, the happy times we have had with those who have passed on. Many will make us smile and we might even recount them to others, with laughter perhaps. Our memories root us positively to the past and propel us into the future. They give us positive feelings about ourselves to know we belong.. Joy is a positive emotion which helps us move forward with our lives after the initial sadness at our bereavement is passed. We have our Lights of Love (the Hospice Service) on December 11th, at 7.30 in St Catherine's, when we 'Light up a Life'.

When we concentrate on happy memories we are feeling happy emotions rather than sad ones. These we can celebrate in our special November and December services. Turning sadness into joy is like turning 'worry' into 'concern'. Worry is a negative emotion which drags us down, concern is positive. It can move us forward to seek to solutions.

As Christians our pattern of the year teaches us to hand over the sad times to God, that we may live more positively with our memories. We are glad, as we look forward to Advent when we prepare for the coming of Jesus the Saviour, with the high point of Christmas.

May you have happy remembering this November, as knowing Jesus turns your sadness to joy. Jenny H-H

Free Family Film Night "Fishermen's' Friends"

7.00pm on Friday 22nd November.

St Catherine's Church - All Welcome Refreshments & raffle

The film is based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.

For the healing of the nations

It is funny how things come together. Our old friend of this parish, Maurice Slattery, is a great fan of co-incidences, and they do so often provide interesting insights that would otherwise be missed. I have experienced one such set of circumstances recently, and this article was prompted by the introduction to a new hymn for me: 'For the healing of the nations' by Fred Kaan.

To begin at the beginning, a few weeks ago Holy Trinity PCC was asked to consider a last minute request from the local organisers of the Extinction Rebellion movement to hire our Hall for two meetings. The first meeting was to introduce the movement to prospective members and the second, more controversially, was to be trained in non-violent demonstration techniques. I am proud to say that the PCC wholeheartedly endorsed the request, and the meetings, though poorly attended I understand, went ahead without trouble. I did not go to either of the meetings, but I did think about it. That was as far as I got.

The second link was a very interesting sermon from Rev Greg Clinton-Smith which made the link between the aims of Extinction Rebellion in environmental stewardship terms, and those of Christians in general; suggesting in the process that the Church should take the opportunity to embrace this movement and thus demonstrate the continued relevance of the Faith.

Then I went to London on Monday 14th October and landed myself right in the middle of the demonstrations for which the meetings at our Hall had been preparation. I was going to an art exhibition (William Blake, as it happens; also, another campaigner against industrialisation) and was inconvenienced by the closure of Lambeth Bridge. Ha! I thought. Serves you right for not taking more interest in it.

And then, at choir practice on Thursday of the same week, we sang this hymn. You may be forgiven for not knowing it as I do not recall having sung it before myself, but I was immediately struck by the words and said 'This is a hymn for Extinction Rebellion'. In fact, it is also a hymn for world peace and accord, which is unsurprising since the writer of the hymn, Reverend Fred Kaan, was a pacifist. He was born into a Dutch family in 1929 and his experience of the Nazi regime propelled him in his late teens into the church and eventually he was ordained as a Congregational Minister in this country. He was a prolific writer and translator of hymns, and wrote 'For the healing of the nations' in 1965. For me, verses I and 3 are particularly relevant to the environmental situation that this country and the world find themselves in now, but all four verses are something which everyone, and especially our politicians, should be taking on board. Faint chance at the moment I fear, but I hope that we and the world start to listen very soon for the sake of our children all to follow. It is not the world we are trying to save, but humanity. The earth will look after itself, but it may not want us around if we

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

At the time Fred Kaan wrote this hymn, the environmental movement was really beginning to establish itself with several notable books and experts coming to the fore. It is a shame that it has take us so long to understand the message. But then prophets are never recognised in their own country, or time, are they?

Helen Slade

Thanksgiving Service

St Catherine's Church

Saturday 3rd November at 3pm

A time for remembering loved ones

HOTEL OF DREAMS.

People talk of holidays, of honeymoon hotels, Of summer days spent in the sun among the hottest spells. Flying off around the world to see exotic places, It is so nice to get away from those box-like little places.

A holiday means such a lot to those who work all year, To spend it with their families whom they hold so dear. We need to let our hair down, relax and have a spin. Does it really matter which resort we are in?

Of course it really matters! Our choice is in our dreams, A little touch of Heaven or so it really seems. To holiday with family, enjoy life in the sun the importance of a family, it is time To have some fun.

The sea-side is a favourite for almost every girl and boy, Mum and Dad, they like it too, it fills their hearts with joy. It brings back happy memories, of days of yesteryear, Memories mean such a lot, they are so very clear.

Long summer days of happiness as every child knows, lce cream, lollipops, inflatables and sand between their toes. Music from the pier head, candy floss for sale, paddle boats, the paddling pool and a great big blow up whale.

Later in the evening, it is time to see a show, Lots of entertainment everywhere you go. The moon begins to show its face (oh how that big moon beams,) Now it's time to head back to our grand, 'Hotel of dreams'. Ted.

MACMILLAN THE BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD 2019

On Tuesday 1st October we held our Fourth 'Biggest Coffee Morning' for Macmillan, in St Boniface Parish Church. The support was tremendous. Our famous Cake stall was overflowing, the other stalls, Tombola, Bric a Brac etc were full of wonderful things to win and buy and the Raffle was as good as ever. Our BCA friends were on hand with a couple of games, guessing how many cherries on a cherry and almond cake and finding the full bottle of wine amongst the empties. All of this accompanied by steaming hot cups of tea and coffee and of course Cynthia's mouth-watering hot sausage rolls.

It was a great success and we would like to thank everyone involved from the bakers who baked their hearts out, those who set everything up and cleared it away, the volunteers running the stalls and other activities and those in the kitchen who provided the refreshments and of course Pauline who washed it all up and put it away!

A huge thank to the following for donating raffle prizes.....CRAVE ICE CREAM -TINTO'S-QUIRKES-EVERYTHINGS ALL WIGHT-SCOTTS HAIRDRESSER-VENTNOR POST OFFICE-FABULASH BEAUTY-THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION-VENTNOR BUTCHERS- AND TRAMEZZINI and not forgetting the generous donations given to us by friends who could not attend.

For an event like this to work you need willing volunteers, generosity and teamwork We are very lucky to have access to all three and this combination coupled with the public's support has enabled us to raise a magnificent £930 for Macmillan.

THANK YOU SO MUCH Sally Fitzgerald Bond and Sandra Gonzalez.

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Bring and Share Churches Together High Tea St Catherine's Church I7th November at 5 pm.

If your first name begins with A to N, please bring something sweet and the rest bring some sandwiches or a savoury dish. Regards Nava Young

PRAISE SERVICE

November Sunday 17th at 6.30pm St Catherine's Church Worship songs, testimonies, prayers. Shared tea at 5pm. All welcome.

Ventnor FoodBank:

Ventnor Baptist Church, Pier Street, Ventnor.

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon. Pet FoodBank Newport: Asda, Newport donation basket located at the end of the tills. www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Sponge puddings = Packet rice = Tinned soup Tinned fruit = Fruit juice = Toilet rolls

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First Thursday of the month at 9am, St Catherine's Church. A warm welcome to breakfast and a friendly chat.

Crossword Clues

Across

I He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)

7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the

cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)

8 Relieved (5)

10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)

II Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)

13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)

15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)

17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)

18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)

21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) (3,2)

22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death" (Luke 22:33) (5,2)

23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

I He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)

2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)

3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)

4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

November 20th 2.15pm

Jo Scott presenting - Christmas Craft session

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor. Secretary - Mrs | Walters - 855892

Social Studies Group

4th November 2.15pm

Victorian Lantern Slides

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park

Avenue. For more information contact

Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments.

The Tritone Singers Christmas concert.

We are performing Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' accompanied by harp and other shorter seasonal pieces at All Saints Church in Gurnard on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are only £8 (children free) online or on the door. 'Into the Silent Land' The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 13th November in Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome – just turn up

Monday Evening 7.45pm Contact Jenny Holder 852575



Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

Articles for the **December/January Magazine** should be handed in by **November 10th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to Joan Garlick at **ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk**

Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you do not

The Hub Coffee Shop

at St Catherine's Church Monday to Saturday 10:30-12:30 (except Wednesday 11-12:30).

Coffee, Cake, Chat, Companionship

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Worship Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon Speakers for November 2019:

7th November John & Gillian Ryeland (Communion)

14th November Bob White

21st November Anne Linington

28th November Kelvin Burke

A light lunch is available after the service

Activities @ The Priory

On Thursday 7th November, John & Gillian Ryeland will be with us from 10.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. and in addition to leading worship at Noon, to include Holy Communion, will also be sharing news from the Christian Healing Mission and teaching on a relevant theme Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington 8th November 10.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

Open Art Group – Every Tuesday, Beginners Welcome 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Prayer Ministry available by arrangement – Please contact the Priory for an appointment Phone: 01983 523354 Email:opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk Website:www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk

IRENE. (an obituary).

Irene was to me a Goddess, a Goddess so divine, Her name means PEACE, no other name could ever be so fine, Blessed with love and kindness, of gentleness so sweet, She stole my heart entirely and swept me off my feet.

A romance pure, emotional of unconditional love, built upon Angelic life straight from Heaven above. Peace on earth is sacred, yes, Irene passed this way, She often said: "I love you," it always made my day.

Irene is back in Heaven now, among the Angel realm May Peace be with her always, to share with great renown. I do hope she meets with Johnny, our dear beloved son, And others that have passed this way, before us they have gone.

The sadness of our parting brought heart breaking tears of love, Even though I knew the Angels wanted you, high in Heaven above. It is six years since I lost you, my sweetest love, the best, I am sure that you are happy, I find it hard to stand the test.

You remain my Irene, my everlasting peace, I often think about you, those thoughts will never cease. Those happy times together with our children close and free, Sixty years together when you were physically close to me.

I hope you meet the Cherubim to fill your heart with joy, The Angels will look after you and John, our lovely boy. My writing is a little frayed, I tire these days, you see, However frayed my writing gets, stay as close as you can be.

Ted.

BONCHURCH EVENTS

BONCHURCH BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23rd 10am till 12 noon

Bonchurch Parish Church, Bonchurch Shute PO38 1RG DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS (and other seasonal fayre) COFFEE/TEA and chat!

CAKE AND SAVOURY STALL TOMBOLA RAFFLE BRIC-A-BRAC BOOKS

Holy Spirit. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19. Egypt. 20, Hair.

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Future Events for your diary: 5th November Bonchurch Coffee Morning 6th December St Catherine's Christmas Fayre 11th December "Light up a Life" Service, St Catherine's 7.30pm

Catherine of Alexandria

patron saint of young girls and nurses

Catherine is thought to have been a noble girl who lived in the 4th century. She was persecuted for her Christianity, and despised marriage with the Emperor because she was a 'bride of Christ'. According to the legend, Catherine was no push-over intellectually, either: she disputed successfully with 50 philosophers who were called in to convince her of the errors of Christianity.

Catherine protested against the persecution of Christians by Maxentius, and then she herself was tortured: broken on a wheel (later called Catherine wheel), but the machine then broke down itself, injuring bystanders. Catherine was then beheaded.

This legend strongly appealed to the Middle Age imagination. Catherine became the patron of young girls, students, philosophers, nurses and craftsmen such as wheelwrights, spinners and millers.

In England 62 churches were dedicated to her, and 170 medieval bells still bear her name. 'Lives', poems, miracle plays, stained-glass windows, panels and paintings have all been done in Catherine's honour.

VENTNOR WEATHER

Rainfall of 72.2mm was 124% of the average of 58.18mm. The wettest day was the 23rd with 17.7mm. Rain fell on 16 days. The mean temperature was 16.3 C, warmer than the average of 15.7 C. The hottest day was the 10th with 22.4 C. 11 days made than 20.0 C. The coldest night was only 8.8 C on the 9th.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information for Ventnor.

Benefice Diary or Calendar of Events

A joint initiative between all three parishes is hoping to better inform everyone of events taking place in the benefice, and at the same time try to avoid clashes of important fixtures.

A Benefice Diary has been put together and will appear on the parish website under the events heading. You will be able to view it (but not amend it) and if you are planning events at your church, or considering events for which other organisations want to use our premises, it will be possible to check and see whether the venue is free and whether or not the proposed event would conflict with any others.

The master copy is held by Helen Slade (**helenslade@btinternet.com**) and if you want to add to, or amend, the spreadsheet please email her and she will update it, sending a new copy to the Hub for placing on the website.

This initiative will only be successful if people get into the habit of using it, and it has already proved useful in avoiding a potential clash. If it continues to fulfil a useful role, it may be possible to develop it so that amendments can be made more easily. But for the time being, administrative access to the spreadsheet will be restricted so that its effectiveness can be properly monitored. (Adrian Pinnock has a much more comprehensive booking record for St Catherine's which includes some events (such as regular Prayer Hub meetings) which are not shown on the joint calendar because they will not normally interfere with event bookings.)

If you have any problems I will try to rectify the problem, or otherwise help, as soon as possible.



Worship

November 3rd The Fourth Sunday before Advent All Saints' Day

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church10.45a.m. "Come and See" Café Church, St Catherine's Church10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

November 10th Remembrance Sunday

9.30a.m.Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church (please note change from usual service)
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church
3.00p.m. Service of Remembrance, St Catherine's Church
NO EVENING SERVICE

November 17th The Second Sunday before Advent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, followed by Holy Trinity Open Meeting
10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church
10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church
6.30p.m. Praise Service, St Catherine's Church

November 24th Christ the King/St Catherine UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION I I.00a.m. St Catherine's Church

Bible Readings

November 3rd The Fourth Sunday before Advent All Saints' Sunday

Readings for All Saints' Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians I:II to end

St Luke 6:20-31

November 10th Remembrance Sunday

Job 19:23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13 to end

St Luke 20:27-38

November 17th The Second Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4:1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

St Luke 21:5-19

November 24th Christ the King/St Catherine

Readings for Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

St Luke 23:33-43

BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

PRAYER TIME

Each SATURDAY afternoon between 1pm and 2pm in, St Catherine's Church.

For more information contact Ann Allen

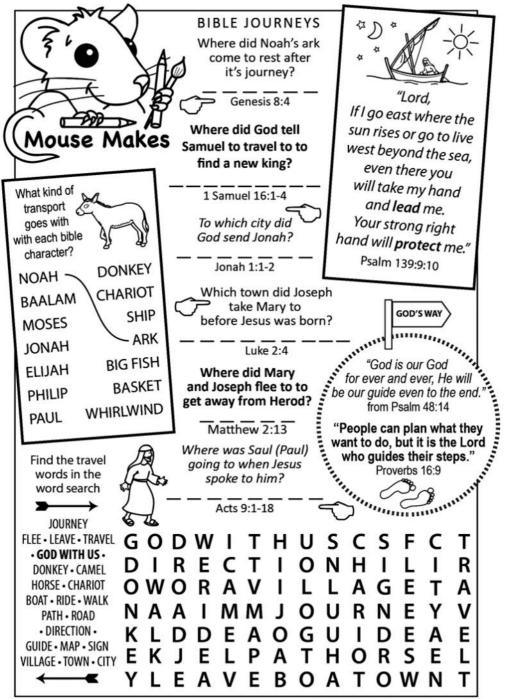
PRAYER CHAIN

Many of you especially newcomers to the Church may not know about **THE PRAYER CHAIN** which has been going for a very long time.

It is made up with a prayerful group of people who pass on confidential prayers one to another.

If anyone has a confidential or urgent prayer for themselves or other people, whether members of the Church or not, then they can ring me on 01983 731142 or email me on e.a.radcliffe@hotmail.co.uk

Ann Radcliffe



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Grandad was babysitting when he heard his little grand-daughter muttering the alphabet over in hushed tones. "What are you doing?" he asked her. "I'm praying," she replied. "I can't think of the right words so I just say all the letters. God will put them together for me 'cos He knows what I'm thinking."



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