

Thoughts about Stewardship I. Right at the start of the Bible we are told that Adam was put in charge of the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it (Genesis 2:15). This is important. Eden was not a wild space but a place, walled in, where the human beings Adam and Eve were co-operating with God in caring for nature. Thus, we meet the concept of stewardship: God has given us something, and we have the responsibility of looking after it, and passing it on to future generations. As with the garden of Eden, so with this Church, Presbytery and Church Hall: they are entrusted to all of us to look after, and pass on to future generations. Legally they belong to the diocese of Arundel and Brighton, but morally they are our responsibility. Anyone who owns a house knows what a nightmare property maintenance can be, and how many things can go wrong and require special interventions and as well as how tedious routine maintenance can be. A big building like this is no different. The Hall is now up to scratch, but the Church presents challenges, for example, what to do about the lighting (half the bulbs do not work), what to do about water ingress, and so on. In addition, there is the matter of keeping the place clean, and looking after all the precious things in the sacristy, such as the linens and the vestments, the silverware and the brasses. We are lucky to have a sacristan, and some devoted Church cleaners, and those who are able to lend their expertise on matters such as the sound system. But as you can imagine, one has to run merely to keep still, and much of our equipment is coming to the end of its natural life. We have just replaced the speakers and amplifier in the Hall; we are still, many months on, trying to work out what is wrong with the tower light; we have been assured it is fixed, but as it does not light up.... Of course, we rely on electricians and sound engineers, but actually procuring the services of such experts is very hard. It took

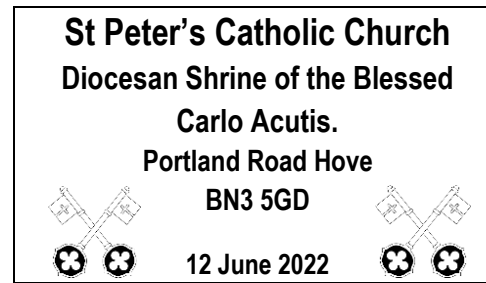
the best part of four months to get the presbytery boiler working this winter, for example, with numerous call outs etc. All this is very tedious, but the question remains: how can we all play our part in helping to maintain the buildings of which we are stewards? If you have a field of expertise, are you able to lend it to the parish? One constant challenge we face is not knowing just what is wrong when things go wrong; having an expert who can tell us could save a lot of bother.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 13 June, 7pm: Care Group meeting
Tuesday 14 June, 7pm: Finance Committee meets
Thursday 16 June, 8pm: Social dancing.
Friday 17 June, 1.30pm: Social Club - My life in the city, by John Sellen
Sunday 19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communions
Sunday 19 June, 6pm: Reception of the body of the late Sheila Coldicott RIP
Monday 20 June, 11am: Funeral Mass of Sheila Coldicott RIP
Tuesday 21 June, 2pm: Funeral of Angus Galbraith at Downs Crematorium.
Friday 24 June, 10am: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass, followed by breakfast.
Friday 24 June, noon: Funeral Mass of Anne Key RIP
Saturday 25 June: Day retreat (St. Martha's)
Wednesday 27 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel celebration.

200 Club April Winners: Congratulations to £50 – Clare Gorton, £90 – Sue Hollow, £200 – Vincent Joyce.

Offertory: Offertory collection Sunday 5 June 2022. = £1,448.51
Catholic Communications Network collection £114.20
DEC/Cafod Ukraine £431.17



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Fri 9-1.

Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the Book of Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the day on which we celebrate the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, Three Persons in One God, alike in dignity and majesty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have now changed volumes of the Mass book, and the prayers and readings can be found in the maroon books on page 81. The first reading is taken from the Book of Proverbs and speaks of the Wisdom of God, which we identify with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God was present at the Creation

of the world and holds the whole of creation together, and dwells among human beings to this day. Following on from this, in the Gospel, taken from Saint John, Jesus tells us that the Spirit will tell us everything we need to know, bringing to work of Jesus to completion.

Mass intentions

Saturday 11 June, 6pm: Angela Dangerfield RIP
Sunday 12 June, 8.30am: Fred Crook RIP
Sunday 12 June, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 12 June, 11.30am: GE TFR Lucie-Smith
Monday 13 June, 10am: Holy Souls 2
Tuesday 14 June, 10am: Eric Lobo RIP
Wednesday 15 June, 10am: Sophie Rose Johnstone RIP (2 anniv)
Thursday 16 June, No Mass
Friday 17 June, 10am: Sheila Coldicott RIP (CL)
Saturday 18 June, 10am: Chandra Jaitapkar (Babu) RIP
Saturday 18 June, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sunday 19 June, 8.30am: Iris McGoldrick RIP
Sunday 19 June, 10am: Pdraig Grealish RIP
Sunday 19 June, 11.15am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP (1 anniv)

Food bank: Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

This weekend we have the first of our First Holy Communion celebrations, on Saturday 11 June at 11.30am. Isla Wilmshurst, Gabriella Chiavegato, Ella Cootes, Poppy Lawrence, Rhona Raleigh, Georgia Kelly, Elodie Grummett Smith, Nathaniel Maguire, Alethea Nolan, Kobe Morek, Joshua Cox, Zachary Raymond, Sabine Moor-Annear, Daniel Sousa Surwald, Blanka Skoczylas, Isabella Stergiopoulos, Nicole Skwira, Esme Saba, Lara Lorincz Dos Santos, Akshan Surenthiran.

And on Saturday 12 June at 11.30am, Filip Sieradzki, Elexa Brown, Cassius Mugwambi, Cattarina Rabello, Aimee Murphy, Isaac Webb, Noah Hayler, Martina Ross, Oscar Waters, Destiny Chambers, Chikaima Nkwonta, Millie Clugston.

And on Sunday 19 June at 11.30am, Sara Madej, Monica Gomez, Sofia Milani, Daisy Turner, Joseph Simpson, Adam Eke, Scarlett Zakikhani, Teddy Mullans, Rio Ally, Ellie Daly, Ronell Ally, Luca Sassi. Many congratulations to them and their families and all who helped prepare them for this day.

Liturgical notes

After Pentecost, the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green. This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, and next Sunday afterwards will be Corpus Christi. The Thirteenth Sunday of the year will be celebrated on the 26 June.

The month of June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and on days when there is no feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart.

Monday is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, doctor of the Church.

Many thanks to all of you who made the Jubilee celebrations the success they

were. We started planning last year, and this certainly paid off. Many thanks to our Jubilee Action Committee, and all others who pitched in and helped, making it a wonderful celebration of beautiful multi-cultural Britain. One of our parishioners wrote on Facebook: 'Whoever thought of marking the Jubilee with meadow seeds was inspired - a fitting and living souvenir. Preparing the quotations and packets must have taken hours. Thanks to everyone.' Quite so! Many thanks to all who gave their time and indeed resources in decorating the Church, preparing food and drink, children's 'happy bags', and many other things besides. This is the last Jubilee for a long time, and may it be the source of many happy memories; and may the spirit of togetherness endure!

The Grand Jubilee Concert was a huge success and raised £530 for the DEC Ukraine appeal. Well done to all who contributed in whatever way. Talking of which, here is an announcement from Aneesa: Aneesa Chaudhry - Simply Soprano! An afternoon of classical, jazz & musicals in the lovely acoustics of the church. Sunday 25th September, 3pm, Saint Peter's Church, Portland Rd, Hove Tickets: £15 adults / £10 under 12's suggested minimum donation plus £1 per ticket to Saint Peter's Church. Payment to [paypal.me/aneesachaudhry](https://www.paypal.me/aneesachaudhry) or contact aneesa@aneesachaudhry.com / 07957 395293

We have heard the sad news of the death of Sheila Coldicott, who died at home in Hangleton on 27 May. She had received the sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon a few days previously. Her coffin will be received into the church at 6pm on Sunday 19 June, and her funeral Mass will be at 11am on Monday 20 June, followed by burial at Hove cemetery.

Our next baptism course is on Monday 12 September at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please see Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home, before inviting you on the course.

The Care Group is Meeting on Monday at 7pm. Please approach Fr Alexander if you are interested in joining us. This is the group that tries to ensure that those stuck at home, and others who need support, are not neglected by the parish.

The Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the financial position of the parish and ongoing and future expenses. If you have anything that you think needs to be discussed, please get in touch. The members are Vincent Joyce, our treasurer, Mary Whitehead, Eileen Harris and Ruth Meaden Jones.

The Social Club meets on 17 June at 1.30pm, when John our sacristan will reveal all as he reflects on 'My Life in the City', speaking about his long and distinguished career in high finance.

First Holy Communion: The time has come to activate our plans for this for the coming scholastic year 2022/2023. There will be three courses, one each term. The first course is going to be on Saturdays from 10th September to 26th November inclusive (but not the two Saturdays that fall within the half term holiday). Each session will be from 9.15am to 10.45am. This allows for ten sessions; it is possible that the material may be covered in fewer than 10 sessions; we shall see. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Advent Sunday, which falls on Sunday 27 November, at the 11.15am Mass. Numbers are limited. If you wish for a place for your child (and this course is for children accompanied by at least one parent), then please get in contact with Fr Alexander by email as soon as possible. In January

another course will begin; and a further course will take place in the summer term; these courses may be on Saturday mornings, or may be on a weekday afternoon, or even a Saturday afternoon, if these times turn out to be more convenient for parties concerned. Again, we shall see. Candidates for first Holy Communion should be in year three and above by the beginning of the new term in September. As a consequence of the above, the 10am Mass on Saturdays will cease from the end of August, and confessions will be rerouted to the Saturday evening, before the 6pm Mass.

Day retreat – St Benedict for Today - Saturday 25 June. The monks of Worth Abbey based in East Brighton have a day retreat introducing Benedictine insights for lay people, at St. Martha's Convent, Rottingdean BN2 7HA. Time: 10 – 3pm. Book via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone 07444 802368.

All Welcomers & Stewards are invited to attend a Deanery time of Reflection and Formation on Saturday 9 July from 11.00 – 15.00 at St. Peter's Church Hall, Hove, BN3 5GD to consider moving forward and reflect on how we can enable our Parish and Church communities to reach out to welcome and include everyone. This Formation enables you to explore how this can be achieved through, scripture, prayer and reflection using a multi-sensory approach, as well as considering disability awareness and different groups who may not feel included. Please bring your own packed lunch. This will be led by Margaret Fraher, the Diocesan Inclusion Adviser, who is also a member of the Diocesan Formation Team. Please contact Caroline Kelly E: bena_kid@yahoo.co.uk to book a place at this event or if you have any queries.



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Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

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