

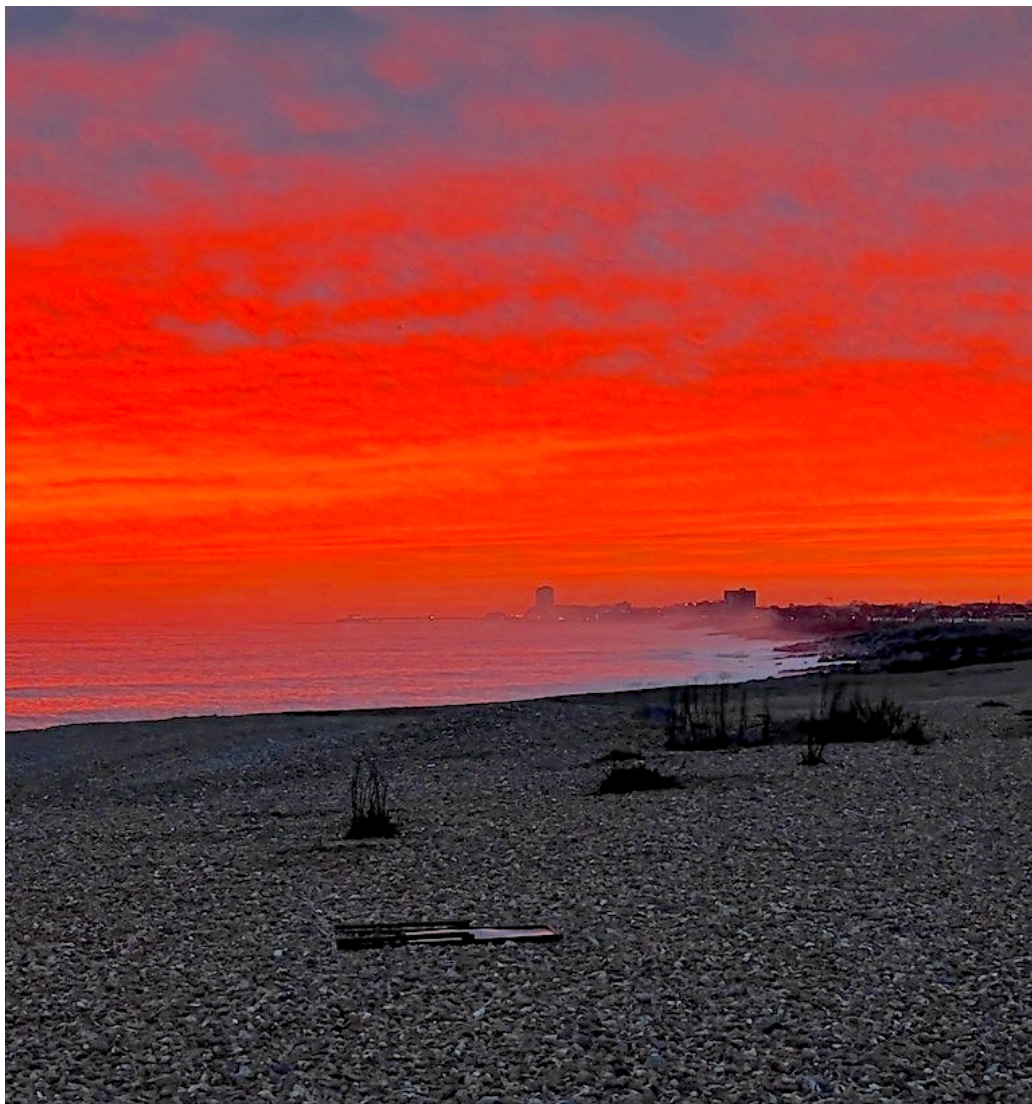
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The Church of the Good Shepherd

Shoreham Beach

February 2025

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Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion in church .

10.00am Parish Communion in church.

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On the first Sunday of most months there is an all age service at 10am and a Taizé healing service at 6pm

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion in church.

Wednesdays

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer on Zoom.

Saturday

8.00am Morning Meditation — *also on Zoom.*

The service on **Sunday** is followed by fellowship in the church hall.

See the church website for details:

<https://www.goodshepherdshorehambeach.org.uk>

First Thoughts: the role of lament in prayer

As we look forward towards Lent, Rev'd Jane reminds us that, in a world of conflict and crisis, the power of prayer matters.



There is a type of prayer that can often be overlooked in our church services. We are so focused on praise, thanksgiving and intercession, that we forget the prayer of lament. In the words of the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr: *'Lamentation is when we speak out to God and one another – stunned, sad, and silenced by the tragedy and absurdity of human events.'*

About one third of the psalms are prayers of lament.

'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!' begins Psalm 130.

These prayers are timeless pleas from the heart, that help us navigate suffering and remind us we are not alone in our trauma.

It seems to me that there is much to lament in our world today.

Every time I hear the news, an anxiety in the pit of my stomach grows more acute at the realisation we are in serious trouble: the climate crisis, political turbulence, war and conflict, polarisation, poverty, and to top it all, depressing safeguarding failures within our institutional church.

Lent is the season in our church year when we are invited to pay attention not only to our personal sin but also our collective sin, and the systemic evils embedded within society. We cannot be free from what enslaves us until we name it, confess it, and declare we want nothing more to do with it, and that we long for something better.

Therein lies the hope that is promised on the other side of lamentation. It is not about wallowing in misery but speaking to God about our sorrows and in so doing our imaginations glimpse a God given new possibility. 'Where there is sorrow, there is holy ground,' said Oscar Wilde.

Lamentation is at its most powerful when it is done together in

community. There is solidarity and strength to be found in collective rituals that release our grief.

There will be opportunities for us to come together during Lent for lamentation, for sorrow and for holy ground. The services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday all offer space for lament. The Taizé for Healing on 2nd March will also have lament as a focus.

If, like me, you feel saddened by the doom that engulfs us, come and unleash your tears for the world during Lent, trusting in Jesus's words, that blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Rev'd Jane

*Our churchwardens
Kay and Nix with
their warden's
wands at the Hove
Deanery celebration
at St Leonard's
Church in early
February*



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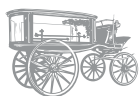
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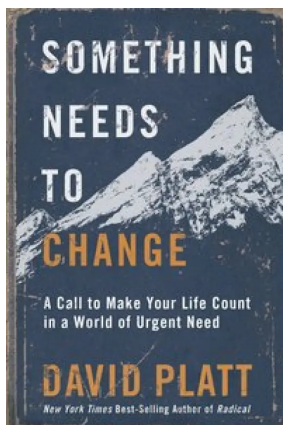
Bookshelf

Book recommendations from the Parish Pump team.

Something Needs To Change – a Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need

*By David Platt, 10Publishing,
£8.99*

New York Times best-selling author David Platt takes readers on a heart wrenching, soul-searching journey through



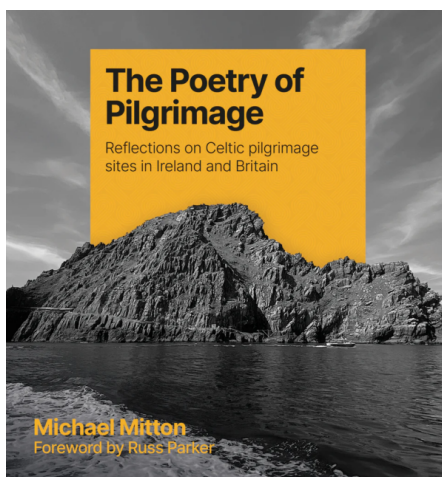
impoverished villages in the Himalayan mountains.

With riveting passion and surprising vulnerability, he dares readers to make a difference in a world of urgent need, by starting right where they live.

The Poetry of Pilgrimage: Reflections on Celtic Pilgrimage sites in Ireland and Britain

*By Michael Mitton,
BRF, £12.99*

Drawing from his experience of co-leading pilgrimages in Britain and Ireland, Michael Mitton captures the essence of 23 significant pilgrimage sites for anyone from experienced pilgrims to armchair pilgrims.

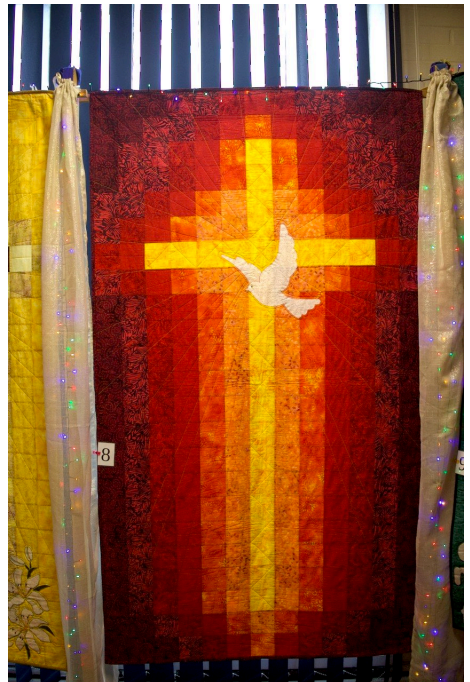


Each chapter outlines the story of the Celtic saint who founded the site, together with information about the location. There's also a poem inspired by the author's experience of that place, a

reflective question, a suggested Bible reading and a photo of the site.

Chris Diebel's Quilting Exhibition

On the 18th and 19th January, the church hosted an exhibition of the astonishing quilting Chris has done for us over the years — all of which has been donated to the church. Thank you, Chris.





A new vicar

The churchwarden over at St Mary's introduces Rev'd Dominic Fenton

At the time of writing, the temperature is stuck in very low figures and the sky is grey. The trees are bare and the wind chastens. And yet yesterday morning we received from the office of the Bishop of Chichester the news we had longed hoped for — a date for the licensing of our new incumbent Vicar. It is with pride, honour, and joy that I can announce that Revd Dominic Fenton (pictured) will be licensed as our new vicar on Thursday 13th March at 19:30hrs at St Mary's. Mark the date in your diaries!

Rev'd Dominic brings incredible enthusiasm and experience. He has already begun to introduce himself to life in the benefice and twice visited the vicarage last week (measuring up his new home!) and made an appearance at the Good Shepherd's quilt exhibition. I know he is hoping to pop in at a St Mary's event as well.

It is wonderful that he will be with us for the bulk of Lent (he has already been working with Revd Jane on a Lent course) and, best of all, with us for Easter. Noting the date in last year's diary of Revd Andrew's departure, our vacancy will have lasted a year and ten days. Goodness! Without a doubt, this has been a



challenging year and I would like to thank each and every one of you who helps make our church the community it is. But what a wonderful time to now welcome our new Vicar and with him move forward.

We still have a few weeks to go, and the weather will still be cold and dreary. But I hope that you, like me, can feel that this wonderful news makes the temperature just that little bit easier to bear.

With the utmost gratitude for everything and everybody that makes up our Parish.

Ed Downes

Churchwarden, St Mary de Haura



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Churchwardens' Corner

Nix and Kay are on a terrier hunt.

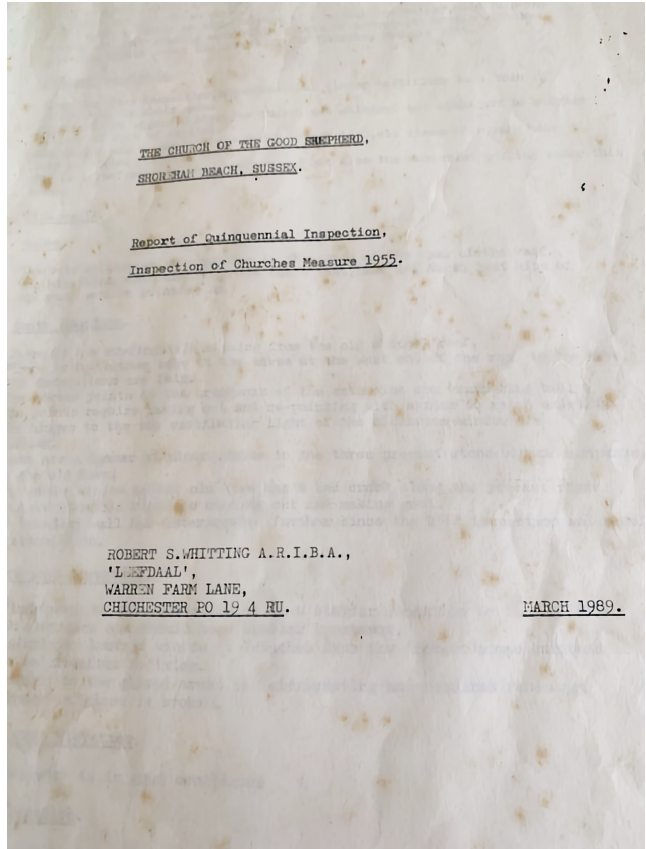
The churchwardens were a bit worried as they couldn't seem to locate the church terrier. We knew the whereabouts of Gracie the Labrador, Fripp the Bearded Collie, Cherry the Cavapoo and Peggoty the whippet but could not find the church terrier anywhere.

Rev Jane thought it might be in the filing cabinet in the vicarage but no one had been able to open that in years. There was no alternative, we needed to get into that filing cabinet and get in fast!

Along came John Haffenden with his trusty crowbar (large screwdriver actually) and basically demolished the filing cabinet.

"It's here" said Rev Jane enthusiastically holding up a large file!

Seriously, the church terrier is an important historical document. There are church terriers and inventories



from many centuries ago listing everything the churches owned including any land. They make really fascinating reading so let's hope that our terrier will be of interest to all the generations that follow us. Everything that we own as a church is written

down in this folder and apparently the Archdeacon can ask to see it when he visits so we better get a move on bringing it up to date.


The other thing the churchwardens have been busy doing is bringing the church logbook up to date. Anything that is added to or removed from the church must be listed in the log book. It will contain all the details re cost, any grants received, name of builder, date of faculty etc.

This too one day will be of great interest to future generations. To make sure it will still be readable we shall be listing everything with a special pen used for archiving. Next step will be to get both the terrier, inventory and the logbook online.

Well, can't sit here perusing church terriers all day, there's a wobbly loo seat in the vestry that needs fixing... no rest for the churchwardens.

Nix and Kay

This piece was written before Fripp's passing on February 8th. RIP Fripp.



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Times Change

Joy Daintree explains the shift from fellowship lunches to Friends.

Over 10 years ago, Brigitte and I, together with our 2 other cooking teams — Jill and John, Michael and Chris — started the Fellowship Lunch, held monthly in my home. It worked well, with each team cooking a delicious meal every third month. People enjoyed the hospitality. When Brigitte started a new job organising pastoral care in another church, the commitment became bimonthly for the remaining teams. Their loyalty has been amazing, especially as they are also often involved in cooking and serving food at other church events.

Time moved on, and I was finding it harder to host the lunches, so we sadly decided to stop doing them at the end of the year.

I have supported The Children's Society for over 50 years, starting in St. Paul's, Sale where I accosted people leaving the morning service, asking them to take a House Box. I then hastily passed them on to my 14-year-old son Andy, who was writing their names and addresses down, while I went on relentlessly inviting the next person. I only know how

long ago that was because Andy is now approaching a significant birthday.

When we moved to Shoreham and joined the Good Shepherd Church, it just happened that a new Children's Society fundraiser was needed. Fortunately, 15 years later, when I was finding the boxes of money too heavy to take to the bank on my own, Michael and Chris appeared. But times change and House Boxes are being phased out due to internet banking and card payments. However, the Children's Society has also changed with the times, plugging the gaps in social care and education provision, supporting child carers, troubled teenagers and children with special needs.

Our financial support is still very much needed.

Moving forward, I wanted to find a way of providing hospitality for a social group differently. I decided to start a new afternoon group, meeting from 2 to 4pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 3, Kings Walk.

Michael and Chris will be supporting this venture, which will be called FRIENDS.

Chat and games, plus tea and cakes, will be on offer as well as a warm welcome. Our first dates were the 7th and 21st February.

We will also become Friends of the Children's Society as we will ask for a small donation for this charity. (Suggested minimum: £2 per afternoon): If you would like to come to meet or make friends, please let me know.



Lifts may be possible. Contact Joy on 01273 462584.

PS: I would love to hear from anyone who could help in any way; for example by baking a cake, serving refreshments, or giving a lift.

Joy Daintree

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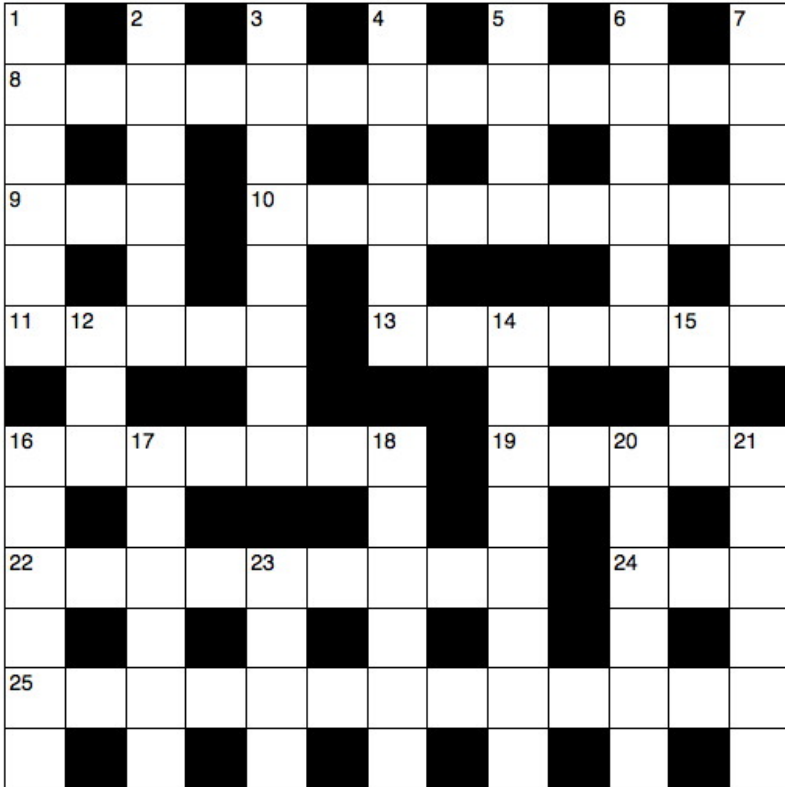
Service starts at: 10:30 am
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Further information

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If anyone feels willing to take on being our Church representative for WDP do please let me know. I have fulfilled this role for many years now and would be happy to assist the next person.

Thank you. Contact Elizabeth on 07980 978767



Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25

How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

For answers to this crossword — see page 21.

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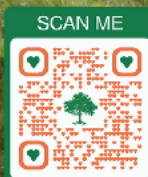
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Last Thoughts: unleash your creativity

New year, new issue, new vicar for the benefice — and an old request.

Contributions to the magazine have been a little thin on the ground in recent months. While I'm always happy to fill the magazine and flatter my ego with my own photos and whatever else I can scrape together, I'd really like to see more people feel they can contribute.

ShoreLine has become a little utilitarian of late: most of our articles are in support of something, or advertising something. And that's fine! That's part of the role of a parish magazine. But, in the past, we've also played host to poetry, reflective writing and art, and I'd like to see that happen again.

Yes, some of the role of the parish mag has been consumed by Facebook, at least for day-to-day communication. But that's not without its problems: it's still relying on a single company, controlled by



...are you late with your 'Vicar's Letter' again, dear?

one man and depended on algorithms.

So, here's my appeal: please give thought to *anything* you can write or create that you'd like to share with the ever-changing community that attends our church. A parish mag should reflect all aspects of our congregation: fun and serious, reflective and exciting, spiritual and intellectual.

I'm more than happy to work with you to make your idea come to fruition. Just drop me a line.

Adam

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