

THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

From our Rector, Rev'd Claire Claxton

Thought for September 2020

By Revd. Claire Claxton



This summer, although we weren't able to go on the trip to the UK that we had planned, Chris and I have been able to spend more time in the garden and have been delighted with the efforts of our labours. The best part has been the variety of fruit and vegetables that we have grown and enjoyed eating!

And, although we have not been able to actually visit members of our family who don't live in Guernsey, we have been in more regular contact with them than we usually are. The best part has been the group video calls we made each week which were a real tonic!

Are you a glass half full or a glass half-empty sort of person? It can be difficult to be optimistic when our plans are ruined or when life throws 'a curved ball.'

There will always be things that don't go our way but often there is a silver lining or a hidden blessing if we look for it. Dalai Lama XIV said, "Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck." It can be difficult for us to see that at the time though.

The song 'Anthem' by Leonard Cohen is a message of hope in dark times. The words of the chorus are particularly poignant:

***Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.***

If you feel that you have failed, or life is particularly hard, keep looking for the hidden blessing. Keep trusting in God who loves you more than you will ever know.

Ste Marguerite de la Forêt



Newsletter

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Autumn Flower and Harvest Festival

Forest Parish Church will be holding an Autumn Flower and Harvest Festival from 1st October to 4th October.

The festival will be opened by a local celebrity (tbc!) at a short service, followed by refreshments at 10 a.m. on Thursday 1st October.

There will be an hour-long concert on Friday 2nd October starting at 7.30 p.m. followed by a glass of wine and nibbles. Guest performers will be the State of Harmony choir and the Claxton clarinet and piano duo.

Our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday 4th October at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in the church.



PRAYERS



Please pray for anyone known to you who needs God's helping hand, but especially those who need God's healing: Brenda/Susie, Wyn, Viv, Jane, Gretl, Richard and Liz, Peter, Mike, Jenny, Joan and Lucy. Please also pray for all those who grieve and those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.

A prayer for hope:

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. Amen.

September Meetings

Wednesday 9th September
Advisory Church Council meeting at 7.30 p.m. in church

Tuesday 22nd September
Social Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in the church vestry



WELCOME - Whether you are visiting or regularly worship with us, we welcome you to our beautiful church.

Services September 2020

Sunday, 6 September, Trinity 13

11 a.m. Tumaini Family service with guest speaker. The church is decorated with all the jumpers, hats and blankets that have been knitted for the children in Kagera, Tanzania.

Reader: tba Prayers: Vivienne Rees

6.30 pm Evensong with Margaret Boden-Heaume

Reader: Geoff Harrison

Sunday, 13 September, Trinity 14

11 a.m. Parish Communion

Reader: Susie Mowbray Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

Sunday, 20 September, Trinity 15

9 a.m. Puppets & Praise Breakfast service

11 a.m. Parish Communion, preacher Margaret Boden-Heaume

Reader: Keith Wallace Prayers: Peter Gallienne

6 p.m. Harvest Service at Forest Methodist Church

Sunday, 27 September, Trinity 16

9a.m. Traditional Eucharist

11 a.m. Parish Communion

Reader: Peter Gallienne Prayers: Katie Blampied

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support will take place on Thursday 24th September from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Forest Parish Church.

There will be a tombola stall (any donations of unwanted gifts are welcome).

Come and be part of the world's biggest coffee morning!

Follow the Star 2020

You are invited to come and hear how we are thinking this may happen this year - perhaps slightly differently - at a short meeting on

Tuesday 15th September at 7.00pm at Forest Methodist Church. Look forward to seeing you there! See Revd. Claire for more details.

Flower rota

6 (Tumaini service)
and 13 September—Fatima Freitas
20 and 27 September—
Liz Chamberlain



Diary Dates

There is much going on, so please support your church

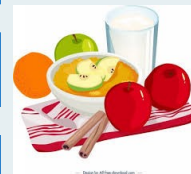
Knit and Natter - from 2 – 4 pm.

Next one is on Wednesday, 2nd September (first Wednesday of each month normally) in the vestry.



Spinning Group (wool variety).

This takes place monthly in the Forest Douzaine Room (next to Forest Primary School). Tel. Pandy 263068 for more details.



Ladies' Breakfast - 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Saviour's Church hall or Rectory 8-9 am. Next meeting will be on Saturday 12 September. All Ladies welcome and it's a lovely way to prepare for the weekend.

The Solace Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon usually in St Martin's Community Centre. The meetings for September are 10th and 24th. The latter will take place at Forest Parish Church Macmillan Coffee morning.

Wine tasting. This is being planned for Saturday 24th October at 7.30 p.m. Further details to follow.

