



**St Symphorian's Church**  
**DURRINGTON**

# **PARISH NEWS**

**OCTOBER 2023**



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# The Parish Church of St Symphorian

Durrington Hill, Worthing BN13 3HU

## Sunday worship:

10.00am Parish Mass

## Weekday Masses:

12noon	Monday
10am	Tuesday
6pm	Wednesday
10am	Thursday

## Dates for your Diary

### October

Sunday 1st	Harvest Thanksgiving Harvest Parish Lunch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Smith Big Band Evening
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Feast of Dedication
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monster Craft Morning
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Sunday

### November

Thursday 2nd	All Souls Day - Sung Mass 7.00pm
Sunday 12th	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26th	Christ the King followed by Parish Lunch



Remembrance Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> November  
10am Parish Mass  
with an Act of Remembrance

Mass will be followed by refreshments  
Please feel free to join us.

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# CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2023

1	<b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>	Ezex 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 21;28-32
2	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b>	Zech 8:1-8; Matt 18;1-5,10
3	Tuesday	Zech 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
4	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	Neh 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
5	St Faustina Kowalska	Neh 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12
6	St Bruno	Bar 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
7	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	Bar 4:5-12,27-20; Luke 10:17-24
8	<b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>	Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43
9	<b>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</b>	ICor 2:10-16; Matt 13: 47-52
10	Ss Paulinus of York, Denis, John Leonardi	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
11	St John XXIII	Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
12	St Wilfrid	Mal 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13
13	St Edward the Confessor	Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
14	St Callistus	Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
15	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>	Isa 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14; Matt 22:1-1
16	Ss Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque	Rom 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
17	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b>	Rom 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
18	<b>ST LUKE</b>	2Tim 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9
19	Ss John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues	Rom 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
20	Friday	Rom 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
21	Saturday	Rom 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12
22	<b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>	Isa 45:1,4-6; IThess 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21
23	St John of Capistrano	Rom 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-75
24	St Anthony Mary Claret	Rom 5:12,15,17-21; Luke 12:35-38
25	Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
26	Ss Chadd & Cedd	Rom 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
27	Friday	Rom 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59
28	<b>Ss SIMON &amp; JUDE</b>	Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19
29	<b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ODRDINARY</b>	Exod 22:20-26; Thess 1:5-10; Matt 22:34-40
30	Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
31	Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

# FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,

October begins for us at St Symphorian's with our Harvest Festival. This is traditionally a time to give thanks to God for a harvest safely gathered in and after Mass there will be the opportunity to enjoy a Bring and Share Lunch together.

*Come, ye people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin  
God our maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.*

This well-known Harvest hymn was written by Henry Alford in 1844, when he was Rector of Sandford in Buckinghamshire. Alford drew his inspiration from Psalm 100 'Everyone on earth, acclaim the Lord, serve the Lord gladly...' and the first verse is a celebration of Harvest and calls people to give thanks to God.

At Harvest we thank God for his goodness to us, while at the same time remembering that while we are fortunate in that we have food to eat and water to drink, there are many people who do not; people both close to home and further afield, for whom Harvest is not a time to rejoice. This year we will be supporting SHOUT WSK (Worthing Soup Kitchen). This charity seeks to provide emergency food and support for the homeless and vulnerable in our community and details as to how you can play your part are on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

With my love and prayers,

Father Robert

*Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-  
being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*





## Regular Giving by Direct Debit

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to St Symphorian's Church on a regular monthly basis (or quarterly or annually if you prefer). It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to our parish bank account by the 10th of the month. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to [church] which benefits our cash flow.

## Optional Annual Increases

If you opt to increase your gift annually, PGS will write to you and advise you of the new amount. If this is acceptable you don't need to do anything, but you can choose to add more or to decrease the amount if you wish. If the majority of our planned givers were to opt for this, it would have a huge impact on our finances. Like many churches, one of the problems we face is that of 'static giving', often through inertia rather than intention.

## One-Off Giving

It is also possible to make a one-off gift online and add Gift Aid if you are eligible. Instead of setting up a new Direct Debit, you use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Scan the QR code to get started.

## Three ways you can set up a regular gift with PGS

- The simplest way is online. Visit <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/durrington-worthing/> or scan the QR code
- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
- By post using the application form at the back of church

You will need your bank details to set up the Direct Debit and, for phone or postal applications, church's unique parish code 101070127

**Thank you for considering this option in your support of  
St Symphorian's Church, Durrington.**

## **A Look at our Finances**

As we enter October it often feels like we enter the money month as we hear adverts for 'free' wills, Harvest, poppy appeals and then the focus turns to Christmas and the writing of the annual accounts. Back in March when we had our last APCM, it was predicted that the coming year would, financially, be hard for us as a church. The financial crisis was biting everyone, and the contracts that had protected the church from major increases had come to an end. Time to take a moment to look at the financial position of the church.

The church works in the same economic environment as our households. As the price of everything goes up in houses, so it does in churches. On top of that, anything that is considered to be 'churchy' usually has a higher price tag on it too! The combined result of this was that by end of July we were £7,000 in the red. And the position appears to be getting worse each month.

There are a few things we can try to do about this, but we need your help!

We would like to increase the number of hall hirers, especially regular hirers of the halls. A starting point for this is to produce advertising banners for Durrington Hill and New Road. This will cost approximately £50. We are asking for donations to enable us to produce these banners.

Our main source of income is from the regular (possibly sacrificial) giving of the worshipping community. As proclaimed in the Act of the Apostles, we are called to share their world goods with God and put our trust in Him to provide for all our needs. Stewardship is time talents and treasure, and we should regularly reflect how we give to God in all of these areas. Do we / can we ever give enough for what He does for us?

The most efficient way to give to the church is through Parish Buying Scheme. Information on this scheme and how to join can be found on the last page. If you need any more help, please see the Stewardship Officer, Paule Harper, or the Parish Treasurer, Jane Winter.

Money in the church, as in all households, is very tight. We are working hard to ensure that every penny is spent according to the wishes of the givers and as effectively as possible, making use of easyfundraising, all discounts, best prices and discount websites at our disposal. Thank you for your support.

Jane Winter



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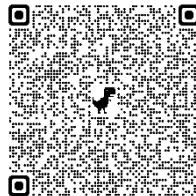
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# Social and Fundraising Update

During August we held the Summer Fete which raised £1,550 (less expenses) and the Parish BBQ hosted at the Vicarage which also raised £175.80. This was followed up by the Ride and Stride Coffee Morning with entertainment from Playback which raised £130. By the time this magazine is printed, we will also have had the Coffee Morning for Macmillan hosted by our Pram and Toddler. We will announce the amount raised in next month's magazine. Thank you to everyone who help at these events.

In October we are hosting Ronnie Smith's Big Band on 17th October. Booking is advisable. To book your place you can follow this QR code.



Looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be running this in the same way as the Summer Fete i.e. asking everyone to organise a stall. Please sign up for stalls as early as possible as this helps with the publicity. Also please do encourage more people to come along. So far, we have the following stalls:

- Biscuit decorating organised by Pram and Toddler Group
- Festive Lucky Dip organised by Matt
- Food organised by Jane and Paul
- Refreshments organised by Chris from Rocket Refreshments
- Face Painting and Tattoos by Zoe

What festive stall could you organise? Sign-up sheets with suggestions are at the back of church. Please note we are asking you to organise the stall therefore if you need help purchasing prizes, signs for the stall etc, please speak to the committee. We are here to help.

**CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE**

**Saturday  
2<sup>nd</sup> December  
11am—3pm**

**St Symphorian's  
Church  
Durrington Hill  
BN13 3HU**

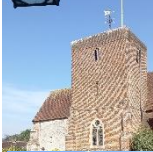
**Fun for all the  
family!**

A cartoon illustration of a reindeer's head, facing forward, with large eyes, a prominent red nose, and brown antlers. It is wearing a red and white striped scarf.

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# RIDE+STRIDES

## for Churches



Whilst the church community supported the Coffee Morning and Playback in church, Stephen and I rode around the churches of the Chichester Deanery. Thankfully we were given permission to park at St George's Church in Chichester from where we cycled around the 25 churches of the Deanery. This included: St Pancreas followed by St Pauls, Chichester, The Chapel at Chichester University, St Nicholas, Mid Lavant, St Mary's East Lavant, St Peter's Westhampnet, St Blaise Boxgrove, St Stephen's North Mundham, St Leadegar Hunston, St Mary our Lady Sidlesham, St Peter's Selsey, Earnley Church, St Anne's East Wittering, St Peter's and St Paul's, West Wittering, St Nicholas, West Itchenor, St James' Birdham, st George's Donnington, St Mary the Virgin, Apuldram, St Peter and Mary Fishbourne, St Wilfird's Hospice Bosham, St Immanuel (held in Bishop Luffa School), St Wilfrid's Chichester and ending back at St George's Chichester.

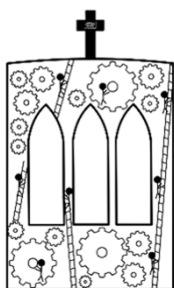


It was a very hot ride, and we were very grateful to the people who manned the churches who offered cold refreshments and refilled water bottles for the ride.

We cycled 58 miles during the day and have raised £207.50 which will be split between the Sussex Historical Churches and the Church Hall Roof Appeal. Thank you for your support. Jane Winter



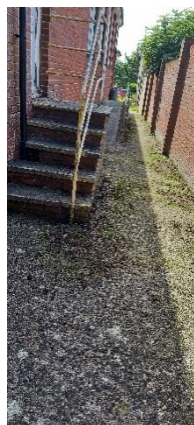
## Buildings Update



Our last maintenance day was on 2<sup>nd</sup> September when a handful of people met to improve the gardens of the church and church hall and undertake some cleaning jobs in the hall. During our 2 hours Paule and Peter cleaned all the mugs in the church hall, removing the brown stains which has been noticed and much appreciated, especially by the Pram and Toddler Group.

As a follow up to the previous gardening day, Malcolm did sterling work spraying weed killer around the car park, fences and the church. While this was going on, Jon was clearing weeds in the New Road car park and Jane and Emma tackled the west side of the hall - making quite an impression on the weeds.

Our next cleaning day will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9am when we hope to clean all the tables and chairs in the hall. We would be grateful for more helpers to come to these mornings to help share the workload around the whole worshipping community – there are jobs for all!





# Our Lady of Walsingham

# Festival

Saturday 14th October 2023



## Programme

10:30 Solemn Mass

*Celebrant: The Bishop of Lewes*

*Preacher: Fr Graeme Rowlands*

11:30 Tea and coffee

12:00 'Mary in the Old Testament?'

*The Revd Dr Earl Collins*

12:45 Lunch\*

13:45 'Mary in our lives today'

*The Ven Dr Edward Dowler*

14:30 Healing ministries

15:15 Benediction

*\* there will be no charge for lunch,  
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# October Prayer Diary

Please find below a daily prayer diary. Each day (except Sunday), we pray for three streets in our parish. If you spot any road is missing from the list, please email [magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk](mailto:magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk).

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Holy Guardian Angels St Richard's, Maybridge and St Andrew's, West Tarring Red Kite Way, Redwood Close, Rees Close
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Healing Robin Road, Rochester Close, Romany Road
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis of Assisi Franciscans Rockingham Close, Roedean Road, Roxburgh Close
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	The faithful departed Rudd House, Salvington Close, Salvington Road
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Bruno The Emergency Services Sapphire Drive, Sandringham Mews, Saxifrage Way
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Prisoners & captives Scotney Close, Sefton Close, Shelby Road
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St John Henry Newman The unity of the Church Sherbrooke Close, Shetland Court, Silverbirch Drive
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	St Paulinus of York HM The King Skylark rise, Snapdragon Lane, Speedwell Close
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St John XXIII The long-term sick Spey Close, Squadron Drive, St Mary's Court
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Wilfrid The diocese of Chichester Stone Lane, Stour Close, Stour Road

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	St Edward the Confessor The shrine of St Edward the Confessor, Westminster Abbey Summerdown Close, Sunflower Street, Sunningdale Road
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Callistus I Diocesan Walsingham Festival Swallows Green Drive, Sycamore Road, Tamar Avenue
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Hedwig Spiritual Writers Tamar Close, Tasman Way, Tavy Close
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Ignatius of Antioch Our parish link with Münchberg Tay Road, Taw Close, Teasel Drive
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Luke</b> National Health Service Thames Way, Tomson Close, Timber Close
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Paul of the Cross The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Titnore Lane, Titnore Way, Toronto Close
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Our Churchwardens Torridge Close, Treharne Close, Tulip Tree Road
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Those persecuted for the faith Twyford Close, Twyford Gardens, Twyford Road
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St John of Capistrano The recently baptized Tyne Close, Vancouver Close, Vancouver Road
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony Mary Claret The anxious and depressed Varey Road, Vicarage Fields, Violet Close
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Those training for ordination Walnut Tree Way, Water Lily Way, Wayside Avenue



Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Chad and Cedd The Northern Province Wear Close, Wear Road, Welland Close
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Those who mourn Welland Road, Wear Road, Wentworth Close
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ss Simon and Jude</b> Bishop Martin West Tyne, White House Place, Whitebeam Road
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Our carers and Toddlers Group Whylands Avenue, Whylands Close, Whylands Crescent
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	The Royal Family Willow Crescent, Windrush Close, Winterbourne Close



**All Saints Sunday**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am Parish Mass**

Mass will be followed by refreshments  
Please feel free to join us.

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**All Souls Day**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**7pm Sung Mass**  
**including prayers for the departed**

Please feel free to join us.

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## **‘The Castaways’ by Lucy Clarke.**

This story focuses primarily on the relationship between two sisters. We are taken on a tour of flashbacks throughout their lives from childhood to adult hood chronologically separated by an horrific plane crash. The pinnacle of the book is what happens to one of the sisters when she and several other people are marooned on an uninhabited island in the Fijian archipelago after the crash.

There have been many stories written by others on this very subject.

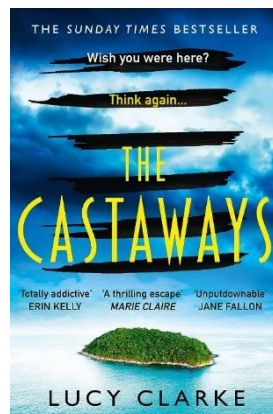
This story however chronicles the separation of the two sisters after a disagreement between them when one of the sisters, Erin, decides not to travel with her sister Lori thus avoiding the crash.

The book divides itself between the horrific Plane Crash that the sister Lori is subjected to and the total determination of her other sister Erin to find her. The reader does not know until the very end whether it is pilot error or plane malfunction and the very survival of the few left behind is pivotal in this regard. The day to day even hour by hour struggle of the survivors is painstakingly written as if the author herself has been through such an ordeal.

Many family themes run through the story such as Lori’s heartfelt wish to have children, her husband’s infidelity in the survival of a baby on board, the care of which falls to Lori being the only female survivor, the mother of the baby having died when the plane crashed.

In the days after the crash what the survivors go through is hauntingly atmospheric. It is as if the reader is there with the survivors so powerful is the authors telling of the story.

The lives of the sisters go through painful transformation after the crash. This is exposed in the horrors the survivors are subjected to. The emotional torment of the supposedly surviving sister and the culmination of the two actually finding each other again. The story leading up to



Lori and Erin finding each other is steeped in intrigue and a foreboding mystery with a surprising twist at the end which keeps the reader enthralled throughout.

The actual crash is cataclysmic and compelling enough as a read but the author keeps the reader spellbound as she writes the story through the eyes of the two sisters involved. Their lives are involved and evolving through Lori fighting for survival along with a few others and the baby and the sister Erin who is desperate to find her and who eventually does so amidst surprising and disturbing events.

If the reader can steel themselves to read this powerful story, I think it is a triumph in human endeavour, very thought-provoking and does not allow the reader a happy ending but provides an insight into the frailty of the human condition.

Book club gave the score as 7.2.

### **Durrington You Group**

Our next meeting October 17th at 2.30pm will be John and Yvonne Eddleston Talk on "What goes on Behind the Scenes of TV Quizzes and Game Shows". Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances "The Royal Train" Talk has been postponed until September 2024.

We meet in the main Parish Centre Hall BN13 3HU . Further details from the Parish Office 01903 268109 or email: [theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk](mailto:theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk)

### **The Durrington "You" Group**

A community interest outreach group for all .

**Tuesday October 17th at 2.30pm**  
please arrive by 2.15 pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.



By  
John and Yvonne  
Eddleston

"What goes on  
behind the scenes  
of television Quiz  
and Game shows"



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### **Working Party: A date for your diary.**

The next working party will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 11am. What we aim to do will be weather dependent.

We would like to continue with the garden work pulling out weeds around the Church Hall building. In addition, we may be cleaning the tables and chairs in the Main Hall or straitening up the chairs in the Church. Regardless of the weather, your help is needed. Tea and buns will be served. All help gratefully received.



# ‘Lighter Tales from the Chiltern Hills’..

By Father Arthur

(These events happened as related but names have been changed out of respect for the good parish folk involved, whose companionship and faith immeasurably enriched my life.)

St.Uriel’s Church serves Stableden, a scattering of dwellings off the beaten track, with a large Regency Manor House set in extensive gardens. The medieval village was long ago cleared of people to make way for profitable livestock grazing, the fate of many such in the Vale of Aylesbury. The church fell into ruin, was partly demolished, and later rebuilt by extending the chancel, and adding a tower, doubtless.to improve the view from the manor.

There was no priest, and a regular congregation of ten in the tale’s time. (Recent urban ‘development’ has since encroached upon its pastoral seclusion).



Consulting with the churchwarden about the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, he asked if the traditional sequence of readings could be amended to include rather more Old Testament material. He explained that the Manor had come into the ownership of a Jewish family who enjoyed the Christmas season as the occasion for a warm family gathering, and particularly the festival service, to which they liked to make a contribution by providing the flowers. The younger members of the family, of which there were a few, also loved reading the lessons, and they all loved the carol-singing.

With mental apologies to King’s College (that prestigious institution itself has abandoned Dean Milner-White’s readings and theology) a suitable format was put together. Came the evening of the service and the church interior resembled the Tropical House at Kew. The Manor family arrived, more than doubling the congregation. The young people read beautifully and reverently. Everyone joined lustily in the carols and tucked into the mince pies afterwards, wishing us the happiness of the season as they departed. (And yet the secularists would substitute

‘Winterval’ for Christmas on the pretext that our rejoicing would offend people of other faiths!)

Afterwards, invited by the churchwarden to help count the collection, it ran into four figures in high denomination notes. “Now you see”, he said, “why we changed the pattern. This will keep us going for another year”.

Another season, another place. High up in the hills, buried in the woods, is the hamlet of Deansend. The guide book says it boasts of a church - a little hall-type building - a village hall proper, a village pond, and lanes that become impassable in the winter.



Once it had two pubs and a shop. Arriving at St.Lazarus’s to take its Harvest Festival and waiting for the key-holder to arrive , one might have reflected on the aptness of the dedication. When she came it was with the tidings that the lady who played the harmonium was sick, but she knew of somebody in a neighbouring village who might step in. While waiting her return, the congregation arrived – a young father and his little daughter bearing a bunch of grapes. On her reappearance with the ‘somebody’ in tow, a further trial: he did not have hymns in his repertoire, nor sheet music, but thought he could play by ear ‘O God our help in ages past’ and ‘Jerusalem’. Well, “Where two or three are gathered.....”, so with two good hymns, prayer, a bunch of grapes, priest, organist and a faithful gathering of three, Deansend gave thanks for the harvest in that year, as ever.

Not long after the event described above, Stableden manor house and grounds were purchased by a highly rated Pop Star, who hired a well-known and expensive Celebrity Chef for his partying. I do not know whether or not St.Uriel’s continued to enjoy the manorial bounty.



Dear St. Symphorian's Church,

On behalf of all of us here at Afghanaid, I want to say a huge thank you for your continued support. Your donations allow our teams to provide urgent relief to vulnerable families across Afghanistan.

I have enclosed some leaflets, bookmarks, badges and newsletters to keep you updated on our work, and as a thank you for your generosity.

Best wishes,

Laura Rodwell

Communications Coordinator

**Afghanaid**

**Feast of the  
Dedication  
Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup> October  
10am Parish  
Mass**

Mass will be followed by  
refreshments

**Please feel free  
to join us.**

St Symphorian's Church, Durrington Hill,  
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# Children's Monster Craft Morning

10 crafts including materials and glue—  
just add scissors

**Saturday  
28<sup>th</sup> October**

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or in the church  
between 10am -  
11:30am

**£3 per child  
per bag**

For children aged 2-12years



**St Symphorian's Church**

Durrington Hill BN13 3PU  
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**BritishRedCross**



## **Following the Morocco earthquake, The British Red Cross launched an emergency appeal to help support people affected.**

On Friday 8 September, 11pm local time, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Morocco. The epicentre was in the High Atlas Mountains, approximately 70 kilometres south of Marrakesh. A 4.9 magnitude aftershock followed just 20 minutes later.

Local authorities are reporting that more than 2,900 people have died, with many more critically injured. The total number of people affected is in the hundreds of thousands.

Many of the worst affected areas are remote and mountainous, and the impact of the earthquake has made them even harder to reach.

People have lost everything. Homes have been reduced to rubble and survivors are in need of basic support like shelter, food and water.

### **Help now by donating to the Morocco Earthquake appeal.**

#### **How is the Red Cross helping people affected by the earthquake?**

**Local Moroccan Red Crescent teams were on the ground immediately responding to the earthquake.** They are supporting authorities with:

- search and rescue
- provision of water, food, shelter and hygiene kits
- evacuation
- first aid
- transportation of injured people to hospital
- psychosocial support

As the situation develops, their teams will continue to help with the severe and immediate needs of those affected, as well as planning the longer-term support that will be needed in the weeks and months to come.

## **In response to the catastrophic flooding in Libya the British red Cross launched an emergency appeal to support the people affected.**

On Sunday 10 September, Storm Daniel hit north-eastern Libya, causing strong winds and sudden heavy rainfall. The result was devastating flash floods, where “tsunami-like” waves swept away everything in their path.

In the port city of Derna, two dams burst under the pressure and entire neighbourhoods were destroyed by the three-metre-high flood waters. Thousands of people were killed, and bridges, buildings and vital infrastructure were badly damaged.

The eastern cities of Benghazi, Sousa, and Al-Marj also experienced flash flooding and, like Derna, are in urgent need of vital aid and support.

People are in desperate need of our help. If you can, please make a donation today.

### **Donate to the Libya Floods Appeal now..**

#### **How is the Red Cross helping?**

**People have lost everything. Right now, the Libyan Red Crescent is helping deliver vital aid to survivors in the flooded areas and is supporting with rescue efforts.**

This includes:

- First aid and medical assistance
- Search and rescue
- Evacuating families
- Provision of food, water, emergency shelter kits and other relief items

**So far we have raise £97.70 for the British Red Cross for these two worthy appeals.**



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# Update from Chichester Cathedral



## New Workshop for Church Art to be established in Chichester.

*On Thursday 14th September The Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, The Right Reverend Richard Moth, blessed the new Chichester Workshop for Liturgical Art, at an event in South Harting hosted jointly with The Bishop of Chichester, The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner.*

Guests including the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard, the Duchess of Richmond, as well as leading local artists, who gathered to see some of the recent artwork produced by the Workshop - including a nine-foot crucifix for Aberdeen's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Working with Chichester Cathedral, the Chichester Workshop seeks to be an international centre for the production and teaching of traditional liturgical art. Using skills and material that have been employed since the early centuries of the Christian



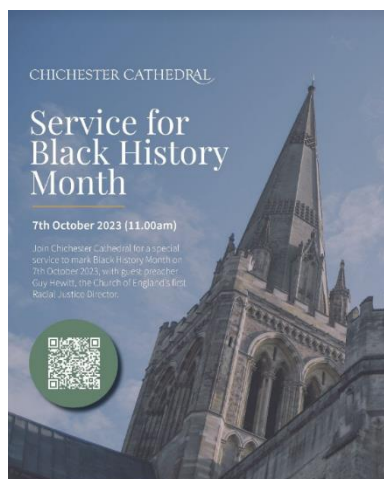
Church, the three artists currently involved in the Workshop, James Blackstone, Martin Earle and Aidan Hart, are working on commissions across a broad range of traditional media from people all over the world and across the Christian traditions. Whether making crucifixes, icons, altars or croziers for use in worship, the Workshop also seeks – through apprenticeships – to sustain these ancient artistic traditions for future generations.

An educational programme being developed in association with the Canon Precentor at Chichester Cathedral, The Reverend Dr Daniel Inman, also seeks to explain the importance of art in worship for the wider Church, believing, as the artists describe it, that liturgical art ‘presents a vision of the heavenly glories, and earth transformed’.

**Speaking of the Workshop, the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, said,**

"Damage on a global scale is a recurring feature of this century. We see it in our misuse of the environment, in war, poverty, and injustice. The Christian response is the quest for recovery of the sacred. This recovery reconfigures our damaged lives and environment. It endlessly restores a sense of the freedom and joy of being made by God and destined for life with God. Art plays an indispensable role in helping us to recover the sacred. Beyond words, and independent of fashion or finance, it can shape in our imagination an aptitude and delight in this world, in ourselves and in each other. I welcome the Chichester Workshop project, which is necessarily ecumenical and refreshingly profound in its thought and purpose."

By 2025, it is hoped, the Workshop will be established in the Cathedral Close itself, expressing a continuity in artistic production and commissioning at Chichester that stretches back to the Cathedral's first decades and witnessed in the famous Lazarus reliefs of the 1120s that are found in the south aisle.



## Diocese to celebrate Black History Month

The Cathedral will be hosting a special service to celebrate Black History Month on 7th October with Guy Hewitt, the Church of England's first Racial Justice Director with contributions from our church of England School choirs.

# Puzzle Corner

## OCTOBER WORDSEARCH

### COMPOSERS

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*GOD GIVES US  
THINGS TO  
SHARE; GOD  
DOESN'T GIVE US  
THINGS TO HOLD.*

*Mother Teresa*

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# **COPY DATE**

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## **NOVEMBER**

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### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ST SYMPHORIAN'S CHURCH HALL

Monday	Penfold Bowls Zumba 7pm
Tuesday	You Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month) Ronnie Smith Big Band Rehearsal* (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month)
Wednesday	Durrington Book Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month) Dementia Friendly Community Choir* (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month) Rangers
Thursday	Brownies and Guides
Friday	Pram and Toddler 10am Martial Arts Class

\*in church

## Venue for Hire

The Church Hall and Atkinson Room are available for hire for parties and functions.



Charges are:  
Main Hall £25 per hour  
Atkinson Room £16 per hour  
Both Halls £38 per hour



All bookings have access to the kitchen.

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