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Are you hiding your light under a basket?

by Olive Law

St Paul had the most dramatic conversion. He was on the Road to Damascus, trying to stop people from following Jesus, when he saw a blinding light and heard Jesus speak to him. I used to wish that my own faith journey had such a definitive start, when Jesus revealed himself to me, but it didn't. I have always been to church and my faith has grown with me. Yes, there have been watershed moments along the way, times of challenge and zeal, when I have been much more aware of the light and presence of Jesus in my life. Jesus reveals his light to each of us uniquely; sometimes when we are looking quite the wrong way!

Jesus said "I am the light of the world". He told us to take his light



with us and let it shine in the dark corners of the world, rather than hiding it away.

I love puzzles – doing them and creating them. In the following (very odd) short story there are fourteen different light sources hidden away in the words. See if you can reveal them all.

Call Ant Ernest, if you like, but he was determined to get the right car, one that would suit his new role, posh enough for a diplomat – Chrysler perhaps.

He could see a Cadillac and Lexus in the show room and was that a Fiat or Chevrolet? There was a Limo on the forecourt: maybe a bit too dashing. He tried to read the number plate, peering low. 'W or M?' he wondered. 'I must get my eyesight checked and I didn't expect them to clamp the wheels'.

Maybe he should go electric? He wasn't sure. As he stared blankly, the salesman gave him a handful

of bump on engines and Tesla services.

Suddenly, the air was torn asunder with a loud crack as a car backfired. He wished his wife had come too. She was so good at these things. She would have led him straight to the right car and he was full of doubts. Perhaps he should come back another day and ask her advice.

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The Lord your God is with you,
He is Mighty To Save

He will take great delight in you,
He will quiet you with His Love
He will rejoice over you with singing
Zephaniah 3:17



What is the Electoral Roll?

The Electoral Roll of a Church is the Church's register of regular worshippers.

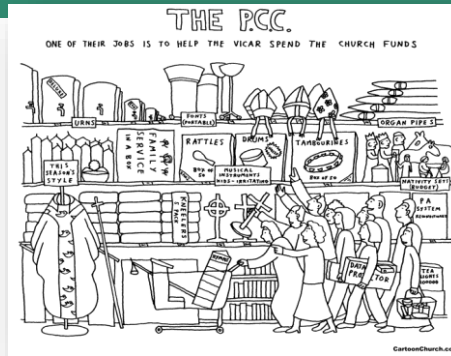
Why join the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll is for those wishing to be part of a worshipping community. For us here at Christ Church, it is an important way for you to confirm your commitment to Christ Church's community and to the vision of our church. But it can also help to open up the way for you to have a greater involvement in the life of our church too.

If you are not already on our electoral roll but feel this is something you would like to do, please do send us an email to admin@christchurchwarley.org

We will then send you the relevant form for completion.

Before you complete the form, I would advise you to take a moment and read the second page of the form as it details how Christ Church will use your email address and other personal data, whilst adhering to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)



What is the PCC?

It is The Parochial Church Council

Why join the PCC?

As a PCC Member, and trustee, you can make a real difference. You will be able to have a say in its aims and direction, its mission and vision, finances and the employment of any staff etc.

If you would like to consider standing for our PCC at our APCM, please email admin@christchurchwarley.org and we will send you the relevant application form



SAVE THE DATE

**APCM –
Sunday 23rd
May 2021**

It will be held straight after the morning service.

It is open to anyone who would like to attend. You don't need to be on the PCC or electoral roll to attend the meeting. However, if you would like to vote on anything, then you would need to be on the electoral roll.

KIDZONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help?? If you feel able to assist our existing leaders, please email us at admin@christchurchwarley.org for more information.

Or, why not have a chat with either Revd Stuart or one of our existing KidZone leaders who will be more than happy to tell you a bit more about what would be involved with helping with KidZone

The day in the life of a Zookeeper- The snowy edition

by Hannah Suttling

A bit about me

I have been a Christian for my whole life having attended Holy Trinity in Chelmsford since I was little. It was here that I met Stuart and subsequently followed when he moved to Warley. I currently live in Gravesend with my fiancé Iain, we are due to get married in July, which is actually our fourth date thanks to covid, but hopefully this time it will be going ahead. I am a big animal fan as I have many animals at home and being a zookeeper at the Fenn Bell conservation project in Rochester get to spend my working days with a variety of other animals. It's hard work but I wouldn't change it for anything!

2020 was supposed to be a grand and exciting time for the project. We had plans to extend to the pub, gain additional land and bring in more endangered species into the zoo so we could do our part in protecting the natural world! Unfortunately, Covid-19 came along.

Even though we have been closed a lot of the time, we have been overwhelmed by the sheer generosity of our supporters. In the



last year alone, we have managed to raise over £40,000 which will safely see us through to the end of March, which we are truly thankful for. Despite being closed, we still have a job to do at the zoo and I thought it would be great to share with you what goes on behind the scenes.

My day typically begins at 8:30am and we begin by catching up on any behavioural/health points to monitor that have been previously noted. Once those initial checks are done, we then head down to the zoo kitchen for diet preparation. We have all sorts of animals at the zoo and all of them have unique set diets and requirements. Typically, we will also feed some of our Primates (Lemurs, Capuchins and Marmosets) nice and early due to our small monkeys having a crazy fast metabolism and needing access to food for most of the day. They are a hungry bunch!



Next, we head down to the pub for the ever-important cup of tea, especially so in the minus

temperatures all week! After warming up a little we then focus our attentions on feeding and cleaning the rest of the zoo, to help keep the animals dry and warm which is ever so important on a cold winter's day. While we feed, we also look to add enrichment for the animals, which it turns out the snow was fantastic for and our animals could be found enjoying our snowmen or simply rolling around in the snow. For some of our animals like our Binturongs and our Bobcat, this was their first ever time seeing snow, and let's just say, some of them preferred it to others! After lunch, we usually do extra jobs like barking, weeding, training and general maintenance to make sure everything is in tip top shape.



Well, that pretty much sums up a day in my life as a keeper, it can be a lot of hard work and require lots of patience, but it is also a very rewarding job that I love doing. We will be looking to pick ourselves up at the zoo and have plans to expand the zoo in 2021 with hopes of building for a successful future.

New role: Pastoral Assistant

by Louise Kearns

I have been part of the Christ Church family for nearly 25 years, ever since I moved to live in Essex, having originated further north. I was really pleased when Heather asked me to write something for the Newsletter, as it is a great opportunity to share some ideas about how I would like to serve Christchurch in the coming months. I retired a few months' ago, so I now have more time to give to church activities. I have been considering for some time, what I can offer and, when it was suggested that Pastoral Care would be a valuable ministry, I started to explore this.



Having now completed a preliminary course on Pastoral Care, run by the Chelmsford Diocese, I think this is definitely something which I should pursue and so I am now planning to start formal training to become a Pastoral Assistant. As a Pastoral Assistant I hope to be able to assist Stuart in caring for those in our church family who need support, particularly those who are older, or

isolated or housebound. I would also envisage an "advocacy" role, which aims to represent those who cannot always attend church in person or join in online activities.

I know that, in the past, many people have been part of the Pastoral Team at Christ Church, providing a wonderful ministry and witness to both the church congregation and also the wider community. It would be great if, one day, a wider pastoral ministry like that was re-established, meeting the needs of different people in the church family.

I would love to hear from others in the church with suggestions or questions for me. I am sure I could learn from some of you who have been involved in pastoral work in the past. Equally maybe, like me, you may feel drawn to care for others and would now like to get more involved.

In the meantime, I hope to keep you updated how my training progresses and perhaps share some resources which I acquire from the course.

with best wishes, Louise



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Do get in touch with Louise with any thoughts on re-establishing pastoral ministry at Christ Church, or if you would like to be involved.

Do you have an article for the next Newsletter??

If you would like to be part of a future addition of our Newsletter, please submit any articles to the following email:

admin@christchurchwarley.org

Please could we ask that any articles are no longer than 300 words. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.