



PEWS NEWS

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

10am Cafe Church, Winn Hall

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Marilyn Bailey, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Ginny Fraser, Jacquie Griffiths, Fr Shane Griffiths, Stacey Medalyer, Christine Miles, Dean Perkins, David Rivett, and Hazel Wiltshire.

Pop-Up stall

The Pop-Up Stall team will be braving the October weather this Saturday, so do come along, say hello, and treat yourself to a treat!

We are looking for occasional volunteers to help with baking cakes and staffing the stall from time to time. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Sue on **01483 00286**.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Cafe Church

This Sunday, we are delighted to welcome Canon John Bundock to our relaxed Café Church service. John will be sharing stories and reflections from his adventures walking the famous Camino pilgrimage route. Join us from 9.30am for a continental breakfast before the service begins.





Hearing the Whisper of Grace

Our world has a sad and often violent underbelly, fuelled by poverty, inequality, greed, mismanagement, conflict and the growing challenges posed by climate change. The news and social media are saturated with bad news. Bad news sells. It attracts clicks, fuels outrage and keeps us coming back for more.

This is nothing new. Paul foresaw a time when people would prefer comfortable messages to challenging truths:

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead... they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." (2 Timothy 4:3)

Bad news rarely asks anything of us. It may disturb, anger and frighten us, but it seldom calls us to change.

The Gospel is different. It demands a response. Repentance. Surrender. Discipleship. Jesus said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

That is not an easy message in a comfort-seeking world.

The 24-hour news cycle thrives on fear and anxiety. Headlines constantly warn of crisis, conflict, economic uncertainty, crime, political upheaval and technological threats. Everywhere we look, there seems to be another "existential threat" demanding our attention.

Yet all the while, people live in God's garden of beauty, surrounded by daily signs of His love, presence and provision. Too often, we are more attuned to the storm than to the still small voice.

The rustling of the Spirit, the whisper of grace, and the warmth of God's presence can easily be missed when our hearts are crowded with noise and fear.

Paul reminds us: "The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

There is a real spiritual battle taking place. The enemy seeks to distract, discourage, and divide. Christ calls us instead to hope, truth and peace.

The Gospel is Good News precisely because we live in a world filled with bad news.

Our calling is to live that Good News so authentically that others see it as real, relevant and radiant. We are to be waymarks pointing towards the One who offers what the world never can: forgiveness, freedom, hope and resurrection life.

In a world drowning in despair, God still speaks of joy. In a culture hooked on fear, Christ still proclaims peace. Perhaps the challenge for each of us is this: to open our ears again, not to the clamour of the world, but to the whisper of grace. The Good News does not merely inform. It transforms.

And so the question remains: **Am I truly an agent of that transformation to all who encounter my witness and example?**



Harvest celebrations bring our community together

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Supper and Quiz Night. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and a wonderful celebration of harvest, community and friendship. We are especially grateful to the PCC for all their hard work in organising the event and ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. Many others also contributed in countless ways, and we thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

Our Harvest celebrations continued on Sunday with a joyful Harvest Festival service in church. Thank you to all who brought donations for the Godalming Minster Foodbank. These gifts have now been passed on and will help support those facing hardship in our local area. While our offering may seem small, we hope it will make a meaningful difference to those in need and reflect the generosity and compassion at the heart of our community.



“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”
Genesis 8:22

