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Letter to our church & community

Dear friends, sisters and brothers,

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Inspired by Charlotte Gambill

1 Corinthians 12 18-20

Do we like doing jigsaws? We can get so frustrated with the one piece that whatever way we look at it and try making it fit, it just won't!!! Then we **look up** at the big picture on the box lid, fixing the image again to inspire and keep us searching for the right place to put the single piece.



Charlotte encourages us to choose in life the big picture. We need to know in the small pieces that we are part of the big, and in the big we can achieve it by doing the small. If we lose the box lid, the pieces lose their context and their purpose. Equally without the pieces the box lid is just a picture that is painted but will never be constructed. During this time when we are forced to be separate pieces of jigsaw let's keep in mind the big picture, and whoever you are and however you are feeling you are an important part of the BIG PICTURE of God's plans. So with all the funny shapes and colours of the small jigsaw pieces, let's get EVERY piece on the board so as we begin this strange Advent season we know we belong to God's BIG PICTURE where ever that may be.

Sally

PLEASE JOIN in our Livestream WORSHIP

this Sundays @11am in St Helen's

<https://www.facebook.com/SandalMagnaParish/>

It's lovely to hear that so many are enjoying the livestream worship and drawing spiritual nourishment from joining in.

As one of our team of preachers, I have a request to make. It's a bit disconcerting preaching in an empty church so it would be really good to know who is out there listening in, as it would help us in our preaching.

Could we possibly ask you to *like* the broadcast to give us an idea of who is out there? Then we can all discover who is in the *congregation*, and feel part of the body of Christ in worship. Many thanks, *Rupert*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE.....

From 29th November the first Sunday in Advent we will be live streaming at:
10am in St Helen's with John Arnold playing our favourite advent hymns we can all sing along to **AND**
11am in St Helens with our different worship bands.

We are going to move our **Happy Half Hours to 11.45am-12.15pm** after the morning worship. Please join us with a cup of coffee and let's catch up with each other. **This will start on Sunday 22nd November.**

If you would like the details please text Sally on 07910558139

This will happen weekly x

Mavis Easter has said she is really enjoying

“Daily Hope from Lambeth Palace”

If you phone this number for free 0800 804 8044 you can choose an option and enjoy some precious thoughts to encourage you in your faith.

If you are looking for inspiration please do consider downloading the **Lectio 365** prayer app. Many of us are being blessed everyday by this teaching and would recommend it to you all.

PRACTICAL WAYS OF HELPING.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY DEBT HELP

Appointments are available now in all WF postcode areas.

Call **0800 328 0006** or visit capuk.org

Sarah Cutts, Debt Centre Manager, Wakefield District

The Wakefield CAP Debt Centre is open and wants to help.



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY FORUM – CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2020.

I am so encouraged as I have had several enquiries as to whether we will be providing hampers this year for our own parishioners who are struggling. PCF are once again

hoping to provide 25 hampers for those very much in need – more so than ever this year – who are struggling to cope financially. Some families will have nothing to make a meal in the cupboard on Christmas Day. Each of our hampers will provide 2 meals and chocolates for a family and will cost £50 each. ALL donations – large or small are so welcome.



To donate please can you put cash in an envelope with Portobello Community Forum hampers written on the envelope or write a cheque payable to Portobello Community Forum and place it in an envelope. If possible please can you push these through the vicarage letter box. If you are unable to do that please ring me on 01924 274366 and I will arrange to collect it.

In the past your generosity for this appeal has been wonderful and I hope you are able to contribute to this very local cause.

Thank you so much

Pam Payling

01924 274366



Thank you to all who joined this evening, it was really fun and a blessing to share and give together



We have launched our **new website**
www.thespring.sandalmagna.com
which offers you an online ordering system.

It would be lovely to be able to serve as many of you as possible over this time so please get in contact with us with orders through the web-site,

Or by telephoning The Spring, 01924 242593

or via our new Food Ordering line on 07729209837.

*Due to current government restrictions, the SCA is unable to host its annual Christmas Tree Light switch on this year. However, the SCA still wants to do what it can to **lift local spirits** in the run-up to Christmas!*

The SCA proudly introduces Sandal's first
Christmas Lights Walking Tour
(or possibly a number of shorter walking tours!)

Enter into the community spirit and put a smile on so many faces, young and old, by decorating your house this Christmas (and getting your neighbours to join in!)

The SCA will then pull together, and make available online, a map showing all the streets that have joined in for you to walk around and share in the festive cheer.

Send your address to christmaslights@sandal.org.uk before Monday 30 November and get your lights up by Saturday 5 December.

We hope the whole community will get behind this initiative and, who knows, we may make it onto Look North if enough of us take part!

Last chance to get your windows into the Christmas Lights walking tour
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Finally a request from Tasawer to help with a fifth Round of food distribution to 290 families who can't access food because of their faith. Please drop donations round to the Vicarage if you are able to, or we can come and collect if you would prefer.

Food Package Update:

A bundle of thanks to all precious brothers and sisters who helped financially for the food packages for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan during these difficult days. With your generous help we have been able to feed around 290 families. We arranged the food packages in The Truth Institute. Pics and videos are attached with the email. I hope they will bless your hearts. Our students and staff at TTI worked hard to make this a possibility. Our guys went an extra mile and tried to provide packages to the widows, elderly people at the homes as they were not able to come to TTI to pick it up. There are amazing testimonies we have got so far. I am going to share one of them. One of ladies they went to give the food package showed one of our staff members that she did not have any flour or rice that day to feed her family. She said to him "Lord has sent an angel to our house today with the food" Every eye was filled with tears of thankfulness. She sent a lot of prayers and well wishes for all those who have made this the provision of food a reality. There are many other similar testimonies we have received so far. TTI stood out as a sign of charity and

care for so many during these days. I am so proud of you all and thankful to the Lord that he brought all of you dear brothers and sisters in my life.

Each package cost us £15. Each package included; Rice, flour, pulses, chickpeas, cooking oil, salt, chillies, spices, vermicelli, soaps, pastes. In each package a small paper is placed on which is written about the course we offer free of cost at TTI.

I am sending you a few photographs for your review. I hope they will bless your heart.

Your brother in Christ,
Tasawer



With a Jesus heart we can't help but bring healing, reconciliation, new life and hope wherever we go:
Henri Nouwen

With our love, appreciation and prayers for you all,
Rupert & Sally xx

