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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

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From the Church Registers:

At Rest:

26.06.25: Derek Charles Watkins

Baptism:

6.07.25: Archie Phillip Extence

Father James Writes

Very many thanks to those of you from our three churches and beyond that supported me at my 25th anniversary Eucharist on the 1st of July. During my sermon, I posed the question; ‘What if God was one of us?’ This has since led to some, shall we say, interesting conversations, so I thought I’d replicate the main body of my sermon here, for continued reflection:

I began with the chorus of Joan Osborne’s 1995 song ‘One of Us’

What if God was one of us?

Just a slob like one of us

Just a stranger on the bus

Tryin' to make his way home?

Many sincere believers were offended by the song, taking it as a cynical put down of their faith.

The idea of meeting God as a stranger on a bus seemed to these people to be on, or across the line of blasphemy.

But surely that’s exactly the central affirmation of our Christian gospel; that God has met us as a human being; Jesus of Nazareth, Mary and Joseph’s son, carpenter, teacher....

Met us, as one of us.....

And so why shouldn’t we meet God on a bus?

After all 1st Century Palestinians meet him on a Donkey, how is that any different?

Our problem is that we, unlike our well-loved biblical characters, do not initially meet Jesus as a human being.

Those first followers of Jesus met with him at his most human, they talked with him, walked with him, ate with him, laughed with him, cried with him, listened to his stories, and watched him interacting with his family and friends.

We however, encounter Jesus in the lofty doctrines of the church of England, in the grandeur of a beautifully crafted building, in a work of classic art, with a halo conveniently hovering over his perfect head.

We have never seen a stranger on the bus with a halo over their head; so we dismiss the possibility, of meeting God in such a place, and in doing so we chip away at the power of the incarnation; the belief that Jesus, God’s own Son, was born as we are, grew as we do and died as we will.

From the very beginning of those first disciples’ relationship with him, there was wonder, there was awe, there was more than they could explain with the usual answers.

Where did this man get his extraordinary authority to speak with such boldness and conviction, words which were such a breath of fresh air? How was it that His prayer, His touch could bring healing to people who had lost hope?

What kind of compassion could provide a community of acceptance for all kinds of people, so many of whom were excluded and shunned everywhere else?

There was speculation everywhere. Everyone was talking about this extraordinary man.

And then finally, according to the Gospels, there came a time in the experience of his closest followers, when Jesus asked them point blank, ‘how about you, what do you think? Who do you say that I am?’

The key to answering this question in our time, hinges I think, on re-discovering Jesus as a human being, just as those first disciples did. To a certain extent we need to put away the clever academic arguments, and meet with Jesus the man.

Our faith rests not so much on the hope that Jesus is like God, as if we were experts on what God is like; but rather on the hope that God is like Jesus, compassionate, forgiving, accepting and welcoming.

Jesus comes to us across the years; still vividly, still powerfully, still beautifully, and the question remains:

‘Who do you say that I am?’

If we meet Him as a human being, if we affirm Him as one in whom God is present and active, we are not only saying something about Jesus; We are opening ourselves to a possibility.

We are standing at the threshold of life's most exciting adventure.

An adventure that continues still.....For all of us.

What if God was one of us?

Just a slob like one of us

Just a stranger on the bus

Tryin' to make his way home?

God Bless

Fr. James

June 2025

The View from the Churchyard – Peter Berry



Wow! This is turning out to be quite a summer. Overall, the weather from early spring onwards has been remarkably dry and certainly at times very hot.

My farming contacts are reporting good hay being made but very light cuts due to a lack of moisture, followed by very slow regrowth in parched conditions. However not all is negative. Slow regrowth in the church yard takes a bit of the pressure off. The area we delay cutting until August is looking quite green and with its wildflowers is attracting a lot of butterflies and insects. Obviously, our volunteers work goes on and we are much encouraged by so many peoples' support for what we are trying to do. The highlight for me has been to see that both Framfield and Blackboys schools have had a class trip to the church and churchyard, learning of their history and the part they have played in the parish down the generations and the centuries. I came across some of them having a class picnic on the grass outside the church. It was lovely to see because the building and its surrounds and what they represent are for the young ones as much a part of their parish's heritage and history as anyone's and it is important they see and learn about it.

Thank you. Peter.

Please note that the latest notices and information are always posted on the church website. - www.framfieldchurch.org.uk.



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Our Family Friendly Service is a lively short happy service, where the children are actively involved.

**No Service in August
21st September 2025**

Looking for a local venue ?

Then look no further!

Framfield Church Hall is well placed in the village next to the Church. It is ideal for regular meetings, social & business events, special occasions, keep fit, exercise groups, birthday parties and other activities.

The hall can be used as an open space or with tables / seating for up to 60 persons. There is a fitted kitchen with catering equipment & crockery etc, a large AV screen, sound system, two loos (one with disabled facilities) and two disabled parking spaces directly outside the hall.

Currently it is used for Art classes, Pilates, Exercise groups, Drama, Singing, Karate Presentations, and children's birthday parties. Our rates are £12.00 per hour. For one off users (parties, wedding receptions etc), the hourly rate is £15.00.

For more details about the hall and its events please get in touch with Graham Seldon on 01825 508758, mobile 07973 685992, or email: hoss.graham.s@gmail.com

Diary of Church Services

Note: The latest church service information will always be on the Church website: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>

There is now an Evening Prayer Service at 5.00 pm either at East Hoathly or Chiddingly on the fourth Sunday of each month.

AUGUST 2025

- 03 **Seventh Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) – Revd James
- 10 **Eighth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at East Hoathly – Revd James (*No service at Framfield*)
- 17 **Ninth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at Chiddingly – Revd James (*No service at Framfield*)
- 24 **Tenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise - Peter Berry
5.00 pm Evening Prayer at *Chiddingly* – Revd James
- 31 **Eleventh Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at East Hoathly – Revd James (*No service at Framfield*)

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 07 **Twelfth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Eucharist and Baptism – Revd James
- 14 **Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at Chiddingly – Revd James (*No service at Framfield*)

- 21 **Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service – Revd Janice
- 28 **Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise (with Christine Hayler ??)
5.00 pm Evening Prayer at *East Hoathly* – Revd James

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)

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BY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025**

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Parish Council website: www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk

**CHURCH NEWS ITEMS MAY ALSO BE
EMAILED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk

This bi-monthly Newsletter is distributed free to all homes (around 1100)
within the Parish.

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
Memorial Hall, Framfield
The market opens from 10 am to 12 noon.

2025

26 July

August – no market

27 September

25 October

29 November

20 December

Please contact Ann Newton with any queries
01825 890182 or email clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

Thank you for continuing to Collect

MILK BOTTLE TOPS: These as we said before now go to The National Air and Sea Rescue. Still any colour from the 1pt/2pt/4pt milk bottles although they are mainly clear colour now, they are still needed. Thank you for making sure they are clean too. Hand them into Sandy and Keith at Framfield Markets.

Also USED STAMPS: Thank you again for handing in so many, always leave good bit of envelope around stamp.

These now go to Eastbourne DG Hospital, (they only collect stamps) Also some go to SGA (Slavic Gospel Association). We are pleased to say our Friends Mary and Ben (Hickman) help us with this now, as we are delighted to say we receive so many stamps from you all. Again, Hand them into us at Framfield Markets. Keep collecting so we can help these worthy causes. Thank You All.
Sandy and Keith (Rogers) 01323 833121

Nature Notes

We are now in high summer. We have had the longest day (21st June), and now the days are getting shorter by several minutes each day. However, the high sun is heating the UK planet surface a little more day by day. This includes the waters of the sea around our islands warming the breezes that pervade the air we breathe. The outcome is that we enjoy a warm August before the September dews and dark evenings cool things down. Our swifts will have reproduced in our church and house rooves and returned to Africa by the end of August.

I have been delighted to see many six spot burnet moths (*Zygaena filipendulae*) emerging from their pupal cases in our garden this summer. They are also gracing our roadside verges that have been designated as wildflower verges by the council and are replete with birds-foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), black knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), ox-eye daisies (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), meadow buttercups (*Ranunculus acris*), self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and many more meadow flowers and grasses. The Six-spot Burnet moth is a distinctive, brightly coloured, day-flying moth with a wingspan of 30-40mm. Its most recognizable feature is the dark metallic green/black forewings, each adorned with six bright red spots. These spots can sometimes merge or be yellow or even black, and the hind wings are red with a blackish fringe. The moth is aposematic, meaning its bright colours warn predators that it is poisonous. However, it is no danger to humans unless we try to eat it. It also has a similar rarer cousin called the five-spot burnet moth (*Zygaena trifolii*). Their yellow and black larvae feed on the leaves of bird's-foot trefoil. Both species overwinter as caterpillars (larvae).

In our quest to halt climate change and species loss, I was struck by an initiative on the news recently when one person said that ideally, we should all be able to see 3 trees from our house windows. It follows that each tree is a vertical habitat supporting a complex food chain and provides ecosystem services. Each leaf is a solar panel absorbing CO₂ and producing O₂ while keeping the C (carbon) to build its body. Insects and other organisms eat the leaves, but the tree keeps producing new ones through the summer. Birds and other animals eat the insects and use the trees to reproduce in. The animals defaecate and eventually die generating a fertile soil below to feed the tree with additional nutrients. The tree also produces fruit and seeds to feed the animals including us. What a dynamic process! However, we must be careful to keep the trees as safe structures. Always at least 7 metres from the house, and occasionally pruned or pollarded to be safe in strong winds. They will also serve the purpose of helping to provide a cool shade and a tranquil habitat for quiet times in the garden. Providing extra food and water baths for the birds is also a good idea.

Martyn Stenning

Sussex Wildlife Trust

August 2025 – Our Elusive Water Voles

By Kerry Williams: Communications Officer – Conservation

Sussex Wildlife Trust

If you're on a reedbed ramble and hear a 'plop', you might have just missed one. Although active during the day, Water Voles are extremely shy and quiet. Given their rarity and secrecy, it's a wonder how anyone even knows they are there. So, here's a few tips.

Voles vs. Rats

As a semi-aquatic rodent, Water Voles are often referred to as 'water rats'. You could mistake one for a Brown Rat, but they are quite different. Water Voles have a blunt nose, a furry tail and small ears. Rats have pointier faces, long hairless tails, and rounded ears. And although I have nothing against Rats, Water Voles are super cute.

Food caches

A cache of riverside nibbled grass stems can be a give-away. These often lie outside a discrete riverbank burrow. Continuing the ratty-confusion-theme, Brown Rats exhibit similar nibbly behaviours. However, Water Voles munch grasses at a neat 45-degree angle, whereas Rat teeth marks are a bit more erratic.

Latrines

Collections of rounded, tic-tac shaped droppings, known as latrines, are what to look for along the water's edge. These tidy deposits are a calling card for territory marking. Although the droppings are scentless, the Voles rub their hind legs on their scent glands and stamp on the droppings to leave a scent. A glamorous task.

But it's not all idyllic grass-nibbling and poop-stamping; our Water Voles are at risk. Threatened by pollution, climate change, habitat loss, and predation by invasive non-native American Mink, our Water Voles are up against it. Once found in nearly every waterway in England, this protected species has declined by a staggering 90% since the early 1970s and are now listed as Endangered on the Great Britain and England Red List. It sounds bleak, but there is good news ahead. Conservation organisations are protecting the species by monitoring and managing the population of American Mink. And there's things you can do. By keeping pets out of waterways, you can prevent pollution of our precious rivers by pet flea treatments. By taking your litter home, you can prevent bins over-

flowing into vital Water Vole habitat. To help monitor the population, you can record sightings on iRecord, via the website or app, which are shared with the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre.

By taking action to support healthy rivers, balanced ecosystems, and robust monitoring we can contribute to bringing our Water Voles back from the brink of extinction to their rightful place in our flourishing waterways.

Sussex Wildlife Trust

July 2025

About Sussex Wildlife Trust

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join



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End of Term Reflections – Framfield and Blackboys CE Schools

As the summer term draws to a close, we look back with grateful thanks over another busy and enriching year at Framfield and Blackboys CE Schools. It has been a year marked by accomplishment, shared moments, and continued growth. We are deeply appreciative of the dedication shown by all those who have contributed their time, talents, and hearts to the life of our schools.

Both schools continue to develop exciting, rich, and vibrant curriculums that support our children to be the very best they can be.

At Framfield, highlights have included trips to the Ashdown Forest, Newhaven Fort, Hove Cricket Ground, and even a visit to France. The Year 5 trip to Hove complemented our whole-school cricket focus, with weekly lessons enjoyed by all. This term also saw the introduction of a new external provider for our After School Club, bringing an increased focus on sport and physical activity—a highlight for many was the water fight during the heatwave!

As our Year 6 pupils prepare to move on to secondary school, they have embraced transition days and taken on greater whole-school responsibilities. At Framfield, rehearsals are well underway for the end-of-term performance, *Mystery at Magpie Manor*—some of you may have already heard the songs echoing across the village! We are particularly thankful to the Parish Council for their generous support in enabling rehearsals, backdrop displays, and hall hire.

Our Christian value this term has been thankfulness, bringing to a close our annual cycle of six core values. At Framfield, we also recently welcomed the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and look forward to sharing the outcomes of the report once published.

As we look ahead, we bid farewell to Claire as she steps down from her role as interim headteacher. We warmly welcome Mrs Natalie Riley as Head of School, and Mr James Procter as Executive Headteacher from the Pioneer Federation.

At Blackboys our pupils have enjoyed visits to Wakehurst Place, Drusillas and The Cutty Sark and Maritime Greenwich. Class 2 have also visited Framfield Church on the 29A bus and were shown around the church by

Father James. There have been a host of sporting events too, including our popular Sports Day. Green House were victorious again this year, making it 3 wins in a row. As always, the children's resilience and supportive nature was in evidence.

At Blackboys the children have been preparing for the end of term production, Wind in the Willows. All children take part, with our older children taking on the principal acting roles. Class 1's duck dance with our enthusiastic Ratty is a real highlight.

Our year 6s have had their taster sessions at their new secondary schools and our new pupils in Reception have had 5 taster sessions to familiarise themselves with school. We look forward to the summer break and greeting all our pupils on their return to Blackboys School in September. As we enter the summer break, we wish all our families, staff, and parish community a time of rest, joy, and renewal. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Thank you for your support for Framfield and for me this year.

Kind regards

Claire Roberts

Interim Headteacher

Framfield CEP School

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GRASS SQUARE – TOP OF BECKETS WAY, FRAMFIELD

Just a reminder that the grass at the top of Becketts Way is privately owned as is the footpath which goes around it. Residents should not therefore use it as a short cut or let their children or pets play on the area

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Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, birthdays at Bevern are truly memorable. Behind each celebration is our dedicated activities and support team, who put thought, care, and creativity into every detail. Many of our residents communicate in unique or limited ways, so birthday plans often come together through close collaboration with families, friends, and our deep, day-to-day relationships with residents. Knowing what makes someone smile or light up helps us shape moments that truly matter.

These celebrations aren't just fun - they're moments that tell our residents, "You are known. You are loved. You matter." And it doesn't stop at birthdays. Whether it's a Wednesday afternoon or a special holiday, we strive to make every day feel individual and meaningful. When we say we care, we mean in every detail, whether big or small.



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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Due to changes made in the Constitution by the ruling administration, alterations have been made to committee numbers (reduction) and membership (constrained) which we believe diminishes democracy particularly on Planning Committees. The Conservative Group and Independent Group have therefore agreed to join forces (albeit keeping their political identities) to give better flexibility within our new Group to sit on committees and therefore try to bring some democracy back to the table. We have called ourselves Wealden Partners and intend to continue to work for our communities in the same way as we have always done.

The Public Inquiry (PI) starts on 17 July 2025 on the application to build up to 190 dwellings on land at Bird in Eye Farm. The PI is set to be heard over a five-day period. I intend speaking on the potential impact of the additional traffic on the Parish which to me, regardless of everything else, hasn't even been considered.

If anyone would like to meet up to discuss any District-related matters please do not hesitate to contact me. Wealden District Council covers many subjects – Council Tax, Housing, Benefits, Planning, Licencing, Environmental Health to name but a few. I don't always have specific information to hand but can always find someone who would.

Contact details – Ann Newton,
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Tel: 07762 746334. Email: aenewton1965@gmail.com

Framfield Parish Council – Annual Report

We have seen a few changes over the past year. Following our persistent campaigning at East Sussex County Council (ESCC) regarding matters such as footpaths and roads, we appear to have established a better communication structure for getting concerns addressed. We continue to work closely with the local authorities and our County and District Councillors. A new ESCC Highways Steward has taken on responsibility for our area, and I have joined him and our County Councillor on site visits to inspect and highlight key issues.

Although we meet and discuss matters regularly throughout the year, it has become increasingly clear that reduced funding and resources are affecting how and when certain issues are resolved. As a result, many works are now more targeted and prioritised according to risk and cost.

We are pleased to report that we have now moved away from our previous street lighting contractor (ESCC). Our new provider has been a breath of fresh air - efficient, responsive, and proactive. We have gone from a 30–40% failure rate to a 99% working system, which benefits everyone. We await the results of a strategic survey report that will guide future replacements, but we already anticipate significantly lower costs than previously forecast.

The long-awaited reopening of Shawford Bridge on Gun Road has also taken place. The new structure is performing well, and the improved flow capacity has alleviated some of the localised flooding concerns.

The Parish Council remains in a healthy financial position, allowing us to freeze the parish precept for another year. With housing development works now underway, we have begun receiving substantial staged Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from developers. These funds are ringfenced for specific types of projects and come with a five-year deadline for use. While that might sound generous, the processes required to deliver eligible projects can be lengthy. For example, the B2192 Lewes Road speed reduction scheme has been in progress for over five years and remains unfinished, which can be challenging to manage from all aspects of project management.

We are currently exploring potential uses for CIL funding, including improvements to our open spaces and play areas, and a proposed speed reduction scheme through Blackboys High Street. Both projects are in early concept/development but are being actively progressed.

As the Sole Trustee of the village halls, the Council continues its work to reduce our environmental footprint. We’ve expanded the use of LED lighting, installed timed and sensor-controlled fittings, and replaced paper towels with energy-efficient hand dryers. Our halls remain vibrant community hubs, well-used by parishioners and visitors alike.

We’ve also completed the replacement of all bins in the recreation grounds with dual general and dog waste units. These larger, sealed bins have been relocated in line with current health and safety requirements and have been well received. The increased capacity has noticeably reduced the number of dog waste bags left on the ground or on top of the bins, and the sealed design helps minimise odours.

As in previous years, the Council is thankful for the continued support and constructive input from the vast majority of our residents. Sadly, a small minority have persisted in posting derogatory, misleading, or abusive comments, often (but not always) online, and sometimes anonymously. We continue to encourage open dialogue and are always willing to listen to genuine concerns. However, personal attacks on councillors or staff are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Where necessary, we will take steps to safeguard the wellbeing of those who serve our community.

I would like to thank our staff and fellow councillors for their commitment and hard work throughout the year. I also want to extend sincere thanks to the many volunteers who help keep our community thriving, whether through the Village Market, litter picking, or supporting the elderly and vulnerable. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Keith Brandon
Chairman, Framfield Parish Council

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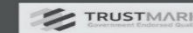
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Framfield & Blackboys WI

AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN

We held our Garden party and AGM in Philomena's garden and despite it's being Friday, 13th, everything went off without a hitch. The existing Committee was re-elected (not surprising considering the excellent job they do), resolutions were passed unanimously, and best of all, members produced a wonderful selection of scrumptious food which we all enjoyed. The afternoon ended with a collection for the Uckfield Food Bank which was generously supported.



RETAIL THERAPY AND CREAM TEA

On 20th June, members enjoyed a trip to Notcutts Garden Centre in Ditchling where the numerous retail concessions provided lots of shopping opportunities followed by an excellent cream tea.

FRAMFIELD SUMMER SHOW – 16TH AUGUST

The date of the Summer Show is fast approaching. Members are busy searching out favourite recipes to bake for our popular cake stall. We will be running our tombola, and will also have a hamper full of edible goodies to raffle. Come and join in the fun at this annual village event.

FUTURE MEETINGS 2 PM - FRAMFIELD CHURCH HALL

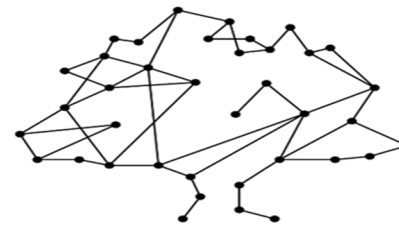
8th August	Members Lunch, Hare & Hounds
12 September	Speaker: Stuart Corner - The Secret Life of Honey Bees
10th October	Speaker: Chris Horlock - Sussex Witchcraft

If you would like to find out more about our WI, why not come along to one of our meetings as a visitor. Please contact

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NEW LIFE CHURCH BLACKBOYS

What we do in this life echoes in eternity

The Year 6 leavers of Blackboys C E School received books today called 'Who Am I and Why Do I Matter?' as they head off to 'big' school in the Autumn. I have stressed before in my letters just how special everybody is and of course this is really key for youngsters nowadays. Everyone wants to matter. And you do.

And everyone wants to be remembered. You can question where this desire comes from. I have an old shooting friend (who likes a drink!) who always says to me when he's had a few too many 'remember me when I'm gone.' On more than one occasion I reply 'how could I forget you?' I could write a book about him!

Why do we want to leave our mark? Unwittingly we all leave a legacy whether we like it or not. How will we want people to remember us? Usually it won't be about the size of our house or how hard we worked – but rather how we treated people - that we were kind, loving, good. When it comes down to it, the only qualities that matter, the ones that pass the test of time, are those that flourish when we live a life that reflects Christ's character. One of my favourite film quotes is from Gladiator 'What we do in this life, echoes in eternity.' You can take this literally - but obviously Maximus was talking about the afterlife. Our actions and who we are, affects everyone around us, especially our families. One of my grandchildren is just coming to grips with mortality – and very worried about me as I am now 57! I can quite happily, with my whole heart – and I reiterate – with my whole heart, know where I'm going and can tell him that it will be paradise. What would you tell your grandchildren? And what would you base that on?

The Bible teaches us about legacy – for our children and our grandchildren:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.'

Deuteronomy 6 v 5-7

My prayer for you is that you would search out an eternal legacy for yourself and those around you. *Brendan Hammond (one of the New Life Church Leaders)*

Do drop in and see us any Sunday at Blackboys C E School, School Lane (10.30am) to find out more about faith and find a friendly group of all ages from the surrounding villages wanting to live life in all its fullness for Jesus!

Email: newlifechurchblackboys@gmail.com

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25 November

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