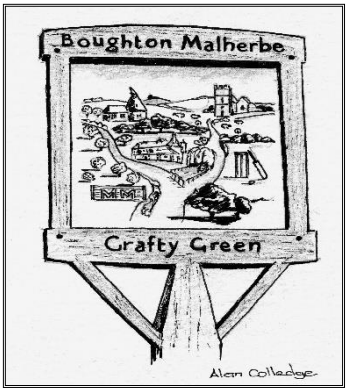

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Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

The winning team of the Christmas Quiz held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December 2023

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News from St. Nicholas Church – January 2024

Here we are at the start of another year, 2024.
In many ways it seems good to be finished with 2023, so many horror stories and tragedies of this past year. News of wars and aggression, arguments and in-fighting, atrocities and distrust, complaints and accusations truthful or not. Might this be the time to take stock and re-assess the way we want our future to be, do we want honesty, truthfulness, compassion and lots of unconditional love and gentle humour in our world. Well, this is exactly what we have been offered, as we have just heard again, in the story of God's gift of Jesus into our lives at Christmas. We must be slow on the uptake, for the story has been told every year for more than 2,000 years! Jesus came to show us that different way, a better way.
Perhaps 2024 will inspire us to follow that way.

Usual reminders

The church porch is always open for a break in your journey, shelter from the weather, for a hot drink and a time to enjoy the peace in that beautiful place. Do make use of the mini food bank if you are in need. There is a larger food bank at the back of St. Mary's church in Lenham, open daily from 10.00am -4.00pm.

The main church building is open for services, meetings, cleaning etc. Please contact the churchwardens for a key at other times if you would like to visit.

Church service times are on the noticeboards by the church porch, on the larger board by the bench on the roadside and outside the Village Hall in Grafty Green.

Celtic Morning Prayer is said in the side chapel each Monday morning, 9.30-10.00am. This is an informal prayer time, giving space to remember our communities, friends, families and those in need as well as wider issues on our minds. Please contact Rev.John Huggins or the churchwardens at any time if you have prayer requests and these will be said in Monday morning prayer time.

Village Coffee Morning takes place each Tuesday morning from 11.30am-2.00pm in the Village Hall in Grafty Green. The Post Office is also there from 12.45-2.15pm. There are usually items for sale, eggs, honey, greetings cards, tea, jams and marmalade for example.

Any donations received at the coffee mornings are shared equally between St.Nicolas church and a charity chosen by the 'regulars'.

The Christmas Carol Service took place on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December. The church looked radiant in the light of many candles, greenery and flowers and two large Christmas trees. It was heartening to welcome so many friends, as we heard again the familiar bible readings and carols and spent time together enjoying the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.
Thanks to all who made the occasion so special.
We now look forward to the **Crib Service on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service.**
More about these next month.
Also, we are praying for **Faye and Pascual** as they prepare for their wedding at St.Nicolas on Sunday 31st December. Again, more about that later.

First Saturday each month at 2pm in St.Nicolas starting on the first Saturday in January. This will be, 'A guided space for reflection, for stillness, for withdrawing from everyday conflict, for rediscovering peace and inner strength'. A new venture for us all, so perhaps we can experience this together!

Finale
What high hopes we have for each New Year, for ourselves, friends and families and for the world. So much depends on our own actions and behaviour, we know. Let us pray for those who have no control over their lives, for those in powerful roles affecting others and for the coming of peace and an end to conflict.

What a great hope for this New Year of 2024.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year

Sally Alexander

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Village Hall – January Newsletter

Firstly thank you for your support of the hall during 2023 and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas best wishes for the New Year.

The Christmas celebration event which was very generously funded by the Parish Council was well supported with lots of children visiting Santa in his Grotto. The Christmas tree lights were officially turned on by Ken and Eve from the Kings Head and the School and Church Choirs along with Pauline on the trumpet sang carols and played beautifully. Everyone was then able to retire to the hall for a catch up with friends and neighbours and get into the festive spirit.

New Additional Pilates Class Monday Afternoon 2pm to 3pm starting 8th January

I am very pleased to say that Cheryl our Pilates teacher has kindly agreed to host a second Pilates Class at the Village Hall. Classes will run from 2pm to 3pm on a Monday afternoon starting on the 8th January. Just the ticket to get fit and relax after the stresses and strains of Christmas & the New Year. Cheryl is offering discounted taster sessions, (four weeks for £20), so if this is an activity you would like to consider please support this new class at the hall. To book your place or for further information please contact Cheryl on 07852 602369 Email: c.stubbs8@btinternet.com

Get Fit or Try a New Hobby!

There are now a wide range of activities offered at the hall, so if you have over indulged over the festive period and now need increase your fitness you are spoilt for choice with classes in Yoga, Short Mat Bowls, Pilates, Dance Fit and Tia Chi available to choose from or alternatively if your New Years resolution is to take up a new hobby you can select from the Gardening Club, Craft Group or Art Classes. You are sure to receive a warm welcome from any of the organisers of these activities and their contact numbers are detailed in the regular weekly events information which accompanies this newsletter. Please don't be shy, it's your village hall maintained for the benefit of the whole of our friendly village community.

Pancake evening on Tuesday 13th February 4pm to 6pm

A date for your diaries, for our first event of the year we will be hosting our annual pancake evening. We will be offering a selection of sweet and savoury pancakes together with the usual refreshments so please come along and enjoy a delicious pancake and spend some time over a cup of tea with friends. As well as the pancakes there will be activities to keep the children entertained.

First Aid & Safeguarding Courses

Finally, Rebecca from the Right Step Dance Company will be hosting courses in Emergency First Aid Training and Safeguarding Children at the hall later this month and if you would like more information please email rebecca.ashton@therightstepdc.co.uk for further details.

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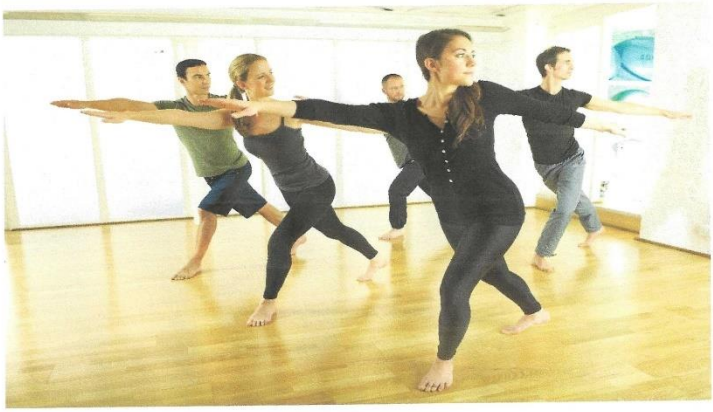

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Grafty Green Village Hall

Bookings 01622 850898

Regular Weekly Events

Yoga – mixed ability Susan Burch 01622 850381	**Mondays and Thursdays 9.30 – 11am** **Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm**
Pilates Cheryl Stubbs 07852 602639	**Mondays 2.00-3pm** **Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.30 am**
Post Office	**Tuesdays 12.45 – 2.15pm**
Coffee morning	**Tuesdays 11.30 – 2.00pm**
Short Mat Bowls Joan Marriott 01622 858100	**Tuesdays 2.30 – 5.30pm**
Dance Fit Sharon Harris 01622 890170	**Wednesdays 11am – 12.30pm**
Tai Chi Rhonda Bailey 07985 001782	**Thursdays 2.00 – 3.00pm**
Craft Group Janis Carter 01622 850898	**Fridays 10am -12.00pm**
Art Class Cathy Hill 07927054708	**Alternate Wednesdays 1 – 3.30pm**

Regular Monthly Events

Gardening Club Doreen 01622 850287 Sue 01622 850381	**First Tuesday 7.30 - 9pm**

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the village hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 4th December 2023

Present: Cllrs B Adams; T Andrews (Chair); N Eastwood; R Galton; R Turner
In attendance: Mrs V Ford (Clerk)

Cllr Galton opened the meeting at 7:04 pm

1. **Chairman:** RESOLVED: Cllr Andrews to chair the Planning Committee
2. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting:** none
3. **Apologies for absence:** none
4. **Declarations:**
   (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:
   Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in the planning application as he was for many years the owner/occupier of the property. He stated that he would not be speaking or voting on the matter.
   (ii) Declarations of lobbying: none
5. **Approval of Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 6th November 2023:** approved and signed as a true and accurate record
6. **Planning Application:**
   (i) Public Session: (2 members of the public – the applicants – present)
   One of the applicants explained that the proposed single storey extension was intended to provide accommodation for an additional family member. They stated that they were very mindful of the listed status of the building. No modifications to the inside of the house were being proposed. The proposed roof would mirror that of the existing house.
   (ii) 23/505294/FULL
   PROPOSAL: erection single storey side and first floor extension, including installation of air source heat pump and solar panels. Insertion of new rear window; and
   23/505295/LBC
   PROPOSAL: Listed Building Consent internal and external alterations including the erection single storey side and first floor extension, including installation of air source heat pump and solar panels. Insertion of new rear window.
   ADDRESS: Offens Farm, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AP
   Members observed that the inglenook fireplace wall had been omitted from the published plans. One of the applicants stated that the architect had originally omitted the wall but had produced amended plans, which showed it in place. Cllr Galton had obtained copies of the amended plans, which he distributed to all members.

The Chairman invited members to comment on the proposals. Cllr Galton stated that he could not see anything that would be a planning issue. The Chairman asked the applicants if a heritage report had been submitted; they confirmed all documents had been submitted.
RESOLVED: that the Parish Council did not wish to OBJECT or COMMENT.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Helen Whately – MP

‘At this time of year, spring can feel like a long way off. Waking up with another frost on the ground, to grey skies and naked trees, muddy fields and flooded rivers, it’s easy to forget just how lucky we are. Because when spring does roll around – no matter how many you’ve seen - it’s impossible not to be blown away by just how beautiful our county becomes.

We are blessed to live in and around some of the most wonderful countryside on earth. It sustains so many local people’s way of life and wellbeing, and it provides a setting for so many of the things that we do in our free time. It’s no surprise that protecting it is one of the issues people write to me about most often.

Sadly, in recent years we have seen a worrying decline in nature and biodiversity, not just locally but across the UK. There are plenty of reasons for this - from climate change to pollution, modern farming practices to development. The good news is twofold. Firstly, we’ve seen time and again that given the chance nature can recover. It’s proven to be far more resilient than we expected, and projects up and down the UK have shown its capacity to bounce back. Secondly, there is so much energy and ingenuity being channelled into solutions at a local and national level.

Since 2010 we have created or restored wildlife habitats the size of Dorset, and back in 2021 we went further by passing the world-leading Environment Act. It sets out legally binding targets to protect our environment, clean up our air and rivers and boost nature.

Here in Kent, we recently saw the launch of Making Space for Nature in Kent and Medway – our local plan to reverse the decline in biodiversity and create a network of wildlife-rich places. This is where you come in, because to get this right we’ll need collaboration from government, businesses, landowners, and local communities – all working together to make a difference.

It’s why I’ve made environmental improvements one of my 5 local priorities for Faversham and Mid Kent, and this month I’m writing to every Parish Council in the constituency with things we can do locally.
Community solar projects, planting trees, building electric charging points, restoring public spaces and so much more. I want as many people as possible to get involved, however they can and in any way they’d like.

Please do keep an eye out as we head towards spring for projects going on in your local area, or feel free to get in touch with my office to be kept up to date.

Together we can finally be the generation that leaves our natural environment in a better place than we inherited it.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Good news often seems to be in short supply but there was very good news at the end of November for the users of the weekly bus 59 'shoppers bus' when we were told:

Congratulations, we're going to fund your idea
We're really happy to tell you we will be funding your project following your application to the National Lottery Community Fund.

This means The National Lottery Community Fund is giving Boughton Malherbe Parish Council £7,800 to help your community thrive.

Representatives of Broomfield and Kingswood, Ulcombe and Boughton Malherbe Parish Councils have met regularly with our amazing bus service operator Nu-Venture and our own transport expert John Collins since December 2022, when the threat of losing the bus became apparent. We effectively formed a steering group. At our meeting in September 2023, we agreed to investigate sources of external funding other than Kent County Council's Community Transport Fund. We were fortunate indeed to receive a grant of £3,650 from that pot last year, leaving a shortfall of £1,530 to be met by the Parish Councils. This funding was subsequently agreed at the respective Council meetings and the once-weekly service was secured until March 2024!

We applied to the National Lottery Community Fund in October, saying we would like to continue to run our once-weekly community bus service into Maidstone. It may not sound much but it represents a lifeline for those residents who use it, many of them very regularly. It is a friendly hail-and-ride service, noisy with chatter. Most passengers are greeted by name as they board and everyone knows the drivers. In addition to practical transport, the scheme has potential to mitigate social isolation and loneliness in the rural communities it serves. According to the National Association of Local Councils, these are the two most significant health issues facing us. Our passenger numbers have been very encouraging to date, averaging 20 per

single journey. Without doubt, the 59 service brings people together to build strong relationships in and across the parishes it serves. Take a trip into Maidstone any Wednesday morning and you will experience this, guaranteed! The absence of any "regulars" is noticed and I understand leads to neighbours "checking up" on the absentees.

Most service users are concessionary pass holders. Reimbursement to the bus operator for accepting a pass is approximately 40% of full fare, so the service is highly unlikely to become self-supporting despite high passenger numbers.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council is in the enviable position of holding £3,684 as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), "community payback" for development, which is tightly ringfenced but may be used to pay for the bus. However, Broomfield and Kingswood and Ulcombe Parish Councils do not have access to any CIL. Although the service is of course open for anyone to use, concern was expressed by Councillors that funding the bus places a disproportionate burden on the electorate as only a small percentage of our residents use it.

Which brings me back to the good news! The National Lottery Community Fund has provided all the money required to run the 59 bus as it exists now from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. And that's without any funding from the Parish Councils – apart from the odd hour of my time in administration, mainly working out if the latest road closures by South East Water will prevent the 59 serving Grafty Green and Ulcombe!!! (But Nu-Venture and I are working together on this problem!)

If you have never used the bus, I can only encourage you to do so. You now have until at least 31st March 2025 to give it a go 😊. The bus times are on line at 59_082023.pdf (nu-venture.online)

Vickie Ford
Parish Clerk

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great way of using up the leftover Turkey and Ham from your Christmas dinner. Of course, to make things easier, you can use shop brought pastry. The pie can be made a day ahead and stored in the fridge until baked.

LEFT OVER TURKEY & HAM PIE

600g of cooked turkey, breast meat carved into slices, brown meat chopped
600g of cooked ham, carved into thick slices

For the sauce
75g of butter
2 leeks, cleaned, halved and finely sliced
A pinch of dried thyme
75g of plain flour
A splash cider vinegar
200ml of chicken stock
250ml of double cream
3 tablespoon of wholegrain mustard
1 tablespoon of chopped tarragon

For the pastry
500g of plain flour, plus extra for dusting
½ teaspoon of dried sage
185g of cold butter, cubed
70g of suet
2 egg yolks, for glazing

1. To make the sauce, heat the butter in a saucepan, add the leeks and thyme and cook very gently for 10-15 mins until soft but not coloured. Stir in the flour and cook to a paste, then splash in the vinegar and simmer for a moment. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil, then add the cream and simmer until you have a thick sauce. Stir through the mustard, tarragon and chopped turkey, turn off the heat and leave to cool. Set aside.

2. To make the pastry, (if not using shop brought), tip the flour into a food processor with the sage and 1 teaspoon of salt. Add the butter and suet, and whizz to fine crumbs. With the motor running, slowly pour in 150ml cold water until the pastry just comes together. Tip onto a lightly floured surface and bring together into a dough. Cut just over a third of the pastry and cover while you roll out the rest to line an oiled 20cm springform tin, leaving an overhang.

3. Layer some sliced ham or turkey on the bottom, then spoon and spread over a thin layer of sauce and repeat the layers until you get to the top of the tin, finishing with a final layer of meat, then press down gently. Cut away another small ball of pastry from the remaining third. Roll out the larger piece until big enough to cover the pie with an overhang. Brush the edge of the pie with egg yolk, then lift on the pastry lid and press the edges to seal before trimming. Crimp all the way round. Cut a little hole in the middle of the pastry to let steam escape. Brush all over with more yolk and use the last bit of pastry to decorate the top.

4. Heat the oven to 180C (fan) with a baking sheet in it. Sit the pie tin on the hot sheet and bake for 45-50 mins. Leave until warm, remove from the tin and cut into thick wedges or cool and eat cold.

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Friday January 12th
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Running time 2 hrs 34 mins + interval

Yes, it's Indiana Jones back for one last memorable adventure in **Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny** (PG 13, 2023). Harrison Ford returns, reprising his iconic role as our favourite onscreen archaeologist, trying to save the world yet again. The film takes place in 1969, with Indy on the verge of retirement. He has a visit from his goddaughter, archaeologist Helena Shaw (played by Phoebe Waller-Bridge), eager to see the Dial which Indy had saved from Nazi Jürgen Voller during World War 2. But Indiana only has half of the Dial and Voller, who is now working for NASA, is intent on regaining it. Sparks fly in the race that begins in earnest, not just for one but both halves of the Dial. Come along to watch Harrison Ford on our big screen as he triumphs yet again in his inimitable role. We'll hold a 15-minute interval halfway through the film. Wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee are available to purchase.

Directed by James Mangold

Our February performance is the superb **Green Book** (2008), which won a Best Film Oscar and tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a classical pianist and his driver, set against the backdrop of segregation and racism in the deep south USA during the 1960's.

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Beam	Sheet	**Balance**
2	Back	Bin	Cycle	
3	Card	Pad	Resistant	
4	First	Past	Pence	
5	Box	Cover	Opener	
6	Land	Shaft	Tin	
7	County	Crown	Local	
8	Cookie	Cost	Wire	
9	Arm	Farm	Scotland	
10	Bind	Killer	Pond	
11	Attack	Café	Space	
12	Concrete	Fever	Juice	
13	Minister	Number	Suspect	
14	Axe	Pocket	Tooth	
15	City	Man	Tube	
16	Book	Page	Role	

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Holly, Late US singer who sung 'Peggy Sue'
2	Errol _____, Swashbuckling Hollywood star
3	The _____, US Duo formed by siblings Richard & Karen
4	_____ Knightley, 'Atonement' star
5	Dan ____, The Eagles comics sci-fi hero
6	____ Laurie, Played Frazer in 'Dads Army'
7	Westminster _____, Royal Church
8	_____ Recall, Action Movie
9	Bohemian _____, Classic song by Queen
10	____ Moore, US actress who played Molly in Ghosts

Grafty Green Gardening Club
Program of Events 2024

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 9	Joe Archer	From Kew to Kent
February 6	Sally Channon	Thanet Earth
March 5	Steve Kirk	Wild life reintroductions in Kent
April 2	Spring show plus Maureen, Christine and Sue	Encouraging wildlife visitors to your garden
Saturday April 27	Plant fair	
May 7	Vicky Golding – Outing to Marden Meadow	
June 4	Social in Bridget Samuelson's Garden, Crumps Lane	
July 2	Outing to Hawkhurst – Hands of Hope garden	
July 30	Outing – Old Rectory Otterden	
September 3	Autumn Show and Steven Harmer	Arts and Crafts movement and their gardens
September 13 - 15	Weekend away to north Devon	
October 1	Kevin Tooher	Choice trees for small spaces
November 5	Davina	The story of the Dower House garden at Chilston Park
December 3	Practical session – table decoration with guidance from Sandra Pilborough	

On January 9th we will be having a short AGM followed by our speaker Joe Archer (From KEW to Kent). There will be an opportunity to pay your subscription for the year ahead and also get a copy of schedules for our Spring and Autumn show. This is to allow for members who wish to plan their planting to include flowers/veg or other classes specific to the schedule to do so.

Our Christmas social was enjoyed by all and thanks go to everyone who helped with setting up, shopping for food and 'manning' the kitchen. Thanks also to Sue who provided a lovely slide show.

Your Committee has been busy in planning and arranging a varied and interesting list of speakers, summer outings and a weekend away in North Devon, as well as discounts to members from local garden centres. Details will be given on your membership card.

Work at the Dower House Garden at Chilston Park is ongoing (every other week) for anyone who wishes to join in. Further details from committee members at any meeting.

Jobs for the month ideas:-

Ensure the birds have food and water.

Continue with winter digging as soil conditions allow

Cover ground to keep out the wet

Order seeds and summer-flowering bulbs

Protect plants vulnerable to wind and cold

Keep on top of winter-germinating weeds

Happy New Year!

Yoga Classes in Grafty Green Village Hall with Sue Burch

New Year classes start Wednesday 3rd January

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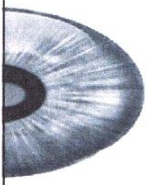

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Christian Message January 2024

Blue January. The month when credit card bills start to be repaid. The month when the twinkling lights come down but the weather can be grim. The month when calls to the Samaritans go up.

Well, I hope this isn't you. But if it is you, take heart. Spring inevitably comes and the warmth of summer is on the way. The Bible entreats us to "Cast our anxieties upon him (the Lord) because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). That doesn't mean he will pay off our credit cards, but it does mean that God knows us (Psalm 139) and stands with us. The whole message of Christmas is that God, incredibly, came to us! God is for us. God is on our side. As we align ourselves to His will, God fights for us and is alongside us.

In the church in Boughton Malherbe, we are going to start sessions that are a guided space for reflection, for stillness, for withdrawing (at least for an hour) from everyday conflict, and for rediscovering peace and inner strength. (First Saturday of each month at 2 pm.) Part of the reason is that I have become very aware of how many people are struggling in these post-Covid days with busyness and stress and anxiety. Absolutely everybody who want to come is welcome to these. You don't need to be a churchgoer. You don't need to come regularly. You don't need to share anything with anybody else.

People seem to assume that meditation is the stuff of Buddhists and so on, but actually there's a massively strong Christian tradition for reflective stillness. The early Christians sometimes went out into the dessert and lived their lives there, sometimes sharing their wisdom with others who came to them. Jesus himself spent 40 days in the wilderness as he started his ministry. And modern neuroscience (look at the work of Iain McGilchrist) points to the need for more open and abstract thinking for mental flourishing.

So take heart. Blue January? The sun is on the way! The light of Christ be with you.

Revd. John P. Huggins (01622 850280)

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Matthew 13:31-32

Wednesday 3rd January
9.30am Lenham: Morning Worship

Sunday 7th January
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
11.00am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 21st January
8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Find the missing word?
1	**Buddy** Holly, Late US singer who sung 'Peggy Sue'
2	Errol **Flynn**, Swashbuckling Hollywood star
3	The **Carpenters**, US Duo formed by siblings Richard & Karen
4	**Keria** Knightley, 'Atonement' star
5	Dan **Dare**, The Eagles comics sci-fi hero
6	**John** Laurie, Played Frazer in 'Dads Army'
7	Westminster **Abbey**, Royal Church
8	**Total** Recall, Action Movie
9	Bohemian **Rhapsody**, Classic song by Queen
10	**Demi** Moore, US actress who played Molly in Ghosts

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Beam	Sheet	**Balance**
2	Back	Bin	Cycle	**Pedal**
3	Card	Pad	Resistant	**Scratch**
4	First	Past	Pence	**Twenty**
5	Box	Cover	Opener	**Letter**
6	Land	Shaft	Tin	**Mine**
7	County	Crown	Local	**Derby**
8	Cookie	Cost	Wire	**Cutter**
9	Arm	Farm	Scotland	**Yard**
10	Bind	Killer	Pond	**Weed**
11	Attack	Café	Space	**Cyber**
12	Concrete	Fever	Juice	**Jungle**
13	Minister	Number	Suspect	**Prime**
14	Axe	Pocket	Tooth	**Pick**
15	City	Man	Tube	**Inner**
16	Book	Page	Role	**Title**

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