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Wishing you all a very Happy New Year



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Front Cover: A recent sunset taken from Church Road Grafty Green. Picture courtesy Christine Hollingsbee

News from St. Nicholas Church - January 2023

The excitement is mounting. It is now almost Christmas Eve and we are looking forward to the Crib Service in the afternoon. It will be good to see families joining in as the infant Jesus finally becomes visible in our nativity stable scene. Christmas is surely here in this gentle occasion with the picture now complete, as Jesus, the Messiah, promised by God, arrives in our damaged world as one of and with us. He arrived when the world was in need and we have continued to need him throughout the ages. We cannot doubt that the world today has a greater need than ever for the message his birth brings, we can surely celebrate again the 'Good News' he brings.

Reminders

The church porch. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas tree by the gate and the addition of the nativity scene and foliage decorating the refreshment area.

Remember the mini food bank is there for anyone in need, or you might like to add to it, when you are passing.

The main church building is only open for services, cleaning etc. but a key can be obtained at any time from one of the churchwardens. Their details are elsewhere in the magazine or in the porch.

Celtic Morning Prayers are said each Monday 9.00-9.30am. Please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Charlotte Coles or the churchwardens if you have any prayer requests. Prayers will be said at Morning Prayer or in private if you wish.

Information

The Carol Service on the 18th was well supported and enjoyed by everyone. The church looked wonderful with 2 Christmas Trees, and the many candles and decorations created a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The choir and Pauline, our organist, supported us all in the singing of well-known carols and with their individual pieces. Many thanks for their hard work in preparing the music. Thanks also to the readers, reminding us again of the bible stories leading to the birth of Jesus. We know the church was decorated during the cold snap and we are grateful for those who helped, knowing they got very cold as they did so! Special thanks to Dominic and Vanessa for all the work in preparing the trees, inside and out.

The mince pies and mulled wine were much enjoyed. Thank you to those who provided them.

Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday the 20th was a big success. The sherry and mulled wine, encouraged by John, went down a 'treat'! I especially enjoyed Angela's chocolate cake. The hall looked very festive. The newest ginger cake from a Mary Berry's Christmas recipe was well received. It was good to have Hilary with her local meat stall

and Esther selling her wonderful locally produced toiletries, with not a drop of palm oil or other damaging ingredients involved, as well as Corinne's honey, produced within a few metres of my home, must be good for us locals.

Jackie brought her blanket knitting skills. Putting us to shame, but she is certainly encouraging others to join in. More yarn is already being offered for the project. Feel free to get involved!

Finale

The Christmas tree is sparkling beside me, the young spaniel has tried out a couple of decorations, she tried to convince me that they fell off the tree by themselves!

We will be seeing family over the weekend, a real joy. We must hold in our prayers the many who will not enjoy the luxuries of friends and family, or even food and shelter this Christmas or are in fear in war-torn and bullying societies. Hoping too, that no-one will try to cross the channel in a small boat in this winter weather. Our prayers go out to all those who will be working to care for those in distress or need at this time.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and peaceful New Year

Sally Alexander



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Village Hall News – January Newsletter

Dear All,

On behalf of the committee I would firstly like to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

I should also like to thank you for your support both in terms of helping the committee host events at the hall and around the village and in attending these events, such as the pancake evening, the annual summer fair, frog racing, (I would just like to re-assure newcomers to the village that no frogs were harmed in the hosting of this event), the scarecrow festival, themed meals, the Christmas Quiz, annual panto and the regular craft fairs held at the hall.

A special mention should also go to the regular hirers of the hall who organise a wide range of activities which includes Art Class, Pilates, Dance Fit, Yoga, Short Mat Bowls, Children's Drama Class and a Weekly Coffee Morning when the Post Office visits the hall. Thank you again to you all and if anyone would like to start up a new club, society or activity at the hall please do not hesitate to let me know on 07932 112730.

Dates for your diary in the New Year

We will be hosting our popular pancake evening on **Tuesday 21st February**.
An Easter Craft fair on **Sunday 2nd April**

A 60's/70's Night probably on Saturday **22nd April** &

A film night sometime in March – please let me have your suggestions for a suitable film that you would like to see.

Kind regards,

Jon Thompson Hall Committee Chairman

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News from your local MP – Helen Whatley

Delivering on people's priorities during challenging times

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year, together with families, friends, and communities for the first time in 3 years

After a turbulent year in 2022, things have returned to normal in Parliament recently with important legislation being passed and big announcements made.

Since he took office Rishi has been determined to get on and deliver for the British people, and the plans he set out just before Christmas to tackle the small boats crisis once and for all are testament to that.

We must put an end people losing their lives in the Channel trying to come to the UK. We need an asylum system which is fair – with safe routes for people to come here legally but no tolerance for those who don't – and his plan will do just that.

As you'll have seen in the Chancellor's recent fiscal statement, public finances are under real pressure at the moment after covid and the war in Ukraine. But that doesn't mean we can stop delivering on people's priorities, and that's why there was more money announced for schools and the NHS.

I know how much good that money can do locally as we educate our children and work to clear the NHS backlog.

This is on top of lots of other good news locally, like the recent announcement that Lenham School has been included in the Schools Rebuilding Programme, and as Health Minister I've been working on getting more people cared for in the right place this winter – with Kent getting over £5 million of funding to help free up hospital beds.

I've also been working flat out on other problems that matter to local residents – supporting people with the cost of living, fighting for a solution to Operation Brock, getting Government support for Faversham's swing bridge, talking to police about rural crime, and making sure Maidstone's development meets our needs. I know that for lots of people this winter is going to be really tough. We continue to pay a heavy price for standing with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom against oppression - a stand that our children and grandchildren will one day thank us for.

In the meantime, we will get through this. And just like with covid, we will continue to make sure support reaches those who need it for as long as needs be.

Launching my cost-of-living webpage

Everyone is being hit with the rising cost of living at the moment. But for some families, even doing everything right, it's becoming increasingly hard to make ends meet. That's why it's so important that people are claiming the support they're entitled to. There is actually so much help out there, both locally and nationally, but it can be hard to know where to look.

I've created webpage to point people in the right direction. It's packed full of useful information, and you can access it at www.helenwhately.org.uk/cost-living-support-and-advice

As ever, if you can't find the support you're looking for then please do email me and I'll see what I can do to help.

Feeding into Maidstone's Design Plan

We need to make sure that development in Maidstone looks great, protects green space, and meets residents' needs. That's why I recently fed into Maidstone Borough Council's Design and Sustainability plan - calling for design which complements the built and natural environment, promotes good transport links and health and wellbeing, and provides a boost for local employment.

Development should be a positive for people locally, and we have to make sure that it improves and enhances our local area rather than harming it.

Cash boost to get people home from hospital

After a stay in hospital, people should be recovering in the best place for them.

Very often that's at home or in residential care, but sometimes patients can end up waiting in hospital for care to become available. That's not good for them, and it's not good for our hospitals either.

That's why I'm delighted that Kent is getting over £5 million of funding this winter to speed up these discharges. As Minister of State for Health and Social Care I've been working directly on the fund in government and know just how much good this cash can do for our local NHS and its patients.

Good news on rural energy support

As a Government we're determined to make sure everyone gets support with their energy bills this winter. But I know that for some people locally - like park home residents or people using heating oil - it hasn't yet been clear how you're going to get that support.

As a backbencher I campaigned for more clarity, and so I was pleased to get a really positive update from the energy minister recently.

Park home residents will be getting support through their local authority with a scheme launching in January, while heating oil users' support is being doubled and the vast majority will receive it automatically. As always, let me know if you have any further issues and I'll follow up for you.

Success for Lenham School Building bid

Recently we got the wonderful news that The Lenham School has been included in the latest round of the government's School Rebuilding Programme. It's a Government programme to transform 500 schools across England, backed by £1.8 billion of funding this year. We're hoping it will allow them to demolish an old block in a poor state of repair, and replace it with a modern, fit-for-use building, to provide more classroom space.

After coming on leaps and bounds in recent years the school is now well over-subscribed. This investment will mean better facilities and more school places for local kids. It's great news for students and teachers, and it's great news for the village too.

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at

one of my surgeries

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the village hall at 7.00pm on Monday 28th November 2022

Present: Cllrs B Adams; N Eastwood; R Galton; G Kennaird (Chair); R Turner
Clerk: Mrs Vickie Ford

Cllr Kennaird opened the meeting at 7 pm

1. **Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – none**
2. **Apologies for Absence – none**
3. **Declarations:**
 - (i) **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none**
 - (ii) **Declarations of Lobbying – none**
4. **Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 7th November 2022 – approved**
and signed as a true and accurate record
5. **Planning Applications:**
 - (i) **Public Session – no members of public present: no public session**
 - (ii) **22/505186/FULL**
PROPOSAL: Loft conversion, including insertion of rooflight (retrospective)
ADDRESS: Woodsden Barn, Lenham Road, Headcorn, TN27 9LJ
and 22/505187/LBC
PROPOSAL: Listed Building Consent for loft conversion, including insertion of
rooflight (retrospective)
ADDRESS: Woodsden Barn, Lenham Road, Headcorn, TN27 9LJ
The householder was invited to provide a brief background to the application, which
they did. The building was not listed in the strictest sense but was covered by a
curtilage listing.
RESOLVED: to support the applications

The Meeting closed at 7:15 pm



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs B Adams; N Eastwood; R Galton (Chairman); G Kennaird; R Turner
Clerk Mrs Vickie Ford

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15 pm

Anybody filming or recording this meeting kindly requested to declare it – none

EM01/11/22 Declarations:

Any lobbying – none declared

Any interest in items on the Agenda – none declared

Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests - none declared

EM02/11/22 Public Session – no members of public present: no public session

EM03/11/22 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk commended to the Parish Council the appointment of Mr Lionel Robbins.

RESOLVED: to appoint Mr Lionel Robbins as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2023/24.

CLOSED SESSION

CEM01/11/22 Proposed correspondence relating to Grafty Green Village Green

RESOLVED: to send the letter written by the Chairman, subject to the agreed amendments being made.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:30 pm

Grafty Gourmet

A great stew with an Italian twist. Simple and comforting on those cold Winter nights.

Chicken Arrabbiata Stew With Parmesan Dumplings

For the stew

2 tablespoons of olive oil
1 onion, thinly sliced
8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs, halved
2 large garlic cloves, crushed
1-1½ teaspoons of chilli flakes
4 tablespoons of sun-dried tomato pesto
250ml of chicken stock
2 x 400g cans of chopped tomatoes

5 thyme sprigs, tied
2 teaspoons of sugar
½ small bunch of parsley, finely chopped

For the dumplings

80g of cold unsalted butter, cubed
150g of self-raising flour
80g of parmesan cheese, grated
50-60ml of milk

1. Heat the oil in a large shallow casserole dish. Fry the onion over a low-medium heat for 7 minutes or until soft and turning translucent. Turn up the heat slightly, add the chicken and fry for 5 mins until beginning to brown around the edges. Tip the garlic and chilli into the casserole and fry for 1 minute. Stir through the pesto, pour in the stock and tomatoes, then add the thyme, sugar and some seasoning. Turn the heat to low and cover with a lid. Cook gently for 40 mins. Remove the thyme and check the seasoning.

2. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan. To make the dumplings, put the butter and flour in a bowl with ½ teaspoon of salt, then rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Mix in 50g of the parmesan cheese and pour in 50ml of the milk, then swiftly combine with a cutlery knife until everything is well distributed and you have a soft dough (add more milk if it's too dry). Briefly bring the dough together on a worksurface, then divide into eight balls.

3. Arrange the dumplings over the stew, then scatter each with the remaining cheese. Put in the oven and bake, uncovered, for 25 minutes or until the dumplings are doubled in size and golden brown. Scatter over the parsley and serve.

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Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way

ELVIS

Friday 13th January 2023

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

Running time 2hr 39 mins + 15-minute interval

Are you lonesome tonight? No need to be. Just put on your 'Blue Suede Shoes' and come along to the Community Centre on Friday the 13th where Elvis will be enchanting us all again with his inimitable songs. *Elvis* (2022) is the story of the amazing life of the King of Rock n' Roll, who changed the music of the world. Austin Butler gives a brilliant performance in the title role and the film explores the two most important influences on his life: his complicated relationship with Colonel Tom Parker who masterminded his career (played by none other than Tom Hanks); and his long-term relationship with his wife Priscilla (played by Olivia DeJonge). *Elvis's* life ended tragically, but the director of this dazzlingly memorable film, Baz Lurhmann, establishes him as one of the true icons of the music world. Come along and be dazzled! Certificate 12.

And please don't miss our February performance: it's the irresistible *The Railway Children Return*, the follow-up to the 1970s original with a first-class enjoyable story.

Please get in touch for more information, to join our mailing list or to become a member. **Admission:** members £4, non-members £5 **Annual membership:** £6 (over 16's only)



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Yoga Classes in Grafty Green Village Hall with Sue Burch

Monday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 and Wednesday evenings at 7

New Year classes start with the **Wednesday evening 4th January 2023**

To join my classes call me on 07803 962339 or email on
graftyyoga@gmail.com.

I have been practicing yoga for 36 years; it has been a journey of discovery that I have a passion to share. I trained with The British Wheel of Yoga and have been teaching since 2006. I attend regular yoga events to extend my teaching practice for the benefit of many classes as well as for myself. I have worked with young people within school to a wider age range with the community, male and female, young and old. I have also worked with 'mums-to-be' through their pregnancies.

Music Notes for January 2023 – B Hardy

As usual it is a bit difficult to find local concerts in January because there was a lot going on in December and musicians need time to recover and rehearse anew. Early February is very busy however, with a lot of conflicting events and I have picked out two such items for early booking, both of which fall in the "don't miss" category although they are of very different characters. There are other pantos in Kent in January which can be found from an internet search, but most of the professional ones finish at the end of December. So here then is my list:

***Friday Jan 6th, 7.30pm** at Maidstone United Reformed Church, Week St., Maidstone, ME14 1QU Maidstone Choral Union's 12th Night concert comprises Epiphany Carols for Choir and Audience. This is always a friendly event and is your last chance to sing carols this season! Tickets 01732 885749 or at the door.

***Saturday Jan 7th, 7.30pm** at Rochester Cathedral, The City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra present a "New Year Concert of Viennese Music" in support of The Friends of Rochester Cathedral. The programme includes Beethoven's 5th *Symphony* and waltzes by Strauss II. Tickets 01634 832142

***Friday 3rd Feb 7.30pm and Sat 4th Feb. 2.30pm and 7.30pm** at Leeds Village Hall, Lower St., Leeds ME17 1RN the Leeds Amateur Dramatic Society's panto is "Jack, the 7

elves & the beanstalk". Always very popular, this annual musical event attracts traditional audience participation. Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk or from society members.

***Saturday 4th Feb 7.30pm** at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Saint-Saens' *1st Cello Concerto* featuring prizewinning Polish cellist Maciej Kulakowski and Beethoven's *7th Symphony*. Tickets 033 616 3366(booking fee applies) or at the door.

To watch out for on TV: The Vienna New Year's Concert is usually shown on BBC Two at 10.15am on New Year's Day (1 January), hosted by Petroc Trelawny. You can also catch it on Radio 3.

Anniversary

My anniversary this month is 30th January, the date on which Francis Poulenc died 60 years ago (1963). Born 7th January 1899 he was a French composer and pianist. His compositions include songs, solo piano works, chamber music, choral pieces, operas, ballets, and orchestral concert music. Among the best-known are the piano suite *Trois mouvements perpétuels* (1919), the ballet *Les biches* (1923), the Organ Concerto (1938), the opera *Dialogues des Carmélites* (1957), and the *Gloria* (1959) for soprano, choir, and orchestra.



As the only son of a prosperous manufacturer, Poulenc was expected to follow his father into the family firm, and he was not allowed to enrol at a music college. Largely self-educated musically, he studied with the pianist Ricardo Viñes, and also made the acquaintance of Erik Satie, under whose tutelage he became one of a group of young composers known collectively as Les Six. In his early works Poulenc became known for his high spirits and irreverence. During the 1930s a much more serious side to his nature emerged, particularly in the religious music he composed from 1936 onwards, which he alternated with his more light-hearted works.

In addition to his work as a composer, Poulenc was an accomplished pianist. He toured in Europe and America and was among the first performers to see the importance of the gramophone. He recorded extensively from 1928 onwards.

Criminals are using cost of living crisis to scam the public –

don't' be a victim - The public are being warned to be more vigilant against fraud, particularly about sharing financial and/or personal information, as criminals seek to capitalise on the cost-of-living crisis.

TIPS:

Stop: taking a moment to stop and think before parting with money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud. www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing

Report: Suspicious emails can be reported by forwarding them to report@phishing.gov.uk. You can also report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726 (it's free of charge).

Here's three of the most common scams circulating right now.

1. Energy Bill Rebates – The messages state that the recipient is “owed” or “eligible” for an energy bill discount as part of the Energy Bill Support Scheme. The emails may reference your energy provider and some include the Ofgem logo in an attempt to legitimise the correspondence. Never click on any links in emails. Households do not need to apply for the Energy Bill Support Scheme as it will be automatically applied by your energy provider.

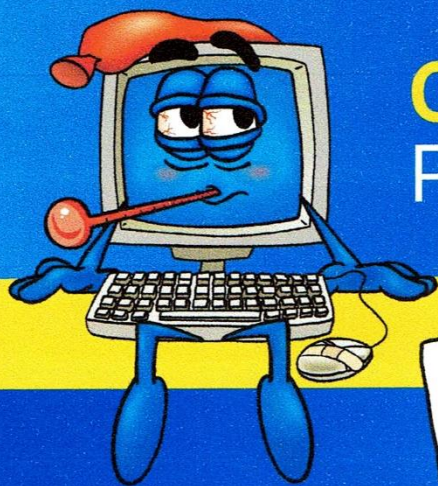
Remember, your bank or the police will NEVER ask you to transfer money or move it to a safe account.

2. Cost of Living Payments – emails or texts asking you to claim or apply for the payment by registering via a link, which looks genuine, is designed to steal personal and financial information.

Remember, if you are eligible for cost-of-living assistance, you do not need to apply, payment to you is automatic. The DWP will never ask for personal details by SMS or email.

3. Fuel vouchers, phone bill discounts and supermarket offers – There has been a rise in consumers being targeted by emails pretending to be from utility companies offering savings on energy bills, fuel vouchers, phone bill discounts and supermarket offers. These emails encourage you to register via a link, in reality the offer does not exist and the third-party website is designed to steal your personal or financial information.

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	Find the missing word?
1	Loretta ____, Influential Country & Western singer
2	____ Cell, 1980's singers of 'Tainted Love'
3	Mungo ____, Pop Group who sang 'In the Summer time'
4	____ Doolittle, Character played by Audrey Hepburn
5	Isadora ____, Influential American dancer
6	'____ in my Side', Eurythmics hit song
7	Ginger ____, Fred Astaire's dancing partner
8	'____ Las Vegas', An Elvis film and song
9	Juan ____, Three times President of Argentina
10	____ Lane, Superman's admirer

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Focus	Landing	Touch	Soft
2	Bed	Weight	White	
3	Aircraft	Bag	Pigeon	
4	Cane	Cube	Brown	
5	Over	Round	Through	
6	Driver	Goods	Robber	
7	Battery	Drop	Test	
8	Crash	Fold	Post	
9	Circle	City	Tube	
10	Bitter	Peel	Sole	
11	Cocktail	Cracker	King	
12	Arms	Birthday	Tense	
13	Bag	Baked	French	
14	Agent	Police	Service	
15	Economic	Shipping	Weather	
16	Cutting	Razor	Straight	

Program of Events 2023

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 10	Dr Mick Lynn and AGM	Which came first the Bee or the Flower
February 7	Steven Harmer	The story of Plant Hunting
March 7	Kevin Tooher	Getting the best out of Composting
April 4	Caroline Halfpenny and Spring show	A Gardener's response to Climate Change.
Saturday April 29	10 am Plant sale on the Green	
Sunday May 14	Coach outing to Leonardslee	
June 6	Outing to Faversham – Edible Culture	
July 4	Outing to Elmside, Ulcombe - Rhian Banham's Garden	
Sunday August 13	Coach outing to Hyde Hall	
September 4	Victoria Golding and Autumn show	Marden Meadow
September 8,9,10	Weekend away in Dorset, staying in Weymouth, visit Chawton House and Gardens, Abbotsbury, Athelhampton House and Garden and Holme Gardens	
October 3	Lou Nicholls	The Winter Garden
November 7	Christine Bartlett	Healthy House Plants, Happy Home
December 5	Social – wine and cheese with slide-show	

Meetings take place in Grafty Green Village Hall usually on the first Tuesday of the month and begin at 7.30. Members contribute £2 for each meeting where we have a speaker and guests (always welcome) £4.

Outings take place from May to August this year and the cost and final details will be sent out prior to the event.

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Christian Message January 2023

Happy New Year!

The Church's New Year began with Advent Sunday in preparation for the coming of God's Son, Jesus, on Christmas Day. It is a time for reflecting on and preparing for a new beginning.

After the celebrations of Christmas and the New Year, we seem to go back to 'normality' and the mundane order of life, fairly quickly, and sometimes the wonder and renewed sense of togetherness which Christmas brings can get lost. Families and friends who might only come together over Christmas disperse again and we hold on to the precious memories which have been made.

New beginnings can bring the promise of hope. In the Bible, it says:

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21.1-5).

Has there been a moment in your life when you've thought 'This is new'? I don't mean material things but rather life experiences, in which we think to ourselves, 'Everything is going to be different now. This is quite new. This is a whole new world opening -up'.

In this age of uncertainty, with Covid still lingering, the changes in government leadership and policies, and the increasing costs of living, the bible passage above can give us a renewed hope which enables us to carry on and share that hope with others. The friendships and fellowship we have encountered over Christmas can help sustain us as we navigate the new things which 2023 will bring.

God bless you.

Revd. Charlotte Coles

Len Valley Benefice January 2023

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Gal 3:26 (NRSV)

Sunday 1st January

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Benefice Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th January

9.30am Lenham: Holy
Communion Service

Sunday 8th January

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church followed by joining the
market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th 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 *with baptism*

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

Sunday 22nd January

10.30am Benefice Holy
Communion at Lenham

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Sunday 29th January – Creative Sunday

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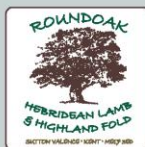
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Focus	Landing	Touch	Soft
2	Bed	Weight	White	Feather
3	Aircraft	Bag	Pigeon	Carrier
4	Cane	Cube	Brown	Sugar
5	Over	Round	Through	Win
6	Driver	Goods	Robber	Train
7	Battery	Drop	Test	Acid
8	Crash	Fold	Post	Gate
9	Circle	City	Tube	Inner
10	Bitter	Peel	Sole	Lemon
11	Cocktail	Cracker	King	Prawn
12	Arms	Birthday	Tense	Present
13	Bag	Baked	French	Bean
14	Agent	Police	Service	Secret
15	Economic	Shipping	Weather	Forecast
16	Cutting	Razor	Straight	Edge

	Find the missing word?
1	Loretta Lynn, Influential Country & Western singer
2	Soft Cell, 1980's singers of 'Tainted Love'
3	Mungo Jerry, Pop Group who sang 'In the Summer time'
4	Eliza Doolittle, Character played by Audrey Hepburn
5	Isadora Duncan, Influential American dancer
6	'Thorn in my Side', Eurythmics hit song
7	Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire's dancing partner
8	'Viva Las Vegas', An Elvis film and song
9	Juan Peron, Three times President of Argentina
10	Lois Lane, Superman's admirer

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