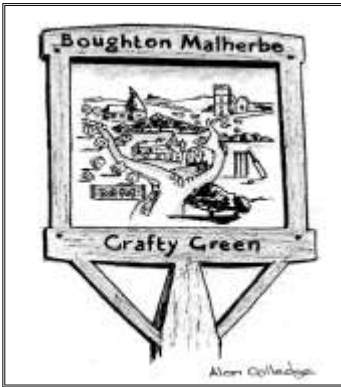


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Anything for the **April** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th March**

Front Cover: Hellebores in bloom marking the beginning of spring.

News from St. Nicholas Church

We seem to have only just let go of the Christmas festivities and suddenly we are into the Lent period, a time of reflection as we look towards the grief and sorrow of Christ's death on the Cross, for us, on Good Friday, so soon to be replaced by the happiness of his resurrection on Easter Day. (Hope you all enjoyed your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!)

Morning Prayers 9.30am at St. Nicholas on the 1st and 3rd and at All Saints, Ulcombe, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, as usual.

Women's World Day of Prayer Services on Friday 2nd March are at 10.30am in St. Mary's, Lenham and at 7.00pm in All Saints, Ulcombe. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and all are welcome, men, women and children of all ages.

Ladies Breakfast 8.30am on Saturday 3rd March at the Square Fish Restaurant in Lenham Square, the speaker will be Sue Viner. Sue works for the charity Fields of Life in it's work in East Africa and also sings with the London Community Choir. Promises to be an interesting event.

Taize Service Sunday 4th March at 6.00pm, St. Mary's, Lenham, with peaceful prayer and music.

Lent Lunches continue;

7th March at Boughton Place Barn the home of Judy and David Stevens

14th March in Grafty Green Village Hall

21st March at the home of Doreen Hulme in Grafty Green

All are from 12noon-2pm and proceeds are to support the work of Christian Aid. With many thanks to the generosity of our hosts.

Mothering Sunday Service 3.30pm on 11th March, with refreshments and posies for our mothers.

Village Coffee Morning Wed.14th March in the village hall, Grafty Green,10.30am-12noon

God -really? A series of three brief lectures open to absolutely everyone. Each starts at 7.30pm, lasts twenty minutes plus question time and optional night-time prayer.

1. 'Science is opposed to faith' - a delusion?

Rev. Dr. John Huggins, 26th March at St. Mary's Lenham

2. Does a suffering world mean God is mean?

Rev. Lorraine Apps-Huggins, 27th March, St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe

3. Do Christians care about our environment now or heaven to come?

Ven. Stephen Taylor, 28th March, All Saints, Ulcombe

Maundy Thursday 29th March 7pm at St.John the Baptist, Harrietsham, with washing of feet

Good Friday 30th March 2-3pm, 'An hour at the Cross,' a time of quiet reflection at St. Nicholas.

Easter Day 1st April 9.30am at St. Nicholas

Sally Alexander

Yoga Classes In Grafty Green Village Hall

Yoga focuses on postural alignment; strengthening the core to support the spine. Yoga is a complete system to bring harmony and balance into your life together with adding suppleness, stamina and strength.

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8.30 pm

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11 am

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Next Saturday morning practice - 10th March 10 till 11.30

Further information or one to one bookings call Sue Burch
(British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381

Polite request, from the old couple who look after the green: could villagers please note that the litter bin on the green is not the place to dispose of dozens of beer bottles and the like – they should be recycled in your own green bins. We empty the bin on the green and when it is full of said bottles, the internal bucket is too heavy to be lifted out to dispose of the contents. It isn't much fun digging around in bags of dog poo and other wet and soggy litter, to remove these bottles, first!!! Many thanks, Michael and Rosemary Smith

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Traditional Sunday Lunches

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Children's Room Beer Garden

Grafty Gourmet

This is another great but simple recipe. You can change the amount of mustard used, depending on your taste. I have used Conchiglie (shell shaped) pasta in this recipe as I find it holds the sauce well, but you can use any pasta of your choice.

Sausage in Creamy Mustard Sauce

Ingredients (Serves 2):

A good glug of olive oil
2 onions, peeled and sliced
2 mugs of pasta, such as conchiglie
6 good quality sausages
1 small handful fresh flat leaf parsley,
roughly chopped, plus a little extra for
serving
2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon of wholegrain mustard
1 small pot of double cream
salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Heat the olive oil frying pan and fry the onions until they are very, very soft, but not burnt. Put the lid on so they steam as well as fry, for about 8-10 minutes. Meanwhile cook the pasta in boiling salted water according to packet instructions.

2. When the onions are caramelised, skin the sausages and rip the meat into good ball sized chunks and add to the onions and cook for a few minutes.

3. Add in the flat leaf parsley and stir in the mustards. It's up to you to add as much or as little as you like of each.

4. Stir in the cream and season with salt and pepper, adding more mustard if you want. Drain the pasta and add to the cream and sausages and stir well. Serve immediately with an extra sprinkling of chopped parsley.

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Village Hall News

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It's **St.Patrick's Day** on **Saturday 17 March** and we offer you another of our famous **'themed' meals** at the Village Hall. This time enjoy a Guinness or two with your Irish-style 3-course meal accompanied by live Irish music from 'Strictly Ceilidh'. Tickets are on sale now from the village shop (thank you Rob, for this facility) at our usual price of just £15. A veggie option is available - details are on the tickets.

Whilst on the subject of food and fun, we hope you all enjoyed your pancakes at the Hall on Shrove Tuesday. This was the first time we had run a venture on these lines but we will certainly do so again. Building on the experience of this year we will offer an even better experience next time!

Those attending the Pancake Day event may have noticed that we now have on the Hall wall our first attempt at a "Community Roll of Honour". I have mentioned this from time to time over the last year, but it has taken a while to pull it together. The idea is that we wanted to honour publicly those local residents, no longer with us, who in their lifetimes contributed exceptionally to village life in Grafty. The next time you are in the Hall, do take a look - and do let me know what you think. In particular, if you think there are other former residents who deserve to be honourably mentioned, do give me details.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman

Live Band at the Harrow

Back at the Harrow pub in Ulcombe on **Friday 23rd March** is local band "Group Therapy", playing hits from the 60s to the noughties. Listen, sing along, or get down and boogie!

Expect everything from The Everly Brothers to Cold Play - via The Eagles, U2, Crowded House and very many more. Whatever your decade, there will be something for you.

Music starts at around 8.30pm. Phone 01622 844422 for food options and other info.

Irish-themed meal at Grafty Green Village Hall



St. Patrick's Day
Saturday 17 March

Live Irish music! Dress as a leprechaun or just wear something green to help the theme along!

Tickets (£15) from the Grafty Green Village Shop

Veggie meal option available on request - details on tickets

Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire	
August 7	TBA	
Sept 4	Autumn Show	
Sept 9	Coach Outing to Kew	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6		Hops
Dec 2	TBA	

Have you got your ticket for the Helen Yemm talk? If not then there is still time to purchase one, contact Sue Burch on 01622 850381. Helen will give an illustrated talk that will focus on late summer flowering plants in the Village Hall 7.30 6th March. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

The village hall garden has been weeded, pruned fed and tidied ready for Spring. Thanks are due to the volunteers who turned up to help with this task and do have a look if you are passing by.

Tip of the Month - Following last month's excellent talk on potatoes we can now plant our early potatoes of choice. We can also sow parsnips plant onion sets and hardy herbs. Anemony blanda , violet star produces clear amethyst flowers with a white reverse to the petals for a splash of colour, the dark green leaves are pretty, but fade away during summer dormancy.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green
Gardening Club (01622) 757536**

More spring flowers.....



Grafty Green Gardening Club

Tuesday 27th March is our **April** meeting – mainly because the first Tuesday of April is so close to Easter and we thought you might like to prepare a beautiful floral display in time for the Easter Weekend. The talented and creative Sandra Pilborough will be demonstrating and giving ideas on how to make a display with spring flowers. All materials supplied but feel free to bring some of your own home grown flowers to use in this practical session. This also coincides with the Spring Show; schedules available from 6th March meeting.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is alerting the public to a new plant disease – ‘The Charity is warning of a new threat to popular UK garden plants, including cherry, lavender and rosemary. *Xylella fastidiosa* – a bacterium that restricts water movement in plants – has already caused devastation on the continent. Future-proof your gardens by visiting **rhs.org.uk/science/plant-health-in-gardens/protect-your-garden** for advice.’

Still Furled – a poem by Pat Ingoldsby – inspired by daffodils preparing to open.

If you listen really carefully
In Fairview Park this morning
You will hear the daffodils
The very nearly daffodils
All of a tremble
Whispering to one another
“Is it nearly time?
Is if nearly time?”
And one particularly anxious one
Whispering to her neighbour
“Remind me again!
Remind me again!”
“Yellow”

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:
19th March 2018

This is a change from that published last month - i.e It was the 12th now 19th March

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Presents an evening with

Helen Yemm

(Writer, Lecturer, Broadcaster, Daily Telegraph Columnist)

‘Onwards into Autumn’

An illustrated talk that focuses on late summer
flowering plants

Tuesday 6th March – 7.30 pm

Grafty Green Village Hall

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.55pm on Friday 26th January 2018

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); A Allum; T King; R Turner; J Collins

Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – no declarations received
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 26th September 2018 – the Minutes were Approved and signed.
5. Planning Applications

Application No: 18/500185/FULL Coldbridge Farm Coldbridge Lane Egerton

Ashford Kent - Retrospective application for change of use of land for the stationing of 3 mobile homes for temporary agricultural workers accommodation.

The application was supported, but it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will request that a condition is placed on the approval as follows:

"In keeping with previous applications of this nature we request that a condition is placed on approval that the mobile homes remain on the site for no more than 10 months in any year corresponding with the period of occupation for agricultural work."

6. Further Information – Councillor Allum informed the meeting that she had received a letter from a resident, Dean Cutbill, asking the council to respond to a planning application in Ulcombe Parish, close to the parish boundary. It was unanimously agreed that a planning Committee would be held on the 1st February to consider a response

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 1st February 2018

Present: Cllrs T King (In the Chair); A Allum; R Turner; J Collins
Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – no declarations received
2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Galton
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda -none
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying – Cllr Allum had received a letter from Dean Cutbull
4. Planning Applications:

Application No: 18/500097/FULL Land at the rear of Little Willows, Eastwood Road, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1ET - Retrospective application for change of use of land for the keeping of horses(existing) and use as a residential caravan site for 4 Gypsy families each with two caravans (no more than two per family) together with laying of hardstanding and erection of replacement stables

Public session – 43 members of the public were in attendance. Several attendees spoke, all against the application. The main issues raised by the public were that the proposal was not consistent with the local plan and the impact on the local community and services of the increasing number of people from the Gypsy and Traveller community in the area. There was also concern that those with land bordering the proposed development had not been notified about the application by MBC.

Councillors resolved unanimously to send a response to Maidstone Borough Council objecting to the planning application and convey the concerns of the public attending the meeting. This response will be placed on the Council's website.

6. Further Information – there were no items of information reported to the meeting

The Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Local Residents, we need you!



Volunteering can be wonderful and fulfilling, it can provide help and support to those who need it the most.

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- emotional support
- light housework or gardening
- social outings
- shopping
- escorting to medical appointments

One of our valued volunteers Isabel has expressed the following; "I became aware of the Macmillan Crossroads volunteer opportunity whilst volunteering for Pilgrims Hospice and they asked me to come in for an interview. The rest is history (well over 3 years of it) I visit people in their homes do bits of light gardening, light housework, shopping trips, health appointment visits and cups of tea and chats. I even get to work once again with students as I am lucky enough to be part of training and supporting 6th form students in this type of care work. The rewards are immense I have learnt so much from these people about lives led challenges faced and to still be faced, all is put into perspective. Life is for living and sharing even when time maybe in short supply. Give it a go Every visit is different and being part of a team is very enjoyable."

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Do you have a good listening ear, the first and most important part of helping?

Do you have a special interest or skill that someone could benefit from?

Volunteering is a very positive addition to your CV as it can demonstrate your commitment to a work ethic and your caring nature. There is also in-house training available for all volunteers and volunteering expenses can be reimbursed in line with our volunteering policy.

Local volunteers are required to help local people.

At the moment, volunteers travel from all over the west Kent area to help local residents.

If you feel you'd like to make a difference when someone needs a helping hand, contact Jen or Charley on 01622 817114,

charley.macmillan@crossroadskent.org or find us on Facebook Macmillan Crossroads Volunteer Service



Maidstone Business Networking news

Tuesday 13th March 6.15pm until 8.15pm at The Business Terrace, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6JQ

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Reserve your seat now 01622 820841 doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk

Mid March tbc 6.15pm until 8.15pm

Allan Reid Simple Assessment, Making Tax Digital and the gates of hell. How penalties work and how to avoid them (and why to avoid help lines).

Mid May tbc 6.15pm until 8.15pm at Cobtree Manor Golf Course, Chatham Road, Maidstone, ME14 3AZ

Kevin Collier: Who said getting old is no fun! At the Wrinkly Roadshow we don't believe that AT ALL! It is time to dispel the myth of ageing. Just because you may have a few wrinkles it doesn't mean that you are not up to mischief! Do you have ageing parents that need information but don't want to consider the future? Why not pop along and find out for yourself what they need to know. Do you know what is happening on your doorstep? The Wrinkly Roadshow would like to let you know about your local village clubs and organisations which are available for you right now. We would like to know about things you want to do in your village community so we can set up new interest groups and activities. We can also help you enjoy retirement without worry or concern for the future. Knowledge is power. Planning for the future is key.

Full details available on website www.maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk

Open to everyone. Reserve your seat now 01622 820841 or

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Spring Update from Ulcombe School

We are already half way through a busy year ! I write this just before the February half term, with frost on the ground and temperatures below freezing. The children have certainly enjoyed the snow fall we have had this week, however the staff and I are looking forward to the warmth of the forthcoming spring !

As in any school the year so far as been busy, the most notable events being a visit from several members of parliament, the Christmas nativity and fair and a valentines disco!

Visit from the women and equalities committee: Several members of parliament visited the school in November as we have been recognised as a centre of good practice in inclusion - providing education for pupils from different ethnic backgrounds. The children thoroughly enjoyed telling the MPs all about their school and what makes it special. County and borough Councillors also joined us for the visit.

Christmas Nativity: Each year our youngest children perform a traditional nativity. This year it took place at the church which was a wonderful setting. We are grateful to the Len Valley ministry team for assisting us and coming into lead a weekly worship with the children

Christmas Fair: We have a small but dedicated PTA who organise events throughout the year, to help fund trips visits and equipment for the children. This year the fair included a visit from Santa, lots of homemade crafts, games and the ever popular chocolate tombola! It was well supported and raised just over £400 for the school.

Valentine disco: The end of this week, brings our Valentines disco, an annual event that the children thoroughly enjoy. A chance to dress up, dance with their friends and visit the ever popular tuck shop !

Trip to the O2 arena: 7 children from the Ulcombe School Choir travelled to the O2 arena in London on Thursday 1st February to take part in Young Voices. The children practiced and learnt 18 songs in preparation, and then performed them with 8000 other children on the night! They all had a great time and were very excited to have a late night, not getting back to school [until 11pm](#)! They were up bright and early the following morning, ready in their fancy dress for maths day in aid of the NSPCC.

Mother's Day Cream Tea: [On Friday 9th March at 2pm](#) we will holding our weekly celebration assembly followed by a cream tea. Any villagers who would like to join us to celebrate the children's achievements and enjoy a homemade scone are very welcome.

We always welcome visitors to the school so please do pop in to see what the children are enjoying in their learning and play.

Emma Hickling



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There is also a website which has more information and services, to register for this go to: <https://www.myringgo.co.uk/register>. You will need to provide details about **yourself, your car and a payment card**. The website, once logged in, will give you information about your account, you can print VAT receipts, and there is a handy parking locator.

This service is available throughout the UK, so it's not just in Kent.

If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there to help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

March Music notes

Not much in the way of orchestral concerts this month, though the chamber music at Sutton Valence on 23rd looks good. Plenty of top quality choral concerts however. Choose from:

- **Saturday March 3rd**, 7.30 pm at Holy Cross church, Bearsted, ME14 4EF, the Kent Chamber Choir have a concert in aid of the church funds. Tickets 07715 399 320
- **Saturday 10th March**, again 7.30pm at Holy Cross church, Bearsted, Bearsted Choral Society's concert includes Brahms Requiem. Tickets 01634 666730 or at the door.
- **Saturday 17th March**, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone, Haydn's Creation will be performed by Maidstone Choral Union. Tickets 01622 726193
- **Friday 23rd March** at 7.30pm at Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society give an evening concert featuring the Rautio Piano Trio in a programme which include works by Rachmaninov, Schubert, Faure and Beethoven. Tickets at the door. Info (only) 01732 843129

Another item from the Musicians' dictionary;

Consonants. – A subject of manic obsession by choirmasters and mistresses. It is said that, by their use, one word may be distinguished from another

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Holy	Marching	Last	Orders
2	Olive	Manager	Out	
3	Break	Follow	Muddle	
4	Shave	Friend	Knit	
5	Midnight	Media	Body	
6	Blessing	Feelings	Grill	
7	Snow	Elephant	Wash	
8	Course	Human	Sack	
9	Fish	Guardian	Arch	
10	Red	Vice	Rear	
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Tickets, price £12.50, can be obtained from Molly Poulter (01622 842988) or John Kenward (01622 891889) or at the door. Doors open at 7 pm when a glass of wine and nibbles will be available.

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Christian Message March 2018

By the time you read this, Easter will be approaching, bulbs will be blooming everywhere, you may have booked your summer holidays, and many of you will have already sneakily eaten a chocolate egg!

In all of this there's a sense of optimism, of hope for the future, of having thrown off the darkness that seems to descend in the early year and of hope. And of course, Easter is what hope is all about. Christians believe that alone in history, Jesus has overcome death-and if you think about it, that's a pretty significant claim. But they also believe that the eternal and abundant life that the Bible talks about starts NOW-not when we die.

Of course, abundant life now doesn't mean we are all living in a happy bubble where nothing goes wrong. Some of the most joyful Christians I know struggle with huge issues- as I write I can think of redundancy, bereavement and cancer as three things that three of the liveliest Christians I can think of are facing. It's more that these three folk have an inner strength that carries them through those difficult places, when they are up but also when they are down. What I really mean is a *person* to go to who loves them, gives them strength, listens when they laugh and weep.

That person is Jesus- the one who showed us the nature of a God who loves us.

If you feel hope with emerging Spring or if you are struggling with the cards life has dealt you (or both)-my prayer is that you will find God with you-on your side. If you struggle to find Him, come and talk to me, or Millie, or anybody in any Christian church, and ask them to help. Easter blessings be with you!

John P. Huggins (01622 850280)

King David

The speaker at the next **Focus on Faith** —a Bible day for women – will be Angela Davies. She will explore the life of King David and has called her talk 'The slings and arrows of misguided fortune.' The event will be held in Ryarsh village hall on Wednesday March 21st from 9.15am to 2.15pm. Contact Joan Drury (01622 853766) for more details.

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a weekend away.

PROGRAMME 2018

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Refreshments will be served

Tuesday 16 January

John Moore

Education in India: challenge and opportunity

Tuesday 20 March

AGM 7.30pm followed by

Mrs Mary Smith

A Schoolgirl's War

Tuesday 17 April

Steve Hookins

Woolwich Women at War

Tuesday 15 May

Dr Marc Morris

Bad King John

Saturday 16 June

Trip to Greenwich

Tuesday 10 July

Evening outing to Elham

Tuesday 18 September

Simon Elliott

From Ragstone to Riches

Fri 14 – Sunday 16 September

Weekend trip

Tues 16 October

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Wandering in Flanders Fields

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Sunday/Main Services – March 2018

Friday 2nd March

10.30am Lenham: Women's World Day of Prayer Service

7.00pm Ulcombe: Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Saturday 3rd March

8.30am The Square Fish Café,
Lenham: Ladies Breakfast

Sunday 4th March

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

Wednesday 7th March

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday – *Special Services with gifts for Mums*

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 18th March

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st March

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday with Palm Crosses for all

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: GIFT family worship

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

Monday 26th March

7.00pm Lenham: Talk, "Is 'Science as opposed to faith' a delusion?" (John Huggins), followed by optional Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27th March

7.00pm Boughton Malherbe: Talk, "Does a suffering world mean God is mean?" (Lorraine Apps-Huggins), followed by optional Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28th March

7.00pm Harrietsham: Talk, "Do Christians care about ecology?" (Archdeacon Stephen Taylor), followed by optional Evening Prayer

Thursday 29th March

7.00pm Harrietsham: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 14th April - Good Friday

10.30am Lenham: Messy Church

2.00pm Services in all four churches 'An hour at The Cross'

Saturday 31st March

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham: Men's breakfast

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Holy	Marching	Last	Orders
2	Olive	Manager	Out	Branch
3	Break	Follow	Muddle	Through
4	Shave	Friend	Knit	Close
5	Midnight	Media	Body	Mass
6	Blessing	Feelings	Grill	Mixed
7	Snow	Elephant	Wash	White
8	Course	Human	Sack	Race
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